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FEC RELEASES SUMMARIES OF 1977-78 U.S. SENATE
AND HOUSE CAMPAIGNS' FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON - November 3, 1978 - The Federal Election Commission today released updated figures which show that 1,919 Senate and House candidates have raised \$149.5 million and have spent \$138.2 million. (NOTE: Gross receipt and disbursement totals have been adjusted to eliminate transfers of funds between filers within the same campaign.)

The 257 Senate campaigns reported receipts of \$63.6 million and disbursements totalling \$61.8 million, while 1662 House candidates reported \$85.9 million in receipts and \$76.4 million in disbursements. The study further shows that 997 Democratic candidates raised \$83.1 million and spent \$76.5 million and that 693 Republican candidates received \$65.6 million and spent \$61.0 million. 229 minor party and independent candidates raised \$.8 million and spent \$.7 million.

414 Senate and House incumbents have raised \$58.4 million and have spent \$51.0 million in their re-election bids to date. Their 984 challengers have accumulated \$44.1 million and have spent \$42.2 million in attempts to unseat them. 521 candidates in open-seat races have collected \$47.0 million and have spent \$45.0 million.

Available itemized figures indicate that contributions in excess of \$100 from individuals accounted for the bulk of itemized receipts - \$32.9 million. Contributions to and expenditures on behalf of candidates from "PAC" groups amounted to \$17.9 million, while contributions to and expenditures on behalf of candidates by both Democratic and Republican party committees totalled \$4.8 million. Candidates have contributed to or loaned their campaigns \$16.9 million.

The FEC study includes summaries of financial activity reported by candidates and their authorized committees from January 1, 1977, through their last reports filed by October 27, 1978. Because information is entered into the FEC's computer system in stages, certain itemized information, such as categories and levels of contributions received, is complete -- for purposes of this study -- for those reports filed through October 10, 1978.

Figures in this FEC release update figures contained in an earlier version of the FEC study released on September 28, 1978.

Figures are presented separately for Senate and House candidates, delineated by Democrat/Republican/Minor party affiliation, and for Incumbent/Challenger/Open-seat candidates. Figures are provided in the following information categories: Gross receipts minus transfers in (from filers within the same campaign); Gross disbursements minus transfers out (to filers within the same campaign); Cash-on-hand figures as of January 1, 1977; Latest cash-on-hand; Levels of contributions from individuals; Loans received; Candidate loans and contributions; Contributions to and expenditures on behalf of candidates by "PAC" groups and party committees.

The Senate and House figures summarize the information reported by 1,919 candidate campaigns. Candidates included are those who have registered with the FEC and who have been certified by the appropriate state authorities as official Senate or House candidates in 1977 or 1978 primary, run-off, convention/caucus or general elections. The study does not provide information for any particular campaign; rather, it summarizes all activity reported as of the time period specified above and categorizes that summary information in broad terms.

A summary of the statistics compiled is listed on the next page.

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(Note: "-" indicates less than \$10,000)

EXCERPTS FROM FEC CANDIDATE STUDY - 11/3/78

(Figures in millions of dollars)

No. of candidates in each category listed in parentheses	RECEIPTS										ADJUSTED DISBURSEMENTS	LATEST CASH-ON-HAND
	Adjusted Receipts	Candidate Contributions	Candidate Loans	Individual Contributions \$101-499	Individual Contributions \$500 & UP	Other Loans	Party Contr. & expend. on behalf of	Non-Party "PAC" Cont. to & expend. on behalf of				
I. BY SEAT												
Senate												
Democrat (131)	\$ 33.6	\$ 1.6	\$ 3.9	\$ 2.8	\$ 7.2	\$.9	\$.4	\$ 2.4		\$ 32.2	\$ 1.4	
Republican (79)	29.7	.1	1.1	1.9	4.1	.7	1.0	2.2		29.4	1.4	
Other (47)	.3	.01	-	-	.02	0	0	-		.2	.04	
Senate Sub-Total (257)	63.6	1.7	5.0	4.7	11.3	1.6	1.4	4.6		61.8	2.8	
House												
Democrat (866)	49.5	1.9	4.8	4.4	6.4	.6	.8	8.6		44.3	8.0	
Republican (614)	35.8	.9	2.3	2.7	3.4	.5	2.6	4.7		31.6	7.2	
Other (182)	.6	.2	.05	.01	.02	-	-	-		.5	.06	
House Sub-Total (1662)	85.9	3.0	7.2	7.1	9.8	1.1	3.4	13.3		76.4	15.3	
GRAND TOTAL (1919)	149.5	4.7	12.2	11.8	21.1	2.7	4.8	17.9		138.2	18.2	
II. BY PARTY AFFILIATION												
Democrat (997)	83.1	3.5	8.7	7.2	13.6	1.5	1.2	11.0		76.5	9.5	
Republican (693)	65.6	1.0	3.4	4.6	7.4	1.2	3.6	6.9		61.0	8.6	
Other (229)	.8	.2	.06	.01	.04	-	-	-		.7	.1	
GRAND TOTAL (1919)	149.5	4.7	12.2	11.8	21.1	2.7	4.8	17.9		138.2	18.2	
III. BY CANDIDATE STATUS												
Incumbent (414)	58.4	.08	.6	5.5	7.5	.3	2.0	11.6		51.0	13.6	
Challenger (984)	44.1	3.1	4.5	2.6	5.9	1.2	1.4	3.0		42.2	2.4	
Open Seat (521)	47.0	1.5	7.1	3.7	7.7	1.2	1.4	3.3		45.0	2.2	
GRAND TOTAL (1919)	149.5	4.7	12.2	11.8	21.1	2.7	4.8	17.9		138.2	18.2	

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