

## Bayh will not run for re-election to senate

This is breaking news inside the beltway, but getting many twitter messages seems very unlikely.

News Alert: Sen. Evan Bayh to retire  
10:40 AM EST Monday, February 15, 2010  
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Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh (D) will not seek re-election this year, a decision that hands Republicans a prime pickup opportunity in the middle of the country.

Bayh will announce the decision at a press conference later today. He was first elected to the Senate in 1998 and was re-elected easily in 2004. National Republicans had recruited former Sen. Dan Coats to challenge Bayh in 2010 although polling suggested Bayh began the race with a 20-point edge. He also had \$13 million in the bank at the end of the year.

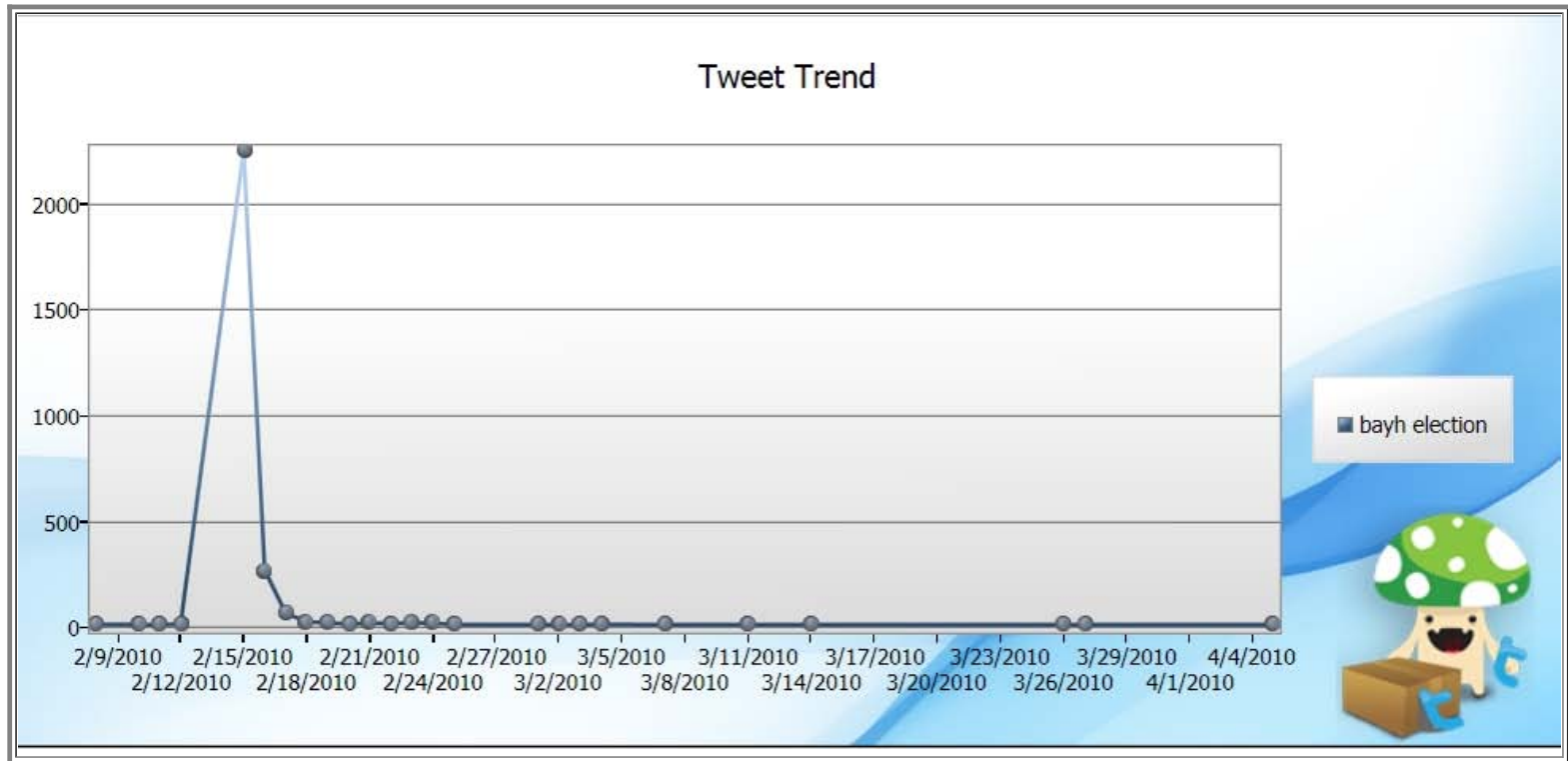
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This should be the quintessential breaking news inside the beltway that attracts little attention outside.

The search term was Bayh election.

The search concluded April 6, 2010 with a total of 2645 messages. Apparently Evan Bayh retiring from the Senate was not worth much commenting on Twitter.

The figure show the distribution over time.



There was a single large spike on the announcement, and after that about as close to nothing as you can get.

The files are [bayh election.xml](#) and [bayh election.txt](#), which is a tab delimited file that can be read with Excel.

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