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PARTY ACTIVITY SHOWS DECLINE

WASHINGTON — Financial activity for both major political parties is down nationwide for the 1985-86 election cycle, reversing the pattern set over the last four election cycles.

According to 18-month figures, (January 1, 1985, through June 30, 1986), released today by the Federal Election Commission, Democratic and Republican party committees across the country have reported raising and spending far less than they did during the same period in 1983-84. Their current cash situation rivals what the parties had on hand in 1982 at the start of the late primary and general election seasons.

The Republican Party currently holds a 5 - 1 financial advantage.

As the figures below reveal, nationwide activity by both parties increased steadily from 1977 to 1984, then dropped in 1986.

Activity of All Party Committees Through June of the Election Year
1977-78 1979-80 1981-82 1983-84 1985-86

Democrats					
Raised	\$14.40	\$17.50	\$24.80	\$59.70	\$35.10
Spent	\$13.60	\$15.50	\$24.20	\$52.10	\$33.60
Cash-on-Hand	\$2.00	\$2.70	\$3.00	\$9.80	\$3.20
Republicans					
Raised	\$49.60	\$96.10	\$161.20	\$207.70	\$186.10
Spent	\$42.40	\$83.10	\$134.10	\$171.10	\$158.50
Cash-on-Hand	\$8.50	\$17.90	\$33.80	\$44.60	\$32.30

(figures in millions of dollars)

Additional detail is provided on the next page for the activity of the national-level committees of each party. Both Democratic and Republican Senatorial Committees and the Democratic Congressional Committee have increased their activity, but not appreciably.

It is too early to detect any patterns in direct support of candidates (either in contributions or expenditures on their behalf), particularly since general election activity is just beginning in many states.

Activity of National-Level Party Committees Through June of the Election Year

	1979-80	1981-82	1983-84	1985-86
DNC Services				
Receipts	\$6,011,699	\$10,890,453	\$29,765,113	\$12,483,814
Disbursements	\$5,591,675	\$10,568,616	\$29,561,741	\$12,678,425
Cash-on-Hand	\$525,461	\$782,259	\$476,396	\$97,923
Contributions	\$9,500	\$17,500	\$14,000	\$20,500
Coord. Expend.	\$95,394	\$106,735	\$9,480	\$343,348*

DSCC				
Receipts	\$841,342	\$2,149,199	\$5,498,475	\$7,563,934
Disbursements	\$511,928	\$2,196,284	\$3,671,675	\$5,963,800
Cash-on-Hand	\$369,292	\$43,570	\$1,850,655	\$1,814,379
contributions	\$166,000	\$445,000	\$329,050	\$382,596
Coord. Expend.	\$0	\$105,434	\$407,318	\$194,000

DCCC				
Receipts	\$1,245,171	\$4,001,307	\$7,441,121	\$8,742,135
Disbursements	\$942,914	\$4,058,653	\$6,616,716	\$8,791,834
Cash-on-Hand	\$333,971	\$13,867	\$939,370	\$248,852
Contributions	\$34,403	\$226,900	\$298,999	\$361,858
Coord. Expend.	\$4,500	\$56,577	\$444	\$93,262

* Expenditures for 1980 and 1984 Presidential candidates.

	1979-80	1981-82	1983-84	1985-86
RNC				
Receipts	\$47,833,132	\$65,759,810	\$75,232,100	\$64,164,712
Disbursements	\$33,887,705	\$58,877,265	\$64,436,824	\$55,819,076
Cash-on-Hand	\$6,829,044	\$7,968,914	\$11,104,057	\$10,012,354
Contributions	\$186,973	\$565,084	\$232,730	\$110,808
Coord. Expend.	\$88,975	\$80,495	\$5,774	—

NRSC				
Receipts	\$11,182,448	\$34,797,578	\$60,084,572	\$65,811,366
Disbursements	\$8,112,399	\$28,561,042	\$51,272,959	\$51,531,143
Cash-on-Hand	\$3,375,760	\$6,379,040	\$10,374,886	\$13,842,368
Contributions	\$128,000	\$339,937	\$504,023	\$525,787
Coord. Expend.	\$105,188	\$490,920	\$925,357	\$1,650,928

NRCC				
Receipts	\$22,331,105	\$45,690,592	\$41,964,626	\$28,292,589
Disbursements	\$20,867,778	\$32,757,942	\$32,329,398	\$26,079,728
Cash-on-Hand	\$2,350,526	\$16,966,705	\$14,969,954	\$3,972,234
Contributions	\$957,509	\$1,603,988	\$1,304,379	\$793,937
Coord. Expend.	\$68,853	\$177,165	\$140,134	\$62,441

Note that Coordinated Expenditures are only made in General or Special Elections

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