

Table 6-2 What Explains Members of Congress's Giving and Receiving?

Independent variables	Effect on amount from Hill committee	Effect on amount to Hill committee	Effect on total contributions to copartisans
Leader	—	285167.20*** (51169.04)	718056.60*** (47429.08)
Previous vote share	-22.71*** (4.14)	290.52 (248.46)	284.13 (281.04)
Unopposed	-218.62** (103.03)	26746.49*** (9341.71)	5551.50 (8248.09)
Seniority	-38.12*** (7.32)	3464.05*** (729.03)	2646.62*** (905.92)
Democrat	-457.01*** (123.34)	-24508.90*** (7742.56)	-32649.88*** (10494.56)
Beginning cash	-.0001* (.0000)	.049*** (.015)	.053*** (.019)
Party loyalty	-1217.84 (828.75)	897.80 (837.38)	1417.73*** (520.00)
2002 election cycle	710.28*** (118.03)	-91925.64*** (9316.72)	-35247.57*** (7821.51)
2004 election cycle	443.27*** (104.19)	-87345.54*** (8945.06)	-32383.66*** (6190.12)
Constant	2874.65 (376.77)	97511.83 (16003.85)	44142.43 (20645.89)
N	1151	1151	1151
R ²	.13	.26	.39

Note: The table reports OLS regression coefficients (with robust standard errors in parentheses). The dependent variable in column one is the amount in dollars each MC received from the DCCC or NRCC in a given election cycle. In column two, it is the amount each MC gave to his or her Hill committee. In column three, it is the amount each MC gave to colleagues. Standard errors are clustered on the MC.

*** = $p < .01$; ** = $p < .05$; * = $p < .10$