PAC continuing political committees (PACs) received $6,391,992 in contributions during the 15-month period between January 1, 1986 and March 31, 1987, Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, announced today.

According to Herrmann, the data also indicates that these groups spent $4,391,460, or 69% of the funds they raised, during this same period of time.

"These totals represent the amounts reported by these committees in the five quarterly reports filed with the Commission over a 15-month period," said Herrmann.

PACs include corporations, unions, trade associations, ideological groups or their PACs. There are 182 PACs on record with the Election Law Enforcement Commission.

Herrmann said that the Commission chose the 15-month period beginning in January of 1986 because it reflects the ongoing financial activity of these committees that spans more than one election cycle.

"Fundraising by PACs is continuous," Herrmann said. "Likewise, PAC contributions to officeholders, candidates, and party committees at all levels of government never stops."

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Herrmann said that The International Longshoremen's Association PAC raised the most amount of funds during this period. Their five quarterly reports show receipts in the amount of $948,366. The International Longshoremen's also spent the most money, $334,110.

Receipts include monetary and in-kind contributions as well as reimbursements. Expenditures include operating expenses, debts and obligations, as well as contributions to officeholders, candidates, and party committees. Lists of the top twenty PACs in terms of receipts and expenditures are attached.

PACs, created to collect and spend money for political purposes, are a potent force in New Jersey politics," Herrmann concluded. "As such their financial activity is of interest and importance to the voters of the State."

**Top Twenty PACs by Reported Receipts**

1. International Longshoremen's Association PAC $ 948,366.35
2. Bear Stearns Political Campaign Committee 317,200.00
3. New Jersey Education Association PAC 305,570.55
4. Realtors PAC 263,148.07
6. International Brotherhood of Allied Trade Associations PAC 212,794.60
7. League of Conservation Voters 208,937.60
8. New Jersey Dental PAC 202,110.90
9. Committee to Make New Jersey Better PAC 151,818.12
10. International Ladies Garment Workers PAC 150,000.00
11. Johnson and Johnson PAC 142,133.54
12. Composition Roofers No. 30 PAC 139,675.00
13. Sheet Metal Workers International Association PAC 137,478.00
15. Lawyers Encouraging Good Government (L.E.G.A.L.) PAC 107,949.20
16. South Jersey Builders PAC 103,248.70
17. New Jersey Conference of Auto Retailers (Car) PAC 97,525.11
18. Savings Association PAC 89,876.50
19. Local 68 PAC—International Union of Operating Engineers 89,866.38
20. Midlantic Bank PAC 85,921.08

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Top Twenty PACs by Reported Expenditures

1. International Longshoremen's Association PAC $ 334,109.85
2. International Brotherhood of Allied Trade Associations PAC 321,543.12
3. Bear Stearns Political Campaign Committee 316,975.00
4. League of Conservation Voters 214,835.27
5. Lawyers Encouraging Good Government (L.E.G.A.L.) PAC 185,233.00
6. New Jersey Education Association PAC 145,356.34
7. New Jersey Dental PAC 142,195.98
8. Realtors PAC 136,338.28
9. Committee to Make New Jersey Better PAC 135,818.05
10. Composition Roofers No. 30 PAC 125,134.62
11. International Ladies Garment Workers Union PAC 117,600.00
12. Builders PAC 115,285.79
13. Local 68 PAC—International Union of Operating Engineers 97,374.55
14. Hospital Corporation of America PAC 80,514.89
15. Sheet Metal Workers International Association PAC 74,851.00
16. First Fidelity PAC 61,430.07
17. Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 9 PAC 59,595.27
18. Sheet Metal Workers #19 PAC 59,507.33
19. Midlantic Bank PAC 53,320.02
20. Committee for a Better New Jersey 50,797.32

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