

Ford Stalling On Funds, Says Udall

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Representative Morris Udall accused President Ford yesterday of delaying approval of a new federal elections commission in order to hamper Mr. Ford's political opponents.

"I can come to no other conclusion than he's sitting on that bill to help himself in the Michigan race (May 18)," Udall said at a rally while campaigning for tomorrow's Democratic primary in Connecticut.

Congress has sent Mr. Ford legislation reconstituting the federal Election Commission, which the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled was unconstitutionally appointed. The commission's legal problem has delayed disbursement of federal matching campaign funds to several Democratic presidential contenders and Mr. Ford's challenger for the GOP nomination, former California Governor Ronald Reagan, as well as to Mr. Ford himself.

"It is a shabby, hypocritical thing he is doing," Udall said of Mr. Ford's failure to sign the legislation promptly. "I've got a third of a million dollars sitting down there," the Arizona Democrat said at the rally at Yale University's law school.

"I'm like a fellow outside a bank — the money is there but I can't get to it. It's shameful."

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