## **Ross Outraised Burr in 3rd Quarter**

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Democrat Deborah Ross continued to out-raise Republican U.S. Sen. Richard Burr during the last quarter according to reports from the Federal Election Commission. Ross raised 4.5 million during the third quarer, compared to \$2.6 million raised by Burr. Ross has raised more money than Burr in three consecutive quarters, however, Burr started the race with more than \$5 million in the bank.

Additionally, the News and Observer reports outside groups have spent more than \$15 million on behalf of Burr compared with around \$11 million for Ross. Outside groups have spent \$26.6 million on the race, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. That's a third of the \$77 million outside groups spent on the 2014 Senate race between Republican Thom Tillis

and Democrat Kay Hagan.

Burr's Senate seat has been targeted by Democrats as they to take majority in the Senate. They need a net gain of four seats for control, or five if there's a Republican vice president who would vote in the case of a tie.