

Democrats regain control of Senate; surge on

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats recaptured control of the Senate and surged toward heightened command of the House Tuesday in off-year elections that also installed a Democratic governor in New York for the first time in 16 years.

Democratic Gov. Wendell H. Ford wrested a Kentucky Senate seat from Republican Marlow W. Cook. Richard Stone, a former Florida secretary of state, captured another GOP seat in Florida.

With those turnovers and their incumbent victories, the Democrats had won 50 Senate seats, and were guaranteed another in Hawaii, where Sen. Daniel K. Inouye had opposition in name only.

IT WAS the 11th successive election in which Democrats have taken charge of the Senate.

In New York, Rep. Hugh Carey, a Brooklyn congressman who challenged the party establishment to win nomination, swept to election as governor. He beat Gov. Malcolm Wilson, who as lieutenant governor had taken over the office when Nelson A. Rockefeller resigned.

Rep. Ella T. Grasso, 55, a Democrat, won the governorship of Connecticut, and became the first woman elected a governor without succeeding a politician husband.

In Tennessee, Democrat Ray Blanton, a former congressman, won away another Republican governorship.

AND AS the verdict took shape on House contests, Democrats built leads in what had been safe GOP districts.

Four GOP House members were trailing in New Jersey; five were behind in Indiana; in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, Rep. Joel T. Broyhill was beaten after 22 years in congress.

Democrat John H. Glenn Jr., the former astronaut, won election to the Senate in Ohio after a decade of trying. His victory held a Democratic seat.

Robert B. Morgan, a former Democratic attorney general, won the North Carolina Senate seat retied by Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr.

DEMOCRATIC Gov. Dale Bumpers of Arkansas was elected to the Senate to succeed Sen. J. W. Fulbright, the man he beat in the primary election.

Democratic Sens. James B. Allen of Alabama, Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina, Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, Thomas F. Eagleton of Missouri and Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut all won easy reelection. Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., had no opposition.

Democrats kept the governorships in seven states—Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Oklahoma, Maryland, Vermont and Arkansas. Big-name re-election winners included two potential 1976 presidential contenders, George Wallace of Alabama and Reubin Askew of Florida.

Republican incumbents in two major states—William G. Milliken in Michigan and Francis Sargent in Massachusetts—were trailing in gubernatorial races. And Democratic Rep. Hugh Carey took an early lead for the currently Republican New York governorship.

IN SOUTH Carolina and Kansas, Republicans were ahead for Democratic governor's chairs. An independent candidate led for Maine's Democratic governorship.

Republicans were ahead, in some cases narrowly, in their defense of a half-dozen Senate seats, and in Iowa and Nevada for currently Democratic held Democratic seats.

But Democrats led for currently Republican seats in four other states, one of them in Vermont, where the race was close for election to succeed retiring Republican Sen. George D. Aiken, dean of the Senate.

Voter turnout patterns and returns indicated that participation in the off-year balloting would exceed advance forecasts—which in some cases had pointed to turnouts as low as 40 percent of the electorate.

THE NATIONAL PICTURE:

In the Senate, with 34 seats at stake and 51 needed for a majority, Democrats won 13 and had 38 holdovers for a new total of 51—control of the new Senate, while Republicans had 28 holdovers. That is a net gain of 2 Democrats with 22 races undecided.

In the House, with all 435 seats at stake and 218 needed for a majority, Democrats won 104 while Republicans won 21. That is a net gain of 1 Democrat with 310 races undecided, compared with the current lineup of 248 Democrats and 187 Republicans.

In the races for governor in 35 states, Democrats won 11 and had 9 holdovers for a new total of 20, while Republicans had 6 holdovers. That is a net gain of 2 Democrats with 24 races undecided.

TUESDAY'S balloting passed judgment on a government irrevocably altered by the trauma of Watergate.

The President who urged Americans to go to the polls for a show of confidence in the government system was not the man they elected to

the White House by historic landslide only two years ago.

President Ford, who waged a 20-state campaign to bolster the GOP, cast his Michigan absentee ballot in advance, then urged his countrymen to turn out and send to Washington and the world a message of trust in the American way of government.

In Congress and the state capitals, Democrats were virtually assured continued and increased control.

AS THE electoral procession flowed through town halls and schoolhouse polling places from New England across the time zones to the West, the statistics and the political omens signaled a tightened Democratic grip on the levers of power at the Capitol and in the states.

