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## VERMONT SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE JOINS FEC STATE ACCESS PROGRAM

WASHINGTON--Vermont Secretary of State James H. Douglas announced that his office has joined the Federal Election Commission in a cooperative effort to broaden public access to Federal campaign finance information.

His office has become part of the FEC State Access Program which provides direct computer access to the Commission's campaign finance data base. The information is made available to the public through the Secretary of State's office.

The FEC State Access Program provides data on both political committees and federal candidates. One index shows all reports filed by committees for Congressional and Presidential candidates, total receipt and disbursement figures, the names of PACs that have contributed to the campaign and the amount of those contributions. Another index offers information on political committees, such as the frequency with which they file reports, any sponsoring organization and total receipt and disbursement figures. A listing of all federal candidates who have received money from a given PAC can be found on a separate index. In the near future, an index listing individuals who contribute \$500 or more to candidates for federal office will be available.

The Federal Election Commission anticipates that some 25 states will be taking part in the FEC State Access Program before the 1988 election.

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