

# Tabulators: Demos obstruct

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**DES MOINES** — The private agency that tabulated Iowa caucus results for the nation's news media today complained that Democratic officials deliberately delayed the counting for their party.

"We had some clear feedback that some of our reporters were excused from the precincts because they were not 18," said Bob Flaherty, executive director of the News Election Service. "Some were excused because they were not registered voters. They were not treated as reporters. They were treated as interlopers."

Iowa Democratic Party officials could not be reached immediately at party headquarters or their tabulation center for response to Flaherty's complaints. At an ear-

lier news conference, Iowa Democratic Party Chairwoman Bonnie Campbell said the party was pleased with its own counting of the results, which ran far behind NES's.

NES ended Monday night's count with reports from only 70 percent of the 2,487 Iowa precincts on the presidential preferences of Democratic participants.

The count was crucial because the figures showed Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt locked in a close race with Illinois Sen. Paul Simon and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis. With 70 percent of the precincts reported, Gephardt had the most support — 28 percent — but was less than 3,000 votes ahead of Simon, who had 24 percent, and 6,000 votes ahead of Dukakis.

By contrast to the problems re-

porting the Democratic result reporters from Republican caucuses reported more than 98 percent of their straw poll results. Republican officials actual helped recruit the NES precinct reporters, urged them to call results in quickly and conducted independent tabulation of their own.

"I'd like to think the Democrats could look across the street and see what the Republicans did," Flaherty said.

The problems with the Democratic count stemmed from a long disagreement between the news media and Iowa Democratic officials over how caucus results should be reported.

NES, owned by the CBS, ABC and NBC television networks, The Associated Press and United Press International, wanted a Den-

## GOP results

Here are the latest, unofficial returns from Iowa by county in the Republican caucuses for president.

	Total precincts	Precincts reported	Bush	Dole	Deeney	Kemp	Robertson	Hollis	No Preference
Adair	20	20	64	218	26	30	95	1	7
Adams	15	15	34	163	6	33	30	2	0
Allamakee	21	21	143	158	40	49	217	1	3
Appanoose	21	21	92	236	21	22	101	0	2
Audubon	8	8	31	146	12	24	47	0	0
Benton	29	29	100	319	58	66	173	1	4
Black Hawk	83	83	718	1,291	219	530	673	5	11
Boone	26	26	161	409	48	116	316	3	3
Bremer	19	19	133	498	66	83	118	3	2
Buchanan	23	23	92	267	34	167	189	0	0
Buena Vista	25	25	154	388	91	82	253	7	4
Butler	18	18	106	312	24	51	92	9	1
Caihoun	21	21	83	199	12	24	129	0	0
Carroll	20	20	72	219	29	47	69	1	1
Cass	23	23	143	452	87	70	289	3	18
Cedar	18	18	101	244	28	81	128	0	4
Cerro Gordo	37	37	242	669	184	207	548	2	5
Cherokee	21	21	231	382	26	81	177	2	4
Chickasaw	18	18	67	166	14	22	30	0	0
Clarke	15	15	45	122	12	37	54	1	2
Clay	22	22	177	291	26	48	194	1	4
Clayton	25	25	83	246	54	49	124	2	3
Clinton	36	35	436	514	267	104	555	2	9
Crawford	26	26	71	207	18	36	131	0	1
Dallas	22	22	286	515	73	120	380	1	33
Davis	18	18	41	107	9	17	130	0	2
Decatur	22	21	60	159	34	26	86	9	4
Delaware	21	21	96	188	19	79	108	0	5
Des Moines							576	4	6
Dickinson	14	14	118	233	18	38	172	2	1
Dubuque	46	46	284	518	77	237	573	10	17
Emmet	11	11	68	145	8	30	96	1	2
Fayette	28	28	159	320	68	50	207	1	2
Floyd	17	17	64	263	70	49	128	2	2
Franklin	22	22	79	294	30	50	102	0	4

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eratic straw poll at the caucuses like the one conducted by Republicans. The result is easy to count and simple to explain.

But the Democrats insisted that the caucuses adhere strictly to the party's complex procedure for electing delegates to county conventions, and then converting those delegates mathematically to "state delegate equivalents."

Both NES and the party obtained the "state delegate equivalent" totals from 99 percent of the precincts. To everyone's relief, the results were roughly the same as the totals from the 70 percent of the presidential preference vote which NES was able to count.

But Flaherty expressed irritation that state party officials discouraged county and precinct chiefs from helping the NES reporters

# Hart 'back' as underdog

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Presidential hopeful Gary Hart says his dismal showing in Iowa has cast him again as an underdog with a chance to surprise the naysayers.

