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FEC ANNOUNCES 1990 PARTY SPENDING LIMITS

SENATE SPENDING TO RANGE FROM \$100,560 TO \$2.1 MILLION

WASHINGTON -- The amount of money national and state political parties may spend on behalf of their 1990 general election nominees has been announced today by the Federal Election Commission.

Amounts for Senate campaigns will range from a low of \$100,560 in Wyoming to a high of \$2,146,956 in California. Limits for most House races will be \$50,280.

These general election expenditures, known as "coordinated expenditures", are limited under the election law. The national committees of each political party have a set amount they may spend on behalf of each U.S. House and Senate candidate. Individual state party committees may spend similar amounts or may pass their limits to the national committees, effectively doubling the national committees' expenditure limits in those states or districts.

Coordinated expenditures are made in addition to direct contributions. They are allowed only with regard to the general election, and do not count as either contributions to candidates or as expenditures by candidates. Party committees may work with candidates' campaigns to determine how the money should be spent, but the campaigns do not receive the funds; the expenditures are reported directly by the party committees on special schedules on their financial disclosure reports.

The election law sets the limit for House races at \$10,000, plus a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). For 1990, the House limit is \$25,140, except in states with only one Representative, where the limit will be \$50,280.

The limits for Senate races are based on state voting age populations (VAP), with a base limit for states with smaller populations. The formula for determining a state's limit is:

$$\begin{array}{l} \$.02 \times \text{State VAP} + \text{Cost-of-Living} \\ \text{-or-} \\ \$20,000 + \text{Cost-of-Living} \end{array} \quad \text{whichever is greater}$$

The following page lists party expenditure limits for each state.

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1990 PARTY SPENDING LIMITS - SENATE ELECTIONS

State	VAP (Thousands)	1990 Party Spending Limits
Alabama	3,010	\$ 151,342.80
Alaska*	362	50,280.00
Arizona	2,575	129,471.00
Arkansas	1,756	88,291.68
California	21,350	1,073,478.00
Colorado	2,453	123,336.84
Connecticut	2,479	124,644.12
Delaware*	504	50,280.00
Florida	9,799	492,693.72
Georgia	4,639	233,248.92
Hawaii	825	50,280.00
Idaho	710	50,280.00
Illinois	8,678	436,329.84
Indiana	4,133	207,807.24
Iowa	2,132	107,196.96
Kansas	1,854	93,219.12
Kentucky	2,760	138,772.80
Louisiana	3,109	156,320.52
Maine	917	50,280.00
Maryland	3,533	177,639.24
Massachusetts	4,576	230,081.28
Michigan	6,829	343,362.12
Minnesota	3,224	162,102.72
Mississippi	1,852	93,118.56
Missouri	3,854	193,779.12
Montana	588	50,280.00
Nebraska	1,187	59,682.36
Nevada	833	50,280.00
New Hampshire	828	50,280.00
New Jersey	5,903	296,802.84
New Mexico	1,074	54,000.72
New York	13,600	683,808.00
North Carolina	4,929	247,830.12
North Dakota*	481	50,280.00
Ohio	8,090	406,765.20
Oklahoma	2,371	119,213.88
Oregon	2,123	106,744.44
Pennsylvania	9,199	462,252.72
Rhode Island	767	50,280.00
South Carolina	2,558	128,616.24
South Dakota*	519	50,280.00
Tennessee	3,685	185,281.80
Texas	12,038	605,270.64
Utah	1,076	54,101.28
Vermont*	425	50,280.00
Virginia	4,615	232,042.20
Washington	3,545	178,242.60
West Virginia	1,394	70,090.32
Wisconsin	3,612	181,611.36
Wyoming*	339	50,280.00

* indicates states with only one Representative.

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