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FEC RELEASES INFORMATION ON INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

WASHINGTON — In response to increasing press and public interest in the amount of money being spent independently for and against 1980 Presidential, Senate and House candidates, the Federal Election Commission has developed a new indexing program. The new indexes provide detailed information on all independent expenditures made by political committees, groups of persons, and individuals. Release of the new indexes was announced today by the Commission. They will be updated every week prior to the general election.

The first index is a summary guide. It is an alphabetical list of each committee or individual making independent expenditures. Beneath each committee/individual name are the names of the candidates on whose behalf (or against whom) expenditures were made and the total amount spent.

The second index gives basically the same information, with an itemization of when each expenditure was made and a microfilm location to direct you to the reported information for more detail. (This contrasts with the first index which merely totals all expenditures for a given candidate.)

A third index lists each candidate on whose behalf, or against whom expenditures have been made and gives a detailed account of the amounts spent for or against them by all committees or individuals. This index has three sections: House, Presidential, and Senate, with candidates listed alphabetically within each section.

The three indexes are available for both 1979-80 races and for 1977-78 campaigns. 1975-76 information is not available in the same index form.

Summary figures from the indexes show:

FOR 1979-80 (from January 1, 1979, through the early summer 1980)

- ***91 political committees, groups, and/or individuals spent a total of \$4,672,639 independently for or against 265 candidates.
- * \$3,118,116 was spent for 248 candidates by 77 different filers.
- * \$1,554,523 was spent against 17 candidates by 19 different filers.

FOR 1977-78

- ***82 political committees, groups, and/or individuals spent a total of \$317,455 independently for or against 215 candidates.
- * \$242,491 was spent for 192 candidates by 74 different filers.
- * \$ 74,964 was spent against 23 candidates by 11 different filers.

FOR 1975-76 (figures are approximated and unverified)

- \$2,033,201 was spent independently for or against 144 candidates.
- * \$1,646,540 was spent for or against Presidential candidates.
- * \$ 198,787 was spent for or against Senate candidates.
- * \$ 187,880 was spent for or against House candidates.
- * A total of \$1,974,025 was spent on behalf of candidates.
- * A total of \$ 59,182 was spent against candidates.

A chart on the information for 1979-80 and for 1977-78 follows on the next page. (1975-76 information is not provided in greater detail because the information cannot be verified at this time.)

The new indexes are available for research use in the Commission's Public Records Office, 1325 K St., NW, Washington, D.C. Questions concerning the information should be addressed to the FEC Press Office, (202) 523-4065, or toll free (800) 424-9530.

Definition of Independent Expenditure: "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by a person for a communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate which is not made with the cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in consultation with or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of such candidate. (11 C.F.R. 109.1(a)).

CANDIDATE TYPE	DEMOCRATS				REPUBLICANS				OTHER				SUBTOTALS					
	FOR		AGAINST		FOR		AGAINST		FOR		AGAINST		FOR		AGAINST			
	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#		
HOUSE	\$ 2,696	47	\$ 18,693	2	\$ 13,848	133	\$ 2,077	1	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 36,544	180	\$ 20,770	3	\$ 57,314	183
SENATE	\$ 16,810	12	\$ 928,889	8	\$ 20,756	44	\$ 3,374	1	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 37,566	56	\$ 932,263	9	\$ 969,829	62
PRESIDENTIAL	\$ 91,431	2	\$ 581,871	3	\$ 2,950,820	8	\$ 19,619	2	\$ 1,755	2	\$ 0	0	\$ 3,044,006	12	\$ 601,490	5	\$ 3,645,496	14
TOTAL	\$ 130,937	61	\$ 1,529,453	13	\$ 2,985,424	185	\$ 25,070	4	\$ 1,755	2	\$ 0	0	\$ 3,118,116	248	\$ 1,554,523	17	\$ 4,672,639	265

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("#" indicates number of candidates.)

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	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#		
HOUSE	\$ 28,725	55	\$ 31,034	7	\$ 70,701	83	\$ 5,298	5	\$ 7,404	14	\$ 0	0	\$ 106,830	152	\$ 36,332	12	\$ 143,162	164
SENATE	\$ 102,508	13	\$ 36,717	6	\$ 26,065	22	\$ 1,915	5	\$ 920	2	\$ 0	0	\$ 129,493	37	\$ 38,632	11	\$ 168,125	48
PRESIDENTIAL	\$ 4,142	2	\$ 0	0	\$ 1,726	1	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 6,168	3	\$ 0	0	\$ 6,168	3
TOTAL	\$ 135,375	70	\$ 67,751	13	\$ 98,492	106	\$ 7,213	10	\$ 8,324	16	\$ 0	0	\$ 242,491	192	\$ 74,964	23	\$ 317,455	215

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