

## **Minnick vs. Labrador on issues**

Here's how the two leading candidates in Idaho's 1st District congressional race, incumbent Congressman Walt Minnick and GOP challenger Raul Labrador, differ on some key issues in the race:

>**MEGA-LOADS:** Though Minnick signed off, with the rest of Idaho's delegation, on an early letter backing four giant loads proposed for scenic U.S. Highway 12, he said new information shows multiple large shipments like those raise serious questions that haven't been addressed, and he wrote a strong letter to Idaho Gov. Butch Otter about that. If the Idaho Supreme Court OKs the loads, Minnick said he may call a congressional hearing to air concerns. Labrador says a congressman shouldn't interfere as it's a state decision, and says Idaho Gov. Butch Otter is "doing a good job on this issue."

>**IMMIGRATION:** Both candidates take tough stands against illegal immigration and oppose amnesty. Labrador says all illegal immigrants should return to their home country before they can seek legal entry; Minnick says they should face a judge who could fine or deport them.

>**EARMARKS:** Both Minnick and Labrador oppose earmarks.

>**BUSH TAX CUTS:** Both Minnick and Labrador favor extending all of the Bush tax cuts, including those for the wealthy.