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FEC RELEASES UPDATED "PAC" AND MAJOR PARTY DATA

WASHINGTON -- Since June 30, 1980, total contributions to all federal candidates from non-party political committees ("PAC's") have increased from \$25 million to \$32.4 million. The amount of money contributed to 1980 House and Senate candidates has increased from \$20.8 million to \$28 million. (\$1.6 million was contributed to 1980 Presidential campaigns; the rest was given to help retire prior campaign debts for all candidates.)

These figures are taken from the latest Federal Election Commission data released today, and include activity from January 1, 1979, through June or August 1980.

Total receipt and expenditure information, cash-on-hand, and debt information are provided through September 30. (Some committees may have filed pre-election reports early. If so, some limited information may be included through October 15.)

Other information contained in the release is more limited.

Recent changes in the election law require some committees to file quarterly reports on October 15; others must file monthly reports on October 20. Some committees must again file on October 23, (a pre-general election report.) While disclosure has been improved with more information being filed just prior to election day, the flood of reports makes computerization of all information before the election difficult, if not impossible. Therefore, the figures (on contributions to candidates) released today represent a mixture of activity: for quarterly filers, contributions to candidates are complete through June 30; for those filing monthly, the information is complete through August 31.

Details of "PAC" spending are listed on the chart on the following page. Highlights from that chart show:

- \$113.0 million in "PAC" receipts;
- \$101.6 million in "PAC" disbursements;
- \$ 32.4 million in "PAC" contributions to federal candidates;

(Note: The candidate contribution figure cannot be compared to the total disbursement figure since the information is taken from different time periods.)

Of the total contributions made to federal candidates:

- \$21.1 million was contributed to House candidates;
- \$ 9.7 million was contributed to Senate candidates;
- \$ 1.6 million was contributed to Presidential candidates;

- \$22.9 million was contributed to incumbents;
- \$ 6.4 million was contributed to challengers;
- \$ 3.1 million was contributed to open seat races;

- \$18.6 million was contributed to Democrats;
- \$13.8 million was contributed to Republicans;

Comparable figures were released for the 1977-78 election cycle showing that "PAC's" had raised \$67.8 million, spent \$60.4 million, and contributed \$18.7 million to federal candidates during roughly the same time period. (\$17.9 million was actually contributed to 1977-78 races; the rest was contributed to debt retirement campaigns.) The 1977-78 information was a similar mixture of information: total receipt and expenditure information through September 30, 1978; contributions to candidates through either June 30 or August 31, 1978.

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FEC data on the financial activity of the two major parties is very incomplete at this time. Owing again to the heavy volume of reports filed, computation of overall figures is made more difficult by the numerous transfers of money between various committees of each party.

The coverage dates for political party information are the same as for "PAC" figures: contributions to candidates and coordinated expenditure activity is good through June or August, depending on the frequency of reports filed.

Candidates have been given at least \$2.6 million by their party organizations. Approximately \$1.8 million has been spent on their behalf. Further breakdown of these figures shows that Democratic party committees have contributed \$445,230 to candidates and have spent \$163,779 in coordinated expenditures. The Republican party has contributed \$2,206,523 to candidates and has spent \$1,681,436 in conjunction with general election campaigns.

Preliminary data continues to show incumbents receiving more than challengers:

Democrats		Republicans	
Incumbents	\$299,332 (67.2%)	Incumbents	\$986,525 (44.7%)
Challengers	\$ 69,106 (15.5%)	Challengers	\$797,575 (36.1%)
Open Seat Races	\$ 76,792 (17.3%)	Open Seat Races	\$422,423 (19.1%)

The foregoing information has been generated by the FEC in the interest of providing as much information as possible prior to the November 4 election. Data is necessarily incomplete. For the entire financial picture of any particular committee, the actual reports filed are on view in the Commission's Public Records Office. Hours for that office have been extended until 7 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 12 noon to 4 p.m. Sunday to accommodate the public during the pre-election period.

