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## FEC RELEASES 1977 DATA ON POLITICAL COMMITTEES

WASHINGTON - February 8 - The Federal Election Commission today released preliminary 1977 campaign finance figures showing that 1360 political committees (PAC's) not connected with candidates or political parties raised a total of \$23.6 million during most of 1977, and spent \$14.8 million, including \$2.7 million in contributions to federal candidates.

The figures are complete as of September 30 for committees filing quarterly reports and October 30 for committees filing monthly reports. A complete 1977 study will be released to the FEC as soon as the end-of-the-year reports due by January 31, 1978, are received and analyzed. In addition, periodic reports will be issued on the data after 1978 reporting periods and before the 1978 elections. The figures were derived by the FEC's computer system and are based on the reports filed by the committees themselves.

The contribution figures are not broken down between contributions for current election campaigns or for retirement of prior-year campaign debts.

All receipts and expenditures have been adjusted to subtract transfers of money between affiliated committees in order to arrive at a more accurate net figure of receipts and expenditures.

The preliminary 1977 data is broken into numerous categories as follows:

(A) Receipts (\$23.6 million): PAC's of trade associations and membership organizations received 34% (\$8.1 million) of the total; followed by labor organization PAC's (31%, \$7.2 million), and corporation PAC's (15%, \$3.6 million).

(B) Over-all Expenditures (\$14.8 million): Trade association and membership organization PAC's spent 33% (\$4.9 million) of the total, followed by the PAC's of a category of "no connected organizations", (28%, \$4.1 million), labor organization PAC's, (25%, \$3.7 million), and corporation PAC's, (10%, \$1.5 million).

(C) Contributions (\$2.7 million): In direct contributions to candidates or their campaign committees during 1977 (either for past or current election campaign) labor organization PAC's contributed 36% (\$987,000) of the total, followed by trade association and membership organization PAC's (31%, \$834,000), and corporation PAC's (22%, \$583,000). Of all 1360 non-party and non-candidate political committees registered with the FEC, only 610 (45%) made any candidate contributions during 1977.

By category of candidate, House candidates received 76% of 1977 PAC contributions (\$2.1 million), followed by Senate candidates (23%, \$625,000), and Presidential candidates (under \$21,000).

By category of party affiliation, Democratic candidates received 70% of 1977 PAC contributions (\$1.9 million), followed by Republican candidates, (30%, \$807,000), and \$400 for minor party and independent candidates.

(D) Expenditures on Behalf of Candidates: A small percentage of PAC expenditures, (less than 1%, \$135,000) was spent as expenditures on behalf of candidates not considered "contributions". These include independent expenditures, honorariums, ballot recount expenditures, and payment of legal and accounting costs. Most of these expenditures were spent on House Republican candidates by PAC's in the "no connected organization" category (76%, \$102,000), followed by labor organization PAC's (15%, \$21,000), on behalf of Democratic candidates (\$9,000), Presidential, \$8,000 Senate, and \$4,000 House).

(E) The statistics were also broken down within each of six categories of PAC's as follows:

- CORPORATION PAC'S: Of total receipts in 1977 (\$3.6 million), 43% (\$1.5 million), was spent, including 16% of total receipts being spent as contributions (\$583,000). Contributions were broken down by candidate as follows: House: 67%, (\$387,000); Senate - 33%, (\$195,000); and Presidential - less than 1%, (only \$600). Contributions were broken down by party affiliation as follows: Democratic - 55%, (\$320,000); Republican - 45%, (\$263,000); and \$250 for other parties.

- LABOR ORGANIZATION PAC'S: Of total receipts in 1977, (\$7.2 million), 51% was spent (\$3.7 million), including 14% of total receipts being spent as contributions (\$988,000). Contributions were broken down by candidate as follows: House - 78%, (\$776,000); Senate - 20%, (\$200,000); and Presidential - 2% (\$11,000). Contributions were broken down by party affiliation as follows: Democratic - 93% (\$914,000); Republican - 7% (\$72,000); and \$900 for other parties.

- TRADE ASSOCIATION & MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION PAC'S: Of total receipts in 1977 (\$8.1 million), 61% was spent (\$4.9 million), including 10% of total receipts being spent as contributions (\$836,000). Contributions were broken down by candidate as follows: House - 75% (\$626,000); Senate - 25% (\$204,000), and Presidential less than 1% (\$3600). Contributions were broken down by party affiliation as follows: Democratic - 59% (\$489,000); Republican - 41% (\$345,000) and -\$800 for other parties.

- PAC's in the "NON CONNECTED ORGANIZATION" Category: Of total receipts in 1977 (\$4.1 million), 99% was spent (\$4.1 million), with 3% of total receipts being spent as contributions (\$126,000). Contributions were broken down by candidate as follows: House - 89% (\$111,000); Senate - 11% (\$14,000), and no Presidential contributions. Contributions were broken down by party affiliation as follows: Republican - 72% (\$91,000); Democratic - 28% (\$35,000); and \$94 for other parties.

