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FEC RELEASES 25 COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on 25 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. Pre-MUR 336

RESPONDENTS: (a) Raymond Allen, former Chairman of the Board of Directors & former CEO, Park National Bank and Trust of Chicago (IL)
(b) Park National Bank and Trust of Chicago (IL)
COMPLAINANT: Referral by Robert B. Serino, Deputy Chief Counsel, Comptroller of the Currency (DC)
SUBJECT: National bank contributions/contributions in the names of others
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

2. Pre-MUR 352

RESPONDENTS: (a) The Honorable Jay C. Kim (CA)
(b) Jay Kim for Congress Committee, Moon Jae Lee, treasurer (CA)
(c) June Kim (CA)
COMPLAINANT: Referral by Nora M. Manella, United States Attorney, Central District of California (CA)
SUBJECT: Foreign national contributions; excessive contributions; corporate contributions; concealment of illegal contributions from Federal Election Commission
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

3. MUR 4235

RESPONDENTS: (a) Alaska Interstate Construction, Inc. (AK)
(b) Unicol, Inc. (AK)
(c) John Ellsworth (AK)
(d) Cindy Scott (AK)
(e) James Workman (AK)
(f) David Thomas (AK)
(g) William (Bill) Castoe (AK)
(h) John Peterson (AK)

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COMPLAINANT: (i) nice Ellsworth (AK)
SUBJECT: (j) Rona Troutman (AK)
DISPOSITION: (k) Murkowski '92 Committee, Donna Pagano Murray, treasurer (AK)
(l) Alaskans for Don Young, Robert Bohnert, treasurer (AK)
Robert A. Gigler (AK)
Corporate contributions/contributions in the names of others
(a-i) Conciliation Agreement: \$ 40,000 civil penalty*
-For the purpose only of settling the 1991-92 transactions, Respondents agreed to the following:
(a, c-d) Made corporate contributions with respect to the direct 1991 corporate contribution to the Murkowski committee.
(e-i) Permitted their names to be used to make contributions in the name of another.
(c-d) Knowing and willfully permitted their names to be used to make contributions in the name of another, assisted in the making of such contributions and consented to the making of corporate contributions.
(a-b) Knowing and willfully made corporate contributions and contributions in the names of their employees.
(j-l) Took no action*
(k-l) The committees have been instructed to disgorge impermissible contributions to the U.S. Treasury (\$ 7,000 and \$9,000 respectively).

4. MUR 4396

RESPONDENTS: American Broadcasting Company, Inc., Roone Arledge, President (NY)
COMPLAINANT: Goodwin P. Back (TN)
SUBJECT: Corporate contribution
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

5. MUR 4404

RESPONDENTS: (a) Honorable Steve Stockman (TX)
(b) Stockman for Congress, Stephen E. Stockman, treasurer (TX)
(c) Friends of Steve Stockman, John Hart, treasurer (TX)
(d) Nancy Suarez (OH)
(e) Benjamin Suarez (OH)
(f) Suarez Corporation Industries (OH)
(g) Pol-Serv Corporation (OH)
COMPLAINANTS: David M. Minberg, Chair, Harris County Democratic Party (TX)
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-g) Took no action*

6. MUR 4410

RESPONDENTS: (a) Kevin W. Quigley (WA)
(b) Citizens for Quigley and its treasurer (WA)
(c) Kevin Quigley for Congress, Stephen M. Dean, CPA, treasurer (WA)
(d) Joann Rossall, Chair, 39th District Democrats (WA)
COMPLAINANT: Michael D. Carter (WA)
SUBJECT: Failure to register; union contributions; corporate contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-d) Took no action*

7. MUR 4417

RESPONDENTS: (a) Our Choice II, Naomi Gottlieb, treasurer (MI)
(b) Stabenow for Congress, Alan P. Suits, treasurer (MI)
(c) Lynn Rivers for Congress Committee, Thomas A. Webb, treasurer (MI)
COMPLAINANTS: Maria Cino, former Executive Director, National Republican Congressional Committee (DC)
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; failure to accurately report contributions; unlawful promises of earmarking contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

8. MUR 4422

RESPONDENTS: (a) DeSana for Congress Committee, James R. DeSana, Jr., treasurer (MI)
(b) James R. DeSana, Jr. (MI)
(c) Robert Jankowski (MI)
COMPLAINANTS: Mark Brewer, Chair, Michigan Democratic State Central Committee (MI)
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; failure to provide contributor information ("best efforts"); failure to report purpose of expenditures
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

9. MUR 4470

RESPONDENTS: (a) Honorable Michael D. Ward (KY)
(b) Ward for Congress, William Carl Fust, treasurer (KY)
(c) Republic Bank and Trust Co. (KY)
(d) Chip Hancock, Vice President, Republic Bank and Trust Co. (KY)
(e) W. Allen Priest (KY)
(f) Donna L. Heitzman (KY)
COMPLAINANTS: Maria Cino, former Executive Director, National Republican Congressional Committee (DC)
SUBJECT: National bank contributions; misreported source of loan; personal use of campaign funds
DISPOSITION: (a-f) Took no action*

10. MUR 4478

RESPONDENTS: (a) Thomas G. Reynolds (WI)
(b) Citizens for Tom Reynolds. Mary J. Patzer, treasurer (WI)
COMPLAINANT: Mark E. Sostarich, Esquire (WI)
SUBJECT: Excessive contribution
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

11. MUR 4492

RESPONDENTS: (a) Committee to Elect Ken Poston, Richard Lee White, treasurer (GA)
(b) Friends of Ken Poston, Barbara Varnell, treasurer (GA)
COMPLAINANTS: Russell K. "Rusty" Paul, Chairman, Georgia Republican Party (GA)
SUBJECT: Use of state (non-federal) funds for federal election; corporate contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

