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FEC FINAL 1985-86 REPORT ON POLITICAL PARTIES SHOWS DECLINE IN FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON — The final FEC Report on 1985-86 political party activity shows a decline in both monies raised and spent over past election cycles. Each party ended the cycle with less cash and higher debts. The December 31, 1986, cash balance for Democratic committees totalled \$1.4 million, while their debts stood at \$5 million. The Republican cash balance was \$3.2 million, with debts totalling \$10.5 million. Some political party financial activities, such as building funds and state and local election spending, are not reported to the FEC. A number of contributions earmarked to federal candidates through the party organizations are also not included in the totals, since some of those funds never passed through the committees' accounts. Listed below are summary figures for the parties (nationwide) for five election cycles:

ELECTION CYCLE		1985-86	1983-84	1981-82	1979-80	1977-78
Party Democrat:	Raised	\$ 64.8	\$ 98.5	\$ 39.3	\$ 37.2	\$ 26.4
	Spent	65.9	97.4	40.1	35.0	26.9
	Contributed	1.7	2.6	1.7	1.7	1.8
	Coord. Exp.	9.0	9.0	3.3	4.9	.4
Republican:	Raised	\$ 255.2	\$ 297.9	\$ 215.0	\$ 169.5	\$ 84.5
	Spent	258.9	300.8	214.0	161.8	85.9
	Contributed	3.4	4.9	5.6	4.5	4.5
	Coord. Exp.	14.3	20.1	14.3	12.4	4.3

(figures in millions of dollars)

The figures show that the Republican Party is still far ahead in overall fundraising and spending. In direct support of federal candidates, the GOP maintains a slightly less than two-to-one lead.

PAC contributions to the national committees of both major parties totalled only \$6.8 million. They accounted for 9% of the total raised by Democratic committees and .4% of the funds raised by Republican committees. (Due to budgetary constraints, the FEC has not yet tabulated PAC contributions to the federal committees of state and local political parties. These figures will be available at some time in the future.) Individual contributions comprised 70% of the amount raised by the Democratic Party and 85% of the total for the Republican Party.

Details of amounts raised and spent by both major parties, as well as contributions made to federal candidates and monies spent on their behalf may be found on the tables and graphs attached to this release. The four-volume study, entitled FEC Reports on Financial Activity 1985-86, Final Report, Party and Non-Party Political Committees is available for purchase from the FEC Office of Public Records. The cost is \$10 per volume. Political party activity is summarized in volumes one and two. Computer tapes of the study are also available. The tape for political party committee activity is \$50.

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Political Party Activity 1985-86