"I'm back in the role of the underdog, a role I cherish," said the former Colorado senator as the dust settled Monday night on the Democratic candidates' first test of the election year.

Plenty of that dust settled on Hart's campaign — he got scarcely 1 percent of the Iowa vote and barely beat out non-candidate Mario Cuomo — but he insisted that it isn't buried yet.

Hart said he only spent about 10 days in Iowa after he re-entered the campaign last December, while many of his rivals invested heavily in the state in time and money.

In 1984, a second-place showing in Iowa had pulled Hart up out of the pack and established him as the principal challenger to front-runner Walter Mondale.

"We felt that given the friendships we formed four years ago ... that we had an obligation to them to make an effort" in Iowa, Hart said.

But before the caucuses began, Hart had warned supporters not to expect much from Iowa this time around. "This campaign will only get stronger the longer it goes," he said.

Hart's standing in New Hampshire polls also has been slipping since he re-entered the race, and Monday night he played down the importance of its leadoff primary a week from today. "This is an important state, but all of them are important," he said.

## Democratic results

Here are the latest, unofficial returns from Iowa by county in the Democratic caucuses for president.

	Total precincts reporting	Siemens	Dickens	Gephart	Jackson	Gore	Babbitt	Hart	Cuomo	No Preference
Adair	20	9	58	53	95	98	0	18	0	15
Adams	15	12	32	37	90	27	0	10	2	0
Allamakee	21	17	66	97	80	14	1	44	9	0
Appanoose	21	10	45	40	99	6	0	21	12	0
Audubon	8	8	126	40	94	11	0	15	24	0
Benton	29	22	117	152	227	0	25	4	0	36
Black Hawk	83	47	873	646	827	434	16	272	17	1
Boone	26	5	14	45	70	29	0	9	5	0
Bremer	19	14	274	150	185	29	0	67	3	0
Buchanan	23	14	70	149	168	12	1	18	20	0
Buena Vista	25	18	133	68	229	40	0	33	5	0
Butler	18	18	62	111	109	15	1	18	4	0
Calhoun	21	4	25	23	39	5	0	4	0	6
Carroll	20	15	109	151	229	9	0	46	8	0
Cass	23	21	119	95	235	29	1	7	11	0
Cedar	18	8	44	66	80	28	1	10	4	0
Cerro Gordo	37	23	393	352	291	130	2	80	24	0
Cherokee	21	18	178	93	211	22	0	37	11	0
Chickasaw	18	16	51	109	184	17	1	41	1	0
Clarke	15	13	53	27	166	9	0	17	6	0
Clay	22	18	100	201	128	23	3	21	6	0
Clayton	25	14	79	75	157	28	0	19	4	0
Clinton	35	29	328	233	472	124	6	72	11	0
Crawford	26	4	17	19	29	1	0	19	2	0
Dallas	22	12	181	77	261	110	2	39	8	0
Davis	18	5	30	22	95	21	0	5	5	0
Decatur	22	16	83	87	116	30	0	3	2	0
Delaware	21	19	45	106	157	31	0	50	9	0
Des Moines	26	25	599	315	570	186	8	152	20	0
Dickinson	14	13	103	96	56	25	4	3	0	16
Dubuque	46	39	770	531	1,020	212	2	246	10	0
Emmet	11	8	90	34	56	22	0	8	0	17
Fayette	26	16	74	95	110	40	2	37	4	0
Floyd	17	10	82	90	103	39	0	27	11	0
Franklin	22	18	57	45	79	58	0	57	3	0

