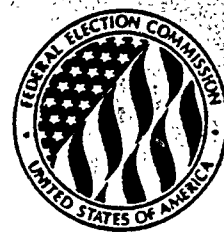


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FEC RELEASES UPDATED 1980 SENATE & HOUSE SPENDING FIGURES SHOWING INCREASE OVER 1978

WASHINGTON — Candidates for the U.S. Senate and House in the 1980 elections raised \$240.1 million and spent \$228.8 million. This represents a more than \$35 million increase over figures for a similar 23-month period for the 1978 elections when candidates raised \$198.5 million and spent \$192.2 million. However, 345 more candidates were involved in primary, run-off and general elections in 1980 than in 1978.

If only general election candidates are considered, the increase in spending appears greater. There were only 98 more Congressional general election candidates in 1980 than in 1978. Comparing their combined primary and general election activity, candidates raised \$195.7 million and spent \$184.1 million in 1980; in 1978, general election Congressional candidates raised \$156.6 million and spent \$150.6 million during the same primary and general election period.

Most of the money spent in Congressional campaigns is reported by the end of the 30-day post-general election period. However, year-end reports, covering the last six weeks of 1980, are to be filed January 31, and debt activity will continue to be reported throughout 1981. Therefore, the following figures for the 1979-80 election cycle are not final.

The following highlights data from the 1979-80 statistical charts, which also show comparative figures for 1977-78.

	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Spent</u> (in millions)
ALL CANDIDATES (SENATE & HOUSE)	\$240.1	\$228.8
Senate	101.6	98.6
House	138.5	130.2
Democrats	122.8	117.3
Republicans	116.4	110.7
Incumbents	110.0	101.7
Challengers	86.9	85.0
Open Seat Races	43.2	42.1

(over)

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

JANUARY 1981

FIGURES IN MILLIONS
OF DOLLARS

This chart includes financial activities for ALL candidates involved in 1979-80 elections.

PAC contribution figures are only complete through June or late summer 1980... CAUTION: Do not compare or contrast these figures with total receipts or expenditures.

CANDIDATE CATEGORY	# CMDS.	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	LATEST CASH ON HAND	NON-PARTY "PAC" CONTRIBUTIONS	CORPORATE LABOR	NON CONNECTED	TRADE/MEMBER/HEALTH	COOPERATIVES	CORP. W/O STOCK
TOTAL: SENATE & HOUSE	2,266	240.1	228.8	22.7	37.6	11.3	2.6	12.1	1.1	.2
<u>SENATE SUBTOTAL:</u>	<u>346</u>	<u>101.6</u>	<u>98.6</u>	<u>4.4</u>	<u>10.9</u>	<u>3.7</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>.3</u>	<u>.05</u>
DEMOCRAT	137	52.7	51.6	2.32	6.4	1.52	.3	1.5	.22	.04
REPUBLICAN	143	48.6	46.8	2.04	4.5	2.13	.7	1.4	.04	.01
OTHER	66	.3	.2	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
<u>HOUSE SUBTOTAL:</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>138.5</u>	<u>130.2</u>	<u>18.3</u>	<u>26.7</u>	<u>7.6</u>	<u>1.6</u>	<u>9.2</u>	<u>.8</u>	<u>.15</u>
DEMOCRAT	903	70.2	65.7	9.8	15.4	3.3	.5	4.0	.5	.11
REPUBLICAN	722	67.7	63.9	8.5	11.3	4.3	1.1	5.2	.3	.04
OTHER	295	.6	.6	.03	.04	.005	.003	.007	0	0
<u>BY PARTY AFFILIATION:</u>										
DEMOCRAT	1,040	122.8	117.3	12.1	21.8	4.9	.8	5.52	.8	.15
REPUBLICAN	865	116.4	110.7	10.6	15.8	6.4	1.8	6.53	.3	.06
OTHER	361	.9	.8	.03	.04	.006	.03	.007	0	0
<u>BY CANDIDATE STATUS:</u>										
INCUMBENT	444	110.0	101.7	18.7	25.3	7.5	.9	8.3	.94	.2
CHALLENGER	1,425	86.9	85.0	2.8	7.7	2.6	1.2	2.3	.02	.02
OPEN SEAT	397	43.2	42.1	1.2	4.6	1.2	.5	1.5	.13	.008

"-" indicates negligible amounts.