Committee	Number of Committees	Net* Receipts	Contributions** from PAC's	Contributions from Individuals	Contributions from other Pky Disbursements	Net* Cash on Hand	Latest - Debts owed		Contributions to Candidates	Coordinated Expenditures
							To	By		
DNC Services	1	\$17,235,406	\$1,252,997	\$12,554,500	\$0	\$17,372,276	\$155,671	\$0	\$2,140,743	\$343,348
Dem Sen Camp Ctte	1	\$13,397,809	\$2,418,736	\$3,875,626	\$35,500	\$13,533,142	\$73,911	\$0	\$1,146,003	\$6,066,372
Dem Cong Camp Ctte	1	\$12,322,969	\$2,063,794	\$8,297,039	\$41,997	\$12,562,666	\$58,852	\$0	\$865,911	\$1,545,376
Assoc St Dem Chair	1	\$7,618,834	n/a	\$7,617,534	\$0	\$7,801,818	\$583,863	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conventions	2	\$259,674	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$343,775	\$27,016	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Subtotal	6	\$50,834,632	\$5,735,527	\$37,344,799	\$77,497	\$51,613,677	\$904,313	\$0	\$4,402,657	\$7,955,096
State & Local	164	\$14,008,888	n/a	\$7,834,187	\$1,536,319	\$14,300,052	\$527,615	\$118,222	\$587,249	\$1,021,952
Total Democratic	170	\$64,843,580	\$5,735,527	\$45,178,986	\$1,613,816	\$65,913,729	\$1,431,928	\$118,222	\$4,939,906	\$8,977,048
RNC	2	\$83,780,156	\$374,976	\$76,866,531	\$46,700	\$86,679,251	\$1,240,845	\$75,726	\$0	\$2,100
Nat Rep Sen Ctte	2	\$84,438,546	\$433,745	\$74,870,667	\$97,616	\$83,734,148	\$185,337	\$53,871	\$5,416,431	\$9,959,330
Nat Rep Cong Ctte	2	\$39,796,974	\$302,462	\$34,303,461	\$199,505	\$40,830,736	\$275,512	\$0	\$3,038,488	\$4,098,389
Other Nat Rep	2	\$86,813	\$350	\$54,699	\$26,780	\$89,202	\$92	\$500	\$9,955	\$0
Conventions	3	\$110,366	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118,991	\$2,045	\$0	\$110,000	\$0
Subtotal	11	\$208,212,855	\$1,111,533	\$186,095,358	\$370,601	\$211,452,328	\$1,703,931	\$130,097	\$3,624,774	\$2,635,149
State & Local	288	\$47,031,935	n/a	\$31,076,929	\$9,091,020	\$47,426,676	\$1,474,016	\$338,465	\$1,848,435	\$763,461
Total Republican	299	\$255,244,850	\$1,111,533	\$217,172,287	\$9,461,621	\$258,879,004	\$3,177,947	\$468,562	\$10,433,209	\$3,398,610
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*Net Receipt and Disbursement columns do not include monies transferred between affiliated committees.

