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## FEC REPORTS ON 1979-80 SENATE & HOUSE FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senate and House candidates have spent more than \$103 million on their 1979-80 campaigns for federal office, according to a new Report on Financial Activity released today by the Federal Election Commission.\*

The interim study includes 2,184 candidates who have raised a combined \$126 million for their election efforts, and is based on reports filed with the Commission covering the period January 1, 1979, through June 30, 1980. (Some additional total receipt and expenditure information is also included for Congressional primaries held in August.)

The 18-month study also provides an itemized account of the sources of money raised and spent on behalf of 1980 federal campaigns. For example:

- \*Contributions from non-party political committees ("PAC's") totalled \$20.8 million;
- \*Party committees contributed \$1.8 million and have spent \$ .3 million on behalf of candidates;
- \*Independent expenditures by "PAC's" totalled \$ .04 million on behalf of candidates and \$ .8 million in opposition to them.

Candidates included in the Report are those who have registered with the Commission or who are on state ballots as candidates for 1980 elections. (New Amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act, effective January 8, 1980, require that candidates register and report only after they have received or spent in excess of \$5,000.)

A brief sketch of the information provided on the attached chart shows:

	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Spent</u>
Senate candidates	\$ 56.5	\$ 47.2
House candidates	\$ 69.3	\$ 55.8
Democrats	\$ 69.7	\$ 55.4
Republicans	\$ 56.0	\$ 47.5
Others	\$ .1	\$ .1
Incumbents	\$ 60.5	\$ 41.9
Challengers	\$ 41.8	\$ 38.7
Open Seat Races	\$ 23.5	\$ 22.4

(Figures in this Report, (specifically "PAC" contributions to candidates and independent expenditures on behalf of or in opposition to candidates,) differ from the companion release of September 25 on non-party financial activity. This is due to the fact that this release does NOT include "PAC" activity on behalf of 1980 Presidential candidates or for candidates seeking election in prior or future years.)

A complete volume of information, containing statistical information on each campaign throughout the nation will be available October 10. Copies may be purchased at a cost of \$5 from the Public Records Office, 1325 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20463. (202) 523-4181 or toll free (800) 424-9530. Questions concerning the information contained in this release or in the Report should be directed to the FEC Press Office, (202) 523-4065.

\*Note: The study includes financial activity regarding 6 special elections held in 1979-80, in addition to 1979-80 primary and general elections.

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INTERIM SUMMARY  
SELECTED CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY  
1979-80 SENATE AND HOUSE ELECTIONS

OCTOBER 1, 1980

CANDIDATE CATEGORY	# CANDS.	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSE- MENTS	LATEST CASH ON HAND	MAJOR PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS	MAJOR PARTY EXPENDITURES	NON-PARTY "PAC" CONTRIBUTIONS	CORPORATE	LABOR	NON CONNECTED	TRADE/ MEMBER/ HEALTH	COOPER- ATIVES	CORP. W/O STOCK	INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES FOR			
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TOTAL: SENATE & HOUSE	2,184	125.8	103.0	31.9	1.8	.3	20.8	7.4	5.3	1.2	6.1	.6	.2	.043	.002	.8	0
SENATE SUBTOTAL:	327	56.5	47.2	10.1	.3	.1	6.1	2.2	1.6	.5	1.5	.1	.04	.021	0	.8	0
DEMOCRAT	135	32.1	25.0	7.8	.16	0	4.0	1.2	1.4	.2	.9	.1	.035	.006	0	.8	0
REPUBLICAN	144	24.4	22.2	2.3	.18	.1	2.1	1.0	.2	.3	.6	.02	.009	.015	0	0	0
OTHER	48	.04	.03	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOUSE SUBTOTAL:	1,857	69.3	55.8	21.8	1.5	.2	14.7	5.2	3.7	.7	4.5	.4	.1	.022	.002	0	0
DEMOCRAT	896	37.6	30.4	12.0	.13	.04	9.0	2.6	3.5	.3	2.3	.3	.09	.015	0	0	0
REPUBLICAN	715	31.6	25.3	9.8	1.33	.2	5.7	2.6	.2	.4	2.2	.1	.03	.007	.002	0	0
OTHER	246	.07	.07	-	0	0	-	-	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BY PARTY AFFILIATION:																	
DEMOCRAT	1,031	69.7	55.4	19.7	.3	.04	13.0	3.8	4.9	.5	3.3	.4	.1	.021	0	.8	0
REPUBLICAN	859	56.0	47.5	12.2	1.5	.3	7.8	3.6	.4	.7	2.8	.2	.04	.022	.002	0	0
OTHER	294	.1	.1	.01	0	0	-	-	0	-	.006	0	0	0	0	0	0
BY CANDIDATE STATUS:																	
INCUMBENT	445	60.5	41.9	27.4	1.0	.05	15.9	5.6	4.3	.5	4.7	.5	.2	.019	.002	.8	0
CHALLENGER	1,397	41.8	18.7	3.3	.5	.04	3.0	1.2	.5	.5	.8	.01	.01	.017	0	0	0
OPEN SEAT	342	23.5	12.4	1.2	.3	.2	1.9	.6	.5	.2	.6	.04	-	.007	0	0	0

"-" indicates negligible amounts.