

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

MUR# 5188

In the Matter of)

Audit Referral #99-24

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) Newinski for Congress and
) Richard Riener, as treasurer;
) 4th Congressional District
) Republican Party of Minnesota
) and Skip Wolverton,
) as treasurer;
) 39A House District Republican
) Party of Minnesota and Tony
) Roszak, as treasurer;
) 52B House District Republican
) Party of Minnesota and Gary Dahle,
) as treasurer;
) 53A House District Republican
) Party of Minnesota and Beverly
) Aplikowski, as treasurer;
) 53B House District Republican
) Party of Minnesota and Roger Adams
) as treasurer;
) 54A House District Republican
) Party of Minnesota and Skip
) Wolverton, as treasurer;
) 55A House District Republican
) Party of Minnesota and John Bowers
) as treasurer;
) 55B House District Republican
) Party of Minnesota and Todd
) Tessmer, as treasurer;
) 67B House District Republican
) Party of Minnesota and Rebecca
) Dandrea, as treasurer;
) Taxpayers League Federal PAC and
) Darryl McKigney, as treasurer;
) Justin Bratnober; William Cooper;
) Bruce Dayton; Patrick Farley;
) Sankey Johnson; Fred Lanners;
) Hugh Schilling; Michael Wigley)

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CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene Harris, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on March 27, 2001, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions with respect to Audit Referral #99-24:

1. Open a MUR;
2. Find reason to believe that Newinski for Congress and Richard Riener, as treasurer, accepted excessive contributions in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f);
3. Find reason to believe that Newinski for Congress and Richard Riener, as treasurer, failed to report debts and obligations in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(8) and 11 CFR § 104.11(a);

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4. Find no reason to believe that 39A House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Tony Roszak, as treasurer; 52B House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Gary Dahle, as treasurer; 53A House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Beverly Aplikowski, as treasurer; 54A House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Skip Wolverton, as treasurer; 55A House District Republican Party of Minnesota and John Bowers, as treasurer; 55B House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Todd Tessmer, as treasurer; 67B House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Rebecca Dandrea, as treasurer, made excessive contributions to Newinski for Congress in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) or 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(A), and close the file as it pertains to these respondents;
 5. Find no reason to believe that Newinski for Congress and Richard Riener, as treasurer, accepted excessive contributions from 39A House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Tony Roszak, as treasurer; 52B House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Gary Dahle, as treasurer; 53A House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Beverly Aplikowski, as treasurer; 54A House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Skip Wolverton, as treasurer; 55A House District Republican Party of Minnesota and John Bowers, as treasurer; 55B House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Todd Tessmer, as treasurer; 67B House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Rebecca Dandrea, as treasurer, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f);

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6. Find reason to believe that 53B House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Roger Adams, as treasurer, made an excessive contribution to Newinski for Congress in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A), but take no further action against 53B House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Roger Adams, as treasurer, and close the file as it pertains to 53B House District Republican Party of Minnesota;
7. Find reason to believe that Newinski for Congress and Richard Riener, as treasurer, accepted excessive contributions from 53B House District Republican Party of Minnesota and Roger Adams, as treasurer, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f);
8. Find reason to believe that the 4th Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota and Skip Wolverton, as treasurer, made excessive contributions to Newinski for Congress in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(A);
9. Find reason to believe that Newinski for Congress accepted excessive contributions from the 4th Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota and Skip Wolverton, as treasurer, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f);

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10. Find reason to believe that the 4th Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota and Skip Wolverton, as treasurer, failed to file disclosure reports in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4);
 11. Enter into conciliation with Newinski for Congress and Richard Riener, as treasurer, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe;
 12. Take no further action with respect to the 4th Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota and Skip Wolverton, as treasurer, close the file as it pertains to them, and send an admonishment letter;
 13. Find no reason to believe that Taxpayers League Federal PAC and Darryl McKigney, as treasurer, made an excessive contribution to Newinski for Congress in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) or 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(A), and close the file as it pertains to Taxpayers League Federal PAC and Darryl McKigney;
 14. Find no reason to believe that Newinski for Congress and Richard Riener, as treasurer, accepted an excessive contribution from Taxpayers League Federal PAC in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f);

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15. Find reason to believe that Justin Bratnober, William Cooper, Bruce Dayton, Patrick Farley, Sankey Johnson, Hugh Schilling, and Michael Wigley made excessive contributions to Newinski for Congress in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A), but take no further action, send admonishment letters, and close the file as it pertains to Justin Bratnober, William Cooper, Bruce Dayton, Patrick Farley, Sankey Johnson, Hugh Schilling, and Michael Wigley;
 16. Take no action with respect to Fred Lanners;
 17. Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated March 14, 2001;
 18. Approve the Proposed Conciliation Agreements, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated March 14, 2001, with the exception of the agreement for the 4th Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota and Skip Wolverton, as treasurer; and
 19. Approve the appropriate letters.

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Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, Smith,
Thomas, and Wold voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

March 29, 2001
Date

Darlene Harris
Darlene Harris
Acting Deputy Secretary
of the Commission

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