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

WASHINGTON - January 30, 1979 - The Federal Election Commission today released updated figures which show that 1921 U.S. Senate and House candidates have raised \$198.5 million and have spent \$192.2 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 \$83.3 million and disbursements totaling \$82.6 million, while 1664 House candidates reported \$115.2 million in receipts and \$109.6 million in disbursements. The figures further show that 998 Democratic candidates raised \$106.0 million and spent \$101.3 million and that 694 Republican candidates received \$91.1 million and spent \$89.5 million. 229 minor party and independent candidates raised \$1.4 million and spent \$1.4 million.

414 Senate and House incumbents have raised \$78.6 million and have spent \$74.0 million in their re-election bids to date. Their 986 challengers accumulated \$60.2 million and spent \$59.9 million in attempts to unseat them. 521 candidates in open-seat races (where there was no incumbent running) collected \$59.7 million and spent \$58.3 million.

Available itemized figures indicate that contributions in excess of \$100 from individuals accounted for the bulk of itemized receipts - \$48.0 million. Contributions to and expenditures on behalf of candidates from "PAC" groups amounted to \$31.2 million, while contributions to and expenditures on behalf of candidates by both Democratic and Republican party committees totalled \$9.5 million. Candidates have contributed to or loaned their campaigns \$23.1 million.

The FEC figures include summaries of financial activity reported by candidates and their authorized committees from January 1, 1977, through November 27, 1978. Because information is computerized in two stages, all itemized information, such as categories and levels of contributions received, is complete only through the 10-day pre-General election period--October 23, 1978. All figures are INTERIM totals and are subject to change after all 1977-78 related reports and amendments have been received and computerized.

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 categories: gross receipts minus transfers from filers within the same campaign; gross disbursements minus transfers to filers within the same campaign; latest cash-on-hand; candidate contributions and loans, loans and contributions from individuals, contributions to and expenditures on behalf of candidates by party and non-party committees.

The first chart attached summarizes information reported by all 1921 federal candidates who have registered with the FEC and who were certified by the appropriate state authorities as official Senate or House candidates in any 1977-78 primary, run-off, convention/caucus or general elections. The second chart provides summary information for only those candidates who were registered with the FEC and who were on the November 1978 General election ballot. (All 1977-78 activity for those candidates is included.) The second chart shows that 1078 general election candidates raised \$156.6 million and spent \$150.6 million, with the average amount spent for Senate races thus far being \$.6 million and the average spending for House seats being \$.1 million.

Figures in this FEC release update figures contained in earlier releases from September and November 1978. Figures do not provide information for any particular campaign; rather, they summarize all activity reported in various categories.

January 1979	FEC INTERIM SUMMARY OF 1977-78 U.S. HOUSE & SENATE CAMPAIGNS					RECEIPT CATEGORIES					(in millions of dollars)	
	CANDIDATE CATEGORY	ADJUSTED RECEIPTS	ADJUSTED DISBURSEMENTS	LATEST CASH ON HAND	CANDIDATE CONTRIBUTIONS	CANDIDATE LOANS	OTHER LOANS	INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$101 - \$499	INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$500 & OVER	PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS & EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF	NON-PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF	
TOTAL: HOUSE & SENATE (1971)	198.5	192.2	13.5	6.4	16.7	4.2	17.2	30.8	9.5	31.2		
Senate Sub-Total (257)	83.3	82.6	2.06	2.2	7.3	2.6	7.3	17.4	3.7	8.5		
Democrat (131)	41.6	40.5	1.02	1.94	5.5	1.4	3.9	9.8	.7	4.1		
Republican (79)	41.2	41.6	1.02	.23	1.8	1.2	3.4	7.5	3.0	4.4		
Other (47)	.5	.5	.02	.03	.05	0	.02	.06	0	.004		
House Sub-Total (1664)	115.2	109.6	11.5	4.2	9.4	1.6	9.9	13.4	5.8	22.7		
Democrat (867)	64.3	60.8	6.4	2.9	6.4	.9	5.8	8.2	1.2	13.4		
Republican (615)	50.0	47.9	5.1	1.1	2.9	.7	4.1	5.2	4.6	9.3		
Other (182)	.9	.9	.02	.2	.1	.01	.03	.03	.02	.04		
Democrat (998)	106.0	101.3	7.4	4.8	11.8	2.3	9.7	18.0	1.9	17.4		
Republican (694)	91.1	89.5	6.1	1.4	4.7	1.9	7.5	12.7	7.6	13.7		
Other (229)	1.4	1.4	.04	.2	.2	.01	.05	.09	.02	.05		
Incumbent (414)	78.6	74.0	10.7	.2	.6	.5	7.6	10.4	3.4	18.2		
Challenger (986)	60.2	59.9	1.3	3.9	7.3	2.0	4.4	9.3	3.5	6.6		
Open Seat (521)	59.7	58.3	1.5	2.3	8.8	1.7	5.2	11.1	2.6	6.4		

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TOTAL: HOUSE & SENATE (1078)	156.6	150.6	12.6	2.1	8.8	2.7	13.8	23.4	9.2	28.8
Senate Sub-Total (111)	63.8	63.3	1.7	.5	4.0	1.7	5.7	13.4	3.6	7.7
Democrat (35)	26.4	25.6	.8	.4	2.8	.8	2.7	6.6	.6	3.5
Republican (33)	36.9	37.2	.9	.07	1.1	.9	3.0	6.7	3.0	4.2
Other (43)	.5	.5	.02	.03	.05	0	.02	.06	0	.004
House Sub-Total (967)	92.8	87.3	10.9	1.6	4.8	1.0	8.07	10.0	5.6	21.1
Democrat (423)	48.8	45.5	6.0	1.1	3.0	.5	4.42	5.5	1.2	12.1
Republican (384)	43.3	41.1	4.9	.4	1.7	.5	3.63	4.5	4.4	9.0
Other (160)	.7	.7	.02	.08	.1	.01	.02	.02	.02	.04
Democrat (458)	75.2	71.1	6.8	1.5	5.8	1.3	7.1	12.1	1.81	15.6
Republican (417)	80.2	78.3	5.8	.5	2.8	1.4	6.7	11.2	7.34	13.2
Other (203)	1.2	1.2	.04	.1	.2	.01	.05	.09	.02	.05
Incumbent (401)	77.0	72.5	10.5	.2	.6	.5	7.3	10.0	3.4	17.8
Challenger (516)	43.7	43.4	1.1	1.4	4.8	1.3	3.3	6.7	3.5	6.0
Open Seat (161)	35.9	34.7	1.0	.5	3.4	.9	3.2	6.7	2.3	5.0

BY SENATE  
 BY HOUSE  
 BY CHALLENGER  
 BY INCUMBENT  
 BY OPEN SEAT