

TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT

Update

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On Tuesday October 14th, U.S. District Court Judge Robert Echols dismissed incumbent Senator (and write-in candidate) Rosalind Kurita's bid to have her name restored as the Democratic nominee for the 22nd State Senate District. Kurita immediately filed an appeal with the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

Meanwhile, state legislative candidates submitted their third quarter campaign finance reports. Fundraising in a few state Senate races that could determine which party controls the Senate next year has been active. As of September 30th, incumbent Independent Senator Mike Williams, who represents Senate District 4, had \$59,908.77 cash on hand; Republican challenger Mike Faulk had \$67,786.62.

Another race that received substantial funds was within Senate District 12, which was formerly represented by Senator Tommy Kilby (D-Wartburg). The Democratic nominee, Becky Ruppe, had \$114,509.58 remaining, while Republican nominee Ken Yager had \$176,903.19 cash on hand.

Democratic candidate Randy Camp and Republican candidate Delores Gresham reported \$124,508.18 and \$77,530.13, respectively, in the race for John Wilder's seat in Senate District 26. During his career, Camp was executive assistant and chief of staff to Wilder. Gresham previously served in the Tennessee House of Representatives through the 105th General Assembly. A report was recently distributed that Gresham's husband received \$35,890 in state taxpayer-funded farm grants (<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2008/oct/10/rebs-spouse-wins-grants/>).

In the Senate District 22 race between Kurita and Democratic nominee Tim Barnes, Barnes reported \$37,801.93 cash on hand. Kurita had \$75,579.32 available. Kurita's numbers, however, do not reflect the October 1st fundraiser sponsored by the Republican committee chairs of the Tennessee State Senate.

Tennessee's early voting period began October 15th. Registered voters can cast their ballots for the November 4th general election through October 30th.

TENNESSEE STATE SENATE

State	Candidate	Information of Interest
TN	Kurita (D) (Incumbent)	Judge dismisses Kurita's lawsuit...
	Tim Barnes (D)	http://www.theleafchronicle.com/article/20081015/NEWS03/810150339&referrer=FRONTPAGECAROUSEL

U.S. SENATE

State	Candidate	Information of Interest
AK	Mark Begich (D)	Deliberations could begin next week...
	Ted Stevens (R) (Incumbent)	http://www.cqpolitics.com/wmspage.cfm?docID=news-000002975201
CO	Mark Udall (D)	Udall maintains lead over Schaffer...
	Bob Schaffer (R)	http://www.quinnipiac.edu/x4141.xml?ReleaseID=1220
KY	Mitch McConnell (R) (Incumbent)	Race most expensive in Kentucky's history...
	Bruce Lunsford (D)	http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2008810160388
MN	Norm Coleman (R) (Incumbent)	Coleman and Franken in dead heat...
	Al Franken (D)	http://www.quinnipiac.edu/x4141.xml?ReleaseID=1220
MS	Ronnie Musgrove (D)	Wicker and Musgrove neck and neck...
	Roger Wicker (R) (Incumbent)	http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/election_2008/2008_senate_elections/mississippi/election_2008_mississippi_senate_special
NC	Elizabeth Dole (R) (Incumbent)	Public Policy Polling places Dole within two points of Hagan...
	Kay Hagan (D)	http://www.publicpolicypolling.com/pdf/PPP_Release_NC_1013345.pdf
NH	Jeanne Shaheen (D)	
	John Sununu (R) (Incumbent)	
NM	Tom Udall (D)	Chasm between candidates expands...
	Steve Pearce (R)	http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/election_2008/2008_senate_elections/new_mexico/election_2008_new_mexico_senate
OR	Jeff Merkley (D)	Oregon senate race in dead heat...
	Gordon Smith (R) (Incumbent)	http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/election_2008/2008_senate_elections/oregon/election_2008_oregon_senate
VA	Mark Warner (D)	Polling reveals pre-debate between candidates data...
	Jim Gilmore (R)	http://www.inrich.com/cva/ric/news.apx.-content-articles-RTD-2008-10-03-0220.html

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