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FEC RELEASES 18-MONTH PARTY SPENDING FIGURES FOR 1987-88 ELECTION CYCLE

WASHINGTON — Although the gap in fundraising and spending by the two major political parties continues to close, the Republicans still show almost 3 times as much activity as the Democrats. The figures, released today by the Federal Election Commission, cover the period January 1, 1987, through June 30, 1988. With the exception of state and local GOP committees, financial activity was down for Republicans when compared with the same 18-month period two years ago. Democratic committees, at every level, showed growth. The largest decline was seen in figures for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Receipts totalled \$42.3 million, while disbursements came to nearly \$35.1 million, drops of 36% and 32% respectively over '86 figures. The largest increase came at the state and local level Democratic committees; receipts rose 47% to \$12.6 million, while disbursements climbed 44% to \$11.7 million.

When reviewing party spending in support of candidates, including both contributions and coordinated expenditures (expenditures made by party committees on behalf of their general or special election candidates), Democratic activity increased slightly, while GOP activity declined from '86 levels. Republican committees have contributed \$1.2 million to federal candidates, down from \$1.7 million two years ago, while Democratic committees gave nearly \$890,000 to its candidates, an increase of about \$18,000. Republican committee expenditures on behalf of candidates dropped 76% from '86, to just over \$415,000. Coordinated expenditures by Democratic committees rose 84% to \$1.4 million.

Contributions from individuals continue to comprise the majority of political party receipts. PAC money, however, now makes up a larger percentage of total receipts than it did two years ago. Contributions from PAC's comprised 13% of Democratic committee receipts and 1% of receipts by Republican committees. PAC's gave nearly \$7.8 million to Democratic party committees, up from \$3.1 million two years ago, while Republican party committees took in \$2.3 million from PAC's, a nearly \$800,000 increase.

(Tables on the following pages detail the activity of the six committees at the national level, as well as convention and state/local committees of both major parties, and provide comparison figures for the years 1979-1988.)

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Activity of Party Committees through June of the Elect. Year

	1979-80	1981-82	1983-84	1985-86	1987-88
RNC					
Receipts	\$47,833,132	\$65,759,810	\$75,232,100	\$64,164,712	\$61,586,071
Individuals	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$60,978,241	\$56,817,191
Non-Party	\$290,305	\$315,502	\$471,862	\$267,741	\$498,190
Disbursements	\$33,887,705	\$58,877,265	\$64,436,824	\$55,819,076	\$51,250,134
Cash-on-Hand	\$6,829,044	\$7,968,914	\$11,104,057	\$10,012,354	\$11,576,782
Contributions	\$186,973	\$565,084	\$232,730	\$110,808	\$47,460
Coord. Expend.	\$88,975	\$80,495	\$5,774	\$0	\$0
NRSC					
Receipts	\$11,182,448	\$34,797,578	\$60,084,572	\$65,811,366	\$42,307,749
Individuals	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$59,121,725	\$38,317,180
Non-Party	\$163,475	\$432,618	\$249,118	\$226,417	\$412,463
Disbursements	\$8,112,399	\$28,561,042	\$51,272,959	\$51,531,143	\$35,061,066
Cash-on-Hand	\$3,375,760	\$6,379,040	\$10,374,886	\$13,842,368	\$7,432,019
Contributions	\$128,000	\$339,937	\$504,023	\$525,787	\$442,530
Coord. Expend.	\$105,188	\$490,920	\$925,357	\$1,650,928	\$194,236
NRCC					
Receipts	\$22,331,105	\$45,690,592	\$41,964,626	\$28,292,589	\$21,324,766
Individuals	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$25,133,799	\$19,068,716
Non-Party	\$107,051	\$129,257	\$208,805	\$234,858	\$536,002
Disbursements	\$20,867,778	\$32,757,942	\$32,329,398	\$26,079,728	\$18,151,106
Cash-on-Hand	\$2,350,526	\$16,966,705	\$14,969,954	\$3,972,234	\$3,449,274
Contributions	\$957,509	\$1,603,988	\$1,304,379	\$793,937	\$549,060
Coord. Expend.	\$68,853	\$177,165	\$140,134	\$62,441	\$207,430
CONVENTIONS					
Receipts	\$4,466,581	\$2,967	\$6,420,208	\$110,366	\$9,561,729
Individuals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Party	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Disbursements	\$1,803,574	\$87,246	\$2,259,957	\$118,991	\$3,630,225
Cash-on-Hand	\$2,692,318	\$30,151	\$4,190,400	\$2,045	\$5,933,548
Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Coord. Expend.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STATE/LOCAL					
Receipts	\$17,028,296	\$14,402,336	\$23,892,958	\$31,457,708	\$31,413,638
Individuals	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$25,661,895	\$25,919,707
Non-Party	\$44,151	\$133,857	\$785,117	\$785,962	\$861,963
Disbursements	\$15,409,437	\$13,044,369	\$20,643,696	\$28,763,705	\$27,459,148
Cash-on-Hand	\$1,967,267	\$2,407,030	\$3,956,014	\$4,555,268	\$5,370,731
Contributions	\$209,685	\$172,134	\$139,339	\$268,593	\$185,623
Coord. Expend.	\$25,854	\$83,750	\$2,919	\$33,024	\$13,875
REPUBLICANS					
Receipts	\$102,841,562	\$160,653,283	\$207,594,464	\$189,836,741	\$166,193,953
Individuals	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$170,895,660	\$140,122,794
Non-Party	\$604,982	\$1,011,234	\$1,714,902	\$1,514,978	\$2,308,618
Disbursements	\$80,080,893	\$133,327,864	\$170,942,834	\$162,312,643	\$135,551,679
Cash-on-Hand	\$17,214,915	\$33,751,840	\$44,595,311	\$32,384,269	\$33,762,354
Contributions	\$1,482,167	\$2,681,143	\$2,180,471	\$1,699,125	\$1,224,673
Coord. Expend.	\$288,870	\$832,330	\$1,074,184	\$1,746,393	\$415,541

