

Politicians make campaign stops

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successes in areas like job creation and support for education and health care.

"There's a recipe out there to take the unease that people are feeling, because of these difficult times we're going through, and to whip it into anger and ride it into office," Patrick said before speaking to campaigners in the Democrat headquarters at Monument Square. "It's a very cynical view."

Brown said the same momentum that gave him a come-from-behind win over Coakley in the special election to replace the late Sen. Edward Kennedy will bring some new faces into government this November. And a "remarkable" write-in bid in last week's primary from Millbury Republican Jim McKenna to challenge Coakley on the ballot is another sign Republicans have a good shot in this general election,

he added.

Still, Brown said, Republicans can't rely just on momentum — he told Hayes and his supporters to campaign as if they're polling 50 points behind their opponent.

"People are tired of the way things have always been run, and they're looking for real leadership," Brown said after speaking in support of Hayes at the Harley House in Lunenburg. "The momentum is greater (than it was during the special election), the energy is bigger. It's all over the country."

Republicans have to call the largely Democratic Statehouse to task for what Hayes described as reckless spending and an unfriendly business climate. And, he added, challenging candidates need to be vigilant when incumbents take credit for successes if they weren't the driving force behind them.

"The senator is right. We can't rest until maybe 10 p.m.



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From left, State Rep. Candidate Kurt Hayes meets with Republican U.S. Sen. Scott Brown during a campaign stop at the Harley House Inn in Lunenburg Saturday afternoon.

on Nov. 2," Hayes said. "We have to talk about real reform."

Democrats need to address the questions and concerns not just of their backers, but of undecided voters and people who disagree with the administration, Patrick said. They have to listen to complaints and questions from people who are unhappy.

"We've got work to do," he said. "I'm the governor of the

folks who voted for me as well as the ones who didn't ... We tend to focus in times like these on how to win first, instead of why we should win."

Brown thanked Hayes and the other candidates on the November ballot for taking a dive into politics, saying, "It takes a lot to get the crap kicked out of you every day," but that political challenges are critical in government.



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Deval Patrick shakes hands with George Sanders, right, of Littleton, and Bob Turk, center, of Fitchburg on Saturday morning. Patrick was in Leominster to rally supporters.

Coakley met voters in Leominster Saturday morning after meeting with campaigners in the Democrats' downtown office. She's also planning to focus on her record as attorney general, saying she will "take a back seat to nobody" on the issues facing her office, such as consumer protection and public safety.

Coakley also said she's taken the lessons learned

from her defeat by Brown and that she's looking forward to an energized campaign against McKenna.

"I think you're going to see a lot of activity on both sides, which I believe is a good thing," she said. "Since February, I'd always assumed there would be someone running against me ... I'm going to focus on what I'm going to continue to do (as attorney general) going forward."