

Key Senate Races

Working families have a chance to end the GOP Senate minority's chokehold on legislation and rebuild America's middle class. Democrats currently hold a slim 51-49 voting advantage in the Senate. But of the 35 seats up for election in 2008, Republicans have 23 seats to defend and Democrats only 12, giving pro-working family candidates a chance to win key races.

Here are some key Senate contests where IAM members can make a real difference on Election Day:

Kentucky



Bruce Lunsford

Incumbent Republican Senator Mitch McConnell is facing a tough challenge from his Democratic challenger Bruce Lunsford. Lunsford, the son of an IAM member, has pledged to support the

Employee Free Choice Act, scrap Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy and include significant worker protections in trade agreements. As Senate Minority Leader, McConnell is a key member of "The

Club" and is married to anti-worker Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao. McConnell's lackluster leadership of Senate Republicans and his close ties to President Bush will also work against him.

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Virginia

In the race to succeed five-term Republican Senator John Warner, former Democratic Governor Mark Warner is on track to easily outpace Republican Candidate Jim Gilmore. The popular Warner is

known for fixing the fiscal mess he inherited from former Governor Gilmore. Also, during Warner's term as Governor, 121,938 new jobs were created in Virginia and 12,182 jobs at risk of being

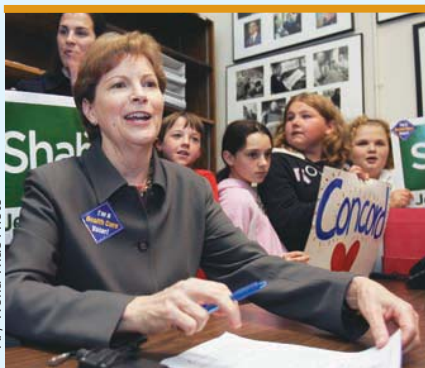
located elsewhere were retained. A Warner victory would put control of both Senate seats and the governorship in Democratic hands, furthering Virginia's transformation into a blue state.



Mark Warner

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New Hampshire



Jeanne Shaheen

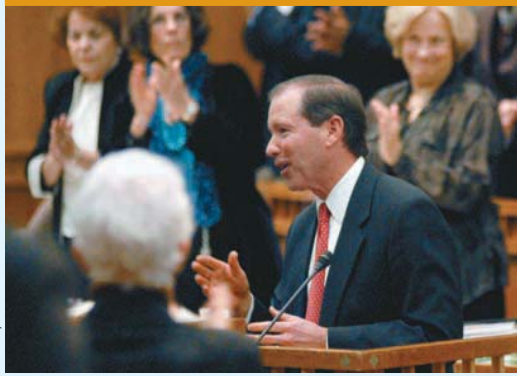
Former Gov. Jeanne Shaheen is a tough challenger for freshman Republican incumbent John Sununu. This race is a rematch of the 2002 Senate race, which Sununu won by just four percentage points. An undistinguished first term for

Sununu and national disapproval of the GOP make this race a great opportunity for a Democratic pick-up. As Governor, Shaheen launched New Hampshire's Children's Health Insurance Program, created a Job Training Fund to help New

Hampshire workers and created 65,000 new jobs in the state. Sununu regularly fell in line with the Bush administration, voting against the Employee Free Choice Act and legislation that would have reduced Medicare prescription drug prices.

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New Mexico



Tom Udall

In the race to replace retiring Republican Senator Pete Domenici, Democratic Congressman Tom Udall continues to stretch his lead over Republican Steve Pearce. Pearce has continually sided with President Bush and corporate interests. Despite record gas and oil prices, he voted against rolling back \$14 billion

in oil and gas tax breaks to fund alternative energy. Udall, however, has stood up for working families, voting with working families 96 percent of the time as a Congressman. He supports the Employee Free Choice Act, lowering prescription drug prices, increasing the minimum wage and children's health insurance.

Maine

Two-term Republican Senator Susan Collins twice pledged to only serve two terms. Yet, she is currently seeking a third term against Democratic Rep. Tom Allen, who is proving to be a tough opponent. While Collins attempts to characterize

herself as a "moderate" and an "outsider," the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee reports she has collected more than \$800,000 from special interest groups this year alone. Collins voted to extend tax cuts for the wealthy and against the

Employee Free Choice Act. During his six terms in the House, Allen voted with working families 96 percent of the time, opposing flawed trade policies such as the Central American Free Trade Agreement and 'Fast Track' trade authority.



