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REPUBLICAN LEAD CONTINUES IN 1989

WASHINGTON -- The Republican Party's financial domination continued during 1989, with the GOP national committees raising just over \$4 dollars for every dollar raised by the Democrats, according to a report released today by the Federal Election Commission.

Year-end financial filings by the six national committees of the two major parties show that the Republican party still dominates the field, raising \$80 million to the Democrats' \$19 million during 1989. In terms of overall spending, the Republican committees spent \$72 million compared to the Democrat's \$19 million.

As they entered the election year, Republican Party committees had \$14.5 million cash-on-hand with \$1.4 million in debts. Democratic committees had \$5.4 million cash-on-hand, and \$2 million in debts. Overall, the Democrats' cash balance has risen constantly over the years, and their debts have decreased. In contrast, the Republican Party's debts have increased over the years, but their cash-on-hand, while dropping in 1987-88, still remained at much higher levels than that of the Democrats.

The Democratic National Committee's (DNC) receipts dropped a bit in comparison to previous non-election year totals, but spending levels remained the same. The committee's cash standing was considerably better at the end of 1989, primarily because of the cash left over after the 1988 election cycle. Its debts at the end of 1989 were reduced to \$111,837, compared to \$1.6 million at the end of 1987.

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee's (DSCC) activity increased in total receipts and expenditures, continuing its steady progress over the course of several years, while the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's (DCCC) activity decreased. In fact, the DCCC ended 1989 \$1.6 million in debt, almost double what it owed at the end of 1987, and had a cash balance of only \$22,179, much less than at the end of previous non-election years. PAC contributions to the committee increased 20% from 1987 levels, however, contributions from individuals fell 41%. Contributions for each group equalled approximately \$1.8 million.

Each of the Republican Party committees increased its activity over 1987-88 levels, but none has yet regained its 1985-86 status. The biggest comeback was made by the National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC), whose receipts jumped \$10.5 million over 1987-88, increasing not only in contributions from individuals, but also in PAC contributions, which more than tripled. Overall, the three Republican committees almost doubled their PAC receipts from 1987.

The National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC), like the DCCC, ended the year with a much higher debt than in previous years - \$794,654, compared to \$34,922 or \$0 in 1987 and 1985. Unlike the DCCC, however, its cash balance was \$2.3 million.

The tables on the following pages list the summary statistics for each of the national committees for the non-election years of 1989, 1987, and 1985.

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