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## FEC ISSUES FINAL SUMMARY DATA ON PAC GIVING

WASHINGTON -- Candidates for the U.S. Congress received a total of \$55.3 million from PAC's for their 1979-80 election campaigns, according to information released today by the Federal Election Commission.

An additional \$2 million was contributed by PAC's to Presidential candidates, and \$3.2 million was donated for other purposes, e.g., to retire debts from prior campaigns. Total PAC giving during the election cycle was therefore \$60.5 million.

The FEC's computer data shows that non-party related political committees began the election cycle with almost \$15 million cash-on-hand. They raised an additional \$137.8 million and spent \$133.2 million between January 1, 1979, and December 31, 1980.\* Therefore, PAC contributions to candidates represented between 42% and 45% of all PAC spending, depending on whether you consider only contributions to 1980 Congressional races, or contributions to all federal candidates, including Presidential and past, present or future Congressional candidates.

In conjunction with money directly contributed to campaigns, PAC's spent approximately \$14 million, or 10% of their funds, on independent expenditures to promote or defeat certain candidates.

PAC's also gave several million to the political parties and to other non-candidate groups, but final figures for these contributions are still being reviewed by the FEC.

A summary of the FEC figures shows that:

\*\*\*More money was contributed to House races than to Senate or Presidential campaigns.

	'80 Congressional	All Candidates
House	\$ 38.14 - 69%	\$ 39.56 - 65.4%
Senate	\$ 17.15 - 31%	\$ 18.97 - 31.4%
Presidential	\$ N/A	\$ 1.96 - 3.2%

\*\*\*Incumbents received a greater percentage of the total amount contributed than did the challengers or open seat races.

Incumbents	\$ 33.79 - 61%	\$ 37.2 - 61%
Challengers	\$ 14.33 - 26%	\$ 16.1 - 27%
Open Seat Races	\$ 7.17 - 13%	\$ 7.19 - 12%

\*\*\*PAC contributions were almost evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans.

Democrats	\$ 29.05 - 52.5%	\$ 31.57 - 52.2%
Republicans	\$ 26.15 - 47.3%	\$ 28.78 - 47.6%
Others	\$ .09 - .2%	\$ .13 - .2%

(Figures in millions of dollars)

\* Figures presented in this release differ from those released March 29, 1981. This is due to amendments filed by committees and to corrections made to the FEC data base. Note in particular the increase in all activity for Corporations without Stock. One committee was removed from the Trade/Membership/Health category & was added to Corporations without Stock. This change accounts for the increased activity in this field.

In an effort to depict more clearly the cash flow for each of the six PAC categories and to examine the distribution of contributions to candidates, the FEC has produced two charts, which follow. Note that the contribution table lists all PAC contributions to all candidates (past, present and future) during 1979-80, and parenthetically shows the lesser amounts which were contributed to 1980 Congressional candidates only.

Today's release by the FEC is an interim report on the financial activity for the 1979-80 election cycle. A 4-volume study, containing more detail and itemizing each political committee, plus a list of the "Top 10 Spenders" will be issued in October of this year.

