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FEC RELEASES 1ST INTERIM STUDY ON  
1977-78 U.S. SENATE AND HOUSE CAMPAIGNS

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WASHINGTON - September 28, 1978 - The Federal Election Commission today released its first interim study on 1977-78 financial activity for Senate and House campaigns. The 18-month study showed that 1,812 Senate and House candidates have raised \$92.2 million and have spent \$79.5 million. (NOTE: Gross receipt and expenditure totals have been adjusted to eliminate transfers of funds between filers within the same campaign.)

The 242 Senate campaigns reported receipts of \$39.6 million and expenditures totalling \$35.7 million, while 1,570 House candidates reported \$52.6 million in receipts and \$43.8 million in expenditures. The study further shows that 991 Democratic candidates raised \$54.2 million and spent \$46.2 million and that 683 Republican candidates received \$37.8 million and spent \$33 million.

413 Senate and House incumbents have raised \$38.6 million and have spent \$28.5 million in their re-election bids to date. Their 897 challengers have accumulated \$24.6 million and have spent \$23.2 million in attempts to unseat them. 502 candidates in open seat races have collected \$29.0 million and have spent \$27.7 million.

Available itemized figures indicate that contributions aggregating in excess of \$100 from individuals accounted for the bulk of reported receipts - \$25.2 million. Contributions and expenditures on behalf of candidates from "PAC" groups amounted to \$10.7 million, while contributions from and expenditures on behalf of candidates by both Democratic and Republican party committees totalled \$2.1 million. Candidates have contributed to or loaned their campaigns \$10.5 million.

The FEC study includes summary financial activity reported by candidates and their authorized committees from January 1, 1977, through their last reports filed by August 25, 1978. Because information is entered into the FEC's computer system in stages, certain itemized information, such as categories and levels of contributions received, is complete -- for purposes of this study -- for those reports filed through July 13, 1978.

The U.S. Senate and House study is the second statistical report of its type to be published by the Commission, following the recent release of Interim Reports Nos. 1 and 2 on Party and Non-Party Political Committees financial activity. (Final reports will be issued following the end of the 1977-78 election cycle.) Both studies present the level of financial activity for the 1978 Congressional elections, (including special elections in 1977-78), in various ways.

Figures are presented separately for Senate and House candidates, delineated by Democrat/Republican/Minor party affiliation and Incumbent/Challenger/Open-seat candidate status. Individual tables for Senate and House candidates are provided in the following information categories: Gross receipts minus transfers in (from filers within the same campaign); Gross disbursements minus transfers out (to filers within the same campaign); Cash-on-hand figures as of January 1, 1977; Latest cash-on-hand; Levels of contributions from individuals; Loans received; Selected Income; Candidate loans and contributions; Contributions to and expenditures on behalf of candidates by "PAC" groups and party committees.

The Senate and House study summarizes the information reported by 1,812 candidate campaigns. Candidates included are those who have registered with the FEC and who have been certified by the appropriate state authorities as official Senate or House candidates in 1977 or 1978 primary, run-off, convention/caucus or general elections. The study does not provide information for any particular campaign; rather, it summarizes all activity reported as of the time period specified above and categorizes that summary information in broad terms.

A summary of the statistics compiled is listed on the next page. Copies of the full study are available from the Commission's Office of Public Records, 1st Floor Lobby, 1325 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463.

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No. of candidates in each category listed in parentheses	Adjusted Receipts	Candidate Contributions	Candidate Loans	Individual Contributions \$101-499	Individual Contributions \$500 & UP	Other Loans	Party Contr. & expend. on behalf of	Non-Party "PAC" Cont. to & expend. on behalf of	ADJUSTED DISBURSEMENTS	LATEST CASH-ON-HAND
<b>I. BY SEAT</b>										
<b>Senate</b>										
Democrat (132)	\$ 21.5	\$ .5	\$ 2.3	\$ 2.2	\$ 5.8	\$ .6	\$ .2	\$ 1.5	\$ 19.0	\$ 2.7
Republican (79)	18.0	.09	.7	1.5	3.1	.5	.3	1.1	16.6	2.3
Other (31)	.07	0	0	-	-	0	0	0	.05	.02
enate Sub-Total (242)	39.6	.6	3.1	3.7	8.9	1.1	.5	2.6	35.7	5.1
<b>House</b>										
Democrat (859)	32.7	1.2	3.5	3.4	4.7	.4	.1	5.6	27.3	8.1
Republican (604)	19.8	.6	1.4	1.9	2.4	.4	1.5	2.5	16.3	6.4
Other (107)	.2	.1	.01	-	-	.01	0	-	.2	-
House Sub-Total (1570)	52.6	1.9	5.0	5.4	7.2	.7	1.6	8.1	43.8	14.5
GRAND TOTAL (1812)	92.2	2.5	8.0	9.1	16.1	1.8	2.1	10.7	79.5	19.5
<b>II. BY PARTY AFFILIATION</b>										
Democrat (991)	54.2	1.7	5.9	5.7	10.5	.9	.3	7.1	46.2	10.8
Republican (683)	37.8	.7	2.2	3.4	5.5	.8	1.8	3.7	33.0	8.7
Other (138)	.3	.1	.01	-	.02	.01	0	-	.2	.02
GRAND TOTAL (1812)	92.2	2.5	8.0	9.1	16.1	1.8	2.1	10.7	79.5	19.5
<b>III. BY CANDIDATE STATUS</b>										
Incumbent (413)	38.6	.04	.3	4.5	5.9	.3	1.1	7.5	28.5	16.1
Challenger (897)	24.6	1.5	3.0	1.9	4.5	.8	.5	1.3	23.3	1.8
Open Seat (502)	29.0	1.0	4.7	2.7	5.7	.7	.5	1.9	27.7	1.6
GRAND TOTAL (1812)	92.2	2.5	8.0	9.1	16.1	1.8	2.1	10.7	79.5	19.5

INDICATES LESS THAN \$25,000