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The President today announced his intention to nominate six persons to be members of the Federal Election Commission. These are new positions established by Public Law 94-283 of May 11, 1976, (Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1976). They are:

Joan D. Aikens, of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, businesswoman, in women's retailing. She has been a member of the Commission since April 14, 1975.

Thomas Everett Harris, of Alexandria, Virginia, member of the staff of the AFL-CIO since 1955. He has been a member of the Commission since April 14, 1975.

Neil Staebler, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Fellow, Institute of Politics, Harvard University. He has been a member of the Commission since April 11, 1975.

William Springer, of Champaign, Illinois, appointed to the Federal Power Commission on June 4, 1974 and resigned December 1, 1975. This is a new appointment.

Vernon Wallace Thomson, of Richland Center, Wisconsin, former Representative from the Third District of Wisconsin. He has been a member of the Commission since April 14, 1975.

Robert Owens Tiernan, of Warwick, Rhode Island, former Representative from the Second District of Rhode Island. He has been a member of the Commission since April 14, 1975.

The purpose of the Federal Election Commission is to administer, seek to obtain compliance with, and formulate policy with respect to the Federal Election Campaign Amendments of 1976. The Commission shall transmit reports to the President and to each House of Congress. Each report shall contain a detailed statement with respect to the activities of the Commission in carrying out its duties, together with recommendations for such legislative or other actions as the Commission considers appropriate.

The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice chairman from among its members.

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