

# AMA Gave \$1.5 Million to Candidates

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The American Medical Association's national and state political arms have contributed in excess of \$1.5 million to more than 300 congressional candidates since the elections two years ago.

The bulk of the money went to better than half of the House—223 incumbents who got \$1,169,421, according to a Washington Post tabulation.

Of the 223 representa-

tives, 114 are sponsors of the AMA proposal for national health insurance, called Medicare. The 95 Republicans among the sponsors got \$624,461 and the 19 Democrats \$97,400, for a total of \$721,861. In the Senate, six GOP Medicare sponsors were listed for \$70,574 and one Democratic sponsor for \$10,000.

The American Medical Political Action Committee (AMPAC) and 38 state and local affiliates reported the contributions in the next-to-

the-last reports required to be filed before the Nov. 5 election, and in earlier reports covering the period since Nov. 7, 1972. Federal election-law supervisors have not yet received and processed reports from 13 AMPAC affiliates, most of them small.

The AMPAC units reported cash on hand of \$702,192 as of Oct. 14, the day the books were closed. In contrast, the political arms of the three largest dairy cooperatives had

\$2,253,669, or more than three times as much. But they have contributed a relatively low \$269,540 since election day in 1972, exclusive of refunds.

The milk money, of which \$90,105 was distributed between Sept. 1 and Oct. 14, went to 25 House Democrats, 24 House Republicans, 9 Democratic senators, two GOP senators, seven non-incumbent House candidates,

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and one non-incumbent Senate candidate.

The largest of the milk cops, C-TAPE, an arm of Associated Milk Producers, Inc., of San Antonio, said in August that it was prepared to contribute up to \$1.5 million to congressional candidates this year, should that be necessary to combat imports of dairy products.

An AMPI official made the statement 30 days after pleading guilty to dispensing hundreds of thousands of dollars from the corporate treasury to curry favor with Democratic and GOP politicians in the previous three elections.

The dairy units, which include Dairymen, Inc.'s SPACE, and Mid-America Dairymen, Inc.'s ADEPT, as well as C-TAPE, and the AMPAC units are at the pinnacle of special interests with large amounts of money to give candidates.

Indeed, some candidates are heavily reliant on these and other special interests for their financing. Some examples:

Rep. David R. Bowen (D-Miss), a member of the House Agriculture dairy subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over milk price supports, is the leading beneficiary of milk gifts, with \$32,000, and also got \$2,100 from AMPACs. His principal re-election committee's receipts in 1974 totaled \$40,371.

Medicredit sponsor Richard Fulton (D-Tenn.), who is unopposed in next month's election, is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over health insurance. He has received \$5,000 from AMPACs and \$2,500 from the oral surgeons' political arm. His main committee receipts in 1974 total \$31,647.

Another Medicredit sponsor, fellow Tennessean, and Ways and Means member, Republican John Duncan, got \$2,000 from AMPACs and \$1,000 from SPACE; his main re-election committee listed \$974 income of \$5,962.

A GOP member of the House Agricultural Committee, Bob Price (R-Tex.), also a Medicredit sponsor, got \$7,700 from milk units and \$12,200 from AMPACs. His



REP. RICHARD FULTON



REP. DAVID R. BOWEN

... among recipients of AMA donations

principal committee listed 1974 receipts of \$198,499.

Rep. Leonor K. Sullivan (D-Mo.), chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, which had jurisdiction over legislation to require a significant proportion of imported oil to be carried in American tankers, listed \$6,500 from three maritime union political units. Her election committees' income in 1974 was \$16,550.

Among non-incumbent candidates, Steve Babcock, a Minnesota Democrat, contributed \$10,500 to his own campaign and got \$5,000 from C-TAPE, \$4,500 from a National Education Association affiliate, and \$750 from an AMPAC unit, for a total of \$20,750—more than half the 1974 receipts listed by his main committee.

Among 21 Ways and Means Committee members seeking re-election, 12 have received a total of \$69,000 from AMPACs. The leader is Rep. Joel T. Broyhill (R-Va.), \$13,100. Rep. Omar Burleson (D-Tex.), \$8,000, was unopposed in the primary, and is unopposed now.

The committee has before it several health insurance proposals opposed by the AMA. Its Medicredit basically would make it easier, through a system of tax credits, to pay medical bills, but would continue domination of the health-care system by physicians.

In the Senate, the committee with primary jurisdiction over health insurance, Finance, has two GOP mem-

bers who are Medicredit sponsors and who have received funds from AMPACs — Bob Dole (Kan.), \$8,600, and Bob Packwood (Ore.), \$14,274. Henry Bellmon (R-Okla.), who is not a Medicredit sponsor, was listed for more than either — \$19,000.

