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FEC RELEASES NEW PAC SPENDING FIGURES FOR '80 ELECTIONS

WASHINGTON - The Federal Election Commission released figures today which showed that PAC's raised \$136.7 million and spent a total of \$130.3 million during the 1979-80 election cycle.

How much of this money was spent on behalf of federal candidates is still unknown. However, preliminary data indicates that by October 15, 1980, at least \$50.7 million had been contributed to 1980 Congressional races. Presidential candidates received \$1.8 million, and \$3.2 million had been given to debt retirement committees or to future races. PAC contributions to all federal candidates through mid-October therefore totalled approximately \$55.7 million.

PAC's also spent money independently on behalf of or in opposition to federal candidates. Total dollar amounts in this category have not yet been finalized.

The FEC computerizes campaign finance information in two stages. When reports are first filed, the total receipt and expenditure information is immediately processed. Contributions by PAC's to campaigns are processed at a later date. THEREFORE, SINCE TOTAL FIGURES FOR PAC CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SAME TIME PERIOD AS ARE TOTAL RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE FIGURES, PERCENTAGES CANNOT BE CALCULATED.

Preliminary figures (from January 1, 1979, through mid-October 1980) indicate that:

\$50.7 million was contributed to 1980 House and Senate races

- \$35.2 million to House candidates
- \$15.5 million to Senate candidates
- \$27.4 million to Democrats
- \$23.3 million to Republicans
- \$31.7 million to Incumbents
- \$12.5 million to Challengers
- \$ 6.5 million to Open Seat races

In the 1977-78 election cycle, PAC's raised \$80 million and spent \$77.4 million through the end of the two-year cycle. Comparison figures for contributions to federal candidates through the pre-general election period (mid-October 1978) showed at that time:

\$31.2 million was contributed to 1978 House and Senate races

- \$22.7 million to House candidates
- \$ 8.5 to Senate candidates
- \$17.4 million to Democrats
- \$13.7 million to Republicans
- \$18.2 million to Incumbents
- \$ 6.6 million to Challengers
- \$ 6.2 million to Open Seat races

Figures for the same time period for the 1975-76 election cycle are not available.

NOTE: In comparing the financial activity of the 2 election cycles, certain variables should be considered. First, there has been an increase in the number of PAC's in existence, and in the number of PAC's actually making contributions to candidates. Second, there has been an increase in the number of candidates to whom contributions could be made. For example, as of December 31, 1978, there were 1,653 PAC's in existence. Through October 1978, 1,360 PAC's had made contributions to candidates. By year's end 1980, there were 2,551 PAC's in existence. Through mid-October 1980, 1,997 PAC's had made contributions to candidates. A similar increase occurred in the number of candidates included in the FEC studies. There were 1,909 in 1977-78; there are 2,265 in the 1979-80 data. Any comparative analysis should consider these variables, since they could affect any conclusions made on changes in PAC financial activity over time.

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

Figures in this chart are complete from January 1, 1979 through December 31, 1980.

COMMITTEE TYPE	# COMTEES	1/		2/		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	ADJUSTED DISBURSEMENTS	LATEST CASH ON HAND	DEBITS	
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	ADJUSTED RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	ADJUSTED DISBURSEMENTS				DEBIT TO	DEBIT BY
COOPERATION	1,249	\$ 34,197,824	\$ 34,124,977	\$ 31,857,357	\$ 31,762,107	\$ 6,415,071	\$ 99,830	\$ 292,509		
LABOR ORGANIZATION	332	\$ 27,421,571	\$ 25,979,426	\$ 26,360,398	\$ 25,049,257	\$ 5,929,879	\$ 61,644	\$ 20,502		
NO-CONNECTED ORG.	439	\$ 39,057,379	\$ 39,049,575	\$ 37,781,511	\$ 37,759,257	\$ 2,694,576	\$ 133,138	\$ 1,609,039		
TRADU/MEMBER/BEALITH	635	\$ 35,436,244	\$ 33,712,547	\$ 33,720,564	\$ 32,090,312	\$ 5,009,553	\$ 458,700	\$ 390,769		
COOPERATIVE	37	\$ 2,857,917	\$ 2,733,957	\$ 2,749,788	\$ 2,629,788	\$ 1,498,733	\$ 150	\$ 4,258		
ORP. W/O STOCK	59	\$ 1,140,740	\$ 1,119,970	\$ 1,047,883	\$ 1,039,428	\$ 203,614	\$ 11,380	\$ 3,073		
TOTAL	2,751	\$ 140,111,675	\$ 136,720,452	\$ 133,517,501	\$ 130,329,149	\$ 21,751,426	\$ 764,842	\$ 2,320,150		

