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## **CAMPAIGNS FAIL TO FILE JULY QUARTERLY REPORT**

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission today cited two U.S. House campaigns for failure to file the required July Quarterly financial disclosure report covering activity through June 30, 2004.

As of 5 p.m., July 29, 2004 a disclosure report from the following committee had not been filed:

**FL/15..... SIMON PRISTOOP FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE...STEPHEN AJHAR, TREAS...  
SIMON M. PRISTOOP...DEM  
MO/05....STEVE DENNIS FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE...ROBERT M. TAMASI, TREAS...  
STEPHEN S. PRISTOOP...REP**

The report was due July 15, 2004 and should have included financial activity for the period April 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004. If sent by certified or registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked by July 15, 2004. Mandatory electronic filing requirements became effective as of January 1, 2001. Any committee that receives contributions or makes expenditures in excess of \$50,000 in the current calendar year, or that reasonably expects to do so, must submit its reports electronically. These rules became effective for reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

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 committees involved in the primary of their potential filing requirements on June 21, 2004. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified on July 22, 2004 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 Senate and 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 and the FEC has implemented a new administrative fine program which will subject committees to penalties ranging from \$30 to \$16,000 or more.

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