

Working families can WIN this election!

Hot Senate



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Senate candidate Ned Lamont of Connecticut, a state that has lost 75,000 manufacturing jobs, pledges to fight for fair trade laws that will protect U.S. workers.

Connecticut

Pro-labor candidate Ned Lamont defeated incumbent Democratic Senator Joe Lieberman 52-48 percent in the primary race. Lieberman, a so-called "moderate" Democrat, refused to acknowledge defeat and is running as an Independent. The Republican candidate, Alan Schlesinger, is not considered a factor in the race.

Connecticut lost more than 75,000 manufacturing jobs in six years. Lieberman consistently supports unfair trade deals, including NAFTA, while Lamont advocates fair trade agreements with enforceable labor and environmental standards and provisions

Does a GOP-led Senate that slashes social services for working families and then approves tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy that are even greater than those social service cuts deserve our vote?

The 2006 Senate race has 33 seats up for election. Democrats will be defending 18 seats and Republicans will be defending 15. Democrats must win a net of six seats to gain Senate control.

GOP strategists are counting on low voter

turnout to retain control in Congress as President Bush's low approval ratings, the economic squeeze on working families and Congressional scandals drag down GOP candidates nationwide.

High voter turnout, especially by union members, could change the political landscape and reverse years of policies that favor corporations and the wealthy over average Americans.

Some close contests this November where IAM members can make a difference include:



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Ohio Senate candidate and working families ally Sherrod Brown visited the picket line and spoke with locked out AEF-IAM members in Middletown, OH.

Races

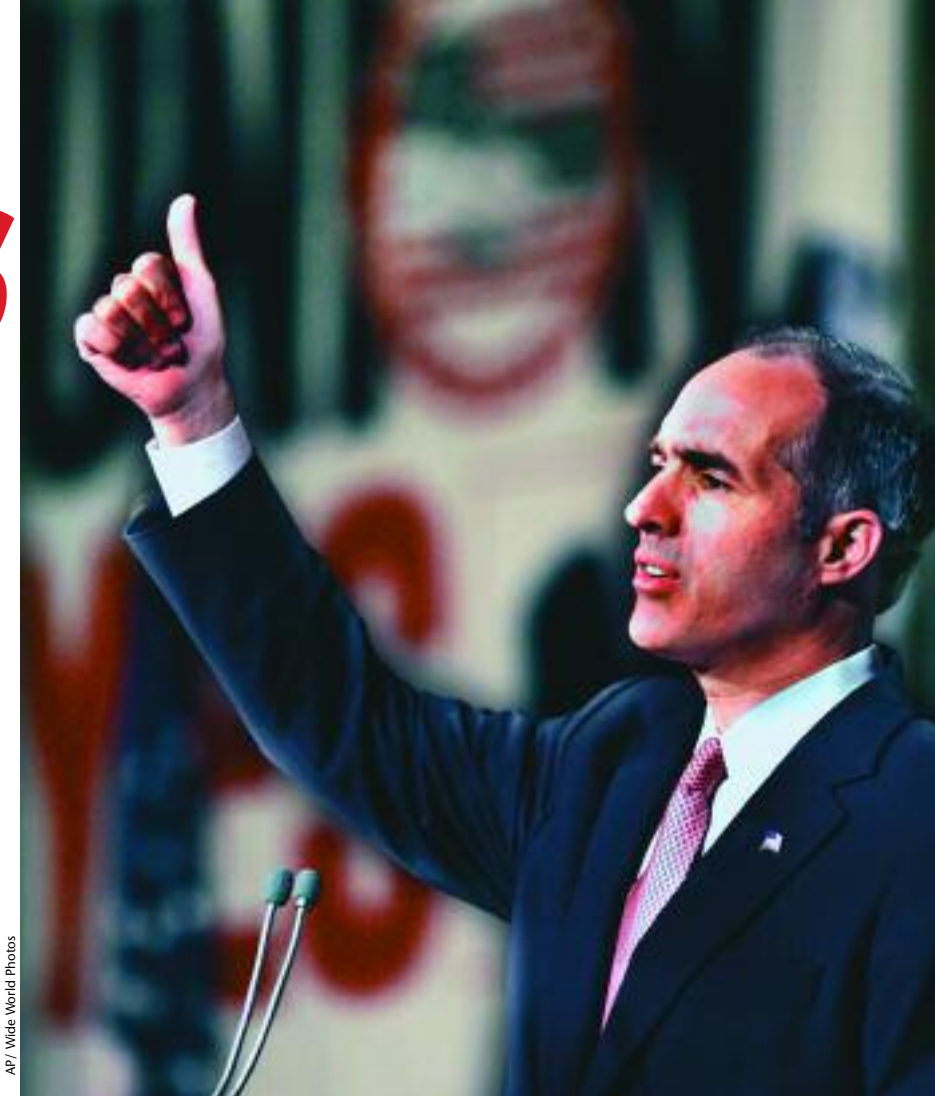
that give American products greater access to world markets.