There were 34 Senate races, 20 for seats now held by Democrats. Democrats control the current Senate 58 votes to 42, and were headed for gains that could push their number to 65.

In the House, the present lineup is 248 Democrats, 187 Republicans. Democrats were expected to gain 30 to 50 seats.

There are now 32 Democratic governors; the election promised to swell that count by a half-dozen, perhaps as many as 10.

ABOUT 145 million Americans were eligible to vote, but off-year turnouts are traditionally low. Forty-three percent of the eligible voters cast ballots in the last off-year elections, in 1970.

This time, apathy and political disenchantment spawned by Watergate, and even some rainy weather in the East and Midwest, seemed likely to hold the turnout even lower. The level of participation will not be known for several days, but as President Ford noted, some surveys indicate a turnout of only 40 percent of the electorate.

If that is the case, Ford said in an election-eve statement, the 94th Congress which will have to deal with major economic woes could be chosen by only 21 percent of the voters.

"I don't think anyone wants that kind of minority decision," Ford said. He called on people to vote, whether they be Republican or Democratic, saying that those who shun the polls are "actually voting 'no' on our system of self-government."

FORD'S personal campaign spanned nearly 17,000 miles, covering 20 states, and he made inflation

his theme. Watergate, the scandal that brought the appointed President to office, was always in the background as he warned against election decisions that could undermine the two-party system.

He raised the spectre of runaway, inflation-fueling spending by a "veto-proof Congress" with Democratic margins that could overrule him by the required two-thirds votes. Actually, even with Democratic dominance, the wholesale overriding of Ford vetoes is not a realistic prospect. Philosophic differences within the parties preclude it.

Ags invade Dallas for parade, game

The Corps of Cadets hits the highway this week, for a Corps Trip to Dallas.

The military operation, first of the 1974 football season, centers on the A&M-SMU game at the Cotton Bowl.

The 2,200-plus member Corps of Cadets, led by Rickey A. Gray of Dallas, will appear in a Saturday morning parade prior to the game.

A coffee honoring the reviewing party for the parade will officially initiate activities at 8 a.m.

"We're looking forward to this 'rehearsal' for the Cotton Bowl parade," Col. Thomas R. Parsons said. Texas A&M, with a 4-0 Southwest Conference won-loss record, is a leading candidate for the New Year's Day grid classic.

Corps Commander Gray, will lead the Corps, Texas Aggie Band and Parsons Mounted Cavalry onto the parade route at 9:30 a.m.

Corps units will form on Griffin Street. The troops, in winter uniform for the first time this year, will march up Main Street to Harwood Street and turn right, where units will disband.

The reviewing stand will be between Ervay and Akard Streets. Brig. Gen. Charles I. McGinnis will take salutes of passing corps units. Gen. McGinnis is district engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Southwest Division, headquartered in Dallas.

A 1949 Texas A&M graduate, he is a classmate of Col. Parsons, commandant of cadets and professor of military science.

Among other officials on the reviewing stand will be Dr. Jack K. Williams, TAMU president, and Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services.

Ford said also that there is a danger of legislative dictatorship.

And, again on the inflation-fighting theme, he urged voters to "throw the big spenders out," no matter their party.

ALL TOLD, Ford campaigned personally for nearly 100 Republican candidates, from Vermont to California.

For the appointed Ford as for no President before him, the off-year campaign was a national political debut—and one waged against all the odds.

The political honeymoon days that began his presidency were soured after a month with his Sept. 8 pardon of his predecessor, Richard M. Nixon, for any and all offenses as president.

The pardon drew an adverse public reaction, and Ford said he was surprised at its vehemence. Some Republicans complained that the pardon and the conditional amnesty Ford granted Vietnam-era draft evaders had made their difficult campaign lot even worse. That reaction subsided during the last weeks of the campaign.

AS IN any off-year balloting, state and local issues were frequently more pivotal than national themes. But this time, they often were offshoots of national concerns. Thus, in the election after Watergate, anything smacking of scandal was magnified, and candidate spending was a common issue.

So were taxes, state and federal. And Republicans took no comfort in Ford's call for a five percent middle and upper income surtax to help curb inflation. Many declared their opposition.

All the while, inflation gnawed at the dollar. The cost of living rose 1.3 percent in the campaign month of September. There was no sign of slackening in October, although the figures have not yet been compiled.

