

2 Maryland congressmen lose primaries

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ANNAPOLIS, Md. -- Two veteran Maryland congressmen lost to primary challengers Tuesday, a Democrat to an anti-war crusader and a Republican to a candidate on his right. Rep. Albert Wynn, who is in his eighth term representing a district in the Washington suburbs, conceded to Donna Edwards, The Washington Post reported. Edwards, a lawyer, almost won the Democratic primary two years ago and ran with the financial backing of unions and activist groups. "Today the voters went to the polls looking for a change, and they went out there looking for new leadership," Edwards told supporters. "They found what they were looking for in this campaign." On the Eastern Shore, GOP state Sen. Andrew Harris declared victory over Rep. Wayne Gilchrist, the Post said. Gilchrist is in his 10th term. With 78 percent of the vote in, Harris had 41 percent to 34 percent for Gilchrist, The Baltimore Sun said. Another candidate, E.J. Pipkin, had 22 percent. Gilchrist was targeted with television ads and flyers labeling him a "liberal" and out of tune with the conservative district, the Sun said.

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