

SENATOR RICHARD BURR'S "MAIN STREET"



A Grim Fairy Tale



Once upon a time, there lived a Senator named Richard Burr who spent 16 years in Washington. Like many people who spend too much time in Washington, he lost his way. Many people thought Senator Burr should come home and come back to reality. But he was determined to stay — and willing to say anything to do it.

When Richard Burr was trying to stay in Washington for six more years, he released a television ad that he hoped would fool all of the people...

He said he was “down home North Carolina.” In reality, he was **one of the largest recipients of special interest cash in Washington.**¹

He said he’s “listening, working for us.” But Richard Burr **voted to bailout big Wall Street banks, while blocking tax credits and increased lending to small business.**²

He said he’s “tight with our tax dollars,” but **pushed a deficit busting Social Security privatization plan, and wrote blank checks for two costly wars ... while at the same time giving tax breaks to millionaires.**³

Senator Burr said he’s “supporting hard working people” but he **voted 20 times to send North Carolina jobs overseas,** and offered tax breaks to corporations that did it.⁴



MORAL OF THIS STORY:

A 30-second TV ad can't white wash 16 years in Washington.

- 1 Open Secrets, "Members of Congress Seek K Street Cash," 7/13/2010
- 2 **Bailout:** Senate Roll Call Vote 213, 10/01/08; Small Biz Lending: McClatchy DC, "Small Business Bill Appears To Be Stuck In The Senate," 8/5/2010; Senate Roll Call Vote 221, S.Amdt. 4519 to H.R. 5297
- 3 **Social Security Privatization:** Burr supported Bush plan in 2004 (Charlotte Observer, 9/29/04; AP, 9/23/04); Iraq/Afghanistan Cost Estimate: CNN, 7/20/10; Tax breaks to millionaires: CBPP, 3/5/09; Roll Call 45, HR 3, 3/8/01; Roll Call 75, 3/29/01; Roll Call 84, 4/4/01; Roll Call 149, 5/26/01; Houston Chronicle, 5/10/03; Roll Call 182, 5/9/03
- 4 **Outsourcing Jobs Votes:** [Roll Call Vote #194, 6/17/10; Vote 190, 6/16/10; Vote 370, 7/27/02; Vote 481, 12/6/01; Vote 466, 9/25/98; AP, 9/26/98; Vote 209, 7/28/05; Vote 170, 6/30/05; Vote 411, 7/23/03; Washington Post, 7/24/03; Vote 329, 7/23/02; Vote 275, 7/26/01; Vote 441, 7/26/00; Vote 365, 8/3/99; AP, 7/23/02; Vote 436, 7/24/03; Vote 435, 7/24/03; Vote 434, 7/24/03; Vote 432, 7/24/03; Vote 431, 7/24/03; Vote 430, 7/24/03; Washington Times, 7/25/03; Vote 63, 3/17/05; CNN, 3/17/05; Vote 258, 6/17/04; Congressional Record, 6/17/04]