Note that Coordinated Expenditures are only made in General or Special Elections

Coordinated Expenditures

	Senate			House			Total
	Incumbents	Challengers	Open Seats	Incumbents	Challengers	Open Seats	
DNC							
87-88	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
85-86	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
83-84	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
81-82	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$578	\$578
79-80	\$1,244	\$47,676	\$0	\$18,397	\$26,643	\$1,434	\$95,394
DSCC							
87-88	\$747,760	\$117,099	\$13,530	\$1,300	\$0	\$0	\$879,689
85-86	\$300,000	\$90,000	\$74,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$464,000
83-84	\$117,095	\$172,865	\$17,358	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$407,318
81-82	\$105,350	\$84	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$105,434
79-80	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
DCCC							
87-88	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$228,375	\$67,634	\$37,027	\$333,036
85-86	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$63,625	\$25,508	\$4,129	\$93,262
83-84	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$296	\$148	\$444
81-82	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,736	\$1,668	\$50,173	\$56,577
79-80	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
State/Local							
87-88	\$29,788	\$43,685	\$4,596	\$34,076	\$33,844	\$43,259	\$189,248
85-86	\$22,133	\$1,231	\$0	\$51,466	\$17,046	\$17,510	\$109,386
83-84	\$0	\$14,610	\$0	\$25,493	\$28,118	\$22,544	\$90,765
81-82	\$0	\$122,053	\$0	\$11,230	\$14,025	\$10,850	\$158,158
79-80	\$3,586	\$24,232	\$0	\$1,888	\$28,405	\$2,500	\$60,611
Dam Total							
87-88	\$777,548	\$160,784	\$13,126	\$253,751	\$101,478	\$80,286	\$1,401,973
85-86	\$322,133	\$91,231	\$74,000	\$115,091	\$42,554	\$21,639	\$666,648
83-84	\$117,095	\$187,475	\$17,358	\$25,493	\$28,414	\$27,692	\$503,527
81-82	\$105,350	\$122,137	\$0	\$15,966	\$15,693	\$61,601	\$320,747
79-80	\$4,830	\$71,908	\$0	\$20,285	\$59,548	\$3,934	\$160,505
RNC							
87-88	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
85-86	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
83-84	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,954	\$1,820	\$5,774
81-82	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,886	\$0	\$77,609	\$80,495
79-80	\$2,666	\$3,589	\$5,000	\$24,338	\$4,941	\$48,441	\$88,975
NRSC							
87-88	\$808	\$193,428	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$194,236
85-86	\$86,681	\$1,564,247	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,650,928
83-84	\$453,025	\$13,032	\$459,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$925,357
81-82	\$55,000	\$435,920	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$490,920
79-80	\$4,053	\$183	\$100,952	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$105,188
NRCC							
87-88	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$105,932	\$592	\$100,906	\$207,430
85-86	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$17,066)	(\$19,541)	\$108,944	\$72,337
83-84	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,387	\$9,688	\$125,059	\$140,134
81-82	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,737	\$41,982	\$100,446	\$177,165
79-80	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,705	\$9,156	\$53,992	\$68,853
State/Local							
87-88	\$0	\$3,070	\$0	\$7,369	\$3,436	\$0	\$13,875
85-86	\$0	\$13,318	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$400	\$14,718
83-84	\$0	\$0	\$1,932	\$0	\$987	\$0	\$2,919
81-82	\$240	\$26,060	\$2,166	\$7,277	\$31,833	\$16,174	\$83,750
79-80	\$8,547	\$3,698	\$0	\$5,577	\$4,652	\$3,380	\$25,854
	\$808	\$196,498	\$0	\$113,301	\$4,028	\$100,906	\$415,541
	\$86,681	\$1,577,565	\$0	(\$16,066)	(\$19,541)	\$109,344	\$1,737,983
	\$453,025	\$13,032	\$461,232	\$5,387	\$14,629	\$126,879	\$1,074,184
	\$55,240	\$461,980	\$2,166	\$44,900	\$73,815	\$194,229	\$832,330
	\$15,266	\$7,470	\$105,952	\$35,620	\$18,749	\$105,813	\$288,870

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