Other leading recipients of AMPAC funds include House Medicredit sponsors David Towell (R-Nev.), \$30,300, Bob Mathias (R-Calif.), \$18,200, Edward R. Madigan (R-Ill.), \$17,500, and Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska), \$21,200.

Leading beneficiaries of contributions from the dairy units include Rep. Ed Jones (D-Tenn.), chairman of the House Agriculture dairy subcommittee, who is unopposed, \$12,000 (plus \$6,700 from AMPACs), and member George E. Brown (D-Calif.), \$1,000. Rep. Frank Stubblefield (D-Ky.), also a member, got \$5,000 but lost in the primary.

The Senate counterpart is headed by Walter Huddleston (D-Ky.), whose term runs to 1979. He got \$15,000. Ex-officio member Herman Talmadge (D-Ga.) got \$10,000. Members Dick Clark (D-Iowa), whose term also runs to 1979, was listed for \$7,500, and Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), whose term runs to 1977, \$4,350.

Dairy contributions since Sept. 1 have increased the co-operatives' totals for Sen. Marlow W. Cook (R-Ky.) to \$15,250; for Rep. Frank Denholm (D-S.D.), a member of the House Agriculture Committee, to \$7,700 (a Medicredit sponsor, he also got \$8,

000 from AMPACs); for Rep. Vernon W. Thomson (R-Wis.) \$8,250 (also a Medicredit sponsor, he got \$8,500 from AMPACs), and for non-incumbent House candidate Richard Franks (D), of Springfield, Mo., to \$6,000.

Listed below are principal recipients of funds from AMPACs, with contributions from dairy units given in parentheses. An asterisk denotes a Medicredit sponsor.

### House Incumbents

**Democrats** — David Bowen\* (Miss.), \$2,100 (\$32,000); Yvonne Burke (Calif.), \$7,400; Omar Burleson\* (Tex.), \$8,000; Bob Casey\* (Tex.), \$10,000; Frank Denholm\* (S.D.), \$8,000 (\$7,700); John Flynt Jr. (Ga.), \$8,000; Bo Ginn (Ga.), \$8,000; Richard Ichord\* (Mo.), \$8,500 (\$2,000); Ed Jones\* (Tenn.), \$6,700 (\$12,000); Joseph W. Karth (Minn.), \$10,000.

Phil Landrum (Ga.), \$10,000; Jerry L. Lifton (Mo.), \$8,000 (\$12,340); John McFall (Calif.), \$7,400; Dale Milford\* (Tex.), (\$9,000); J. J. Pickle (Tex.), \$8,000; Charles Wilson\* (Calif.), \$12,200.

**Republicans** — James Abdnor\* (S.D.), \$10,000 (\$4,500); LaMar Baker\* (Tenn.), \$14,500 (\$2,250); Robert Bauman (Md.), \$14,100; Robin Beard\* (Tenn.), \$11,600 (\$3,000); Ben Blackburn\* (Ga.), \$14,300; Clarence Brown (Ohio), \$10,000; Garry Brown\* (Mich.), \$10,000; Joel T. Broyhill\* (Va.), \$13,100; Tim Carter (Ky.), \$8,000; William Cohen (Maine), \$8,000 (\$3,000); James Collins (Tex.), \$10,000; John B. Conlan\* (Ariz.), \$13,600; David Dennis (Ind.), \$8,000.

Sam Devine\* (Ohio), \$8,000; Marvin Esch\* (Mich.), \$12,500; Harold Froehlich\* (Wis.), \$8,500; Robert Hanrahan\* (Ill.), \$10,500; Elwood Hillis\* (Ind.), \$9,000; Marjorie Holt\* (Md.), \$7,200; Robert Huber\* (Mich.), \$14,000; William Hudnut\* (Ind.), \$17,000; Dan Kuykendall\* (Tenn.), \$15,400; Earl Landgrebe (Ind.), \$10,000; Robert McClory (Ill.), \$7,000; Paul McCloskey (Ill.), \$10,000; Edward Madigan\* (Ill.), \$17,500.

Dave Martin (Neb.), who lost in a primary, \$17,500; Bob Mathias (Calif.), \$18,200; Don Mitchell (N.Y.), \$8,200; George O'Brien (Ill.), \$7,500; Stanford Parris (Va.), \$10,400; Peter Pysner (N.Y.), \$10,000; Bob Price (Tex.), \$12,200 (\$7,700); John Rhodes (Ariz.), \$15,200; William Schele (Iowa), \$12,000 (\$3,100); Floyd Spence (S.C.), \$8,000; Alan Steelman (Tex.), \$10,000.