Clay	22	18	100	201	128	23	3	21	6	0	50
Clayton	25	14	79	75	157	28	0	19	4	0	31
Clinton	35	29	328	233	472	124	5	72	11	0	80
Crawford	26	4	17	19	29	1	0	19	2	0	6
Dallas	22	12	181	77	281	110	2	39	8	0	99
Davis	18	5	30	22	95	21	0	5	5	0	21
Decatur	22	16	83	67	116	30	0	3	2	0	22
Delaware	21	19	45	106	157	31	0	50	9	0	43
Des Moines	26	25	599	315	570	166	9	152	20	0	57
Dickinson	14	13	103	96	56	25	4	3	0	0	16
Dubuque	46	39	770	531	1,020	212	2	246	10	0	144
Emmet	11	8	90	34	56	22	0	8	0	0	17
Fayette	28	16	74	95	110	40	2	37	4	0	24
Floyd	17	10	82	90	103	39	0	27	11	0	17
Franklin	22	18	57	45	79	58	0	57	3	0	31
Fremont	19	17	52	78	132	13	1	19	1	0	30
Greene	19	17	74	109	172	42	0	15	7	0	51
Grundy	18	15	41	69	74	16	0	6	0	0	16
Guthrie	19	13	83	36	149	16	0	12	4	0	9
Hamilton	22	14	44	86	125	8	0	45	6	0	21
Hancock	18	12	45	34	40	15	1	14	5	0	26
Hardin	19	14	193	205	325	89	0	23	0	0	58
Harrison	26	15	34	68	100	5	0	30	6	0	20
Henry	19	7	65	117	167	8	0	61	2	0	11
Howard	18	18	39	74	101	1	0	16	8	0	34
Humboldt	20	13	57	44	54	13	0	5	0	0	14
Ida	12	7	20	55	75	5	0	18	1	0	4
Iowa	19	10	85	74	77	31	0	4	0	0	9
Jackson	24	23	180	89	347	29	0	56	15	0	25
Jasper	31	22	250	155	452	99	0	73	6	0	58
Jefferson	17	14	80	96	68	48	1	19	21	0	14
Johnson	51	26	1,622	804	354	1,130	1	814	56	0	232
Jones	27	13	110	81	72	12	0	9	7	0	22
Keokuk	25	19	40	67	140	21	1	88	13	0	30
Kossuth	34	33	230	103	252	17	8	26	16	0	79
Lee	26	8	96	60	78	22	4	23	3	0	16
Linn	75	48	985	1,125	968	711	13	599	7	0	254
Louisa	13	9	34	34	59	2	0	4	4	0	9
Lucas	8	7	86	94	158	24	0	8	9	0	17
Lyon	15	3	18	27	5	0	0	0	0	0	6
Madison	19	18	127	114	235	80	0	46	6	0	83
Mahaska	23	17	188	120	220	50	0	34	20	0	16
Marion	27	27	277	129	478	139	0	115	13	0	82
Marshall	29	10	75	35	209	29	4	14	0	0	73
Mills	14	13	21	71	71	19	1	26	10	0	18
Mitchell	20	9	33	37	66	9	0	4	4	0	12
Monona	20	17	64	67	139	0	0	13	8	0	14
Monroe	11	10	56	71	166	10	0	1	7	0	7
Montgomery	16	15	68	59	71	20	1	23	4	0	32
Muscatine	24	21	260	170	268	118	1	67	14	0	56
O'Brien	19	15	101	21	94	9	0	27	2	0	16
Osceola	10	3	111	35	45	39	0	18	0	0	11
Page	23	23	56	154	95	29	2	62	2	0	10
Palo Alto	21	17	121	144	100	42	3	48	1	0	48
Plymouth	17	10	97	93	114	37	0	82	2	0	23
Pocanontas	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polk	154	135	4,141	4,019	3,806	2,264	64	1,808	77	1	1,020
Pottawattamie	53	28	313	323	499	64	0	115	17	0	67
Powershiek	21	16	226	189	203	183	10	286	11	0	51
Ringgold	19	17	48	58	124	23	2	13	5	0	35
Sac	21	21	41	78	152	19	3	39	5	1	14
Scott	62	38	1,196	709	600	557	4	161	57	1	154
Shelby	21	20	70	107	158	20	0	38	13	0	72
Sioux	26	5	14	38	43	0	1	2	0	0	19
Story	47	36	1,273	945	727	1,028	1	735	85	0	142
Tama	25	24	124	87	297	35	0	13	0	1	45
Taylor	11	2	8	8	34	0	0	0	0	0	2
Union	17	15	75	81	244	37	0	26	8	0	21
Van Buren	15	14	57	51	83	12	1	17	4	0	9
Wapello	30	24	296	332	722	63	0	56	12	0	44
Warren	24	21	395	284	539	189	2	96	4	0	138
Washington	19	17	187	106	158	30	0	54	2	0	24
Wayne	15	6	19	26	70	5	0	6	5	0	13
Webster	32	28	442	273	750	94	4	93	10	0	142
Winnebago	16	15	66	37	68	3	1	20	4	0	11
Winnesheik	27	21	240	152	101	104	4	187	5	0	22
Woodbury	58	29	372	401	461	92	2	115	13	0	144
Worth	12	12	51	60	117	7	0	38	1	0	10
Wright	27	14	43	53	59	6	0	14	0	0	22
Totals	2,487	1,738	21,387	18,946	24,122	9,773	182	8,848	898	8	5,251

