



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION ON THE FRIENDS OF PEYSER

I. Background

A. Overview

This report is based on an audit of the Friends of Peyser ("the Committee"), undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission in accordance with the Commission's audit policy to determine whether there has been compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 438(b) of Title 2 of the United States Code which states, in part, that the Commission may conduct audits and field investigations of any political committee required to file a report under Section 434 of this title. Prior to conducting any audit under this section, the Commission shall perform an internal review of reports filed by selected committees to determine if the reports filed by a particular committee meet the threshold requirements for substantial compliance with the Act.

The Committee registered with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on October 21, 1977 and maintains its headquarters in Irvington, New York.

The audit covered the period January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1982. The Committee reported an opening cash on hand balance at January 1, 1981 of \$29,973.41; total receipts for the period of \$205,817.83; total disbursements for the period of \$218,610.13; and a closing cash balance on December 31, 1982 of \$9,788.65. ^{1/}

This report is based on documents and working papers supporting each of its factual statements. They form part of the record upon which the Commission based its decisions on the matters in this report and were available to Commissioners and appropriate staff for review.

^{1/} The closing cash balance on December 31, 1982 is misstated due to reporting discrepancies noted in Finding II.A.

B. Key Personnel

The Treasurers of the Committee during the period of audit were Mr. Edwin L. Sibert, Jr. from January 1, 1981 through June 29, 1981, and, Ms. Elizabeth Riveroll from June 29, 1981 to present.

C. Scope

The audit included such tests as verification of total reported receipts and disbursements and individual transactions; review of required supporting documentation; analysis of Committee debts and obligations; and such other audit procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

II. Audit Findings and Recommendations

A. Misstatement of Financial Activity

Sections 434(b)(1), (2) and (4) of Title 2 of the United States Code state, in part, that each report shall disclose the amount of cash-on-hand at the beginning of each reporting period, the total amount of all receipts, and the total amount of all disbursements for the period and calendar year.

The Audit staff performed a reconciliation of committee bank accounts to reports filed and noted that for the period January 1, 1982 through December 31, 1982, the Committee understated its receipts by \$9,247.05; its expenditures by \$5,018.68; and, its ending cash by \$11,347.68. The understatements were caused by the Committee's failure to report certain receipts and expenditures, in addition to mathematical errors made in preparing reports.

The Audit staff recommended that the Committee amend its January 1, 1982 through December 31, 1982 reports to accurately reflect its financial activity.

On July 22, 1983, the Committee submitted a comprehensive amendment which complied with this request.

Recommendation

The Audit staff recommends that no further action be taken on this matter.

B. Itemization of Contributions from Political Committees

Section 434(b)(3)(B) of Title 2 of the United States Code states that each report shall disclose the identification of each political committee which makes a contribution to the reporting committee during the reporting period, together with the date and amount of any such contribution.

During the course of the audit it was noted that the Committee failed to report 4 contributions totaling \$8,075.12 received from political committees. The Committee was provided with a schedule of this information.

The Audit staff recommended that the Committee amend its reports to properly disclose the above mentioned contributions.

On July 22, 1983, the Committee submitted an amendment which complied with this request.

Recommendation

The Audit staff recommends that no further action be taken on this matter.

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