

Ben Carson and John Kasich: Are They In or Out?

Retired neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson and Ohio Gov. John Kasich were afterthoughts to many watching the returns Tuesday night from the Nevada Republican Caucus.

After all the votes were counted, they were way behind in the vote totals. But they each received at least one delegate to the GOP national convention this summer. So are they still in the race or are they dropping out?

Well, both will be participating in Thursday night's televised debate on CNN.

"I want to thank my many supporters and volunteers in Nevada and across the country. While professional politicians have long written off our efforts to return the government to We the People, we remain undaunted," Carson said Tuesday night. "We've barely finished the first inning, and there's a lot of game left. I look forward to the debate in Houston this Thursday and then on to Super Tuesday, sharing the 'heal, inspire, revive' message with our great nation. As more Americans have their say, they will see the true strength of our movement."

He has faced increased criticism for remaining in the race after single-digit finishes in each of the first four nominating contests. And due to his Secret Service protection detail, his continued campaign costs American taxpayers \$38,000 a day, according to recent reports.

Kasich, on the other hand, spent the time between Saturday's South Carolina Primary and Tuesday night's vote in Nevada campaigning in larger states. His campaign seemingly ignored the Silver State event altogether, not even bothering to acknowledge the 2,709 people who voted for him.

Instead, his camp shared photos of the governor stumping in the larger “SEC Primary” states.