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## CAMPAIGN CITED BY FEC FOR FAILURE TO FILE PRE-PRIMARY REPORT

WASHINGTON -- Illinois will be holding primary elections on March 15, 1994, to select candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act require committees supporting candidates involved in the primary to file reports of their financial activity 12 days before the election.

As of 5 p.m., March 10, 1994, a disclosure report from the following committee had not been filed:

IL/08...CITIZENS FOR HUFF IN CONGRESS...PAUL SPEIDEL, TREAS...DONALD E. HUFF...REP

The report was to include financial activity occurring from January 1 through February 23. If sent by certified or registered mail, the report should have been postmarked by February 28. Otherwise the due date was close-of-business March 3.

Some individuals and their committees have no obligation to file reports under federal election law, even though their names may appear on state ballots. If an individual raises or spends less than \$5,000, he or she is not considered a "candidate" subject to reporting under the FECA.

The FEC notified the committees involved in the primary of their potential filing requirements on February 7. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on March 4 that reports had not been received and that their names would be published if they did not respond within four business days.

Other political committees supporting House candidates in elections (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also are required to file pre-primary reports, unless they report monthly. Those committee names are not published by the FEC.

Further Commission action against non-filers and late filers is decided on a case-by-case basis. Federal law gives the FEC broad authority to initiate enforcement actions, including the imposition of civil penalties (\$5,000 for "any violation" and \$10,000 for any "knowing and willful" violation) for violations.

The next regularly scheduled disclosure report for Illinois congressional committees will be a quarterly report due April 15, 1994. It will cover activity from February 24 through March 31.

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