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FEC RELEASES FINAL FIGURES ON 1979-80 MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON - The Federal Election Commission today released final figures on political party spending for the 1980 elections which show that Republican Party committees at the national, state and local levels spent almost five times as much money as their Democratic counterparts and nearly doubled their spending over 1977-78 totals.

FEC data also shows that there has been a significant reduction in the number of political party committees, particularly at the state and local level, from 1977-78. At that time, state and local party committees numbered 744; in 1979-80, their number dropped to 585. This could be due in part to revisions in the federal election law which were aimed at promoting grass roots activity by state and local party committees while, at the same time, reducing their reporting requirements.

During the 1979-80 election cycle, Democratic Party committees raised \$37.2 million on top of their \$.7 million cash-on-hand. They spent \$35 million. Of the total spent, \$1.7 million was contributed to candidates' campaigns and \$4.9 million was spent on behalf of candidates in the general election.

Republican Party committees — national, state and local — began with \$2.0 million. They raised an additional \$161.2 million and spent \$170.4 million. Of that total, \$4.5 million was contributed to candidates and \$12.4 million was spent on their behalf.

Under federal election law, both national and state committees of a political party may spend certain amounts of money on behalf of their candidates in the general election. The amount allowed for House races for 1980 was \$14,720. The amount of money per Senate candidate is determined by multiplying 2¢ times the voting age population of a state and increasing that figure for inflation. These expenditures are in addition to contributions allowed for the general election.

Based on Federal Election Commission figures:

- ** Republican Party committees raised four times as much money as Democratic Party committees;
- ** Republican Party committees contributed three times as much money to their candidates; and
- ** Republican Party committees outspent their Democratic rivals by more than two-to-one, (coordinated expenditures in the general election.)

These figures are taken from the FEC 1979-80 Report on Financial Activity - Final Report, which is a four-volume study on PAC's and major party campaign finance for 1979-80.

The four-volume study is available for \$5 per volume from the FEC Public Records Office, 1325 K St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20463. Computer tapes of the study are also available from the Data Systems Development Division. The prices are: \$65 for party-related information; \$70 for PAC information.

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MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY FINANCIAL ACTIVITY 1979-80

COMMITTEE	# Oftee	Total Receipts (as reported)	Net Receipts (minus transfers)	Total Disbursements (as reported)	Net Disbursements (minus transfers)	Cash-on-hand	Debt Owed To	Debt Owed By	FEC Contributions	Individual Contributions \$500 +
INC Services Corp.	1	\$ 15,112,775	\$ 15,112,775	\$ 14,909,724	\$ 14,804,667	\$ 411,143	\$ 0	\$ 1,045,345	\$ 1,156,496	\$ 8,688,073
Dem. Sen. Camp. Omk	1	\$ 1,653,849	\$ 1,653,849	\$ 1,618,162	\$ 1,618,162	\$ 75,566	\$ 0	\$ 440,000	\$ 103,525	\$ 207,000
Dem. Cong. Camp. Omk	1	\$ 2,077,900	\$ 2,067,870	\$ 2,038,401	\$ 2,036,901	\$ 71,213	\$ 0	\$ 200,000	\$ 167,275	\$ 135,155
Other Nat'l Omtes.	10	\$ 1,519,627	\$ 1,480,183	\$ 1,500,597	\$ 1,487,786	\$ 77,933	\$ 8,040	\$ 6,152	\$ 291,950	\$ 305,750
Assoc. State Chair.	1	\$ 2,714,266	\$ 2,714,266	\$ 2,451,017	\$ 2,451,017	\$ 159,395	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Subtotal	14	\$ 23,078,417	\$ 23,028,943	\$ 22,517,901	\$ 22,398,533	\$ 795,250	\$ 8,040	\$ 1,691,497	\$ 1,719,246	\$ 9,335,978
Pres. Convention	2	\$ 5,055,131	\$ 5,055,131	\$ 3,830,314	\$ 3,830,314	\$ 1,228,252	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State & Local	253	\$ 9,292,830	\$ 9,103,520	\$ 8,891,470	\$ 8,754,177	\$ 583,507	\$ 23,275	\$ 347,110	\$ 368,225	\$ 1,372,555
Grand Total	269	\$ 37,426,378	\$ 37,187,594	\$ 35,239,685	\$ 34,983,024	\$ 2,607,009	\$ 31,315	\$ 2,038,607	\$ 2,087,471	\$ 10,708,533
Rep. Nat'l Omte	2	\$ 131,942,425	\$ 76,220,589	\$ 130,894,013	\$ 73,208,718	\$ 1,340,446	\$ 53,040	\$ 0	\$ 420,898	\$ 12,505,977
Nat'l Rep. Sen. Omte	2	\$ 41,791,188	\$ 23,308,963	\$ 41,723,852	\$ 21,211,482	\$ 117,307	\$ 139,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 209,950	\$ 6,549,736
Nat'l Rep. Cong. Omk	2	\$ 53,315,743	\$ 20,287,961	\$ 50,565,911	\$ 34,790,731	\$ 4,031,005	\$ 22,960	\$ 127,793	\$ 139,266	\$ 2,006,302
Other Nat'l Omtes	12	\$ 3,381,578	\$ 2,242,850	\$ 3,505,730	\$ 3,378,736	\$ 93,388	\$ 3,243	\$ 14,042	\$ 64,647	\$ 827,457
Subtotal	18	\$ 230,430,934	\$ 122,060,363	\$ 226,689,506	\$ 132,589,667	\$ 5,582,146	\$ 218,243	\$ 541,835	\$ 834,761	\$ 21,889,472
Pres. Convention	4	\$ 5,406,166	\$ 5,406,166	\$ 5,315,000	\$ 5,315,000	\$ 120,477	\$ 3,970	\$ 44,009	\$ 0	\$ 0
State & Local	294	\$ 35,754,139	\$ 33,781,069	\$ 34,618,139	\$ 32,545,199	\$ 1,543,656	\$ 71,071	\$ 885,219	\$ 257,222	\$ 9,580,825
Grand Total	316	\$ 271,591,239	\$ 161,247,598	\$ 266,622,645	\$ 170,449,866	\$ 7,246,279	\$ 293,284	\$ 1,471,062	\$ 1,091,983	\$ 31,470,297

