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FEC PUBLISHES 3RD QUARTER 1982 NON-FILERS

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission published today the list of candidate committees for 1982 U.S. Senate and House campaigns which failed to file the required third quarter financial disclosure reports.

Only those candidates involved in the November general election were included in the group of candidate committees considered for publication.

A total of 5 House campaigns from 4 different states failed to meet the filing requirement for the quarterly report due October 15. The reports were to have included activity from July 1, 1982, (or later for those involved in late primaries) through September 30, 1982.

If mailed by regular mail, or if hand-delivered, the reports should have been received by close of business on October 15. If sent by registered or certified mail, the reports must have been postmarked by midnight October 15.

All committees of candidates involved in the November 2 election were notified approximately 25 days in advance of the due date of the report. Those whose reports had not been received by October 22 were again notified by mailgram that their reports were not in.

The 1979 Amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act specify that the FEC publish only those committees authorized by candidates to raise and spend money on their behalf. Therefore, this list does not include other political committees which may have been required to file.

In addition, individuals register as candidates only after they have raised or spent in excess of \$5,000. Prior to reaching that threshold, no registration or reporting is required. Therefore, some individuals whose names appear on state ballots may have no filing obligations.

Further Commission action against non-filers and late filers will be decided on a case-by-case basis, depending on the amount of financial activity involved, the percent of vote received and/or the lateness of the report. The Federal Election Campaign Act gives the Commission broad authority to initiate enforcement actions, including civil court enforcement and the imposition of civil penalties (\$5,000 for any violation and \$10,000 for any knowing and willful

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violation) for infractions of the law, including failure to file required disclosure reports.

The following lists the non-runners by state:

- Florida 01 People for Bechtol.....Terryl Bechtol (Rep)
- Illinois 02 Gus Savage for Congress '82.....Gus Savage (Dem)
- Michigan *13 Crockett For Congress Committee.....George Crockett, Jr. (Dem)
- New York 12 Major Owens for Congress Committee....Robert Major Owens (Dem)
- *15 Citizens for Betty Goetz Lall.....Betty Goetz Lall (Dem)

* Committees denoted with an asterisk have filed their quarterly report, but the report was received after the 5:00 p.m. deadline of October 28.