- COOPERATIVE PAC'S: Of total receipts in 1977 (\$578,000), 89% was spent (\$515,000) with 29% of total receipts being spent as contributions (\$169,000). Contributions were broken down by candidate as follows: House - 91% (\$154,000); Senate - 6% (\$10,000), and Presidential - 3% (\$5,000). Contributions were broken down by party affiliation as follows: Democratic - 80% (\$135,000), Republican - 20% (\$35,000), and none to other parties.

- CORPORATION WITHOUT STOCK PAC'S: Of total receipts in 1977 (\$82,000), 41% was spent (\$34,000), with 6% of total receipts being spent as contributions (\$5,000). Contributions were broken down by candidate as follows: House - 75% (\$4,000); Senate - 25% (\$1,000), and no Presidential. Contributions were broken down by party affiliation as follows: Democratic - 68% (\$3,000), Republican - 32% (\$2,000), and none to other parties.

(F) Number of Registered PAC's

The FEC index also included statistics on the number of registered PAC's in each category as follows:

Corporation PAC's - 550

Labor Organization PAC's - 234

Trade Association & Membership Organization PAC's - 438

PAC's in "No Connected Organization" Category - 110

Cooperative PAC's - 8

Corporation without Stock PAC's - 20

Total Number of Registered PAC's - 1360 (as of December, 1977)

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION: PRELIMINARY 1977 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY SUMMARY NON-PARTY/NON-CANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES

1977 CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES & CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

	PRESIDENT			SENATE			HOUSE			TOTALS FOR CANDIDATES	NUMBER OF COMMITTEES MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS
	REP	DEM/DFL	OTHER	REP	DEM/DFL	OTHER	REP	DEM/DFL	OTHER		
CORPORATION TOTALS	550	116	0	122035	72665	100	140274	246978	150	582866	278
LABOR ORGANIZATION TOTALS	0	11450	0	19300	100581	200	52959	722309	700	907499	110
NO CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS (NON-441B) TOTALS	0	0	0	12623	1600	0	77094	33510	94	125721	24
TRADE/MEMBERSHIP/HEALTH TOTALS	300	3300	0	101150	104075	-1000	243037	302047	200	833909	184
COOPERATIVE TOTALS	0	5500	0	700	9300	0	33850	120051	0	169401	6
CORPORATION WITHOUT STOCK TOTALS	0	0	0	525	700	0	1000	2600	0	4825	8
GRAND TOTAL	850	20366	0	256333	360921	-700	549814	1507495	1144	2704223	610

	1977 CONTRIBUTIONS BY CANDIDATE CATEGORY			1977 CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARTY AFFILIATION			
	Presidential	Senate	House	REP	DEM/DFL	Other	
CORPORATION TOTALS	666	191800	387102	262859	319759	250	
LABOR ORGANIZATION TOTALS	111450	200081	775968	72259	921310	900	
NO CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS (NON-441B) TOTALS	0	11223	111498	90517	35110	94	
TRADE/MEMBERSHIP/HEALTH TOTALS	3600	204225	626084	315287	169122	-800	
COOPERATIVE TOTALS	5500	10050	153901	31550	131851	0	
CORPORATION WITHOUT STOCK TOTALS	0	1225	3600	1525	3300	0	
GRAND TOTAL	21216	624554	2058153	806997	1396702	1111	

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1977 EXPENDITURES

	GROSS EXPENDITURES	TRANS OUT NON-PRTY AFFIL	GROSS MINUS TO AFF	TRANS OUT NON-PRTY NON-AFFIL	TOTAL PARTY TRANSFERS	LOANS OUT	REPAYMNT	UNREG COMH
CORPORATION TOTALS	1519155	1129	1518026	30965	206995	1000	14270	6400
LABOR ORGANIZATION TOTALS	4062195	362335	3698860	269310	190925	260	723	11308
NO CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS (NON-441B) TOTALS	4114413	257	4114156	967	9855	6450	0	0
TRADE/MEMBERSHIP/HEALTH TOTALS	5072511	133732	4938779	753956	355379	12015	0	1864
COOPERATIVE TOTALS	514616	0	514616	8600	60450	0	0	0
CORPORATION WITHOUT STOCK TOTALS	33628	0	33628	4700	4500	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	15316510	497453	14819065	1060498	828104	19725	14993	19572

1977 EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF CANDIDATES

(includes indep't expenditures, honorariums, ballot recount expenditures and payment of legal and accounting fees)

	PRESIDENT			SENATE			HOUSE			TOTALS FOR CANDIDATES
	REP	DEM/DFL	OTHER	REP	DEM/DFL	OTHER	REP	DEM/DFL	OTHER	
CORPORATION TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	504	1435	0	1939
LABOR ORGANIZATION TOTALS	0	9326	0	0	8000	0	0	3450	0	20776
NO CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS (NON-441B) TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	102311	0	0	102311
TRADE/MEMBERSHIP/HEALTH TOTALS	0	0	0	2000	0	0	2278	4552	0	8830
COOPERATIVE TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000	0	1000
CORPORATION WITHOUT STOCK TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	0	9326	0	2000	8000	0	105093	10437	0	134856

