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INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES APPROACH \$2 MILLION

WASHINGTON -- In the first 15 months of the 1982 election cycle, independent expenditures have approached \$2 million for Congressional races -- an amount nearly equal to the \$2.3 million spent in the entire 1979-80 cycle for U.S. Senate and House campaigns.

Preliminary data on independent expenditures covering 1981 and the first three months of 1982, was released today by the Federal Election Commission. It shows that 98% of the \$1.9 million in independent expenditures made thus far has been in opposition to 1982 Congressional candidates. Forty-four candidates have been the subject of "negative campaigns."

Under federal election law, an "independent expenditure" is money spent to support or defeat a clearly identified candidate. Such an expenditure must be made without cooperation or consultation with any candidate or campaign.

Unlike contributions to federal candidates, independent expenditures have no limits.

Although more than \$2 million has been spent independently since January 1, 1981, some of the spending (slightly more than \$100,000) was related to 1980 Presidential and Senatorial races. The balance - \$1.9 million - related to 1982 Congressional campaigns.

In 1979-80, more than \$16 million was spent independently. Most of that amount, \$13.7 million, pertained to the Presidential race. Of the remaining \$2.3 million spent on U.S. Senate and House candidates, "negative campaigns" accounted for 59%.

The information released by the FEC is in the form of three indexes which show the independent expenditure activity of 23 PAC's and 4 other political committees. To date, no reports have been filed by individuals making independent expenditures.

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Two of the FEC indexes are alphabetical lists of the committees making independent expenditures. One summarizes the activity of each committee and the candidates it has supported or opposed; the other provides itemized details of each expenditure.

The third index is an alphabetical list of candidates categorized by the office they are seeking. Each entry contains information on all committees which have made independent expenditures for or against the candidate's campaign.

These indexes will be updated monthly through the end of the year.

A summary chart of the FEC data appears on the following page. Also provided is a list of the ten PAC's which have spent the most money independently, as well as the campaigns which have had the most money spent for or against them.

Copies of the FEC Indexes on Independent Expenditures for the 1981-82 election cycle are available for use in the Commission's Public Records Office, 1325 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. That office is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Questions concerning information contained in this release or the indexes should be directed to the FEC Press Office: (202) 523-4065 or toll free (800) 424-9530.

The following political committees reported spending the most money independently on behalf of or against candidates:

1. National Conservative Political Action Committee	\$ 1,872,111
2. Independent Action	\$ 42,820
3. Life Amendment Political Action Committee, Inc.	\$ 28,692
4. Democrats for the 80's Inc.	\$ 20,104
5. League of Conservation Voters	\$ 14,318
6. Ohio Right to Life Society Inc. PAC	\$ 7,820
7. NRA Political Victory Fund	\$ 7,788
8. Progressive Political Action Committee (PROPAC)	\$ 4,802
9. Californians for Better Leadership	\$ 4,388
10. UAW-V-CAP (United Auto Workers)	\$ 3,408

Candidates for or against whom the most money was spent:

Senate

Edward M. Kennedy - D/MA	\$ 546,107	(For - \$ 500; Against - \$545,607)
Paul S. Sarbanes - D/MD	\$ 426,672	(For - \$20,634; Against - \$406,038)
John Melcher - D/MT	\$ 100,046	(Against)
Robert C. Byrd - D/WV	\$ 90,930	(Against)
Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. - R/CT	\$ 87,090	(Against)
Daniel P. Moynihan - D/NY	\$ 60,665	(Against)
**John C. Culver - D/IA	\$ 11,331	(For - \$10,930; Against - \$ 401)
Jesse Helms - R/NC	\$ 11,199	(Against)
Orrin Hatch - R/UT	\$ 10,705	(Against)
Harrison H. Schmitt - R/NM	\$ 10,705	(Against)
Malcolm Wallop - R/WY	\$ 10,705	(Against)

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House

Jim Wright - D/TX-12	\$ 216,960	(Against)
James R. Jones - D/OK-01	\$ 115,540	(Against)
Dan Rostenkowski - D/IL-08	\$ 57,507	(Against)
Robert W. Edgar - D/PA-07	\$ 12,459	(For - \$ 3,705; Against - \$ 8,754)
Paul Simon - D/IL-22	\$ 8,048	(Against)
Raymond P. Kogovsek - D/CO-03	\$ 7,521	(Against)
Stephen L. Neal - D/NC-05	\$ 7,390	(Against)
Neal Smith - D/IA-04	\$ 7,389	(Against)
James J. Florio - D/NJ-01	\$ 7,101	(Against)
Les Aspin - D/WI-01	\$ 6,054	(Against)

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION SUMMARY DATA: 1981-82 INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

JUNE 23, 1982

CANDIDATE TYPE	DEMOCRATS						REPUBLICANS						OTHER						SUBTOTALS						GRAND TOTAL	#*
	FOR	#	AGAINST	#	FOR	#	AGAINST	#	FOR	#	AGAINST	#	FOR	#	AGAINST	#	FOR	#	AGAINST	#						
HOUSE	\$ 9,422	18	\$ 478,764	18	\$ 11,170	15	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 20,592	33	\$ 478,764	18	\$ 499,356	50								
SENATE	\$ 36,227	11	\$ 1,249,152	25	\$ 861	9	\$ 141,328	9	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 37,088	20	\$ 1,390,480	34	\$ 1,427,568	47								
PRESIDENTIAL	\$ 568	1	\$ 932	1	\$ 84,611	1	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 85,179	2	\$ 932	1	\$ 86,111	2								
TOTAL	\$ 46,217	30	\$ 1,728,848	44	\$ 96,642	25	\$ 141,328	9	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 142,859	55	\$ 1,870,176	53	\$ 2,013,035	99								

* Number of candidates in this column is the actual number of candidates for or against whom expenditures have been made.
 Subtotal columns count several candidates twice since expenditures were made both for and against them.

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