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## **Bowles backs Turlington**

Erskine Bowles, the two-time Democratic U.S. Senate candidate, has kept a low profile since losing to Republican Richard Burr in November.

But Bowles showed up at a Democratic lunch in Charlotte last week to endorse Ed Turlington in his race against Jerry Meek for state Democratic Party chairman. The state Democratic Executive Committee is scheduled to meet in Raleigh on Saturday to choose a replacement for Barbara Allen.

Meanwhile, state Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand of Fayetteville has written a letter endorsing Turlington. The Rand letter is significant because Rand was a mentor to Meek.