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FEC REPORTS TOTAL SPENDING FIGURES FOR 1980 CONGRESSIONAL RACES

WASHINGTON — Almost \$250 million was raised and spent by candidates seeking election to the U.S. House and Senate in last year's elections.

Year-end totals were released today by the Federal Election Commission, the agency charged with monitoring spending in federal elections. The FEC's figures, although not yet complete in detail, provide an overview of total receipts and expenditures in all House and Senate campaigns for the entire two-year election cycle.

Two charts accompany this release. The first details the financial activity of all candidates involved in 1979-80 primary, special, run-off and general elections. The second provides information on the primary and general election activity of ONLY general election candidates.

Both charts show the total receipts and expenditures for campaigns from January 1, 1979, (or the inception of the campaign) through December 31, 1980.

Additional information is also provided concerning the amount of money contributed to Congressional campaigns by PAC's. THIS INFORMATION IS ONLY COMPLETE THROUGH MID-OCTOBER 1980. Therefore, it is not possible to compute the ratio of PAC contributions to total receipts. Information will be updated later this year to show total PAC contributions, individual contributions, and financial details on individual campaigns.

The following highlights the information from the chart on all 1980 campaigns with comparison figures from totals for 1977-78:

CANDIDATES	1979-80		1977-78	
	RAISED	SPENT	RAISED	SPENT
House	\$145.1	\$137.3	\$114.9	\$110.6
Senate	107.4	105.2	87.2	86.7
Democrat	129.3	124.5	107.1	104.1
Republican	122.0	116.8	93.7	91.9
Incumbent	113.9	106.2	79.0	75.4
Challenger	93.5	91.9	62.3	62.1
Open Seat	45.1	44.4	60.8	59.8
Total	\$252.5	\$242.5	\$202.1	\$197.3

(Note: These totals are not adjusted for transfers between committees within a campaign. Therefore, they tend to be inflated. Adjusted receipts and expenditures for both cycles will be provided when all information has been computerized.)

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

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CANDIDATE CATEGORY	# CANDS.	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	2265	252.5	242.5	19.0	50.7	16.8	4.0	15.5	1.3	.3
SENATE SUBTOTAL:	346	107.4	105.2	3.1	15.5	5.8	1.6	4.0	.3	.09
DEMOCRAT	137	56.0	54.9	1.9	7.9	1.9	.5	1.9	.2	.06
REPUBLICAN	143	51.1	49.9	1.2	7.6	3.9	1.1	2.1	.08	.03
OTHER	66	.3	.4	---	---	---	0	0	0	---
HOUSE SUBTOTAL:	1919	145.1	137.3	15.9	35.2	11.0	2.4	11.5	1.0	.2
DEMOCRAT	903	73.3	69.5	8.4	19.5	4.4	.8	4.94	.6	.16
REPUBLICAN	722	70.9	66.9	7.5	15.6	6.6	1.6	6.54	.4	.07
OTHER	294	.9	.9	.02	.07	---	.03	.02	0	0
BY PARTY AFFILIATION:										
DEMOCRAT	1040	129.3	124.5	10.3	27.3	6.3	1.2	6.8	.9	.2
REPUBLICAN	865	122.0	116.8	8.7	23.3	10.5	2.7	8.7	.4	.1
OTHER	360	1.2	1.2	.02	.07	---	.04	.02	0	---
BY CANDIDATE STATUS:										
INCUMBENT	444	113.9	106.2	16.5	31.7	10.1	1.2	10.0	1.1	.3
CHALLENGER	1424	93.5	91.9	1.5	12.5	4.7	2.0	3.5	.08	.03
OPEN SEAT	397	45.1	44.4	1.0	6.5	2.0	.8	2.0	.1	.01

ALL CANDIDATES

FIGURES IN MILLIONS
OF DOLLARS

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

PAC contribution figures are only complete through mid-October, 1980. Total receipts and expenditures are complete through December 31, 1980. CAUTION: DO NOT COMPARE OR CONTRAST THESE TWO SETS OF FIGURES.

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TOTAL: SENATE & HOUSE	1202	204.7	194.8	18.1	47.2	15.7	11.8	3.5	14.6	1.3	.3
SENATE SUBTOTAL:	123	79.6	77.2	2.8	14.1	5.4	3.2	1.4	3.7	.3	.07
DEMOCRAT	38	42.33	41.0	1.7	6.9	1.7	2.8	.4	1.7	.2	.05
REPUBLICAN	35	36.92	35.9	1.1	7.2	3.7	.4	1.0	2.0	.08	.02
OTHER	50	.3	.3	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	...
HOUSE SUBTOTAL:	1079	125.1	117.6	15.3	33.1	10.3	8.6	2.1	10.9	1.0	.2
DEMOCRAT	431	62.2	58.4	8.1	18.4	4.1	8.2	.7	4.7	.6	.1
REPUBLICAN	403	62.1	58.4	7.2	14.7	6.2	.4	1.4	6.2	.3	.07
OTHER	245	.8	.8	.02	.07	...	.01	.04	.01	0	0
BY PARTY AFFILIATION:											
DEMOCRAT	469	104.5	99.42	9.9	25.2	5.7	11.0	1.1	6.3	.84	.2
REPUBLICAN	438	99.1	94.24	8.2	21.9	10.0	.8	2.4	8.3	.42	.09
OTHER	295	1.1	1.11	.02	.07	...	.01	.04	.01	0	...
BY CANDIDATE STATUS:											
INCUMBENT	422	109.0	101.00	16.2	30.5	9.6	8.7	1.1	9.7	1.1	.3
CHALLENGER	663	68.6	67.24	1.2	11.4	4.4	1.8	1.8	3.2	.07	.03
OPEN SEAT	117	27.1	26.53	.7	5.3	1.7	1.3	.6	1.7	.1	.01

FIGURES IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

This chart includes primary and general election financial activity for 1980 GENERAL ELECTION candidates only.

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