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Rep. Hansen Gets Vote of Confidence From Idaho G.O.P.

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BOISE, Idaho, April 27—The Idaho Republican State Central Committee has given Representative George Hansen, an admitted violator of the Federal Election Campaign Act, a vote of confidence.

The Idaho Republican was originally sentenced to serve two months in Federal prison after he admitted two viola-

tions in filing financial reports during his successful 1974 campaign, but Judge George L. Hart Jr. reduced the penalty in United States District Court in Washington last Friday to a \$2,000 fine.

The central committee approved a resolution noting that Mr. Hansen "has rendered honorable and faithful service for many years" and urged him "not to resign but rather to continue in his post as Idaho's Second District Congressman."

Requests for his resignation were made by a number of Democrats, a few moderate Republicans and several newspapers. Mr. Hansen, a conservative, defeated Representative

Orval Hansen, an incumbent moderate Republican in the 1974 primary election.

Mr. Hansen's campaign financing reports were investigated by the House Operations Committee and the Justice Department. He pleaded guilty to two misdemeanors, involving late and incomplete filing with the House clerk.

Dennis Olson, Idaho Falls attorney and regional Republican chairman, charged that of 7,000 complaints filed with the Justice Department and the House Government Operations Committee, "Hansen is the only one prosecuted." He blamed the "selective reprisal" on Representative Wayne Hays, Demo-

crat of Ohio, Operations Committee chairman.

Mr. Hansen's lawyers had noted that Orval Hansen had sat on the House committee that had investigated George Hansen's finances and had referred them, during the primary campaign, to the Justice Department for prosecution.

Robert Robson, former Idaho Attorney General, said that as long as criminal sanctions existed in the campaign disclosure laws, both federal and state, "they can be political weapons." He said civil instead of criminal penalties should have been provided.