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FEC RELEASES THREE COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on three 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 2667

- RESPONDENTS:
- (a) George Bush for President Committee, Inc., J. Stanley Huckaby, treasurer (VA)
 - (b) Republican National Committee, William J. McManus, treasurer (DC)
 - (c) The Georgia Republicans (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Marvin H. Smith, treasurer (GA)
 - (d) Michigan Republican State Committee (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), William H. Gnodtke, treasurer (MI)
 - (e) New Jersey State Republican Committee (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Virginia N. Littell, treasurer (NJ)
 - (f) Ohio Republican State Central and Executive Committee a/k/a The Ohio Republican Party (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Robert K. Wilson, treasurer (OH)
 - (g) Republican Federal Committee of Pennsylvania (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Patricia K. Poprik, treasurer (PA)
 - (h) California Republican Party (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Michael Schroeder, treasurer (CA)
 - (i) Colorado Republican Federal Campaign Committee, (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Douglas L. Jones, treasurer (CO)
 - (j) Republican Party of Florida Federation Campaign Committee (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), James H. Stelling, treasurer (FL)
 - (k) Illinois Republican State Central Committee (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Dallas Ingemunson, treasurer (IL)
 - (l) Republican Party of Kentucky (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Larry J. Steinberg, treasurer (KY)
 - (m) Republican State Central Committee of Maryland (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account),

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- (n) Helen Chamberlain, treasurer (MD)
Massachusetts Republican State Committee (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Lawrence Novak, treasurer (MA)
- (o) South Carolina Republican Party (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Henry D. McMaster, treasurer (SC)
- (p) Tennessee Republican Party (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Robert C. Brannon, treasurer (TN)
- (q) Texas Republican Congressional Committee (Federal Non-Federal Account), Martha Weisend, treasurer (TX)
- (r) Republican Party of Wisconsin (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Robert R. Barrow, treasurer (WI)
- (s) Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Nick Blea treasurer (NM)
- (t) North Carolina Republican Executive Committee (Federal Account/Non-Federal Account), Steve Stroud, treasurer (NC)

COMPLAINANTS: Michigan Democratic Party, Mark Brewer, Chairman, (MI)
Ohio Democratic Party, David J. Leland, Chairman, (OH)
South Carolina Democratic Party, Frank S. Holleman, III, Chairman, (SC)

SUBJECT: Tennessee Democratic Party, Will Cheek, Chairman, (TN)
Exceeding the overall spending limit; excessive contributions; failure to report contributions; corporate and labor union contributions; use of non-federal funds

- DISPOSITION:**
- (a) Probable cause to believe, but took no further action* [re: exceeding overall spending limit; excessive contributions; failure to report contributions; corporate and labor contributions]
 - (b) Probable cause to believe, but took no further action* [re: excessive contributions]
No probable cause to believe* [re: corporate and labor union contributions; use of non-federal funds]
 - (c) Probable cause to believe* [re: excessive contributions]
 - (d-e) Probable cause to believe* [re: excessive contributions; corporate and labor union contributions; use of non-federal funds]
 - (f) Probable cause to believe* [re: excessive contributions]
No probable cause to believe* [re: corporate and labor union contributions; use of non-federal funds]
 - (g) Probable cause to believe* [re: excessive contributions; use of non-federal funds]
No probable cause to believe* [re: corporate and labor union contributions]
 - (h-r) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: excessive contributions; use of non-federal funds; corporate and labor union contributions]
 - (s) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: excessive contributions]
 - (t) Reason to believe, but took no further action* [re: excessive contributions; use of non-federal funds]
- (a,b,h-t) Sent admonishment letters.

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2. MUR 4156

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Jim Moody, Robert H. Friebert, treasurer (WI)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$40,000 civil penalty*

3. MUR 4248

RESPONDENTS: Sheet Metal Workers Local 25 Political Action League, Michael F. Wymbs, Sr., treasurer (NJ)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$2,500 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.

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