

Pastore Criticizes Nixon Proposals For Vote Reforms

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP) — Senator John O. Pastore, Democrat of Rhode Island, said today that the most serious defect in President Nixon's campaign reform proposals was his opposition to public financing.

"Public funds for the public campaigns of public officials make good sense if we want to end political payola," Senator Pastore said.

He called the Watergate scandals "conclusive proof that the present system of private financing breeds corruption."

Senator Pastore was on all major radio networks as the spokesman for the Democratic Congress in reply to the proposals that Mr. Nixon advanced a week ago in his message to Congress and on a nationwide broadcast.

"Let us not be misled by those who claim that public financing is taxation without representation and a raid on the Federal Treasury," Mr. Pastore said. "Taxation without representation is precisely what you have when you have corruption."

He took exception to Mr. Nixon's recommendation that individuals be permitted to contribute up to \$15,000 to the campaigns of Presidential candidates.

"How many Americans are capable of making a contribution of \$15,000?" Senator Pastore asked. "Surely any such contribution is suspect of some personal vested interest."

He noted that the Senate passed a bill last year limiting individual contributions to \$3,000. It also put a ceiling on campaign expenditures. However, the House has taken no action on the bill.

Senator James B. Allen, Democrat of Alabama, is threatening to lead a filibuster against the legislation.

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