

Senate Campaigns For Contributions

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Congressional elections are eight months away, but many of the senators who will be running then have been campaigning already—for contributions to build up their political treasuries.

Six senators—four Demo-

crats and two Republicans—reported contributions of more than \$200,000 apiece as the election year began. Nine senators had collected a total of more than \$2.1 million, according to reports filed with the secretary of the Senate.

Thirty-four Senate seats will be at stake in the November balloting, but six members have announced retirement, leaving 28 incumbents to campaign for new terms.

Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) and Sen. Richard Schweiker (R-Pa.) were the leading early fund-raisers. Cranston raised \$338,100 in cash last year, more than half of it after September. He reported \$88,000 in pledges. Schweiker reported raising \$339,165 in cash.

Other senators topping \$200,000 were Democrat Adlai E. Stevenson III of Illinois, \$280,374; Republican Bob Dole of Kansas, \$273,438; Democrat Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii, a member of the Senate Watergate committee, \$270,473; and Democrat Thomas F. Eagleton of Missouri, \$236,520.

Three others had raised more than \$100,000 almost a year in advance of the election. They are Republicans Peter H. Dominick of Colorado and Henry L. Bellmon of Oklahoma and Democrat Frank Church of Idaho.

Most of the senators in the \$100,000-or-over class raised the greater part of their contributions through fund-raising dinners in the fall, but several also had large individual contributors.