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WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has released its semi-annual count of the number of PAC's registered with the agency. As of December 31, 1988, the total was 4,268, a net increase of 103 PAC's since the end of 1987. A report on PAC financial activity for the 1987-88 election cycle will be issued in the near future.

PAC GROWTH — FROM 1974

Date	Committee Type						Total
	Corporate	Labor	Trade/ Membership/ Health	Non-Connected	Cooperative	Corporation Without Stock	
12/31/74	89	201	318*				608
11/24/75 1/	139	226	357*				722
05/10/76 2/	294	246	452*				992
12/31/76	433	224	489*				1,146
12/31/77	550	234	438	110	8	20	1,360
12/31/78	785	217	453	162	12	24	1,653
08/00/79	885	226	483	206	13	27	1,840
12/31/79	950	240	514	247	17	32	2,000
07/01/80	1,107	255	544	309	23	41	2,279
12/31/80	1,206	297	576	374	42	56	2,551
07/01/81	1,253	303	579	441	38	64	2,678
12/31/81	1,329	318	614	531	41	68	2,901
07/01/82	1,417	350	627	628	45	82	3,149
12/31/82	1,469	380	649	723	47	103	3,371
07/01/83	1,514	379	664	740	50	114	3,461
12/31/83	1,538	378	643	793	51	122	3,525
07/01/84	1,642	381	662	940	53	125	3,803
12/31/84	1,682	394	698	1,053	52	130	4,009
07/01/85	1,687	393	694	1,039	54	133	4,000
12/31/85	1,710	388	695	1,003	54	142	3,992
07/01/86	1,734	386	707	1,063	56	146	4,092
12/31/86	1,744	384	745	1,077	56	151	4,157
07/01/87	1,762	377	795	967	56	152	4,109
12/31/87	1,775	364	865	957	59	145	4,165
07/01/88	1,806	355	766	1,066	60	143	4,196
12/31/88	1,816	354	786	1,115	59	138	4,268

1/ On November 24, 1975, the Commission issued Advisory Opinion 1975-23 "SUNPAC".
2/ On May 11, 1976, the President signed the Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1976, P.L. 94-283.
* For the years 1974-1976, these numbers represent all other political committees...no further categorization is available.

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