Pollsters and candidates were virtually unanimous: rising prices in a slumping economy comprised The Issue of 1974.

ISSUES aside, the Democrats had a hefty head start. In the past five mid-term elections, the party out of White House power has gained an average of 26 seats in the House and four in the Senate.

There were big swings in 1958, a time of recession, when Democrats gained 49 House and 13 Senate seats; and in 1966, a time of adjustment, when Republicans picked up 47 House and 4 Senate seats.

In that latter election, the GOP gained back most of the House seats lost in the 1964 presidential election, when Lyndon B. Johnson's

landslide over Republican Sen. Barry Goldwater helped the Democrats boost their House majority by 37 seats.

Nixon had no comparable coalitions in his 49-state sweep of the 1972 presidential election. Republicans gained only 11 House seats, and lost two in the Senate.

NEVER HAS the face of American politics changed as markedly in two years as since that 1972 landslide. Nixon, whose last election day was a time of triumph, spent his

one in his Long Beach, Calif., hospital bed, in the political exile of resignation. Spiro T. Agnew resigned the vice presidency more than a year ago in his own scandal.

Ironically, two of the names on 1974 ballots are those of the losers—Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota, the Democrat Nixon trounced; and Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton of Missouri, the running mate McGovern chose and then banished from the ticket over a history of treatment for mental illness.

Campus briefs

A&M sponsors dredging seminar

Texas A&M will sponsor the 7th Annual Dredging Seminar in New Orleans Nov. 8.

Civil engineers from across the nation will gather for the meeting which will include speakers from the U. S. Army Engineers, Corps of Engineers, academic and engineering firms. Col. Herbert Harr Jr., associate port director, Port of New Orleans, will also speak.

Dr. John Herlich of A&M will act as moderator for the seminar. A major topic of discussion will be the environmental impact of dredging operations.

'Y' sponsors appreciation picnic

The Student Y is sponsoring a picnic in appreciation for the 1974 Fish Camp counselors.

The outing will be held Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. in Hensel Park Area 3. The event is free for counselors, \$1.00 for Delta Y members.

Everyone must have a ticket and the tickets must be picked up by noon Friday.

Library offers term paper clinic

The Library is offering a week-long term paper clinic with specialists to aid in students' research.

The project centers near the card catalog section on the main floor. Wednesday and Friday the service is available from 1-3 p.m. with extra hours from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday. Thursday the service runs from 10 a.m. to noon and from 7-9 p.m. Saturday the clinic operates from 10 a.m. to noon.

Society meets to observe stars

The Central Texas Astronomical Society will meet this week for observing Jupiter, Saturn and other subjects.

If the sky is clear, the group will meet Thursday night. If not, it will gather Friday no matter what the conditions.

Area amateur astronomers, students and others are invited to attend the gathering at the home of Dr. Ron Schorn, A&M physics professor. Newcomers should phone 846-4172 or 823-5519 for directions.

Foreign students plan dinner

The International Students Association plans a dinner to be held Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the A&M Presbyterian Church.

Anyone interested is invited to attend the dinner, which will cost 50 cents per person. Tickets are available from the Foreign Student Advisor Office in the Academic Building and from the international student section of the Old Exchange Store Lounge.

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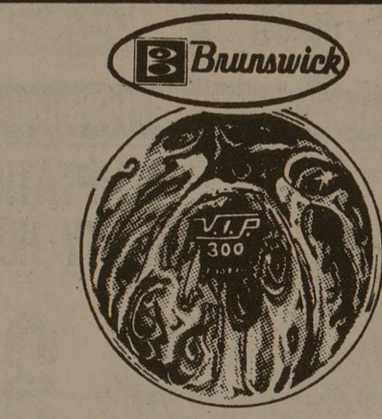


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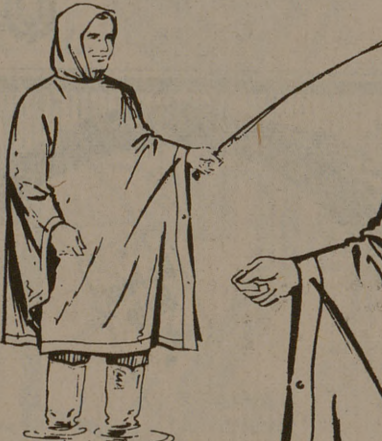
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