



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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Honorable Bob Packwood, Chairman
National Republican Senatorial Committee
227 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Chairman Packwood:

This refers to your letter of August 16, 1978, requesting an advisory opinion concerning application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, to a contribution by the National Republican Senatorial Committee to John Warner, the Republican nominee for the United States Senate from Virginia.

You ask whether your committee may contribute \$17,500 to John Warner, the person selected as the new candidate for the United States Senate from Virginia even though your committee previously contributed \$17,500 to the Senate campaign of the late Richard Obenshain. The contribution limits applicable to your committee are stated in 2 U.S.C. 441a(h) and apply to contributions to "a candidate for nomination for election, or for election to the United States Senate." These limits relate to a particular candidate for the Senate rather than a particular Senate seat. Therefore, the Commission concludes that the National Republican Senatorial Committee may contribute not more than \$17,500 to the 1978 Senate campaign of John Warner regardless of any amounts contributed to the 1978 Senate candidacy of the late Richard Obenshain. This assumes that the Republican National Committee has not made any contributions to the 1978 Warner Senate campaign.

This response constitutes an advisory opinion concerning the application of a general rule of law stated in the Act, or prescribed as a Commission regulation, to the specific factual situation set forth in your request. See 2 U.S.C. 437f.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)
Joan D. Aikens
Chairman for the
Federal Election Commission