

Baucus pays filing fee

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Max Baucus, the freshman state representative who is walking through western Montana in hopes of finding a congressional nomination at the end of the trail, filed as a Democratic candidate Monday with the office of the secretary of state.

The 32-year-old Missoula attorney paid his \$425 filing fee with a personal check and became the first Democrat to put his money behind an announced intention of running.

Two-term Republican Congressman Dick Shoup, also from Missoula, already has filed for re-election.

Baucus said he would establish a mobile office in western Montana if he succeeds in unseating Shoup.

He said one of the most frequently asked questions as he has trekked from Gardiner through Helena has been: "How do we voters know you won't forget about us when you're in office?"

He plans to end the trip through the western district in Yaak.



Max Baucus