

Sen. Baker's Unattributed Financing

Washington

Senator Howard Baker Jr. tapped undisclosed sources for \$185,000 in his re-election campaign last year before the full-reporting requirements became effective on April 7, 1972, under the new federal election law.

The unattributed funds represent about a sixth of his \$1.1 million fund for the full year, as reported to the secretary of the Senate.

Baker, a Tennessee Republican and vice chairman of the Senate's Watergate committee, is the only member of the seven-man panel who was up for re-election last year and whose campaign financing was thus subject to the more stringent reporting requirements of the new law.

A spokesman for Baker said yesterday that the senator's 1972 campaign was in "total compliance" with the law. The spokesman here and Baker's campaign treasurer in Tennessee both doubted that they would volunteer to go beyond the law and name all the contributors of early funds, including the results of a Washington fund-raising affair in January or February, 1972.

Dortch Oldham, a Nashville businessman who was Baker's chief fund-raiser in Washington. He said he thought it would be "unfair to the troops" to name those who gave money — assuming they did so secretly — before April 7.

Common Cause, the citizens' lobby, is pressing a suit to make President Nixon's campaign committee disclose the names of those who gave about \$20 million in the same pre-April 7 period.

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