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FEC RELEASES POLITICAL PARTY FIGURES FOR '86 ELECTIONS

WASHINGTON — A decline in financial activity at the federal level by both major political parties can be seen in the newly released Federal Election Commission figures for the 1985-86 elections. The total amount of money raised and spent by both parties was less than in previous cycles, and each party ended the election year with less cash and higher debts. The December 31, 1986, cash balance for Democratic committees totalled \$1.4 million, while their debts stood at \$4.7 million. The Republican cash balance was \$3.2 million, with debts totalling \$10.4 million. This may or may not be indicative of the financial health of the parties, since activities such as building funds and state and local election spending are not reported to the FEC. A number of contributions earmarked to federal candidates through the party organizations are also not included in the totals, since some of those funds never passed through the committees' accounts. Listed below are summary figures for the parties (nationwide) for five election cycles:

ELECTION CYCLE		1985-86	1983-84	1981-82	1979-80	1977-78
PARTY						
Democrat:	Raised	\$ 61.8	\$ 98.5	\$ 39.3	\$ 37.2	\$ 26.4
	Spent	62.7	97.4	40.1	35.0	26.9
	Contributed	1.6	2.6	1.7	1.7	1.8
	Coord. Exp.	6.4	9.0	3.3	4.9	.4
Republican:	Raised	\$ 252.4	\$ 297.9	\$ 215.0	\$ 169.5	\$ 84.5
	Spent	254.2	300.8	214.0	161.8	85.9
	Contributed	3.5	4.9	5.6	4.5	4.5
	Coord. Exp.	14.3	20.1	14.3	12.4	4.3
(figures in millions of dollars)						

What the figures show is that the Republican Party still leads in overall fundraising and spending. In direct support of federal candidates, the GOP maintains a slightly more than two-to-one lead.

PAC contributions to both major parties totalled only \$6.8 million. They accounted for 9% of the total raised by Democratic committees and .4% of the funds raised by Republican committees. Individual contributions comprised 70% of the amount raised by the Democratic Party and 96% of the total for the Republican Party.

Details of amounts raised and spent by both major parties, as well as contributions made to federal candidates and monies spent on their behalf may be found on the tables and graphs attached to this release. The FEC Reports on Financial Activity, 1985-86: Party and Non-Party Political Committees, Final Report will be published in the Fall of 1987.

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POLITICAL PARTY ACTIVITY 1985-1986

Committee	Number of Committees	Net Receipts	Contributions from PAC's	Contributions from individuals	Contributions from other PLY	Net Disbursements	Latest Cash on Hand	Debts owed		Contributions to Candidates	Coordinated Expenditures
								To	By		
DHC Services	1	\$17,235,406	\$1,252,997	\$12,554,500	\$0	\$17,372,276	\$155,671	\$0	\$2,140,743	\$20,500	\$343,348
Dem Sen Camp Ctte	1	\$13,397,809	\$2,418,736	\$8,975,626	\$35,500	\$13,533,142	\$78,911	\$0	\$1,146,003	\$497,628	\$3,592,003
Dem Cong Camp Ctte	1	\$12,322,969	\$2,063,794	\$8,297,039	\$41,997	\$12,562,666	\$58,852	\$0	\$865,911	\$616,086	\$1,551,926
Assoc SI Dem Chairs	1	\$7,618,834	n/a	\$7,617,634	\$0	\$7,601,818	\$83,863	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Subtotal	4	\$50,575,018	\$5,735,527	\$37,344,799	\$77,497	\$51,269,902	\$877,297	\$0	\$4,152,657	\$1,135,214	\$5,488,077
State & Local	155	\$11,178,862	n/a	\$6,227,903	\$1,536,319	\$11,451,469	\$554,101	\$118,722	\$509,912	\$498,637	\$928,250
Total Democratic	159	\$61,753,880	\$5,735,527	\$43,572,702	\$1,613,816	\$62,721,371	\$1,431,398	\$118,722	\$4,662,569	\$1,633,851	\$6,416,327
RNC	2	\$83,780,156	\$374,976	\$76,877,251	\$46,700	\$84,206,031	\$1,240,845	\$56,242	\$0	\$350,910	\$2,100
Nat Rep Sen Ctte	2	\$86,130,776	\$433,745	\$74,870,667	\$97,616	\$85,507,590	\$185,337	\$53,871	\$5,416,431	\$675,858	\$9,980,136
Nat Rep Cong Ctte	2	\$39,796,974	\$302,462	\$34,303,461	\$199,505	\$41,200,736	\$275,612	\$0	\$3,098,488	\$1,699,864	\$4,101,651
Other Nat Rep	2	\$86,813	\$350	\$54,699	\$26,780	\$89,202	\$92	\$500	\$9,855	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	8	\$209,794,719	\$1,111,533	\$186,106,078	\$370,601	\$211,083,559	\$1,701,886	\$110,613	\$8,524,774	\$2,726,632	\$14,063,889
State & Local	284	\$42,688,196	n/a	\$31,076,929	\$9,091,020	\$43,082,442	\$1,465,813	\$329,833	\$1,854,537	\$751,972	\$280,271
Total Republican	292	\$252,432,915	\$1,111,533	\$217,183,007	\$9,461,621	\$254,166,001	\$3,167,699	\$440,446	\$10,379,311	\$3,478,604	\$14,344,160

