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Several of the 96 House freshmen stand out for their ability to raise campaign cash early in the 2012 season, as fund-raising reports submitted on Friday show.

Representatives David B. McKinley of West Virginia, Allen B. West of Florida, Steve Stivers of Ohio, Pat Meehan of Pennsylvania, Kristi Noem of South Dakota, Nan Hayworth of New York and Robert Dold of Illinois, all Republicans, each raised more than \$300,000 during the first three months of 2011, according to filings with the Federal Election Commission.

Friday was the commission's deadline for submitting fund-raising reports covering money both raised and spent since the beginning of the year.

Mr. McKinley topped the list, which won't be finalized until over the weekend, with \$536,654 raised during the period, and spent very little money to boost his cash on hand total of \$500,557. Mr. West raised \$433,551, but he spent heavily on direct-mail fund-raising and other expenses. As a result, Mr. Stivers, Mr. Meehan and Ms. Noem reported more cash on hand at the end of March. All seven lawmakers won competitive races last fall, and could face serious Democratic challenges in 2012. Patrick Murphy, a Democrat seeking to unseat Mr. West, reported raising \$352,449 in the first quarter.

Other freshman lawmakers from districts considered less competitive raised less money in the first quarter, including Rob Woodall, Republican of Georgia, who reported raising only \$8,725 during the period, and Larry Bucshon, Republican of Indiana, who brought in \$45,330.

Among Democrats who had submitted reports as of Friday morning, William Keating of Massachusetts reported raising \$114,307.

House Freshmen Post Fund-Raising Numbers

The following table lists selected fund-raising figures for House freshmen in the first quarter, as reported to the commission. Cash on hand is as of March 31:

David McKinley, W.Va. Republican \$536,654, Cash- \$500,557

Allen B. West, Fla., Republican \$433,551 Cash- \$242,614

Steve Stivers, Ohio, Republican \$403,597 Cash- \$316,034

Kristi Noem, S.D. Republican \$391,700 Cash- \$316,364

Pat Meehan, Pa., Republican \$334,030 Cash- \$316,487