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## FEC FIGURES SHOW \$10.9 MILLION SPENT FOR 1989 SPECIAL ELECTIONS

WASHINGTON -- Forty-one candidates spent a total of \$10.9 million in the eight U.S. House special elections held in 1989. The sixteen candidates who survived initial primary races and participated in the final contests accounted for \$8.9 million of that total, with the two major political parties spending an additional \$592,303 on their behalf.

Special elections are unique in that they focus attention on a small number of Congressional districts at a time when no other national campaigns are underway. As a result, they often generate greater levels of spending than hotly contested open seat campaigns in regular election years. In the 1989 specials, for example, median spending among the sixteen major party finalists was \$551,852. Median spending by the 50 major party general election candidates in 1988 open seats was \$451,812.

Spending in 1989 specials was highest in Florida's 18th district, where five candidates spent a total of \$2.3 million. The two finalists spent \$1.8 million of that total and the two parties added an additional \$76,076. Texas' 12th district followed, with six candidates spending \$1.6 million, of which the two main contenders accounted for \$1.5 million. The parties spent another \$88,959. The least expensive special election was held in the 4th district of Indiana, where five candidates spent \$741,642, with the final two candidates spending a total of \$692,165, and the parties adding an additional \$76,534.

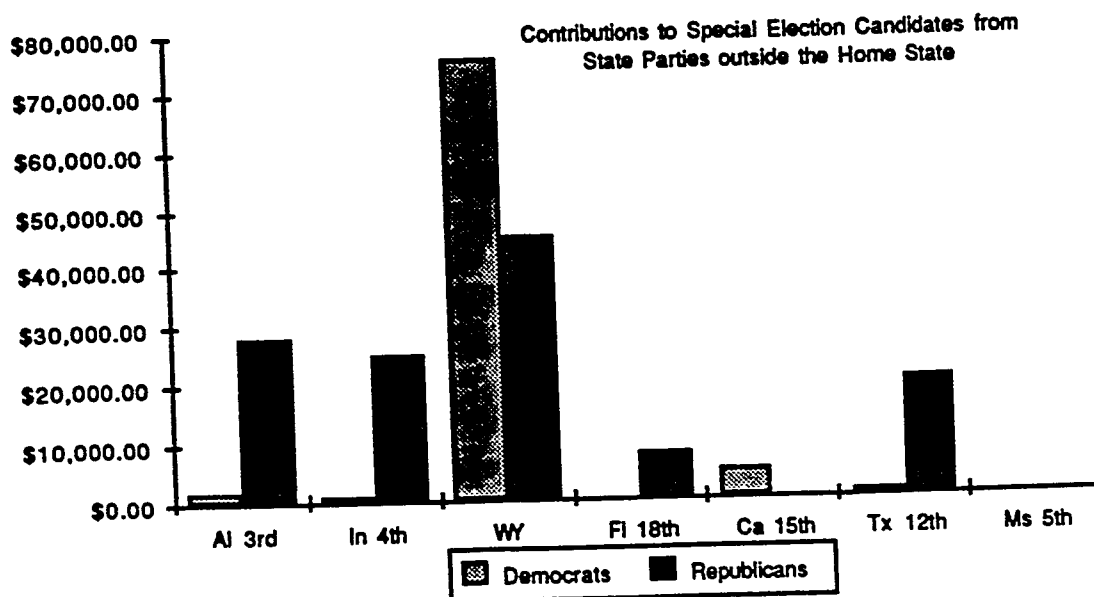
Major political party activity is also more focused in special elections during non-election years, as evidenced by their total contributions and coordinated expenditures of \$1,194,613 in the eight congressional districts. Contributions totalled \$602,310, while coordinated spending reached \$592,303 on the final contests. (Coordinated expenditures are separate from direct contributions to candidates. In the 1989 elections, national committees were limited to \$23,990 per race, as were the state parties.) Overall Republican party contributions and expenditures totalled \$754,330, compared to \$440,283 for Democratic party committees. Republican party financial activity was greater in each race and more than doubled the Democrats' efforts in Indiana and Florida.

