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FEC RELEASES INDEX ON 1976 SENATE CAMPAIGNS

WASHINGTON - May 3 - The Federal Election Commission today released an index on the receipts and expenditures of 64 Senate candidates who appeared on 1976 general election ballots.

The index, 1976 Senatorial Campaigns Receipts and Expenditures, represents a combination of primary and general election financing. The index lists the "adjusted" receipts and expenditures, level of individual and political committee contributions, candidate and other loans, and surplus/deficit figures for Senatorial candidates and their committees from reports filed with the Commission from January 1, 1975 - December 31, 1976.

The receipts and expenditures in the index have been adjusted for refunds, rebates, returned contributions, loan repayments, treasury notes and certificates of deposit which have been bought and redeemed, and transfers between affiliated committees and/or the candidate and the candidate's principal campaign committee.

Highlights from the index follow:

I. AFFILIATIONS - Of the 64 Senate candidates on the 1976 general election ballot, 33 were Democrats, 30 were Republican, and one was an Independent.

II. RECEIPTS

- TOTAL RECEIPTS - Total receipts (adjusted) reported for all Senate candidates on 1976 general election ballots were \$39,129,660. Receipts include individual contributions, party and non-party political committee contributions, and loans and miscellaneous income.

- CONTRIBUTION BREAK-DOWNS - Of the \$39,129,660 total receipts, most (28.3% or \$11,088,150) were from individuals who contributed \$100 or less; 13.4% (\$5,228,970) were from individuals contributing between \$101 and \$499; and 27.1% (\$10,592,867) were from individuals contributing \$500 or more.

- CONTRIBUTION DISTRIBUTION - Of the total receipts reported, Democratic and Republican candidates received approximately the same amount. Thirty-three Democratic candidates accounted for 50% (\$19,479,884) of the total receipts reported; 30 Republican candidates received 48% (\$18,840,430) of the total. One Independent candidate received 2% (\$807,346).

- CANDIDATE STATUS-CONTRIBUTIONS - Twenty-four incumbents received most (42% or \$16,254,674) of the total receipts reported. Twenty-four challengers received 27% (\$10,571,058) of the total, and 16 candidates in open seat contests received 31% (\$12,303,928) of the total receipts listed.

- PARTY COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTIONS - Of the \$1,399,329 total in party committee contributions, 66% (\$930,034) went to Republican candidates; 33.9% (\$468,795) went to Democratic candidates. One Independent candidate received .1% (\$500) in party committee contributions.

- NON-PARTY COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTIONS - Of the \$5,798,251 total reported in non-party political committee contributions, 64% (\$3,727,006) went to Democratic candidates; 34% (\$1,977,977), went to Republicans. One Independent candidate received 2% (\$93,268).

III. EXPENDITURES

- TOTAL EXPENDITURES - Total expenditures (adjusted) reported for all Senate candidates on 1976 general election ballots were \$38,104,745. Expenditures do not include expenditures

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reported by national political parties, persons making "independent" expenditures, "communications" costs of corporations, labor groups or trade associations, or expenditures reported from office accounts clearly identified as non-campaign accounts.

- EXPENDITURE BREAK-DOWNS - Of the \$38,104,745 total in expenditures reported, Democrats and Republicans report spending approximately the same amount. Democrats spent 49% (\$18,806,782) of the total, and Republicans spent 49% (\$18,495,035). One Independent candidate reported spending 2% (\$802,928) of the total.

- CANDIDATE STATUS - EXPENDITURES - Twenty-four incumbents accounted for 41% (\$15,595,217) of total expenditures. Twenty-four challengers spent 27% (\$10,398,319) of the total, and 16 candidates in open seat contests spent 32% (\$12,111,209) of the total expenditures reported.

- WINNERS/LOSERS - Of the 64 Senatorial candidates, the winners spent only slightly more than the losers. The winners accounted for 52.8% (\$20,130,872) of all expenditures, while the losers accounted for 46.6% (\$17,760,686) of total expenditures. Two candidates in uncontested races accounted for .6% (\$213,187) of all expenditures.