

TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT *Update*

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In the Tennessee Senate District 22 battle between incumbent (and write-in candidate) Senator Rosalind Kurita and challenger (and Democratic nominee) Tim Barnes, Senate Democratic Caucus, Governor Bredesen and other prominent Democrats held a fundraiser for Barnes earlier this week. Meanwhile, seven top state Senate Republican committee chairs threw their support behind Kurita and hosted a fundraiser for her.

The Kentucky U.S. Senate race has been added to the Election Report this week. Recent previous polls have shown the seat safe for incumbent Republican Mitch McConnell. However, as the November 4, 2008, General Election draws closer, McConnell's double digit lead over Democratic challenger Bruce Lunsford has decreased to statistical insignificance.

The same threat cannot be said for the U.S. Senate races in Louisiana and Maine. According to the polls for each race, the incumbents continued to increase the margin by which they lead over the challenger.

In the open U.S. Senate races in Virginia and New Mexico, Mark Warner's lead in Virginia over Republican Jim Gilmore has steadily increased over the preceding three months. In the New Mexico race, Republican Steve Pearce gained ground over Democrat Tom Udall from late July through early September. Those gains, however, quickly eroded, and Udall now shows a sizable lead. In addition, it is reported that the Republican Senate Campaign Committee has pulled its ads from the race.

TENNESSEE STATE SENATE

State	Candidate	Articles of Interest/ Polling Information
TN	Kurita (D) (Incumbent)	Kurita files federal lawsuit... http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2008809260400
	Tim Barnes (D)	

U.S. SENATE

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AK	Mark Begich (D)	Stevens' request for mistrial denied... http://www.cqpolitics.com/wmspage.cfm?docid=news-000002965483
	Ted Stevens (R) (Incumbent)	
CO	Mark Udall (D)	
	Bob Schaffer (R)	
KY	Mitch McConnell (R) (Incumbent)	Lunsford gives McConnell a run for his money... http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080927/NEWS0106/809270303&referrer=FRONTPAGECAROUSEL
	Bruce Lunsford (D)	
LA	Mary Landrieu (D) (Incumbent)	Landrieu's seat no longer perceived as vulnerable... http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/election_20082/2008_senate_elections/louisiana/election_2008_louisiana_senate
	John Kennedy (R)	
ME	Tom Allen (D)	GOP likely to maintain Senate seat... http://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=7502e0c7-3ca4-42da-8399-c2379169c597
	Susan Collins (R) (Incumbent)	
MN	Norm Coleman (R) (Incumbent)	
	Al Franken (D)	
NC	Elizabeth Dole (R) (Incumbent)	Dole's deficit reduced to three percentage points... http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/election_20082/2008_senate_elections/north_carolina/election_2008_north_carolina_senate
	Kay Hagan (D)	
NH	Jeanne Shaheen (D)	
	John Sununu (R) (Incumbent)	
NM	Tom Udall (D)	Udall's odds improve as GOP loses interest in retaining seat... http://www.cqpolitics.com/wmspage.cfm?parm1=5&docID=news-000002958731
	Steve Pearce (R)	
OR	Jeff Merkley (D)	Oregon Men Take A 2nd Look At Merkley... http://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=2587d5be-1ce6-48a3-ad0d-3245a66a7a00
	Gordon Smith (R) (Incumbent)	
VA	Mark Warner (D)	Warner's favorability at sixty-eight percent... http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/election_20082/2008_senate_elections/virginia/election_2008_virginia_senate
	Jim Gilmore (R)	

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