An unusual aspect of political party participation in these races is the contributions made by state party committees throughout the country to races outside their states. While some of the finalists received no contributions from outside state party committees (Democratic candidates in Mississippi and Florida, and Republican candidates in Mississippi and California), others received substantial amounts. For the Democrats, John Vinich of Wyoming received the most - \$76,000 - from state party committees outside his state. Craig Thomas, also of Wyoming, was the Republican candidate who received the most out-of-state party money - \$45,000. This release includes a list of all state and national party committee contributions to special election finalists in 1989.

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PAC'S, along with other candidates' committees, contributed just over \$3 million to the 16 finalists, roughly one-third of the total amount raised. They gave \$1,678,671 to Democrats and \$1,077,195 to Republicans. (These figures do not include \$244,616 given to the two candidates in the Texas 18th race, who were both Democrats.) The candidates receiving the most support from these sources were Glen Browder (D-AL/03) and Preston Geren (D-TX-12). The race with the most PAC/other committee support was Wyoming, where the two finalists received \$503,745.

Tables on the following pages detail the major sources of revenues for each finalist's campaign through twenty days after the special election. This time period was chosen to provide as much consistency as possible among campaigns which were held on various dates and which covered time periods of differing durations.

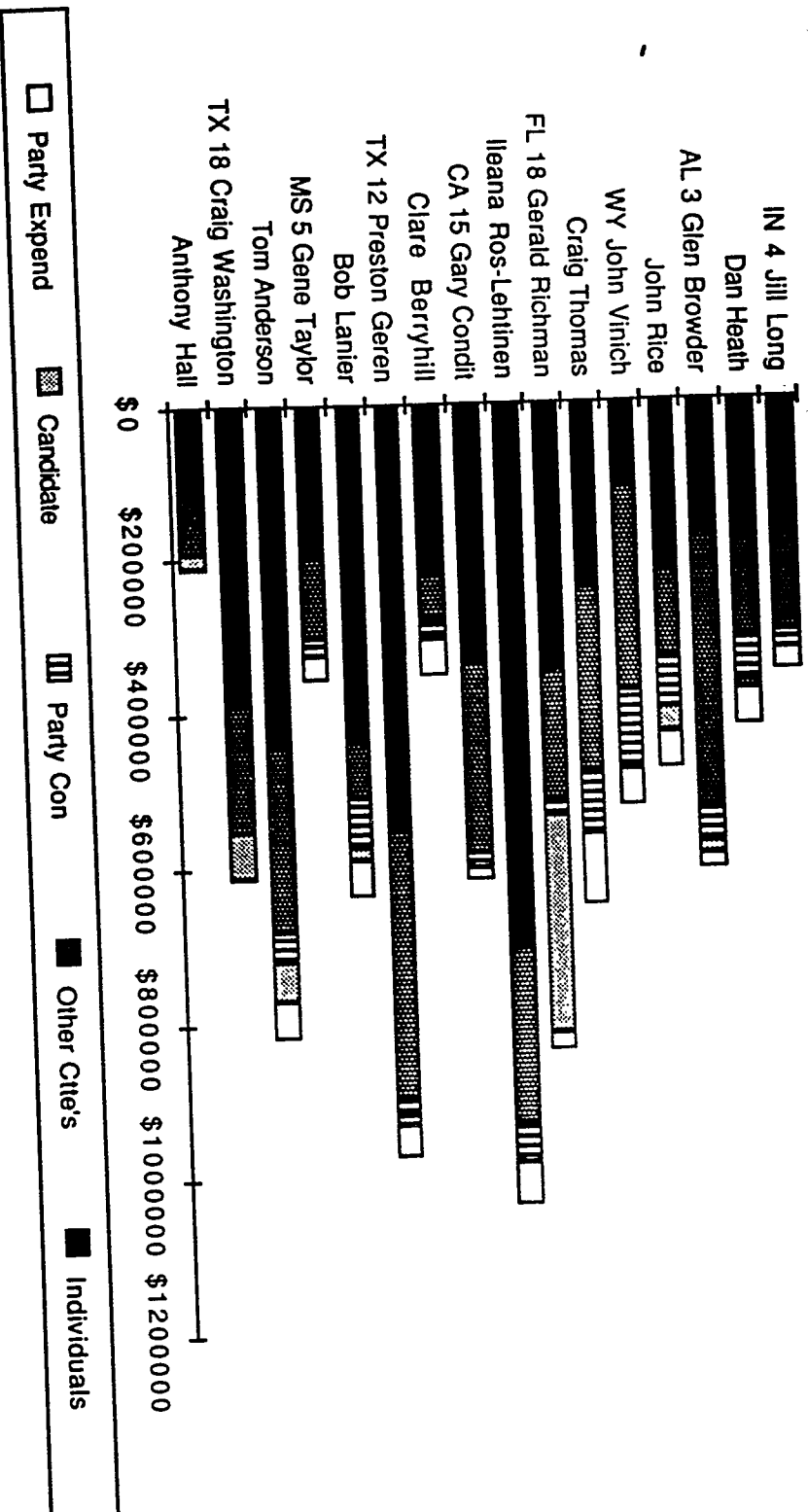


		Contributions From				Disbursements		Party Expenditures		Ending Date
Receipts		Individuals	Other Ctte's	Party	Candidate			Cash		
<b>Indiana 4th - March 28, 1989</b>										
Jill Long	Dem	\$326,025	\$122,582	\$182,763	\$20,050	\$0	\$313,724	\$12,736	\$28,560	4/17/89
Won 50.7%										
Dan Heath	Rep	\$393,716	\$182,014	\$131,200	\$53,995	\$10,500	\$378,441	\$15,276	\$47,974	4/17/89
Lost 49.3%										
