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According to final official Supreme Electoral Tribunal returns released Oct. 23 from the Oct. 3 elections, political parties supporting President Fernando Collor de Mello will hold 257 seats in the 503-member Chamber of Deputies in January, compared to the current 209 seats. Knight-Ridder Financial News reported that leftist parties increased their seats from 74 to 98, and "moderate" political parties' seats dropped from 220 to 148. Of 27 gubernatorial races, only 11 were decided in first-round voting. The remaining posts will be determined in a Nov. 25 runoff. In the 81-seat Senate, the returns showed parties supporting the president increased their representation from 29 to 34 seats. Moderate parties lost two of 38, and leftists three of 14 seats. (Basic data from Knight-Ridder Financial, 10/23/90)

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