*Net receipt and disbursement columns do not include monies transferred between affiliated committees.
 **Coordinated expenditures are monies spent on behalf of the party's nominees in the general election.

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CONTRIBUTIONS

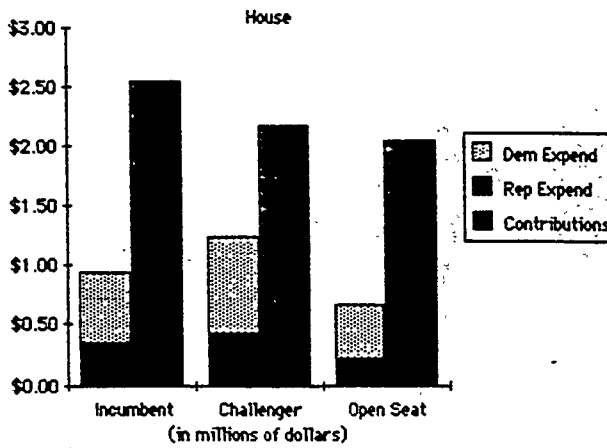
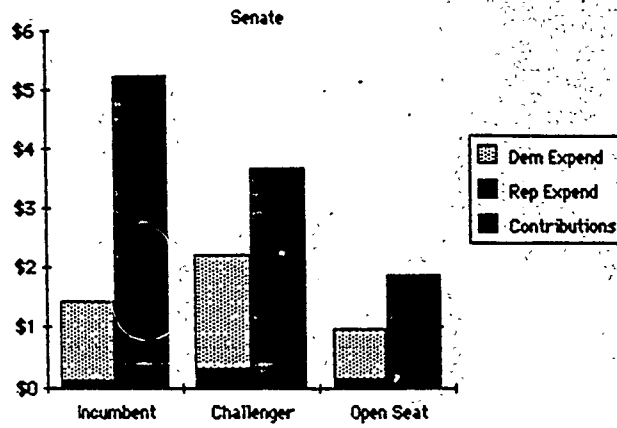
	Senate		Open Seat	Total	Incumbent	House		Total
	Incumbent	Challenger				Challenger	Open Seat	
DNC Services	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dem Sen Camp Ctte	\$104,805	\$253,234	\$121,127	\$479,166	\$16,396	\$0	\$0	\$16,396
Dem Cong Camp Ctte	\$0	\$3,800	\$6,000	\$9,800	\$185,253	\$236,564	\$174,875	\$596,692
State & Local	\$9,710	\$40,299	\$22,044	\$72,053	\$167,420	\$188,705	\$51,326	\$407,451
Total Democratic	\$114,515	\$297,333	\$149,671	\$561,519	\$369,069	\$425,269	\$226,201	\$1,020,539
RNC	\$0	\$397	\$0	\$397	\$122,700	\$92,221	\$135,109	\$350,030
Nat Rep Sen Ctte	\$300,160	\$164,473	\$124,404	\$589,037	\$0	\$15,000	\$26,000	\$41,000
Nat Rep Cong Ctte	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$875	\$15,875	\$823,545	\$446,954	\$363,491	\$1,633,990
State & Local	\$43,009	\$53,580	\$55,267	\$151,856	\$166,823	\$312,530	\$106,730	\$586,083
Total Republican	\$353,169	\$223,450	\$180,546	\$757,165	\$1,113,068	\$866,705	\$631,330	\$2,611,103