<b>Alabama 3rd - April 4, 1989</b>										
Glen Browder	Dem	\$594,284	\$175,799	\$357,692	\$42,243	\$16,500	\$577,556	\$16,226	\$19,582	4/24/89
Won 65.3%										
John Rice	Rep	\$427,899	\$224,351	\$111,250	\$63,000	\$32,000	\$419,605	\$8,293	\$47,173	4/24/89
Lost 34.7%										
<b>Wyoming - April 26, 1989</b>										
John Vinich	Dem	\$485,494	\$112,594	\$266,400	\$101,000	\$0	\$479,705	\$5,788	\$47,980	5/16/89
Lost 43%										
Craig Thomas	Rep	\$564,142	\$244,319	\$237,345	\$80,038	\$0	\$526,148	\$37,993	\$92,191	5/16/89
Won 52.5%										
<b>Florida 18th - August 29, 1989</b>										
Gerald Richman	Dem	\$822,864	\$347,441	\$169,499	\$20,000	\$280,135	\$822,138	\$724	\$23,493	9/18/89
Lost 46.7%										
Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	Rep	\$1,001,618	\$709,261	\$222,757	\$49,696	\$1,000	\$987,090	\$16,173	\$52,583	9/18/89
Won 53.3%										
<b>California 15th - September 12, 1989</b>										
Gary Condit	Dem	\$610,864	\$337,808	\$247,767	\$17,500	\$0	\$598,677	\$12,186	\$17,739	10/2/89
Won 57.1%										
Clare Berryhill	Rep	\$301,861	\$225,521	\$55,810	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$298,706	\$3,154	\$47,941	10/2/89
Lost 35%										
<b>Texas 12th - September 12, 1989</b>										
Preston Geren	Dem	\$936,886	\$548,751	\$350,390	\$20,998	\$11,321	\$921,183	\$15,703	\$40,988	10/2/89
Won 51%										
Bob Lanier	Rep	\$632,067	\$433,492	\$76,950	\$64,817	\$15,000	\$600,613	\$31,453	\$47,971	10/2/89
Lost 49%										
<b>Mississippi 5th - October 17, 1989</b>										
Gene Taylor	Dem	\$336,860	\$200,489	\$104,160	\$10,000	\$12,600	\$334,205	\$8,873	\$30,150	11/6/89
Won 65%										
Tom Anderson	Rep	\$755,707	\$440,456	\$241,883	\$38,973	\$50,000	\$743,179	\$12,527	\$47,978	11/6/89
Lost 35%										
<b>Texas 18th - December 9, 1989</b>										
Craig Washington	Dem	\$621,761	\$385,661	\$166,116	\$0	\$62,201	\$619,120	\$25,858	\$0	12/31/89
Won 56.6%										
Anthony Hall	Dem	\$353,179	\$112,790	\$78,500	\$0	\$20,000	\$316,336	\$32,842	\$0	11/24/89
Lost 43.4%										
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# Resources of Special Election Candidates



