

CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION: TAKING BACK REAL CONTROL OF THE SENATE

[NB: check the byline, thanks. /~Rayne]

There's just so much wrong right now in governance which could be fixed with 60 Democratic seats in the Senate.

We could pass the Women's Health Protection Act, for starters, which would encode women's reproductive rights and autonomous control of their bodies. This bill passed the House but not the Senate because of 50 GOP senators and 2 DINO's.

We could pass other needed legislation which has been throttled by the same 50 GOP senators and 2 DINO's, including the Build Back Better Bill.

We could expand the Supreme Court so that the total number of jurists would match the number of circuit courts.

We could institute term limits for Supreme Court justices so that retirements could be planned.

We could address the shortcomings of the Roberts' Court ethical failings, from the lack of an ethics code, to Thomas's refusal to recuse or resign, to the Trump appointees' misrepresentations before the Senate Judiciary Committee during nomination hearings.

But none of these and other additional remedies can be addressed without at least 60 seated Democratic Senators.

These are the Class III Senators up for re-election or open seats this year:

State	Class 3	Cook PVI	Notes
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Alabama	Richard Shelby (R) <i>retiring, open seat</i>	R+15	Will Boyd (D)
Alaska	Lisa Murkowski (R)	R+9	Non-Partisan Primary August 16, 2022
Arizona	Mark Kelly (D)	R+3	
Arkansas	John Boozman (R)	R+16	
California	Alex Padilla (D)	D+14	
Colorado	Michael Bennet (D)	D+3	
Connecticut	Richard Blumenthal (D)	D+7	
Delaware	—	D+6	
Florida	Marco Rubio (R)	R+3	Primary August 23, 2022
Georgia	Raphael Warnock (D)	R+3	
Hawaii	Brian Schatz (D)	D+15	
Idaho	Mike Crapo (R)	R+19	
Illinois	Tammy Duckworth (D)	D+7	
Indiana	Todd Young (R)	R+11	
Iowa	Chuck Grassley (R)	R+6	Michael Franken (D)
Kansas	Jerry Moran (R)	R+11	
Kentucky	Rand Paul (R)	R+16	
Louisiana	John Kennedy (R)	R+12	
Maine	—	D+1	
Maryland	Chris Van Hollen (D)	D+14	
Massachusetts	—	D+14	
Michigan	—	R+1	
Minnesota	—	D+1	
Mississippi	—	R+10	

Missouri	Roy Blunt (R)	R+11	
Montana	—	R+11	
Nebraska	—	R+13	
Nevada	Catherine Cortez Masto (D)	Even	
New Hampshire	Maggie Hassan (D)	Even	
New Jersey	—	D+6	
New Mexico	—	D+3	
New York	Chuck Schumer (D)	D+10	
North Carolina	Richard Burr (R) <i>not seeking re-election</i>	R+3	Cheri Beasley (D)
North Dakota	John Hoeven (R)	R+20	
Ohio	Rob Portman (R)	R+6	Tim Ryan (D)*
Oklahoma	James Lankford (R)	R+20	
Oregon	Ron Wyden (D)	D+6	
Pennsylvania	Pat Toomey (R)	R+2	John Fetterman (D)
Rhode Island	—	D+8	
South Carolina	Tim Scott (R)	R+8	Dem primary results pending
South Dakota	John Thune (R)	R+16	
Tennessee	—	R+14	
Texas	—	R+5	**
Utah	Mike Lee (R)	R+13	*** Evan McMullin (I) has Utah Dems' support
Vermont	Patrick Leahy (D) <i>retiring, open seat</i>	D+15	Dem primary August 9, 2022
Virginia	—	D+2	
Washington	Patty Murray (D)	D+8	

West Virginia	–	R+23	
Wisconsin	Ron Johnson (R)	R+2	Dem primary August 9, 2022
Wyoming	–	R+26	

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light yellow: winnable

light green: stretch but in range

* Ohio's senate race is tied – within MOE depend on the poll. There is an independent candidate running as well who may act as a spoiler. Ohioans need to do an effective job of encouraging votes for Ryan so that the independent doesn't fragment the vote.

** Texas does not currently have a senate seat open or up for re-election. The governor's race is critical, though, as it is Texas state anti-abortion laws which have been setting the trend for the nation. Beto O'Rourke needs to win this seat.

*** Utah's Democratic Party has thrown its support behind Evan McMullin because the chances of a Democrat winning that state are slim to none. Mike Lee is an insurrectionist who must be removed.

Pick one or more senate races to defend. Help others go on the offense. Pay attention to the pending primary races and be ready to step in to help.