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FEC RELEASES INDEX OF 1977-78 INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

WASHINGTON - NOVEMBER 3, 1978 - The Federal Election Commission today released a report on independent expenditures made on behalf of U.S. House and Senate candidates during the 1978 Congressional election cycle.

The Index of Independent Expenditures lists 18 Senate and 51 House candidates for or against whom independent expenditures have been made. Based upon reports filed as of October 10, 1978, the total amount of money spent independently to influence federal elections currently is \$104,901.

An independent expenditure is an expenditure made by a person or group of persons "for a communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate." The expenditure must be made without any consultation or coordination with the candidate or his/her campaign committee(s) or staff.

Independent expenditures are reported at the end of the reporting period in which they are made; with the exception of those made less than 15 days, but more than 24 hours prior to an election, in which case, they are reportable within 24 hours.

The following is a listing of 10 candidates for or against whom the most money was spent:

CANDIDATE	OFFICE/STATE	FOR	AGAINST	TOTAL
James H. Buckley (D)	House TX/11	-0	9,795	9,795
William S. Foley (D)	House WA/05	-0	6,675	6,675
William Faucheux (D)	House LA/01	6,076	-0	6,076
Donald M. Fraser (DFL)	Senate MN	183	5,765	5,948
Sam A. Nunn, Jr. (D)	Senate GA	5,470	-0	5,470
Abner J. Mikva (D)	House IL/10	-0	4,825	4,825
Marvin Leath (D)	House TX/11	4,454	-0	4,454
Walter D. Huddleston (D)	Senate KY	-0	3,682	3,682
Robert E. Short (DFL)	Senate MN	3,156	-0	3,156
Bill Frenzel (R)	House MN/03	3,118	-0	3,118

The following is a listing of the 10 political committees which have reported the greatest dollar amounts in independent expenditures:

COMMITTEE	FOR	AGAINST	TOTAL
American Medical PAC	42,359	-0	42,359
National Conservative PAC	616	9,729	10,345
5th District Political Research Committee	-0	6,675	6,675
Plaquemines Campaign Fund - Faucheux	6,076	-0	6,076
NRA Political Victory Fund	-0	4,825	4,825
Brown Committee for Marvin Leath	4,454	-0	4,454
Minnesota Gun Owners' Political Victory Fund	-0	4,072	4,072
Cook County Concerned Citizens	-0	1,693	1,693
Conservative Caucus 2nd CD of So. Dakota	1,505	-0	1,505
Our United Republic PAC	1,178	-0	1,178

Copies of the Index of Independent Expenditures are available in the Press Office, Room 401, 1325 K St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20463.