

Close House Races

Democrats currently hold a 37-seat advantage in the House of Representatives. Political analysts are predicting Democrats will extend their advantage, paving the way for more worker-friendly legislation in the 111th Congress.



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Mary Jo Kilroy

Ohio - District 15

Kilroy vs. Stivers

Democratic candidate Mary Jo Kilroy was just over 1,000 votes short of unseating retiring nine-term Republican Deborah Pryce in 2006. This time around, she will face State Senator Steve Stivers. Having seen Ohio battered by job loss, Kilroy has pledged to close tax loopholes that encourage corporations to send jobs overseas and work to fix flawed trade agreements.



Chris Carney

Pennsylvania - District 10

Carney vs. Hackett

Democratic incumbent Chris Carney looks to defend his seat in this traditionally Republican district against wealthy businessman Chris Hackett. Prior to his election, Congressman Carney, a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve, served multiple tours overseas. During his first term in Congress, Carney voted for the Employee Free Choice Act, improvements to Trade Adjustment Assistant and to lower Medicare prescription drug prices.



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Debbie Halvorson

Illinois - District 11

Halvorson vs. Ozinga

Illinois State Senate Majority Leader Debbie Halvorson gives Democrats one of their best pick-up opportunities. She faces off against Marty Ozinga in the race to replace retiring GOP incumbent Jerry Weller. Halvorson stands side-by-side with the Machinists Union.



Martin Heinrich

New Mexico - District 1

Heinrich vs. White

Democratic candidate and former Albuquerque City Councilman Martin Heinrich and his Republican opponent Darren White are vying to replace Republican Heather Wilson in what promises to be one of the most politically active states in the country this fall. As President of the Albuquerque City Council, Heinrich led the fight to raise Albuquerque's minimum wage to \$7.50 per hour.

Missouri - District 6

Barnes vs. Graves

Republican incumbent Sam Graves is being challenged by former Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes in this traditionally Republican district. Graves has consistently voted against working families and supported corporate interests.



Kay Barnes

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New York - District 29

Massa vs. Kuhl

Republican incumbent John Kuhl, Jr., is facing a tough fight from pro-labor candidate Eric Massa. Massa lost to Kuhl by just a single percentage point in 2006, and Kuhl's support of flawed trade agreements such as CAFTA and tax cuts for the wealthy make him vulnerable again.



Eric Massa

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Kansas - District 2

Boyda vs. Jenkins

Democratic incumbent Nancy Boyda goes up against Republican State Treasurer Lynn Jenkins. Boyda, who scored an upset win in 2006, has consistently sided with working families. She voted for the Employee Free Choice Act and an increase in the minimum wage.



Nancy Boyda

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Oregon - District 5

Schrader vs. Erickson

With Democratic incumbent Darlene Hooley retiring after six terms, Oregon State Senator Kurt Schrader is up against Mike Erickson, who lost to Hooley in 2006. Businessman Mike Erickson's deep pockets make this race competitive, but Schrader's support from labor and prominent community officials give him an advantage.



Kurt Schrader

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Washington - District 8

Burner vs. Reichert

Democratic candidate Darcy Burner has been getting significant support from labor in her bid to unseat Republican Dave Reichert. Reichert has consistently voted against working family issues, including the Employee Free Choice Act and lowering Medicare prescription drug prices.



Darcy Burner

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