Office of the Clerk H.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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SUBJECT: Federal Election Campaign Act

FROM: W. Pat Jennings, Clerk of the House

TO: Political committees supporting candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives

On April 7, 1972, the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (P. L. 92-225) becomes effective. The Act prescribes in Title III that candidates for the U. S. House of Representatives and political committees supporting them shall file disclosure reports with the Clerk of the House.

Essentially, candidates and committees are required to file periodic reports on March 10, June 10, September 10 and by January 31 of each year, and to file preelection reports on the 15th and 5th days before each primary, runoff, general or special election, as well as each convention or caucus for nominating a candidate. Political committees in existence on April 7, 1972, which have or anticipate contributions or expenditures in excess of \$1,000 a year, any portion of which will be expended for election of a candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives, are required to register with the Clerk by April 17, 1972.

To assist you in meeting these requirements, I am enclosing a copy of the Clerk's Manual, forms and schedules for use by Committees in meeting the filing requirements prescribed by law. I am also enclosing a copy of the Act. The Manual is an interim publication only.

To further assist you, I am enclosing copies of the Comptroller General's Title I regulations on campaign communications, the Federal Communication Commission's 1970 and 1972 guidelines on the use of broadcast facilities for candidates, and the FCC, CAB, and ICC notices of proposed rule-making on credit regulations for election campaigns. Also attached is an extract from Title II of the Act regarding a \$25,000 limitation on the use of a candidate's (and his immediate family) personal funds in connection with the election.

Upon receiving your first statement an acknowledgment receipt will be returned to you together with additional forms, schedules and other information as it becomes available. A revised Clerk's Manual will be forwarded to you in the near future.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely

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Enclosures