Clay	22	22	177	291	26	48	194	1	4
Clayton	25	25	83	246	54	49	124	2	3
Clinion	35	35	436	514	267	104	555	2	9
Crawford	26	26	71	207	18	36	131	0	1
Dallas	22	22	286	515	73	120	360	1	33
Davis	18	18	41	107	9	17	130	0	2
Decatur	22	21	60	159	34	26	86	9	4
Delaware	21	21	96	188	19	79	106	0	5
Des Moines							576	4	6
Dickinson	14	14	118	233	18	38	172	2	1
Dubuque	46	46	284	518	77	237	573	10	17
Emmet	11	11	68	145	8	30	96	1	2
Fayette	28	28	159	320	68	50	207	1	2
Floyd	17	17	84	263	70	49	126	2	2
Franklin	22	22	79	294	30	50	102	0	4
Fremont	19	19	101	130	15	22	73	2	1
Greene	19	19	72	272	28	34	212	1	3
Grundy	18	18	99	306	34	72	114	0	8
Guthrie	19	19	61	195	29	34	98	2	3
Hamilton	22	22	98	342	29	73	280	3	7
Hancock	18	18	50	204	50	80	238	2	3
Hardin	19	19	98	404	47	91	255	7	1
Harrison	26	26	57	185	17	49	133	0	7
Henry	19	19	171	332	33	48	327	2	4
Howard	18	18	72	113	41	21	81	0	1
Humboldt	20	20	62	191	9	49	66	1	9
Ida	12	12	73	157	7	30	156	1	4
Iowa	19	19	80	217	29	51	86	0	2
Jackson	24	24	94	218	27	15	232	4	2
Jasper	31	28	282	506	128	199	334	2	16
Jefferson	17	17	170	243	34	31	297	3	7
Johnson	51	51	721	1,410	272	405	595	24	16
Jones	27	27	104	328	27	35	158	4	3
Keokuk	25	25	83	198	19	24	146	0	5
Kossuth	34	34	71	259	41	73	207	2	3
Lee	26	26	204	274	96	97	340	3	3
Linn	75	72	1,105	1,999	668	726	1,911	18	22
Louisa	13	13	45	267	11	37	94	1	3
Lucas	8	8	61	123	12	44	63	1	1
Lyon	15	15	92	243	11	75	92	0	6
Madison	19	18	99	219	36	68	122	1	8
Mehaska	23	23	129	368	51	57	474	3	1
Marion	27	26	156	377	92	298	321	4	7
Marshall	29	29	489	691	106	165	497	1	14
Mills	14	14	83	183	21	36	74	4	3
Mitchell	20	19	101	207	17	34	56	0	1
Monona	20	18	67	178	8	25	104	0	0
Monroe	11	11	35	138	7	26	44	1	1
Montgomery	16	16	121	322	50	41	86	1	0
Muscatine	24	24	357	410	131	93	224	9	11
O'Brien	19	19	131	320	42	150	132	3	7
Osceola	10	10	35	178	5	111	40	2	5
Page	23	21	183	292	79	55	295	0	2
Palo Alto	21	21	60	131	12	30	63	1	3
Plymouth	17	17	166	345	110	151	212	1	4
Pocahontas	12	12	54	109	7	32	83	0	1
Polk	154	138	3,443	5,757	1,520	1,801	3,043	71	160
Pottawattamie	53	49	461	826	252	318	610	5	9
Poweshiek	21	20	165	282	53	96	65	3	5
Ringgold	19	19	57	146	8	38	66	0	10
Sac	21	21	74	256	38	37	101	1	10
Scott	62	62	1,309	1,559	499	537	1,489	18	17
Shelby	21	21	79	233	20	109	237	2	56
Sioux	26	26	273	626	52	586	441	2	2
Story	47	47	680	1,799	320	547	685	20	18
Tama	25	22	83	241	21	49	210	3	1
Taylor	11	10	96	245	16	53	85	0	0
Union	17	17	117	147	16	63	155	1	2
Van Buren	15	15	118	209	11	41	60	2	4
Wapello	30	30	158	212	25	117	485	0	11
Warren	24	24	260	563	119	182	425	9	17
Washington	19	19	119	303	36	72	250	1	16
Wayne	15	15	41	85	10	41	69	0	0
Webster	32	32	192	485	90	108	287	3	8
Winnebago	16	16	102	252	12	39	166	1	1
Winnesheik	27	27	103	284	128	40	106	3	7
Woodbury	58	56	584	869	344	536	866	27	6
Worth	12	12	30	111	11	6	22	0	0
Wright	27	27	72	296	29	54	141	2	3
Totals	2,487	2,446	29,194	46,681	7,999	12,068	26,781	364	738