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FEC RELEASES 1991 YEAR-END PAC COUNT

WASHINGTON -- The total number of registered political action committees fell to 4,094 - its lowest level since mid-1986, according to a semi-annual survey taken December 31, 1992 by the Federal Election Commission.

The number of cooperative PACs registered remained the same, 57, while all other categories of PACs declined. Registration activity among the other categories included: corporate, -7; labor, -1; trade/membership/health, -7; non-connected, -13; and corporations without stock, -1.

Corporate PACs remained the largest category with 1,738 committees, followed by non-connected, 1,083; trade/membership/health, 742; labor, 338; corporation without stock, 136; and cooperative, 57.

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

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

FEC COUNT - 1974 TO PRESENT
 (semi-annual)

December 1991

Date	Committee Type						Total
	Corporate	Labor	Trade/ Membership/ Health	Non- Connected	Cooperative	Corp. without stock	
12/31/74	89	211	386				686
11/30/75	139	228	352				722
05/30/76	254	244	432				930
12/31/76	433	234	488				1,155
12/31/77	350	234	438	110	8	20	1,160
12/31/78	285	217	453	362	12	24	1,353
08/01/79	285	228	483	216	13	27	1,392
12/31/79	350	240	514	247	17	32	1,600
07/01/80	1,127	255	544	309	23	41	2,299
12/31/80	1,206	287	536	374	42	56	2,501
07/01/81	1,253	308	529	441	38	64	2,633
12/31/81	1,329	328	414	531	41	88	2,931
07/01/82	1,247	350	627	628	45	82	3,140
12/31/82	1,449	380	649	723	47	105	3,313
07/01/83	1,514	379	644	740	50	114	3,441
12/31/83	1,538	378	643	793	51	122	3,525
07/01/84	1,642	381	642	940	53	125	3,803
12/31/84	1,682	384	698	1,053	52	130	4,009
07/01/85	1,687	383	694	1,059	54	133	4,000
12/31/85	1,720	388	685	1,005	54	142	3,990
07/01/86	1,734	386	707	1,083	56	146	4,012
12/31/86	1,744	384	745	1,077	56	151	4,157
07/01/87	1,782	377	785	967	56	152	4,309
12/31/87	1,775	364	885	957	59	145	4,386
07/01/88	1,806	355	766	1,064	60	143	4,394
12/31/88	1,816	354	786	1,115	59	138	4,358
07/01/89	1,802	349	831	1,051	58	143	4,394
12/31/89	1,796	349	777	1,080	59	137	4,396
07/01/90	1,782	346	753	1,115	58	139	4,393
12/31/90	1,785	346	774	1,082	59	136	4,172
07/01/91	1,745	339	749	1,086	57	137	4,123
12/31/91	1,738	338	742	1,083	57	136	4,094

* For 1974-76, these numbers represent all other PACs...no further categorization is available.
 ** On November 24, 1975, the Commission issued Advisory Opinion 1975-23 "SUNPAC".
 *** On May 11, 1976, Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1976 (P.L. 94-203) were enacted.

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