**Figures do not include PAC contributions to federal committees of state and local political parties.

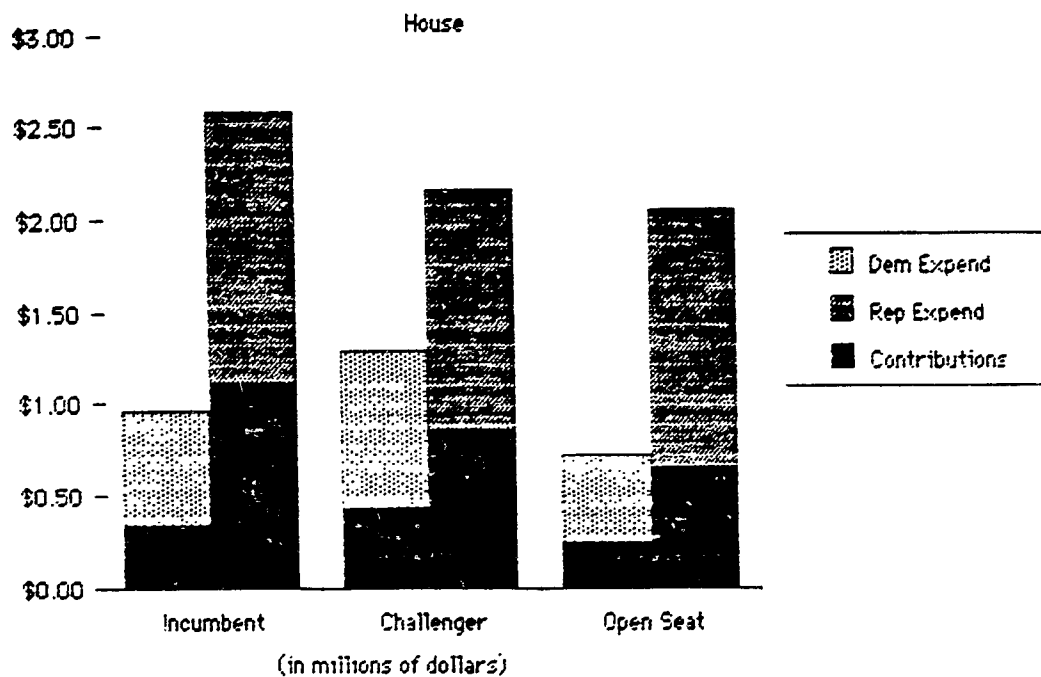
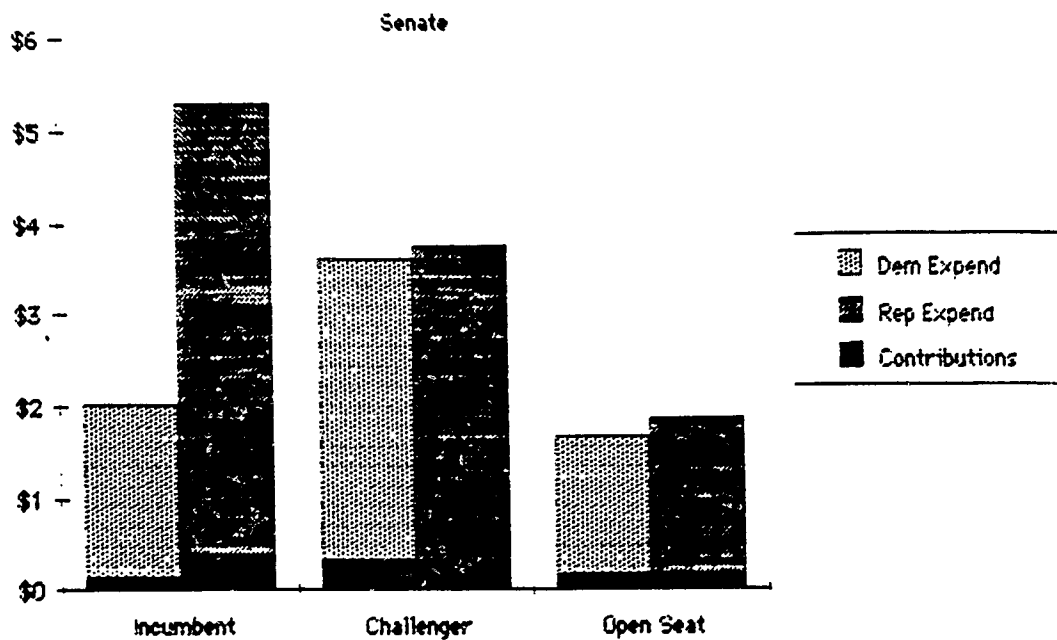
***Coordinated expenditures are monies spent on behalf of the party's nominees in the general election.

This information will be available at some future date.