1/ Note: Categories of committees on press release charts differ from those in Report on Financial Activity.
 2/ Total receipt and disbursement figures include monies transferred between various party committees. For that reason, they are inflated.
 3/ Net receipt and disbursement figures do not include monies transferred between various party committees, and therefore, are not representative of actual receipts and disbursements.
 4/ Number of committees includes three Democratic committees and one Republican committee at the national level which had no financial activity.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES AND EXPENDITURES ON THEIR BEHALF

COMMITTEES 1/	Contributions to Candidates				Expenditures on behalf of Candidates			
	Total	Presidential	Senate	House	Total	Presidential	Senate	House
DNC Services Corp.	\$ 39,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 24,500	\$ 3,942,526	\$ 3,386,793	\$ 507,259	\$ 48,474
Dem. Sen. Camp. Onite	\$ 481,500	\$ 0	\$ 481,500	\$ 0	\$ 598,316	\$ 0	\$ 589,316	\$ 0
Dem. Cong. Camp. Onite	\$ 614,097	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 614,097	\$ 34,686	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 34,686
Other Nat'l Onites.	\$ 133,751	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 133,751	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Assoc. State Chair.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Subtotal	\$ 1,268,848	\$ 15,000	\$ 481,500	\$ 772,348	\$ 4,566,528	\$ 3,386,793	\$ 1,096,575	\$ 83,160
Pres. Convention	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State & Local	\$ 384,358	\$ 7,351	\$ 64,633	\$ 312,374	\$ 375,660	\$ 24,140	\$ 119,294	\$ 232,226
Grand Total	\$ 1,653,206	\$ 22,351	\$ 546,133	\$ 1,084,722	\$ 4,942,188	\$ 3,410,933	\$ 1,215,869	\$ 315,386

COMMITTEES 1/	Contributions to Candidates				Expenditures on behalf of Candidates			
	Total	Presidential	Senate	House	Total	Presidential	Senate	House
Rep. Nat'l Onite	\$ 841,025	\$ 5,000	\$ 69,813	\$ 766,212	\$ 5,352,269	\$ 4,504,176	\$ 309,703	\$ 538,390
Nat'l Rep. Sen. Onite	\$ 414,893	\$ 0	\$ 414,893	\$ 0	\$ 5,025,802	\$ 0	\$ 5,025,802	\$ 0
Nat'l Rep. Cong. Onite	\$ 2,005,663	\$ 0	\$ 3,013	\$ 2,002,650	\$ 1,229,110	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,229,110
Other Nat'l Onites	\$ 485,589	\$ 3,280	\$ 100,609	\$ 381,700	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Subtotal	\$ 3,747,170	\$ 8,280	\$ 588,328	\$ 3,150,562	\$ 11,607,181	\$ 4,504,176	\$ 5,335,505	\$ 1,767,500
Pres. Convention	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State & Local	\$ 781,207	\$ 12,185	\$ 112,552	\$ 656,470	\$ 837,292	\$ 129,974	\$ 118,291	\$ 589,027
Grand Total	\$ 4,528,377	\$ 20,465	\$ 700,880	\$ 3,807,032	\$ 12,444,473	\$ 4,634,150	\$ 5,453,796	\$ 2,356,527

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