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Party Against Whom the Violation is Alleged: Progress Coalition

Date Alleged Violation Heard: February 22, 2013

Alleged Violation: It is alleged that party expenditures were paid by someone other than the campaign treasurer for Progress Coalition.

Alleged Statute Violated: 714.2(H) Which state: All expenditures of any candidate shall be paid by the campaign treasurer.

The representative of Progress Coalition argued that there party reimbursed the individual who purchased the items initially from ClubFlyers and that the statute does not specify that all expenditures have to be "purchased" by the treasurer. After review of the statutes there is no specification that prohibits parties from reimbursing an individual who has made purchases for their benefit. Progress Coalition advised that they did in fact reimburse the individual for the payment via campaign funds paid by the treasurer and the Supervisor of Elections confirmed the reimbursement. Therefore, the expenditure in question has been paid by the campaign treasurer through a reimbursement and since the statute does not specifically articulate that such expenditures have to be purchased by the campaign treasurer the Commission OVERRULES the violation.

J. Agnew delivers the opinion of the Commission, and is joined by L. Ames and J. Cannon.