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FEC RELEASES 1990 MID-YEAR PAC COUNT

WASHINGTON -- Despite reductions in three of the largest categories of political action committees, the total number of PAC registrations increased slightly to 4,192, according to a Federal Election Commission survey taken June 30, 1990.

The increase of 14 PAC registrations since the beginning of 1990 was fueled by a gain of 55 non-connected committees while losses occurred in the categories of trade/membership/health (-24) and corporate (-14). Registration activity among the other categories included: labor (-3); cooperative (-1) and corporation without stock (+2). Since mid-1989, overall PAC registrations have fallen by 42 committees.

Corporate PACs remained the largest category with 1,782 committees, followed by non-connected, 1,115; trade/membership/health, 753; labor, 346; corporation without stock, 139; and cooperative, 58.

PACs, which are not candidate or party committees, must register and report to the FEC when their financial activity exceeds \$1,000 during a calendar year. Corporate and labor PACs must register when established.

A caution - this release concerns only a count of federally registered PACs. Registration does not necessarily imply financial activity.

PAC GROWTH - FROM 1974 (semi-annual)

JULY 1990

Date	Committee Type						Total
	Corporate	Labor	Trade/ Membership/ Health	Non- Connected	Cooperative	Corporation w/out Stock	
12/31/74	89	201	318*				608
11/30/75	139	226	357*				722
05/18/76	294	246	452*				992
12/31/76	433	224	485*				1,146
12/31/77	550	234	438	110	8	20	1,360
12/31/78	785	217	453	162	12	24	1,653
06/30/79	865	226	463	206	13	27	1,840
12/31/79	950	240	514	247	17	32	2,000
07/01/80	1,107	255	544	309	23	41	2,279
12/31/80	1,206	297	576	374	42	56	2,551
07/01/81	1,253	303	579	441	38	64	2,678
12/31/81	1,329	318	614	531	43	68	2,901
07/01/82	1,417	350	627	628	45	82	3,149
12/31/82	1,469	380	649	723	47	103	3,371
07/01/83	1,514	379	664	740	50	114	3,461
12/31/83	1,538	378	643	793	51	122	3,525
07/01/84	1,642	381	662	940	53	125	3,803
12/31/84	1,682	394	698	1,053	52	130	4,009
07/01/85	1,687	393	694	1,039	54	142	3,992
12/31/85	1,710	388	695	1,003	54	146	4,092
07/01/86	1,734	386	707	1,063	56	151	4,157
12/31/86	1,744	384	745	1,077	56	152	4,109
07/01/87	1,762	377	795	967	56	145	4,185
12/31/87	1,775	364	865	957	59	143	4,196
07/01/88	1,806	355	766	1,066	60	138	4,268
12/31/88	1,816	354	786	1,115	59	143	4,234
07/01/89	1,802	349	831	1,051	58	137	4,178
12/31/89	1,796	349	777	1,060	59	139	4,192
07/01/90	1,782	346	753	1,115	58	139	4,192

* On November 24, 1975, the Commission issued Advisory Opinion 1975-23 "SONPAC".
 † On May 11, 1976, the President signed the Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1976, P.L. 94-283.
 ‡ For the years 1974-1976, these numbers represent all other political committees...no further categorization is available.

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