



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Stan Huckaby, Treasurer
National Republican Senatorial Committee
425 Second Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

Response Due Date:
May 9, 2005

Identification Number: C00027466

Reference: 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/04-10/13/04)

Dear Mr. Huckaby:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The limitation on making coordinated party expenditures on behalf of Senate candidates in Alaska, North Carolina and Oklahoma for the 2004 general election is \$149,240.00, \$943,196.00 and \$392,948.00, respectively. Your reports, however, disclose coordinated party expenditures made on behalf of Lisa Murkowski, Richard Burr and Thomas A. Coburn totaling \$280,091.00, \$1,083,728.00 and \$605,061.00, respectively, which appear to exceed the limitations under 2 U.S.C. §441a(d) (see attached).

If any apparently excessive expenditure in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an excessive coordinated party expenditure, you must notify the candidate and request a refund of the amount in excess of the limitation.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the candidate. In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received.

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Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the excessive coordinated party expenditures, prompt action in obtaining a refund will be taken into consideration.

-The independent expenditure schedule (Schedule E) should disclose the following information: the name and mailing address of the payee, the purpose of the expenditure, the date of payment, the amount of payment, the name and office sought, state and district (if applicable) of the federal candidate, the calendar year-to-date, per election, for office sought total, the election designation, an indication of whether the candidate was supported or opposed and the signature of the treasurer. Please amend Schedule E by providing the name and an indication of whether the candidate was supported or opposed. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(vii)

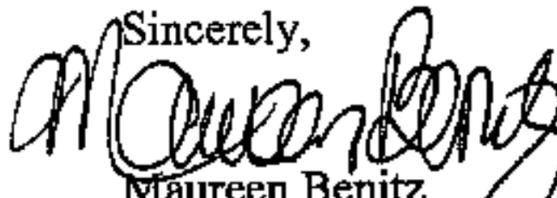
-Your committee filed 48 hour notices for independent expenditures made in opposition to Brad Carson, Betty Castor, Tony Knowles, Inez Tenenbaum, Erskine Bowles, and Tom Daschle; and in support of Thomas A. Coburn; however, Schedule E of your report does not disclose a corresponding memo entry or payment for this activity. Please be advised that if a communication is aired in one reporting period and the payment is made in a later reporting period, the independent expenditure should be reported as a memo entry on Schedule E when the communication is publicly disseminated and also on a Schedule D if it is a reportable debt under 11 CFR 104.11. Further, during the reporting period that payment for the independent expenditure is made, the report should show a payment on Schedule E and the same payment on Schedule D, if applicable. Please amend your report to provide further clarifying information regarding this activity.

-Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 48 hour notices for independent expenditures (see attached). A political committee must file a 48 hour report with the Federal Election Commission as specified in 11 CFR §104.4(b), within 48 hours of any independent expenditures aggregating \$10,000 or more with respect to a given election, made any time during the calendar year up to and including the 20th day before an election. The notice must be received by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. on the second day following the date on which independent expenditures that aggregate \$10,000 or more are publicly distributed or disseminated. These expenditures must then be fully itemized on Schedule E, or as memo entries on Schedule E and reflected on Schedule D if distributed or disseminated prior to payment, of the next report required to be filed by the committee. Although the Commission may take further action concerning this matter, your prompt response will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §104.3(b)

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1135.

Sincerely,



Maureen Benitz
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Excessive Coordinated Expenditures

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
Lisa Murkowski	9/22/04	\$49,941.00	G-04	October Monthly
Lisa Murkowski	10/4/04	\$20,800.00	G-04	12 Day Pre-General
Lisa Murkowski	10/40/4	\$160,000.00	G-04	12 Day Pre-General
Lisa Murkowski	10/8/04	\$49,350.00	G-04	12 Day Pre-General

Richard Burr	9/24/04	\$410,000.00	G-04	October Monthly
Richard Burr	9/24/04	\$60,000.00	G-04	October Monthly
Richard Burr	10/4/04	\$180,000.00	G-04	12 Day Pre-General
Richard Burr	10/4/04	\$13,728.00	G-04	12 Day Pre-General
Richard Burr	10/6/04	\$95,000.00	G-04	12 Day Pre-General
Richard Burr	10/7/04	\$325,000.00	G-04	12 Day Pre-General

Thomas A. Coburn	9/17/04	\$214,885.00	G-04	October Monthly
Thomas A. Coburn	9/23/04	\$159,600.00	G-04	October Monthly
Thomas A. Coburn	10/4/04	\$200,000.00	G-04	12 Day Pre-General
Thomas A. Coburn	10/4/04	\$30,576.00	G-04	12 Day Pre-General

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Missing 48 Hour Notice

Name of Payee	Date	Amount	Purpose	Candidate
Stevens Reed Curcio & Potholm	10/7/04	\$630,000.00	Advertising	OK Senate
Stevens Reed Curcio & Potholm	10/7/04	\$1,120,625.00	Advertising	SD Senate
Creative Direct, LLC	10/6/04	\$286,000.00	Direct Mail	FL Senate
The Lukens Cook Company	10/6/04	\$180,000.00	Direct Mail	CO Senate
Feather Larson Synhorst	10/6/04	\$13,728.00	Telemarketing	CO Senate
Stevens Reed Curcio & Potholm	10/8/04	\$655,507.00	Advertising	CO Senate
Crossroads Media	10/8/04	\$676,000.00	Advertising	AK Senate
Stevens Reed Curcio & Potholm	10/8/04	\$599,740.00	Advertising	NC Senate

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