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SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HEARS FEC REQUEST FOR FY '88 FUNDS

WASHINGTON -- Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee today heard a Federal Election Commission estimate that up to 20 presidential candidates from major parties could qualify for public funding during the 1988 primaries.

Such a number "will obviously place far greater responsibilities upon the Commission and demands upon agency resources than we have ever experienced before", FEC Vice-Chairman Thomas J. Josefiak said.

Commissioner Josefiak, chairman of the FEC's Finance Committee, was testifying before the Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government in support of the Agency's Fiscal Year 1988 funding request.

Joining him in presenting testimony were Commissioner John Warren McGarry, a member of the finance committee, and FEC Chairman Scott Thomas.

In presenting the request for \$14,174,000, the FEC said the figures were developed with the Office of Management and Budget for submission in the President's budget.

Commissioner Josefiak said the proposed figures "represent our agency's commitment to maintain current levels of services, meet special demands of the 1988 Presidential election year and continue FEC efforts to 'recapture' 1986 election cycle data not previously processed into our computer system".

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