Tom Allen

Oregon



Jeff Merkley

Democratic Oregon State House Speaker Jeff Merkley is running a formidable campaign in his efforts to oust Republican incumbent Sen. Gordon Smith. With Freightliner and other local shops losing jobs to foreign countries, trade could be the Achilles Heel for Smith among working families. He

voted for CAFTA, permanent normal trade relations with China and to give the President 'Fast Track' trade authority. As speaker of the Oregon House, Merkley fought to protect Oregon's minimum wage, make workplaces safer, and stop employers from abusing workers who want to join a union.

Minnesota



Al Franken

Democratic candidate Al Franken is putting up a tough fight against Republican incumbent Norm Coleman in Minnesota. In his career, Franken has been a member of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, the Screen Actors Guild and the Writers Guild of America. Franken has pledged to co-sponsor the Employee Free Choice

Act, fight for universal health care and insist that trade agreements include enforceable labor, safety, and environmental standards. Coleman, meanwhile, has been an avid supporter of President Bush's agenda. In July 2004, Coleman's home paper, the *Star Tribune*, said Coleman had "morphed into an attack dog for President Bush."

Alaska



Mark Begich

The indictment of the longest-serving Senate Republican, Ted Stevens, on seven felony counts related to a Big Oil corruption scandal makes this seat a prime pick-up opportunity for Democrats. Democratic candidate and Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich's stellar

record is making life even more difficult for Stevens. Under Begich's leadership, more than 9,000 new jobs have been created in Anchorage. As a U.S. Senator, he has said he will fight for new jobs, protect Social Security and support affordable health care for all.

Colorado

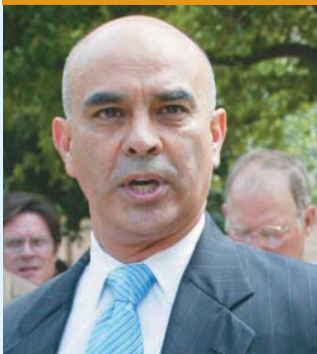
In the race to replace retiring Sen. Wayne Allard, Rep. Mark Udall offers the Democrats one of their best pick-up opportunities. Representing Colorado's 2nd District since 1998, Udall has shown a commitment to working families. He voted against the Central America Free Trade

Agreement and voted to improve Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits for jobless workers. Republican candidate Bob Schaffer, meanwhile, cozied up to corporate interests during his six years in the House, regularly voting to extend tax cuts for the wealthy.



Mark Udall

Texas



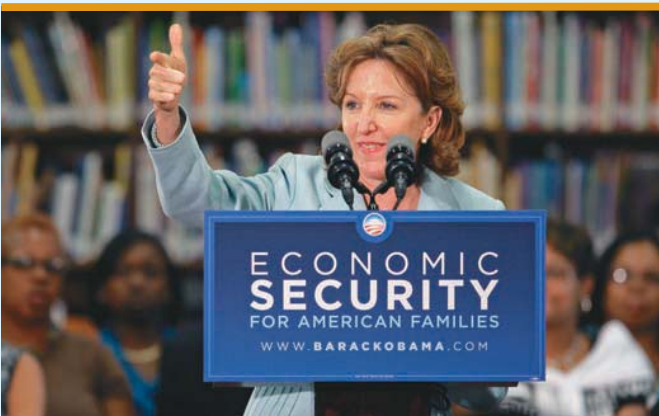
Rick Noriega

With a burgeoning grassroots campaign, Democratic state legislator Rick Noriega is positioned to defeat incumbent Republican Senator John Cornyn and become the first Democrat to win a Senate seat in Texas in 20 years. Noriega, who

served as a lieutenant colonel in the Texas Army National Guard and in Afghanistan, has argued for more relief for the struggling middle class. Noriega has said as a U.S. Senator, among other priorities, he will work to make a college education and

post-high school training affordable for our kids and work to improve the nation's broken health care system. Cornyn has continually sided with the Bush administration, voting for CAFTA and other flawed trade agreements.

North Carolina



Kay Hagan

Republican incumbent Senator Elizabeth Dole is facing a tough challenge from Democratic candidate, and five-term state Senator, Kay Hagan. As a state Senator, Hagan was named one of the most effective state senators by the North Carolina

Center for Public Policy Research. Dole has voted against numerous issues that would benefit working families, including lowering prescription drug prices, children's health insurance and The Employee Free Choice Act.