PRELIMINARY FIGURES FOR NON-PARTY RELATED POLITICAL COMMITTEES INVOLVED IN 1980 FEDERAL ELECTIONS

JUNE 30 - AUGUST 31, 1980 (SEE TEXT)

COMMITTEE TYPE	# CMTEES	1/ TOTAL RECEIPTS		2/ ADJUSTED RECEIPTS		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		ADJUSTED DISBURSEMENTS		LATEST CASH ON HAND	OWED TO	DEBTS OWED BY
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	ADJUSTED RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	ADJUSTED DISBURSEMENTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	ADJUSTED DISBURSEMENTS					
CORPORATION	1,226	\$ 29,351,027	\$ 29,295,103	\$ 25,932,468	\$ 25,849,414	\$ 7,537,516	\$ 154,286	\$ 174,050				
LABOR ORGANIZATION	318	\$ 23,350,085	\$ 22,270,894	\$ 21,146,715	\$ 20,195,646	\$ 6,961,356	\$ 39,927	\$ 23,755				
NO-CONNECTED ORG.	407	\$ 28,618,987	\$ 28,611,933	\$ 26,864,850	\$ 26,845,985	\$ 2,816,150	\$ 113,258	\$1793,382				
TRADE/MEMBER/HEALTH	617	\$ 30,991,347	\$ 29,588,898	\$ 27,324,682	\$ 26,020,050	\$ 7,209,607	\$ 409,243	\$ 306,957				
COOPERATIVE	38	\$ 2,530,035	\$ 2,415,115	\$ 2,137,383	\$ 2,035,383	\$ 1,688,502	\$ 352	\$ 0				
CORP. W/O STOCK	54	\$ 794,640	\$ 794,640	\$ 644,287	\$ 644,287	\$ 255,269	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000				
TOTAL	2,660 ^{3/}	\$ 115,636,121	\$ 112,976,583	\$ 104,050,385	\$ 101,590,765	\$ 26,468,400	\$ 720,066	\$2299,144				

COMMITTEE TYPE	# CMTEES	CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES		DETAILS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES				BY CANDIDATE STATUS				BY PARTY AFFILIATION				EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF CANDIDATES			
		AMOUNT	PRES.	BY TYPE OF CANDIDATE	HOUSE	INCUMBENT	CHALLENGER	OPEN SEAT	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	OTHER	AMOUNT	4/	AMOUNT	AMOUNT				
CORPORATION	890	\$11,831,269	\$1,024,647	\$ 3,698,689	\$ 7,107,933	\$ 8,164,614	\$ 2,788,074	\$ 878,581	\$ 5,189,574	\$ 6,627,076	\$ 14,619	8	\$ 9,677	0	\$ 0				
LABOR ORGANIZATION	196	\$ 7,738,632	\$ 197,305	\$ 2,377,809	\$ 5,163,518	\$ 5,915,241	\$ 1,068,099	\$ 755,292	\$ 7,197,115	\$ 540,017	\$ 1,500	13	\$ 51,609	1	\$ 5,248				
NO-CONNECTED ORG.	146	\$ 2,118,279	\$ 64,469	\$ 784,571	\$ 1,269,239	\$ 789,509	\$ 939,557	\$ 389,213	\$ 779,018	\$ 1,325,504	\$ 13,757	18	\$2433478	9	\$ 1,302,516				
TRADE/MEMBER/HEALTH	395	\$ 9,533,662	\$ 232,546	\$ 2,526,195	\$ 6,774,921	\$ 7,019,023	\$ 1,544,109	\$ 970,530	\$ 4,611,377	\$ 4,903,169	\$ 19,116	19	\$ 90,158	2	\$ 210,321				
COOPERATIVE	27	\$ 926,329	\$ 41,950	\$ 249,387	\$ 634,992	\$ 801,381	\$ 35,850	\$ 89,098	\$ 616,986	\$ 309,343	\$ 0	2	\$ 1,500	0	\$ 0				
CORP. W/O STOCK	33	\$ 251,773	\$ 34,617	\$ 64,375	\$ 152,781	\$ 202,873	\$ 40,850	\$ 8,050	\$ 174,418	\$ 77,155	\$ 200	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0				
TOTAL	1,687	\$32,399,944	\$1,595,534	\$ 9,701,026	\$21,103,384	\$22,892,641	\$ 6,416,539	\$3,090,764	\$18,566,488	\$13,782,264	\$ 49,192	60	\$2586482	12	\$ 1,518,085				

- 1/ Total receipt and disbursement figures include monies transferred between affiliated committees. For that reason, they are somewhat inflated.
- 2/ Adjusted receipt and disbursement figures do not include monies transferred between affiliated committees, and therefore are more representative of actual receipts and disbursements.
- 3/ The number of committees included in this report does not represent the number active as of a particular date.
- 4/ Expenditures on behalf of candidates includes independent expenditures, honoraria, and election recount expenses.