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## FEC RELEASES NINE COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on nine 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. MUR 4000

RESPONDENTS: (a) Richard W. Fisher (TX)  
(b) Fisher for Senate '94, James N. Howard, treasurer (TX)  
(c) Texans for Fisher, Inc., James N. Howard, treasurer (TX)  
(d) Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Incorporated (TX)  
(e) Thomas O. Hicks (TX)  
(f) Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Donald J. Foley, treasurer (DC)  
(g) Gerald J. Ford (TX)  
(h) Robert K. Utley, III (TX)

COMPLAINANTS: David Carney on behalf of the National Republican Senatorial Committee (DC)

SUBJECT: Corporate contributions; excessive contributions; failure to report in-kind contributions; disclaimers

DISPOSITION: (a) No reason to believe\*  
[re: corporate contributions; excessive contributions; disclaimers]  
(b) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
[re: corporate contributions; excessive contributions; failure to report in-kind contributions]  
Sent admonishment letter.  
No reason to believe\*  
[re: disclaimers; excessive contributions]  
(c) No reason to believe\*  
[re: excessive contributions]  
(d) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
[re: corporate contributions; disclaimers]  
(e) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
[re: corporate contributions; excessive contributions]  
(d-e) Sent admonishment letters.  
(f) No reason to believe\*  
[re: disclaimers]  
(g-h) No reason to believe\*  
[re: corporate contributions]

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2. MUR 4131

**RESPONDENTS:** (a) National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League PAC, Evan J. Goldman, treasurer (DC)  
(b) Montana National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (MT)  
(c) Jack Mudd for U.S. Senate, Margaret Mudd, treasurer (MT)  
(d) A Lot of Folks for Pat Williams, Si Seifert, treasurer (MT)

**COMPLAINANTS:** National Republican Senatorial Committee, Edwina Rogers, (former) General Counsel (DC)

**SUBJECT:** Corporate contributions; failure to report in-kind contributions correctly; excessive contributions; failure to allocate expenses properly; failure to file 48-hour reports

**DISPOSITION:** (a) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
-With respect to radio advertisements referencing Jack Mudd  
[re: failure to report in-kind contributions correctly; excessive contributions]  
Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
-With respect to other activity in this matter  
[re: failure to report in-kind contributions correctly; corporate contributions; failure to allocate expenses properly]

(b) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
-With respect to radio advertisements referencing Jack Mudd and other activity in this matter  
[re: corporate contributions]

(c) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
-With respect to radio advertisements referencing Jack Mudd  
[re: failure to report in-kind contributions correctly; excessive or corporate contributions]  
Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
-With respect to other activity in this matter  
[re: failure to file 48-hour reports; failure to report in-kind contributions correctly; corporate contributions]

(d) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
-With respect to other activity in this matter  
[re: failure to file 48-hour reports; failure to report in-kind contributions correctly; corporate contributions]

3. MUR 4242

**RESPONDENTS:** (a) The Honorable Charlie G. Rose, III (NC)  
(b) Committee for Congressman Charlie Rose, Albert M. Edwards, Jr., treasurer (NC)

**COMPLAINANT:** Howard Greenebaum (NC)

**SUBJECT:** Misreporting of non-charitable contributions as charitable contributions; failure to accurately report disbursements to bank; personal use of campaign funds

**DISPOSITION:** (a) No reason to believe\*  
[re: personal use of campaign funds]

(b) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
[re: misreporting]  
Sent admonishment letter.  
No reason to believe\*  
[re: failure to accurately report disbursements to bank; personal use of campaign funds]

4. MUR 4298

RESPONDENTS: (a) Republican Party of Harris County, Bart Standley, treasurer (TX)  
(b) Eugene J. Fontenot (TX)  
(c) HARHTA (TX)  
(d) Synhorst & Schraad, Inc. (KS)  
(e) Strategy & Communication, Inc. (VA)  
(f) Campaign Services Group, Inc. (TX)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)

SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; corporate contributions; failure to file disclosure reports; exceeding the annual \$25,000 contribution limit

DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
[re: excessive contributions; corporate contributions; failure to file disclosure reports]  
Administratively terminated committee.  
Sent admonishment letter.  
(b) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
[re: excessive contributions; exceeding the \$25,000 contribution limit (1993)]  
Sent admonishment letter.  
(c-f) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
[re: corporate contributions]  
Sent admonishment letters.

5. MUR 4315

RESPONDENTS: Coyne for Congress Committee, Frederick N. Frank, treasurer (PA)

COMPLAINANT: Daniel S. Cohen (PA)

SUBJECT: Failure to report aggregate year-to-date totals properly

DISPOSITION: Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
Sent admonishment letter.

NON-RESPONDENTS: -American Textile Manufacturers Institute, Inc. Committee for Good Government, Douglas W. Bulcao, treasurer (DC)  
-Consolidated Rail Corporation Good Government Fund, Timothy O'Toole, treasurer (PA)  
-McDermott, Will & Emery PAC, Ronald L. Platt, treasurer (DC)  
Erroneous information disclosed on the public record by failing to amend reports showing uncashed contribution checks. Sent admonishment letters.

6. MUR 4321/Pre-MUR 319

RESPONDENTS: (a) United Steelworkers of America International Union  
(b) United Steelworkers of America Local 8025  
(c) Citizens for Senator Wofford Committee, John D. Sheridan, treasurer (PA)

COMPLAINANT: Referral by John S. Pegula, District Director, Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor (PA)

SUBJECT: Failure to report partisan communication costs; union contributions

DISPOSITION: (a-b) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
[re: failure to report partisan communication costs; union contributions]  
Sent admonishment letters.  
(c) Took no action\*  
[re: union contributions]

7. MUR 4335

RESPONDENTS: (a) Michael J. Coles (GA)  
(b) Coles for Congress, Inc., Susan Knight Bentley,  
treasurer (GA)  
COMPLAINANT: Cliff Oxford (GA)  
SUBJECT: Failure to file Statement of Candidacy timely; failure to  
register and report timely; tardy designation of campaign  
depository; commingling of committee funds  
with personal funds of candidate  
DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
[re: failure to file Statement of Candidacy timely]  
(b) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
[re: failure to register and report timely]  
No reason to believe\*  
[re: commingling of committee funds with personal  
funds of candidate]  
(a-b) Sent admonishment letters.

8. MUR 4349

RESPONDENTS: (a) A Lot of People Who Support Jeff Bingaman (1994),  
Vince Murphy, treasurer (NM)  
(b) Cecilia Chang (NM) (c) David L. Durgin (NM)  
(d) Jeffrey Epstein (NY) (e) Frank Hager (NM)  
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)  
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; failure to properly disclose  
redesignations for excessive contributions  
DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation Agreement: \$10,000 civil penalty\*  
(b-e) Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
[re: excessive contributions]  
Sent admonishment letters.

9. MUR 4438

RESPONDENTS: Harris County Republican Party, Olga Soliz, treasurer (TX)  
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)  
SUBJECT: Excessive transfers from non-federal account to federal  
account; misreporting amounts transferred between federal  
and non-federal accounts  
DISPOSITION: Reason to believe, but took no further action\*  
Sent admonishment letter.

\*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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