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12. MUR 4498

RESPONDENTS: Roberts for Congress; Kaye Roberts, treasurer (OK)
COMPLAINANTS: Maria Cino, former Executive Director, National Republican Congressional Committee (DC)
SUBJECT: Failure to report receipts and disbursements
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

13. MUR 4506

RESPONDENTS: (a) Ted Little (AL)
(b) Ted Little for Congress Committee, Sherry Faust, treasurer (AL)
COMPLAINANT: Herbert D. McKay (AL)
SUBJECT: Use of state office and staff for federal election activity
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

14. MUR 4512

RESPONDENTS: (a) Honorable Lane Evans (IL)
(b) Friends of Lane Evans Committee, Samuel M. Gilman, treasurer (IL)
(c) Philip Hare (IL)
COMPLAINANTS: Maria Cino, former Executive Director, National Republican Congressional Committee (DC)
SUBJECT: Use of official resources for campaign activity in violation of House Ethics Rules; failure to report contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

15. MUR 4517

RESPONDENT: Unknown political entity
COMPLAINANT: John C. Hayes, Veterans for Dole (NY)
SUBJECT: Political intimidation; improper expenditures
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

16. MUR 4518

RESPONDENTS: (a) Randy Rathbun (KS)
(b) Kansans for Rathbun, Derry A. Larson, treasurer (KS)
COMPLAINANT: Paul F. Rosell (KS)
SUBJECT: Disclaimers; corporate contributions in the form of salary
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

17. MUR 4520

RESPONDENTS: (a) Lerner for Congress, Beverly Lerner, treasurer (NJ)
(b) David Brown (NJ)
(c) Nikki Brown (NJ)
(d) Bernard Gimbel (NJ)
(e) Joel E. Rome (PA)
(f) Agnes Varis, President, Agvar Chemicals (NJ)
(g) Associates Constante Village (NJ)
(h) Q.E.M. Associates (NJ)

COMPLAINANTS: C. les Smith, campaign manager, Franks . Congress (NJ)
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-h) Took no action*

18. MUR 4522

RESPONDENTS: Republican Party of Bexar County, Pete Talkington, treasurer (TX)
COMPLAINANTS: Michael Vogel, Democratic Party of Bexar County (TX)
SUBJECT: Failure to register and report
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

19. MUR 4523

RESPONDENTS: (a) Honorable Andrea Seastrand (CA)
(b) Friends of Andrea Seastrand for Congress, Betty Presley, treasurer (CA)
(c) Brad Kyle, former campaign coordinator and manager, Friends of Andrea Seastrand for Congress (CA)
COMPLAINANTS: Officers of Santa Barbara Democratic Business & Professional Alliance (CA)
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions (in the form of unreimbursed staff expenses)
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

20. MUR 4524

RESPONDENTS: Danny Covington Campaign Fund Committee, Edwina M. McCain, treasurer (MS)
COMPLAINANTS: Jennifer P. Kinney, Secretary/Treasurer, Friends of Bennie Thompson (MS)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

21. MUR 4526

RESPONDENTS: (a) Joseph M. Hoeffel, III (PA)
(b) Hoeffel for Congress Committee, Jerald Green, treasurer (PA)
(c) School District of Cheltenham Township (PA)
COMPLAINANT: Howard M. Hyman (PA)
SUBJECT: Corporate/federal contractor or other impermissible contribution in the form of free use of auditorium; failure to properly report contribution
DISPOSITION: (a-c) Took no action*

22. MUR 4528

RESPONDENTS: (a) Pete King for Congress Committee, Eugene Turner, treasurer (NY)
(b) Steamfitters Local 638 PAC, John J. Torpey, President (NY)
COMPLAINANT: Christina Porche, Researcher, LaMagna for Congress (NY)
SUBJECT: Contribution from unregistered organization
DISPOSITION: (a-b) Took no action*

23. MUR 4529

RESPONDENTS: (a) Pete King for Congress Committee, Eugene Turner, treasurer (NY)
(b) Friends of Angie Cullin and treasurer (NY)
(c) Levy 1996 Re-Election Committee, Robert Kroll, treasurer (NY)

- (d) Local Union No. 40, International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, AFL-CIO and treasurer (NY)
- (e) Emerald Society PDNY and treasurer (NY)
- (f) Long Island Merged Branch, National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO, Joseph LaPlaca, President and treasurer (NY)
- (g) American Federation of Government Employees Local 2693 and treasurer (NY)

COMPLAINANT: Christina Porche, Researcher, LaMagna for Congress (NY)
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions; union contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-g) Took no action*

24. MUR 4532

- RESPONDENTS:**
- (a) Citizens Committee for Gilman for Congress, Murray Rosen, treasurer (NY)
 - (b) Ritangela Construction Corporation, Nick Badani, President (NY)
 - (c) Middletown Mazda and Volkswagon, Ronald A. Palumbo, Vice President (NY)
 - (d) Fulton Chevrolet, Cadillac, GEO, Isuzu, John A. Worts, President (NY)
 - (e) Galaxy Foto (NY)
 - (f) Americana Diner and Restaurant (NY)
 - (g) Playtogs, Samuel Wulwick, Owner (NY)

COMPLAINANT: Yash Aggarwal, Yash Aggarwal for Congress 1996 (NY)
SUBJECT: Personal use of campaign funds; corporate contributions
DISPOSITION: (a-g) Took no action*

25. MUR 4535

RESPONDENTS: Visclosky for Congress Committee; Don Weiss, treasurer (IN)
COMPLAINANTS: Roger Chiabai, Chairman, Lake County Republican Central Committee (IN)
SUBJECT: Disclaimers
DISPOSITION: Took no action*

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

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

It requires 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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