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

COMMITTEE TYPE	# OFFICES	1/		2/		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		ADJUSTED DISBURSEMENTS		INTEREST CASH ON HAND	DEBITS	
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	ADJUSTED RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	ADJUSTED DISBURSEMENTS	OPEN TO	OWED BY					
CORPORATION	1,250	\$ 34,160,224	\$ 34,082,301	\$ 31,763,995	\$ 31,662,042	\$ 6,440,923	\$ 99,830	\$ 292,509				
LABOR ORGANIZATION	331	\$ 27,185,095	\$ 25,704,513	\$ 26,409,793	\$ 25,078,812	\$ 5,929,645	\$ 61,644	\$ 20,502				
NO-CORRELATED ORG.	466	\$ 40,052,161	\$ 40,043,357	\$ 38,491,785	\$ 38,469,531	\$ 2,652,381	\$143,137	\$1,643,669				
TRADE/MEMBER/HEALTH COOPERATIVE	635	\$ 35,433,926	\$ 33,711,114	\$ 33,591,399	\$ 31,886,672	\$ 5,107,349	\$458,700	\$ 396,985				
CORP. W/O STOCK	36	\$ 2,936,000	\$ 2,799,000	\$ 2,818,832	\$ 2,698,832	\$ 1,497,178	\$ 150	\$ 4,258				
	61	\$ 1,488,859	\$ 1,488,859	\$ 1,376,996	\$ 1,366,869	\$ 333,414	\$ 11,380	\$ 3,073				
TOTAL	2,779	\$ 141,256,265	\$ 137,829,144	\$ 134,452,800	\$ 133,175,411	\$21,960,890	\$774,841	\$2,360,996				

Figures on these charts are complete from January 1, 1979 through December 31, 1980.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES AMOUNT	DETAILS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES											
	BY TYPE OF CANDIDATE SERVICE			BY CANDIDATE STATUS			BY PARTY AFFILIATION			OTHER		
	PRESIDENTIAL	HOUSE	INCUMBENT	CHALLENGER	OPEN SEAT	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN					
CORPORATION	\$ 1,138,628	\$ 7,651,555	\$ 12,914,833	\$ 12,469,265	\$ 6,863,902	\$ 7,776,128	\$ 13,895,421	\$ 33,467				
	(19,173,787)	(6,834,781)	(12,339,006)	(10,953,672)	(5,841,266)	(6,930,179)	(12,227,708)	(15,900)				
LABOR ORGANIZATION	\$ 345,893	\$ 4,150,359	\$ 9,650,601	\$ 10,068,962	\$ 2,477,264	\$ 1,600,617	\$ 13,208,042	\$ 921,051				
	(13,120,465)	(3,777,969)	(9,342,496)	(9,327,770)	(2,194,578)	(1,598,117)	(12,247,589)	(856,126)				
NO-CORRELATED ORG.	\$ 118,010	\$ 1,827,023	\$ 3,152,486	\$ 1,644,640	\$ 2,545,843	\$ 907,036	\$ 1,626,279	\$ 3,426,839				
	(4,818,881)	(1,773,213)	(3,045,668)	(1,535,363)	(2,378,598)	(904,920)	(1,525,014)	(3,252,666)				
TRADER/MEMBER/HEALTH COOPERATIVE	\$ 274,506	\$ 4,663,658	\$ 12,298,996	\$ 11,179,693	\$ 3,995,088	\$ 2,062,379	\$ 7,557,340	\$ 9,644,244				
	(16,091,229)	(4,163,305)	(11,927,924)	(10,322,399)	(3,713,301)	(7,055,529)	(7,051,675)	(9,023,594)				
CORP. W/O STOCK	\$ 42,700	\$ 399,087	\$ 1,072,527	\$ 1,228,726	\$ 111,890	\$ 173,698	\$ 968,911	\$ 545,403				
	(1,381,977)	(346,400)	(1,035,577)	(1,121,589)	(88,690)	(171,698)	(901,774)	(480,203)				
TOTAL	\$ 39,479	\$ 277,743	\$ 467,293	\$ 559,100	\$ 152,090	\$ 73,325	\$ 434,029	\$ 348,886				
	(707,186)	(253,293)	(453,893)	(515,583)	(118,278)	(73,325)	(392,662)	(314,124)				
TOTAL	\$ 1,959,206	\$ 18,969,425	\$ 39,556,736	\$ 37,150,386	\$ 16,146,077	\$ 7,188,904	\$ 31,570,729	\$ 28,781,844				
	(55,293,525)	(17,148,961)	(38,144,564)	(33,786,376)	(14,334,711)	(7,112,438)	(29,048,893)	(26,154,421)				
									\$ 132,794			
									(90,211)			

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/ 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.