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FEC RELEASES FOUR COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on four 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.

1-2. MURS 4016 & 4076

RESPONDENTS: Coverdell Senate Committee, Marvin H. Smith, treasurer (GA)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions [4017]; failure to accurately report contributions [4017]; failure to properly report earmarked contributions and conduits [4076]
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$32,000 civil penalty*

3. MUR 4129

RESPONDENTS: Hayes Dent for Congress Committee, Philip C. Williams, treasurer (MS)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48 report (candidate guarantee of loan)
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$4,000 civil penalty*

4. MUR 4181

RESPONDENTS: International Union of Operating Engineers Local 94 Political Action Committee, Michael A. Carney, treasurer (NY)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)
SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$2,000 civil penalty*

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

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