Ohio

Two-term incumbent GOP Senator Mike DeWine is facing a strong challenge by Representative Sherrod Brown, a longtime ally of working families. As Senator, DeWine voted for CAFTA, normal trade relations with China and NAFTA, pledging that “this whole NAFTA zone will ultimately create a lot of jobs in Ohio.”

Instead, Ohio lost more than 195,000 manufacturing jobs and is one of just three states to lose jobs overall since 2001. DeWine also voted against legislation to reward companies that keep jobs in America; voted against ending tax breaks for companies that move manufacturing overseas and voted against “Buy American” requirements for defense equipment.

Brown has one of the strongest fair trade records in Congress. He voted against NAFTA and all similar trade agreements, has supported legislation that gives tax incentives and other rewards for companies that keep jobs in America



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Pennsylvania State Treasurer Bob Casey is a strong advocate for affordable health care, education and strengthening the Family and Medical Leave Act.

and sponsored legislation that would prevent companies who move overseas from obtaining federal contracts.

Pennsylvania

GOP Senator Rick Santorum’s controversial career has left him with one of the lowest approval ratings in the Senate. He has trailed Democratic challenger Bob Casey for much of the race. Santorum supports some of the Bush administration’s most extreme policies such as privatizing Social Security, eliminating overtime based on the 40-hour week, restricting

the Family and Medical Leave Act and increasing Medicare premiums.

Casey, currently the state Treasurer, has a strong record of making health care more affordable. He advocated for expansion of the state’s program to cover uninsured children, secured extra funding for hospitals and is a strong supporter of the Family and Medical Leave Act. A former teacher, Casey pledges to increase investment in early childhood education, increase school construction, improve technology education and expand opportunities for college education.



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Senate candidate Claire McCaskill of Missouri will fight to fix the flawed Medicare Part D drug program, increase funding for Medicare and Medicaid and raise the minimum wage.

fought to improve Missouri's job training program. McCaskill vows to fix the flawed Medicare Part D prescription drug program, fund children's health care coverage and keep Medicaid intact.

Talent voted for cuts in Medicare that left 40,000 of Missouri's children without healthcare and 90,000 without Medicaid coverage, a major source of long-term care for seniors.

New Jersey

GOP candidate Tom Kean, Jr., son of the popular former New Jersey governor, is in a close race with Democratic Senator Bob Menendez. Menendez has been a strong advocate for education and health care. He sponsored legislation to help small businesses provide health benefits, help workers maintain coverage between jobs and get coverage for uninsured children.

Menendez fought for more teachers in classrooms and to make more working families eligible for college tax financial aid. While a state Senator, Kean voted against increases in school funding including

more mentors, reading coaches and special education. He also voted to allow school districts to subcontract work.



Bob Menendez

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Washington

Democratic incumbent Maria Cantwell is in a tough fight against former GOP Senator Slade Gorton's chief of staff, Mike McGavick. Cantwell, who defeated Gorton in 2000, has taken on powerful corporations while in the Senate, such as blocking Enron's attempt to charge Washington rate payers for millions in undelivered electricity.

Cantwell fought high energy prices, calling for investigations to "make sure [oil] markets are not being manipulated on the backs of Americans."

Cantwell also opposes cuts in Social Security and Medicaid, supports minimum wage increases and co-sponsored the Employee Free Choice Act to support workers' rights to organize.

McGavick was CEO of Safeco Insurance Company where he championed the

company's "SmartSource" program to outsource tech jobs overseas. He also advocated privatizing the state's public universities.

Missouri

First-term GOP Senator Jim Talent is in a tight race against State Auditor Claire McCaskill. Federal inaction on increasing the minimum wage, including Talent's eleven votes against raising it, sparked a ballot initiative to raise the state minimum wage that McCaskill strongly supports.

"Too many Missourians are working too hard at too many jobs just to scrape by," says McCaskill. "It's immoral for full-time workers in America to live in poverty." As a county prosecutor, McCaskill upheld prevailing wage laws and as the state auditor