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	Alabama 3rd	Indiana 4th	Wyoming	Florida 18th	California 15th	Texas 12th	Miss. 5th	Tex. 18th
<b>Democrate</b>								
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee	\$15,243	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$9,998	\$5,000	
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Democratic National Committee	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$5,000					
State Democratic Executive Committee of Alabama			\$1,000					
Democratic Party of Arkansas Federal Account			\$5,000		\$5,000			
Democratic State Central Committee of California			\$5,000					
Democratic State Central Committee of Colorado			\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000			
Democratic Executive Committee of Florida			\$5,000					
Idaho Democratic Party Federal Account		\$4,200	\$5,000					
Indiana Democratic Congressional Victory Committee			\$5,000					
Kansas Democratic State Committee			\$5,000					
Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana			\$5,000			\$1,000		
Michigan Democratic Party/Federal Account			\$5,000					
Nebraska Democratic Future Fund Committee			\$5,000					
New York State Democratic Committee-Federal Account			\$5,000					
North Carolina Democratic Victory Fund			\$5,000					
Ohio Democratic Party-Federal Campaign Account	\$2,000	\$850	\$5,000			\$5,000		
Democratic Party of Oregon			\$5,000					
Texas Democratic Party-Federal			\$5,000					
Democratic Party of Wisconsin Federal Account			\$5,000			\$20,998	\$10,000	
Wyoming State Democratic Central Committee	\$42,243	\$20,050	\$101,000	\$20,000	\$17,500			
<b>Total</b>								
<b>Republicans</b>								
National Republican Congressional Committee	\$10,000	\$9,995	\$10,038	\$12,196	\$5,000	\$9,817	\$8,973	
National Republican Senatorial Committee	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Republican National Committee	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	
Alabama Republican Party-Federal Account	\$5,000		\$5,000			\$5,000		
California Republican Party/Victory '88		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$9,500				
Colorado Republican Federal Campaign Committee				\$5,000				
Republican Party of Florida Federal Campaign Ctte								
Republican Party of Dade County								
Illinois Republican State Central Committee	\$5,000	\$5,000						
Indiana Republican State Central Committee	\$5,000	\$4,000						
Republican Party of Kentucky	\$5,000							
Louisiana Republican Party-Victory '90	\$5,000							
Massachusetts Republican State Committee	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$15,000	
Michigan Republican State Committee	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,000		\$5,000		
Mississippi Republican Party Capitol Foundation Cant	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000			\$5,000		
Missouri Republican State Committee-Federal Committee			\$5,000					
New Jersey Republican State Committee			\$5,000					
New York Republican Federal Campaign Committee		\$5,000	\$5,000			\$5,000		
Ohio Republican Party's Federal Candidates Campaign			\$5,000					
Republican Federal Committee of Pennsylvania	\$1,000		\$5,000			\$10,000		
Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee	\$1,000		\$5,000			\$5,000		
Texas Republican Congressional Committee								
Tarrant County Republican Victory Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000					
Republican Party of Virginia			\$5,000					
Washington State Republican Federal Campaign Committee			\$5,000					
Wyoming Republican State Committee	\$63,000	\$53,995	\$80,038	\$49,696	\$20,000	\$64,817	\$38,973	
<b>Total</b>								

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