DETAILS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES
(Data relating solely to 1980 House and Senate races shown in parentheses) 4/

COMMITTEE TYPE	# COMTEES	CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES AMOUNT	BY TYPE OF CANDIDATE		BY CANDIDATE STATUS			BY PARTY AFFILIATION		OTHER	
			PRESIDENTIAL	SENATE	HOUSE	INCUMBENT	CHALLENGER	OPEN SEAT	DEMOCRAT		REPUBLICAN
COOPERATION	1,037	\$ 19,275,473 (16,816,914)	\$ 1,103,392	\$ 6,644,306 (5,856,561)	\$ 11,527,775 (10,960,353)	\$ 11,527,372 (10,064,637)	\$ 5,743,657 (4,750,833)	\$ 2,004,444 (2,001,444)	\$ 7,121,508 (6,310,207)	\$ 12,125,086 (10,497,107)	\$ 24,879 (9,600)
LABOR ORGANIZATION	225	\$ 13,746,615 (12,751,328)	\$ 315,668	\$ 4,006,049 (3,632,285)	\$ 9,424,898 (9,119,043)	\$ 9,817,234 (9,094,564)	\$ 2,379,399 (2,109,282)	\$ 1,549,982 (1,547,482)	\$ 12,828,293 (11,903,877)	\$ 903,372 (833,701)	\$ 14,750 (13,750)
NO-CONNECTED ORG.	201	\$ 4,214,766 (3,973,906)	\$ 82,802	\$ 1,618,600 (1,564,770)	\$ 2,513,364 (2,409,136)	\$ 1,325,358 (1,227,283)	\$ 2,136,455 (1,995,786)	\$ 752,953 (750,837)	\$ 1,310,796 (1,225,513)	\$ 2,865,670 (2,715,293)	\$ 38,300 (35,100)
TRADU/MEMBER/BEALITH	463	\$ 16,626,169 (15,499,522)	\$ 264,381	\$ 4,495,771 (4,010,376)	\$ 11,866,017 (11,489,146)	\$ 10,844,147 (9,993,062)	\$ 3,762,049 (3,493,337)	\$ 2,019,973 (2,013,123)	\$ 7,319,000 (6,817,585)	\$ 9,271,543 (8,666,427)	\$ 35,626 (15,510)
COOPERATIVE	27	\$ 1,475,589 (1,338,602)	\$ 42,700	\$ 386,112 (328,675)	\$ 1,046,777 (1,009,927)	\$ 1,205,701 (1,093,814)	\$ 104,790 (81,690)	\$ 165,098 (163,098)	\$ 952,286 (880,499)	\$ 523,303 (458,103)	\$ 0
ORP. W/O STOCK	44	\$ 374,967 (316,018)	\$ 38,349	\$ 102,310 (89,710)	\$ 234,308 (226,308)	\$ 297,832 (268,515)	\$ 62,060 (32,428)	\$ 15,075 (15,075)	\$ 251,006 (218,939)	\$ 122,661 (96,979)	\$ 1,300 (1,100)
TOTAL	1,997	\$ 55,713,579 (50,696,290)	\$ 1,847,292	\$ 17,253,148 (15,482,377)	\$ 36,613,139 (35,213,913)	\$ 35,017,644 (31,741,875)	\$ 14,188,410 (12,463,356)	\$ 6,507,525 (6,491,059)	\$ 29,782,889 (27,356,620)	\$ 25,815,835 (23,265,610)	\$ 114,855 (74,060)

Figures in this chart are only complete through mid-October 1980.

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. See NOTE other side for these figures.
 4/ Figures include contributions to all candidates, including those who did not run for office during 1979-80, and Presidential candidates. Figures in parentheses represent amount given only to candidates seeking office in 1979-80 Congressional races.