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COORDINATED EXPENDITURES

	Senate		Open Seat	Coordinated Expenditures		House		Open Seat	Total
	Incumbent	Challenger		Incumbent	Challenger				
DNC Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dem Sen Camp Ctte	\$1,123,300	\$1,697,728	\$771,775	\$3,592,803	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dem Cong Camp Ctte	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$461,324	\$661,733	\$395,154	\$1,518,211	
State & Local	\$204,468	\$249,975	\$70,488	\$524,931	\$123,976	\$158,062	\$64,718	\$346,756	
Total Democratic	\$1,327,768	\$1,947,703	\$842,263	\$4,117,734	\$585,300	\$819,795	\$459,872	\$1,864,967	
RNC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,100	\$0	\$0	\$2,100	
Nat Rep Sen Ctte	\$4,846,911	\$3,399,721	\$1,663,347	\$9,909,979	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nat Rep Cong Ctte	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,464,138	\$1,233,235	\$1,411,075	\$4,108,448	
State & Local	\$49,454	\$94,721	\$23,602	\$167,777	\$2,640	\$91,348	\$200	\$94,188	
Total Republican	\$4,896,365	\$3,494,442	\$1,686,949	\$10,077,756	\$1,468,878	\$1,324,583	\$1,411,275	\$4,204,736	

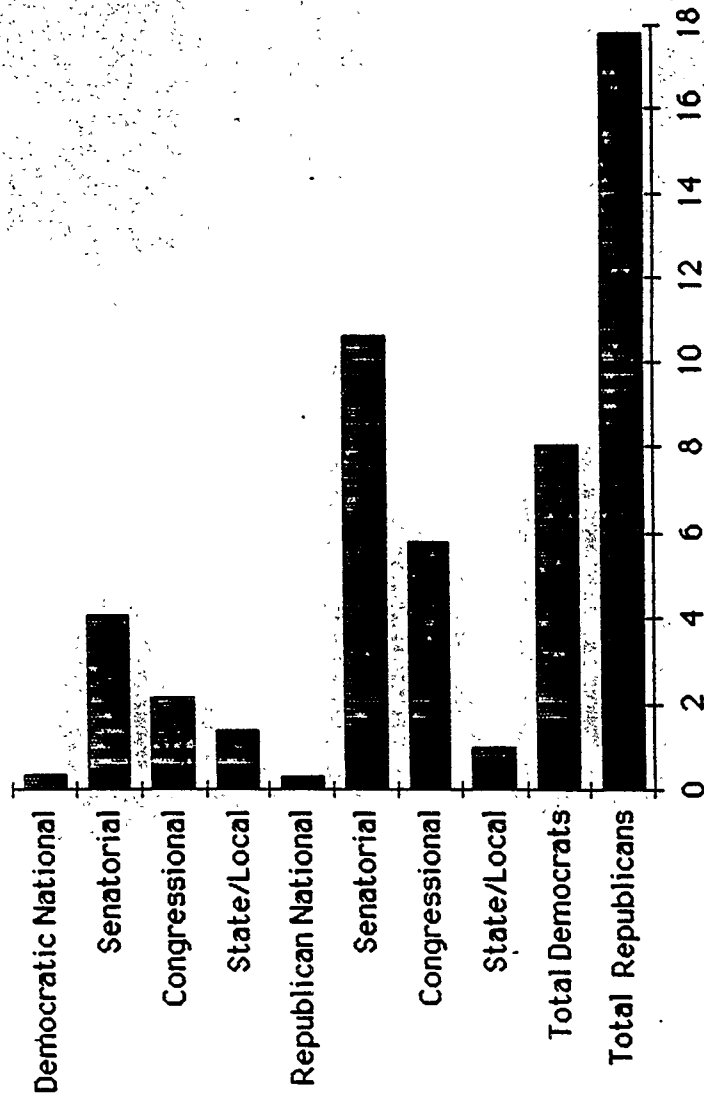
Party Support of Congressional Candidates by Candidate Type 1985-86



