



"Certainly the fact they have a primary battle doesn't hurt me," Van Drew said on Monday. He said whoever wins, his approach will be the same.

"To a great degree I will have the same campaign. I will speak about the strength of America, how we have to maintain our economy, our borders," Van Drew said. "How I'm not supportive of sanctuary states and cities, and other issues too like a strong military."

Froonjian said the primary is a national issue between presidential candidates Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Bernie Sanders may also affect Democratic turnout and enthusiasm.

"Right now it looks like Biden will be the nominee," Froonjian said. "What happens if Sanders people sit out (the election) because they are mad? It could affect all the races."

In the days leading up to the Atlantic County convention, Kennedy also accused Harrison of encouraging then-Gov. Chris Christie to run for president against President Obama in a 2011 op-ed for The Bergen Record; and Harrison said Kennedy was trying to deflect attention from a New Jersey Globe story. The story said another candidate, Vineland's Will Cunningham, was "pushing" a 2018 Politico story about questionable practices at the Kennedy Forum, which employs both Kennedy and her husband, Patrick ' "