

Pushing 60

The 13 most competitive Senate races of the cycle will determine whether Democrats hit the magical, filibuster-proof 60 seats in the next Congress. They have more reason to be optimistic now than ever before. If you assume that Sen. Joe Lieberman (ID-Conn.) remains part of the Democratic Conference, they need to pick up nine seats to get there. And several of the key races have moved in their direction in the past five months.

State	Democrat	Republican	Current Outlook	Outlook May 2008
Alaska	Mark Begich	Ted Stevens	Tossup	Tossup
Colorado	Mark Udall	Bob Schaffer	Leans Democratic	Tossup
Georgia	Jim Martin	Saxby Chambliss	Likely Republican	Safe Republican
Kentucky	Bruce Lunsford	Mitch McConnell	Leans Republican	Safe Republican
Louisiana	Mary Landrieu	John Kennedy	Leans Democratic	Leans Democratic
Maine	Tom Allen	Susan Collins	Leans Republican	Leans Republican
Minnesota	Al Franken	Norm Coleman	Tossup*	Leans Republican
Mississippi	Ronnie Musgrove	Roger Wicker	Tossup	Likely Republican
New Hampshire	Jeanne Shaheen	John Sununu	Leans Democratic	Leans Democratic
New Mexico	Tom Udall	Steve Pearce	Likely Democratic	Leans Democratic
North Carolina	Kay Hagan	Elizabeth Dole	Tossup	Safe Republican
Oregon	Jeff Merkley	Gordon Smith	Tossup	Leans Republican
Virginia	Mark Warner	Jim Gilmore	Likely Democratic	Leans Democratic

*Incumbents are boldfaced; *Independence Party candidate Dean Barkley could get a significant portion of the vote.*