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FEC RELEASES NEW PAC TALLIES

WASHINGTON -- Campaign finance records reveal that PAC's have contributed nearly \$86 million to federal candidates from January 1, 1981, through late November 1982. Most of that money was contributed to 1982 Congressional races. However, at least \$4 million was given to candidates for previous election debts.

The preliminary information released today by the Federal Election Commission indicates that PAC's increased their total spending by 50% over the same time period in 1979-80, and by 150% over what was spent in the 1977-78 election cycle.

Money raised and spent by PAC's for 23-month periods in three election cycles is as follows:

<u>Committee Type</u>	<u>1981-82</u>		<u>1979-80</u>		<u>1977-78</u>	
	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Spent</u>
Corporate	\$ 44.3	\$ 42.2	\$ 32.1	\$ 30.7	\$16.7	\$14.9
Labor	36.3	35.8	25.9	25.3	19.1	18.7
Non-Connected	62.6	62.2	34.6	32.4	15.0	16.1
Trade/Member/Health	43.1	41.8	33.9	32.5	24.2	23.6
Cooperative	4.0	3.7	2.8	2.7	1.9	1.9
Corp. w/o Stock	2.6	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.4
Total	\$192.9	\$187.7	\$130.3	\$124.6	\$77.3	\$75.6

**Figures are in millions of dollars and are not adjusted for transfers between affiliated committees.

Contributions made during the 23-month period to all federal candidates (for 1982 campaigns and debt retirement) totalled:

<u>Committee Type</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
Corporate	\$ 28.8
Labor	20.4
Non-Connected	10.7
Trade/Member/Health	22.6
Cooperative	2.1
Corp. w/o Stock	1.1
Total	\$ 85.7

**Figures are in millions of dollars.

Additional information will be released in the spring after the final Year-end reports for 1982 are filed and processed.