

# Prepare to be assaulted by Kentucky Senate ads

Out-of-state money fuels what could be most expensive Senate race ever



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Political experts around the country feel sorry for anyone in earshot of the Kentucky Senate race.

The barrage of ads from U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, Democratic challenger Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes and related super political action committees hit the airwaves a day after Tuesday's primary.

And though they can't vote in the election, Greater Cincinnati residents will have to endure the ads as both candidates target Northern Kentucky.

Get used to it, because many predict this will be the most expensive U.S. Senate race of all time, possibly surpassing the \$91.8 million New York Senate race between Hillary Clinton and Republican Rick Lazio in 2000.

Kentucky's race is one of the premier races nationwide for three reasons: McConnell is the Senate's GOP leader; polls show Grimes could beat him; keeping the state in GOP hands could be pivotal in flipping the U.S. Senate to Republican control.

"I feel really badly for anyone living in the state of Kentucky and encountering the profusion of ads," said Thomas Mann, senior fellow of governance studies at the Brookings

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According to the ads, Kentucky's U.S. Senate race pits an inside-Washington obstructionist against a pawn of President Barack Obama and Hollywood liberals.

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Maker's building new and bigger warehouses

By **Stephen Lega**

Lebanon Enterprise

Maker's Mark distillery is growing.

A lot.

The company has already constructed three new 34,250-square-foot warehouses in Loretto, and it has plans to build six more.

By comparison, the distillery's previous warehouses are 16,500 square feet. The smaller warehouses can hold just under 20,000 barrels, while the newer, larger warehouses can hold 50,400 barrels apiece.

According to CEO Rob Samuels, Maker's Mark has been fortunate that demand for its product has exceeded its supply for many years, and he believes that demand is a reflection of the effort previous generations of the Samuels family put into crafting a quality product.

"I truly believe my grandfather played a significant role in the growth we're seeing today in the industry by producing the first bourbon that didn't have to be an 'acquired taste,' rather, it actually

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