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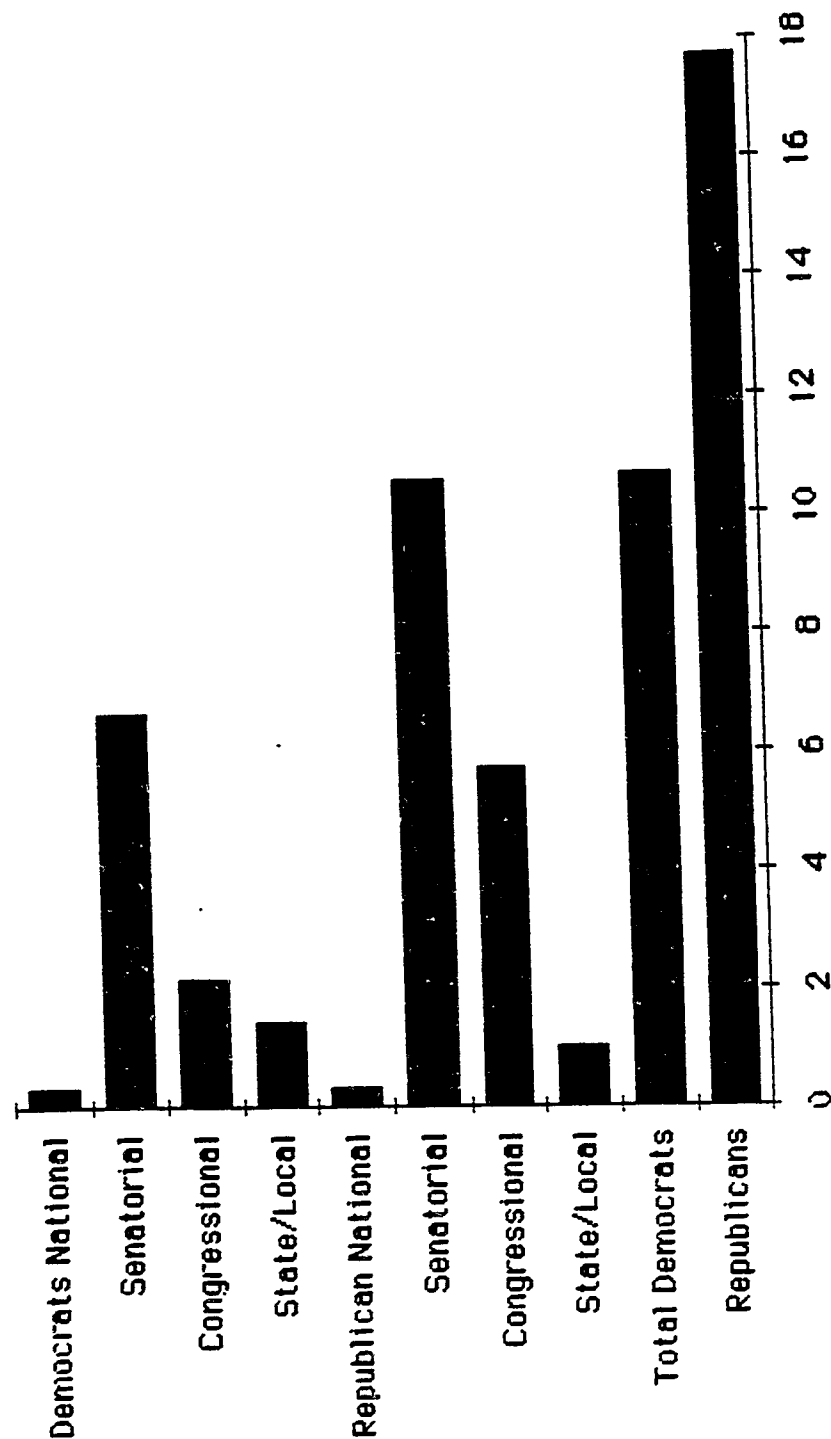
	Contributions							
	Senate				House			
	Incumbent	Challenger	Open Seat	Total	Incumbent	Challenger	Open Seat	Total
DNC Services	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dem Sen Camp Ctte	\$139,658	\$288,234	\$138,917	\$566,809	\$16,396	\$0	\$0	\$16,396
Dem Cong Camp Ctte	\$2,687	\$3,800	\$6,000	\$12,487	\$175,844	\$237,634	\$184,875	\$598,353
State & Local	\$6,523	\$40,299	\$22,044	\$68,866	\$146,966	\$193,646	\$53,026	\$393,638
Total Democratic	\$148,868	\$332,333	\$167,461	\$648,662	\$339,206	\$431,280	\$237,901	\$1,008,387
RNC	\$0	\$397	\$0	\$397	\$122,700	\$92,221	\$135,109	\$350,030
Nat Rep Sen Ctte	\$300,160	\$163,908	\$124,404	\$588,472	\$0	\$15,000	\$26,000	\$41,000
Nat Rep Cong Ctte	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$875	\$20,875	\$823,619	\$447,255	\$363,501	\$1,634,375
State & Local	\$67,704	\$53,575	\$55,264	\$176,543	\$168,487	\$297,101	\$121,330	\$586,918
Total Republican	\$377,864	\$227,880	\$180,543	\$786,287	\$1,114,806	\$851,577	\$645,940	\$2,612,323

