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## FEC RELEASES FIVE COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on five matters previously under review (MURs). This release contains only summary information. Closed files should be thoroughly read for details, including the FEC's legal analysis of the case. (Please see footnote at the end of this release.) Closed MUR files are available in the Public Records Office.

### 1. MUR 3505/3560/3569

**RESPONDENTS:** (a) Representative Ron Klink (PA)  
(b) Citizens for Ron Klink (FKA Ron Klink for Congress),  
Jeanne Brimmeier, treasurer (PA)  
(c) Linda Klink (PA)  
(d) Frank Trigona (PA)  
(e) Westinghouse Broadcasting Company, Inc. (DC)  
(f) R & W Oil Products (PA)  
(g) Eldo Bisacca, Chief Executive Officer, R & W Oil  
Products (PA)  
(h) Renaissance Television Productions, Inc. (PA)  
(i) Ronald J. Bruno, President, Renaissance Television  
Productions, Inc. (PA)  
(j) KDKA-AM (PA)  
(k) KDKA-TV (PA)

**COMPLAINANT:** Gerald Weaver (DC) (3505)  
Ann Hoskin (PA) (3560 & 3569)  
Janet A. Jackson (PA) (3560 & 3569)  
Gordon R. Johnston (PA) (3560 & 3569)  
Joan Lanctot (PA) (3560 & 3569)  
National Republican Congressional Committee, Maria Cino,  
Executive Director (DC) (3569)

**SUBJECT:** Failure to file Statement of Candidacy timely; failure to  
file Statement of Organization timely; failure to file  
disclosure report; inaccurate and incomplete reporting of  
receipts and disbursements; failure to file 48 hour  
report; excessive contributions; corporate contributions

**DISPOSITION:** (a) Reason to believe, but took no further action\* [re:  
failure to file Statement of Candidacy timely]  
No reason to believe\* [re: corporate contributions in  
regard to Westinghouse Broadcasting Company, Inc.]  
Sent admonishment letter  
(b) Reason to believe, but took no further action\* [re:  
failure to file a Statement of Organization timely;  
inaccurate and incomplete reporting of receipts and  
disbursements; corporate contributions in regard to R  
& W Oil Products and Renaissance Television  
Productions, Inc.]

No reason to believe\* [re: failure to file 48 hour report; excessive contributions; corporate contributions in regard to Winginghouse Broadcasting Company, Inc.]

Sent admonishment letter

- (c-d) No reason to believe\* [re: excessive contributions]
- (e) No reason to believe\* [re: corporate contribution]
- (f-i) Reason to believe, but took no further action\* [re: corporate contributions]
- Sent admonishment letters
- (j-k) Took no action\*

2. MUR 3810

RESPONDENTS: (a) Senator Christopher J. Dodd (CT)  
(b) Friends of Chris Dodd, Frank N. Zullo, treasurer (CT)  
(c) Representative Sam Gejdenson (CT)  
(d) Sam Gejdenson Re-Election Committee, Patricia Tedisco-Lagrega, treasurer (CT)  
(e) Representative Gary A. Franks  
(f) Franks Congress Committee (1992), Patrick J. Basile, treasurer (CT)

COMPLAINANT: Robert Fromer (CT)

SUBJECT: Failure to report contributor information ("best efforts")

DISPOSITION: (a-e) No reason to believe\*  
(f) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
Sent admonishment letter.

3. MUR 4083

RESPONDENTS: (a) Citizens for Wofford Committee, John D. Sheridan, treasurer (PA)  
(b) Pennsylvania Democratic Party, Michael F. Coyne, treasurer (PA)  
(c) James Carville (DC)  
(d) Paul E. Begala (DC)

COMPLAINANT: William Lamb, Vice Chairman, Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania

SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; use of non-federal (state) funds

DISPOSITION: (a-d) Took no action\*

4. MUR 4168

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Fields (FKA Fields for Senate), Kathryn A. Wood, treasurer (TX)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)

SUBJECT: Failure to file 48 hour report (candidate guarantee of loan totalling \$100,000)

DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$13,000 civil penalty\*

5. MUR 4191

RESPONDENTS: AutoZone, Inc., Committee for Better Government, John Pontius, treasurer (TN)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)

SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely

DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$1,000 civil penalty\*

\*There are four administrative stages to the FEC enforcement process:

1. Receipt of proper complaint
2. "Reason to believe" stage
3. "Probable cause" stage
4. Conciliation stage

It takes the votes of at least four of the six Commissioners to take any action. The FEC can close a case at any point after reviewing a complaint. If a violation is found and conciliation cannot be reached, then the FEC can institute a civil court action against a respondent.