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FEC RELEASES INDEX ON 1976 HOUSE CANDIDATES

WASHINGTON - October 2 - The Federal Election Commission today released a comprehensive index of the campaign finances of candidates for the House of Representatives who were on 1976 general election ballots, including 433 Democrats, 390 Republicans, and 37 independent and minor party candidates.

The FEC Index to 1976 House of Representatives Campaigns - Receipts and Expenditures reveals that over 36% (\$23,680,016) of the \$65,740,937 received by 860 House candidates on 1976 general election ballots were from individuals who contributed \$100 or less. Candidates of the two major parties received proportionately the same amount in these small donations (\$11,978,690 for Republicans and \$11,551,598 for Democrats), and in donations of \$500 - \$1,000 (\$3,435,843 for Republicans and \$3,746,614 for Democrats). Independent candidates and minor party candidates received \$149,724 in \$100-or-less contributions, and \$88,328 in contributions of \$500 - \$1,000. Other individual contributions, party and non-party donations and candidate contributions and loans made up the remaining campaign receipts.

Of the \$60,907,960 spent in 1976 House races, \$32,369,963 (53.1%) was spent by Democratic candidates, \$28,058,668 (46.1%) was spent by Republican candidates, and \$479,329 (.8%) was spent by independent and minor party candidates. Winners outspent losers, accounting for 62.4% (\$38,054,332) of total expenditures, and incumbents outspent challengers, spending 50.2% (\$30,512,035) of total expenditures.

The FEC index released today is compiled from campaign finance reports filed with the Commission from January 1, 1975 - December 31, 1976. Because of the large number of House candidates, the study includes only those candidates on 1976 general election ballots who received 5% or more of the vote in the general election.

The index provides summary information for all candidates, including total receipts and expenditures, and receipts and expenditures categorized by party status, incumbent/challenger/open seat, and winner/loser. The report also lists detailed information, including contributor data, alphabetically by state, district and candidate. The receipts and expenditures in this index have been adjusted to eliminate refunds, returned contributions, loan repayments, treasury notes and certificates of deposit which have been bought and redeemed, expenses not related to the 1976 campaign, and transfers between affiliated committees.

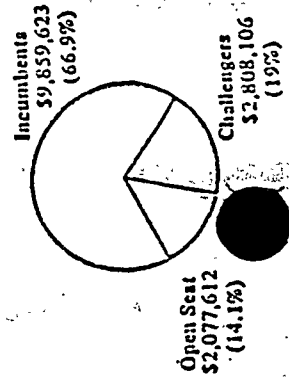
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SUMMARY STATISTICS - CANDIDATE RECEIPTS

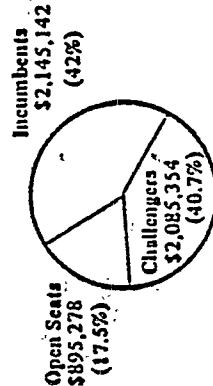
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Indep't & Minor Parties	\$481,214	\$149,724	\$40,450	\$88,328	\$1,835	\$25,640	\$76,628	\$84,661	\$13,225	\$723
Incumbents	\$35,071,334	\$14,392,120	\$4,536,714	\$3,482,527	\$2,145,142	\$9,859,623	\$90,321	\$304,932	\$128,497	\$131,458
Challengers	\$18,352,022	\$5,530,789	\$1,697,908	\$2,158,162	\$2,085,354	\$2,808,106	\$1,700,519	\$1,966,070	\$239,954	\$165,160
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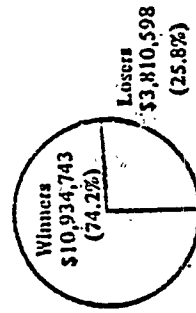


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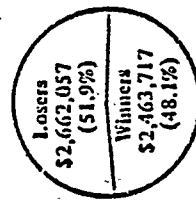


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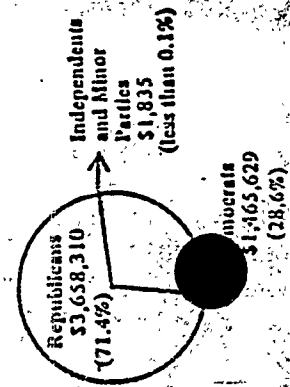


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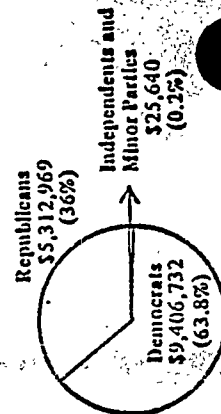


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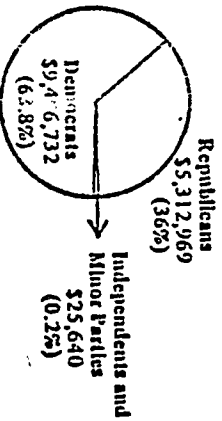
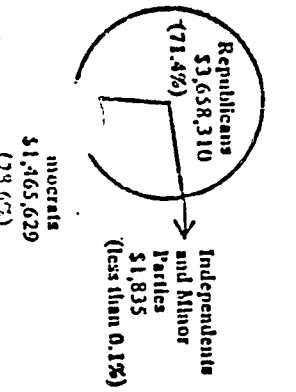
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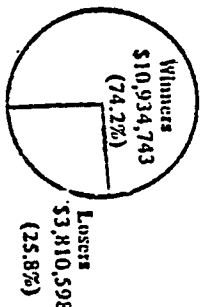
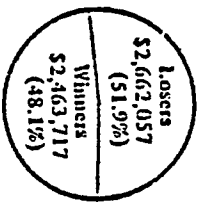
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