Party Support of Congressional Candidates by Candidate Type 1985-86



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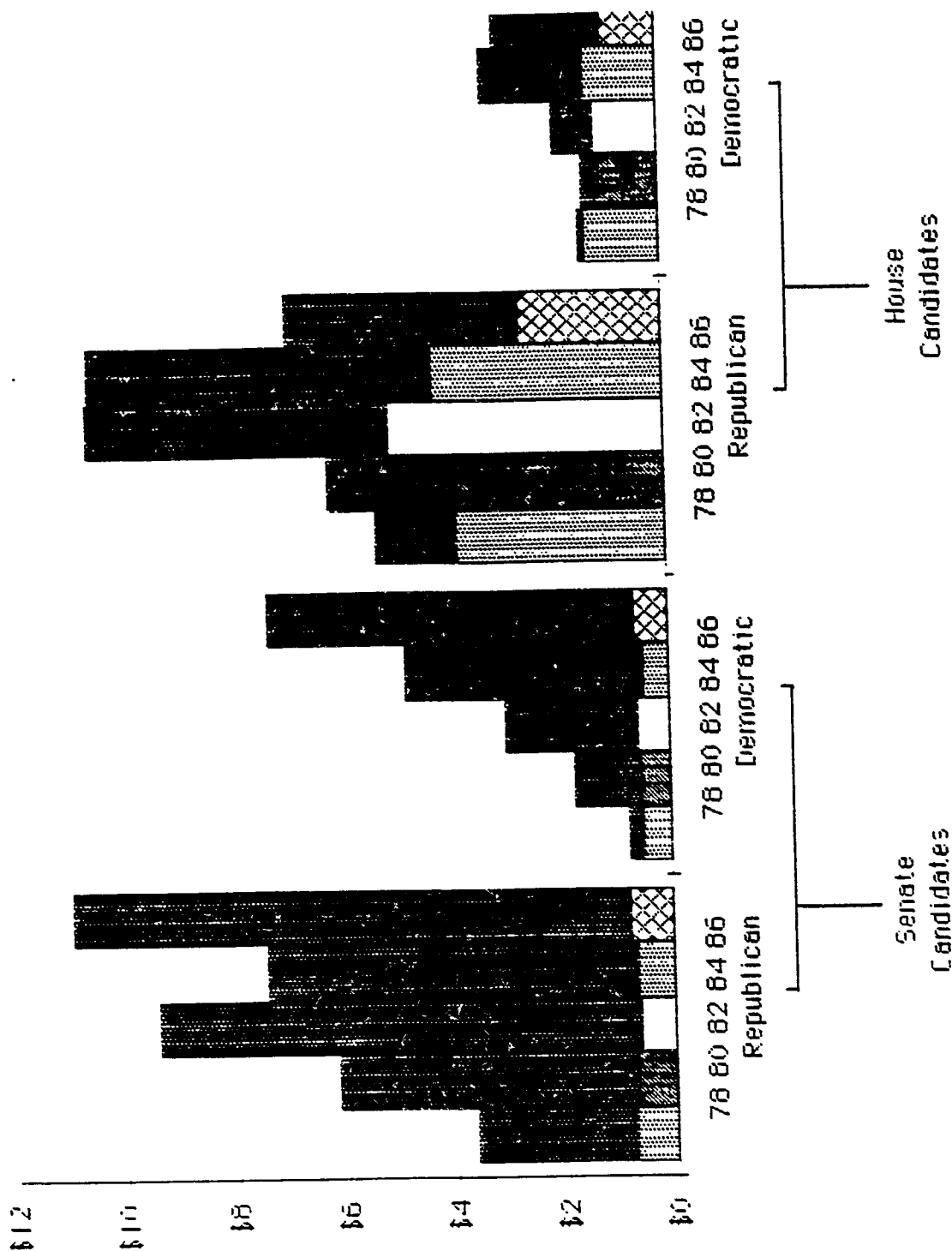
Party Support of Federal Candidates 1985-86



(Black = Contributions; Gray = Coordinated Expenditures)

(in Millions of Dollars)

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 Party Committees: Support of Federal Candidates (in millions)



Lower portion represents contributions; upper portion indicates coordinated expenditures.