

Specter and Lloyd to battle

The GOP incumbent seeks a 4th term. Democratic State Rep. William Lloyd could be a strong foe.

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U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter easily swept to victory in the Republican primary last night, with returns showing the three-term incumbent getting two out of every three votes cast in his battle with two local challengers.

Specter will face William Lloyd in November. Lloyd, a longtime lawmaker from Somerset County and the Democratic Party's endorsed candidate, drew nearly half the

vote. He also faced two challengers.

Specter spent the day in Washington tending to Senate business, something he plans to be doing for six more years if his well-funded reelection campaign has its way. He voted by absentee ballot.

"I am pleased by the vote," Specter said in a statement. "I now look forward to the general election."

His campaign manager, Kent Gates, said last night that Specter, who is seeking an unprecedented fourth term representing Pennsyl-

vania in the Senate, has raised more than \$5.1 million.

Lloyd, who monitored the results from the Democratic headquarters in Somerset, talked about his strategy for November.

"I need some help from the heavy hitters," he said of his fund-raising strategy for the general election. "I need to tap into people who can raise a significant amount of money in one-event fund-raisers."

Specter avoided spending too heavily from his large war chest by avoiding TV advertising, instead relying on extensive radio ads and direct mail aimed at party-building. The 18-year Senate veteran also per-

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personally visited with party leaders in 28 counties in the weeks leading up to yesterday's balloting.

"He never takes anything for granted, and he will work hard," Gates said.

Some experts have said Lloyd could build political momentum with his anti-abortion, pro-gun stance, which will play well in the state's largely Republican mid-section. Specter is for abortion rights and has supported gun control.

A Harvard-educated lawyer, Lloyd, 50, has managed to win nine terms in Somerset County despite a Republican registration edge in his district.

Lloyd raised \$40,000 and crisscrossed the state in a recreational vehicle, visiting courthouses and factories and attending Democratic rallies, mostly in the western half of the state. He used local talk-radio

U.S. Senate

(90% of the vote)

Republican

Tom Lingenfelter	69,571
Larry Murphy	85,663
*Arlen Specter	308,070

Democratic

Richard J. Cusick	118,966
Bill Lloyd	211,748
Richard J. Orsloski	111,692

*Incumbent

programs and newspaper interviews to get out his message and stretch his campaign dollars.

Specter faced only token opposition from Tom Lingenfelter and Larry Murphy.

Lingenfelter, 59, of Doylestown, is a dealer in historical documents and artifacts, and a former military intelligence agent. He attempted to cast Specter as a Democrat in Re-

publican clothing. His last-ditch radio campaign blasted Specter for supporting tax increases over the last 18 years.

After watching his 10-year-old daughter's softball game, Lingenfelter spent the night at home. Even after the Associated Press had called the race for Specter, Lingenfelter would not concede. He said he was angry that political newcomers have no chance against entrenched political "machines." He also blamed his loss on Murphy's presence.

"If Murphy wouldn't have been in the race, it would have been a totally different game," Lingenfelter said. "He's basically a spoiler."

Murphy, 34, a pharmaceutical research scientist from East Fallowfield Township, waged a shoestring campaign, never reaching the \$5,000 threshold that would require him to file expense reports with the Fed-

eral Election Commission.

In the Democratic primary, Lloyd campaigned mainly against Specter. He stressed bread-and-butter issues such as shoring up Social Security, removing the payroll cap for wealthy wage-earners and protecting consumers.

The other Democratic primary candidates were Allentown residents Richard J. Orloski and Richard J. Cusick.

Orloski, an attorney, campaigned for stricter gun control and for simplifying the tax code by taxing most wage-earners at 15 percent, while the wealthy would pay 25 to 35 percent.

Cusick, a physician, ran a relatively low-key campaign.

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Democratic State Rep. William Lloyd puts his ballot in the election box in Somerset County. Experts have said Lloyd could build more political momentum.