

# Democrats Ask Election Financing

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A Democratic Party spokesman, rejecting President Nixon's campaign reform recommendations as inadequate, called on the Chief Executive yesterday to endorse public financing of future elections as the one sure way to end "political payola."

Sen. John O. Pastore (D-R.I.), in a radio reply to Mr. Nixon's speech on campaign reform last week, said the administration proposals would leave presidential campaigns "the private preserve of the rich and powerful interests."

Pastore, a principal sponsor of the existing \$1 income tax checkoff plan for public finance of the 1976 presidential campaign, took strong exception to Mr. Nixon's charge that public financing "is taxation

without representation."

"Taxation without representation is precisely what you have when you have corruption," Pastore said. "Too many big contributors and their viewpoints are all too often translated to public policy which, in turn, fattens the fat cats."

"The raid upon the Treasury is not to be found in the dollar checkoff which is freely the choice of the taxpayer—the real raid on the Treasury is the special favors being meted out to those who give big in order to receive big," Pastore said.

The Democratic spokesman urged support for a pending Senate bill, which would provide tax funds for all campaigns for federal office, while applying tighter contribution and spending limit.

Mr. Nixon, in a message last week, opposed additional public financing, urged higher contribution limits than the pending bill would allow, and called for principal reliance on full public disclosure of the private sources of campaign funds.

Pastore argued that the 1972 law he helped write already outlaws "secret money to finance federal elections," but said that "full disclosure in itself is just not enough."

"We had a taste of that in the 1972 campaign," Pastore said, "when, with a full disclosure law on the books, millions upon millions of dollars were secretly contributed for public favor."