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Party Committee Support of Federal Candidates 1985-86

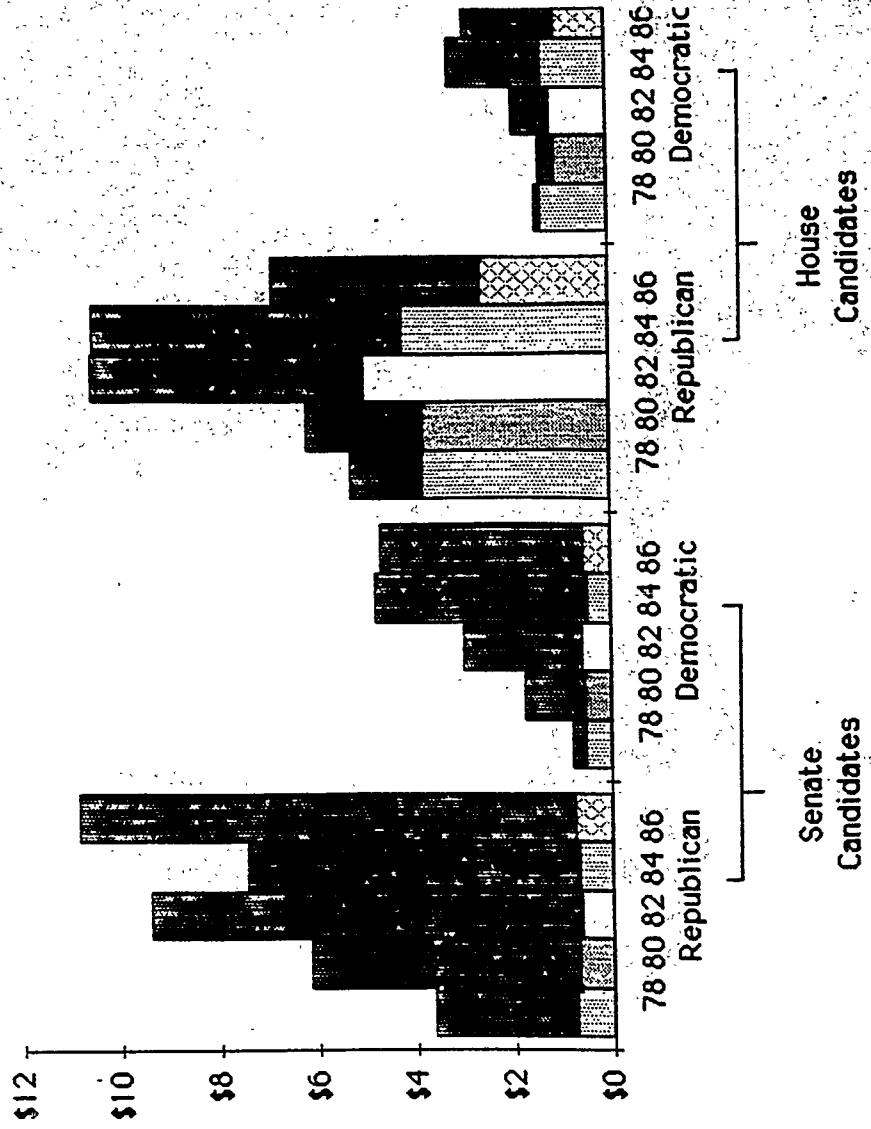


Black = Contributions; Gray = Coordinated expenditures.

(in millions of dollars)

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Party Committees: Support of Federal Candidates (in millions)



Lower portion represents contributions, upper coordinated expenditures