COMPARISON CHARTS: SENATE & HOUSE FINANCIAL DATA

JANUARY 1981

GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES
1977 - 1978
(Primary & General Activity)

GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES
1979 - 1980
(Primary & General Activity)

CANDIDATE CATEGORY	# CAND.	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	LATEST CASH ON HAND	# CAND.	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	LATEST CASH ON HAND
TOTAL: SENATE & HOUSE	1,921	198.5	192.2	13.5	1,176	195.7	184.1	21.4
SENATE SUBTOTAL:	257	83.3	82.6	2.06	107	76.0	72.9	3.9
DEMOCRAT	131	41.6	40.5	1.02	38	40.6	39.3	2.1
REPUBLICAN	79	41.2	41.6	1.02	35	35.1	33.4	1.8
OTHER	47	.5	.5	.02	34	.3	.2	---
HOUSE SUBTOTAL:	1,664	115.2	109.6	11.5	1,069	119.7	111.2	17.5
DEMOCRAT	867	64.3	60.8	6.4	427	59.6	55.2	9.44
REPUBLICAN	615	50.0	47.9	5.1	402	59.5	55.4	8.03
OTHER	182	.9	.9	.02	240	.6	.6	.03
BY PARTY AFFILIATION:								
DEMOCRAT	998	106.0	101.3	7.4	465	100.2	94.5	11.51
REPUBLICAN	694	91.1	89.5	6.1	437	94.7	88.8	9.83
OTHER	229	1.4	1.4	.04	274	.8	.8	.03
BY CANDIDATE STATUS:								
INCUMBENT	414	78.6	74.0	10.7	420	105.5	96.8	18.4
CHALLENGER	986	60.2	59.9	1.3	642	63.9	62.1	2.3
OPEN SEAT	521	59.7	58.3	1.5	114	26.3	25.2	.7

CANDIDATE CATEGORY	# CAND.	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	LATEST CASH ON HAND	# CAND.	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	LATEST CASH ON HAND
TOTAL: SENATE & HOUSE	1,176	195.7	184.1	21.4	1,078	156.6	150.6	12.6
SENATE SUBTOTAL:	107	76.0	72.9	3.9	111	63.8	63.3	1.7
DEMOCRAT	38	40.6	39.3	2.1	35	26.4	25.6	.8
REPUBLICAN	35	35.1	33.4	1.8	33	36.9	37.2	.9
OTHER	34	.3	.2	---	43	.5	.5	.02
HOUSE SUBTOTAL:	1,069	119.7	111.2	17.5	967	92.8	87.3	10.9
DEMOCRAT	427	59.6	55.2	9.44	423	48.8	45.5	6.0
REPUBLICAN	402	59.5	55.4	8.03	384	43.3	41.1	4.9
OTHER	240	.6	.6	.03	160	.7	.7	.02
BY PARTY AFFILIATION:								
DEMOCRAT	465	100.2	94.5	11.51	458	75.2	71.1	6.8
REPUBLICAN	437	94.7	88.8	9.83	417	80.2	78.3	5.8
OTHER	274	.8	.8	.03	203	1.2	1.2	.04
BY CANDIDATE STATUS:								
INCUMBENT	420	105.5	96.8	18.4	401	77.0	72.5	10.5
CHALLENGER	642	63.9	62.1	2.3	516	43.7	43.4	1.1
OPEN SEAT	114	26.3	25.2	.7	161	35.9	34.7	1.0

**This chart does not include financial activity for those who lost in primary races.

*All 1979-80 figures cover activity from 1/1/79 through 11/24/80.
All 1977-78 figures cover activity from 1/1/77 through 11/27/80.