

# Election 2010 Initial Summary and Analysis

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# Initial Election Overview

## The Big Picture

- Republicans add at least 60 seats to control House (bigger wave than 1994). Now 239 R to 189 D (7 undecided).
- Democrats maintain control of Senate, but give up six seats. New partisan breakdown 51 D to 46 R to 2 Ind. (1 undecided - Minnesota).
- Republicans gain control of 8 additional governors mansions. New partisan breakdown 29 R to 19 D to 1 Ind. (1 undecided).
- Winners of State Chiefs Elections: AZ-John Huppenthal (R), CA-Tom Torlakson (D), ID-Tom Luna (R), OK- Janet Barresi (R), SC-Mick Zais (R), WY-Cindy Hill (R), GA-John Barge (six new chiefs and one incumbent winner).

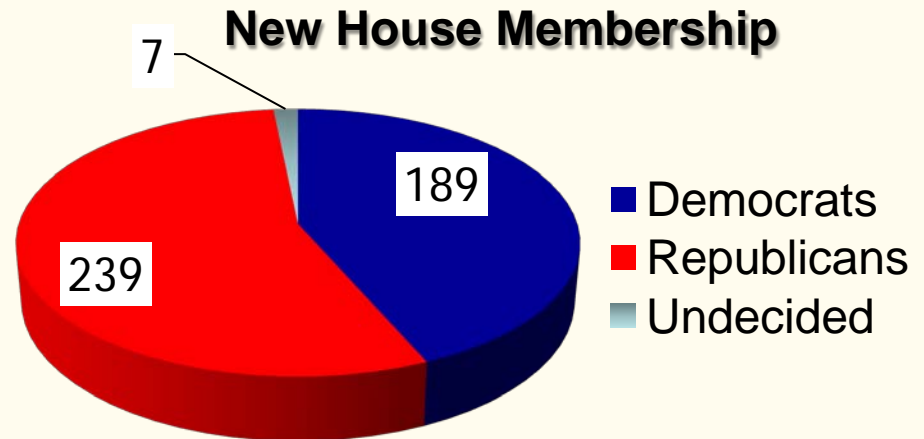
## Select Races with Direct Education Implications

- Richard Blumenthal (D) replaces retiring early ed champion Senator Chris Dodd. As Connecticut's Attorney General he challenged NCLB's constitutionality.
- HELP Committee Member Lisa Murkowski-AK in a close undecided race, but leading. Senator Bennett-CO and Murray-WA prevailed in other close races.
- Iowa Governor Chet Culver, champion of statewide pre-k, defeated by former governor and Michele Rhee fan Terry Brandstadt.
- Dems win 2 of 3 special elections in the Senate where members seated immediately, helping (but not guaranteeing) prospects for budget omnibus this year (incl. ELCF).

# House Election Results/Ed Impact

## Education Policy Outlook:

- **Early Ed:** ELCF and new HS/CCDBG funding face obstacles in tough budget environment.
- **K-12:** ESEA on hold until Republican caucus consensus emerges and transition logistics completed, but remains important objective.
- **Higher Ed:** Intense for-profit scrutiny diminishes, but completion rate concerns linked to Pell/loans expand across higher ed.
- **Budget:** Future education budgets held flat, state/local bailouts end, and new programs unfunded.



**Possible Republican Committee Leadership:** John Kline (MN)/Ed & Labor and Denny Rehberg (MT)/Labor HHS Ed Appropriations. (Note: GOP Steering Committee to meet Nov. 17-18 to officially nominate committee chairs. Subcommittee chairs named in January).

**Possible Democratic Committee Leadership:** Miller (CA)/Ed & Labor and Rosa DeLauro (CT)/Labor HHS Ed Appropriations.

# House Education Priorities?

## 111<sup>th</sup> Congress

- Incentives for Common Core
- TLE and Merit Pay
- Accountability & Transparency
- Investing in Innovation
- State Capacity Building
- Greater Focus on Early Learning and High Schools
- Increased Funding and Bailouts



## 112<sup>th</sup> Congress

- CCR Standards (minus direct/indirect Common Core references)
- TLE and Merit Pay
- Accountability and Transparency
- ARRA Oversight Hearings
- Charters/Vouchers
- Rehabilitating For-Profit Higher Education
- Flat/Lower Funding and No New Bailouts

# Ed & Labor Committee Changes

Current committee composition 30 Ds 18 Rs/ 6 committee members lost/retired . Committee ratios will change forcing some junior/other Democrats off the panel next year.

## Democrats

George Miller, Calif.  
Dale E. Kildee, Mich.  
Donald M. Payne, N.J.  
Robert E. Andrews, N.J.  
Robert C. Scott, Va.  
Lynn Woolsey, Calif.  
Rubén Hinojosa, Texas  
Carolyn McCarthy, N.Y.  
John F. Tierney, Mass.  
Dennis J. Kucinich, Ohio  
David Wu, Ore.  
Rush D. Holt, N.J.  
Susan A. Davis, Calif.  
Raúl M. Grijalva, Ariz.  
Timothy H. Bishop, N.Y.  
~~Joe Sestak, Pa.~~

Dave Loebsack, Iowa  
Mazie Hirono, Hawaii  
Jason Altmire, Pa.  
~~Phil Hare, Ill.~~  
Yvette D. Clarke, N.Y.  
Joe Courtney, Conn.  
~~Carol Shea-Porter, N.H.~~  
Marcia L. Fudge, Ohio  
Jared Polis, Colo.  
Paul Tonko, N.Y.  
Pedro R. Pierluisi, P.R.  
Gregorio Sablan, N. Mariana Is.  
Dina Titus, Nev.  
Judy Chu, Calif.

## Republicans

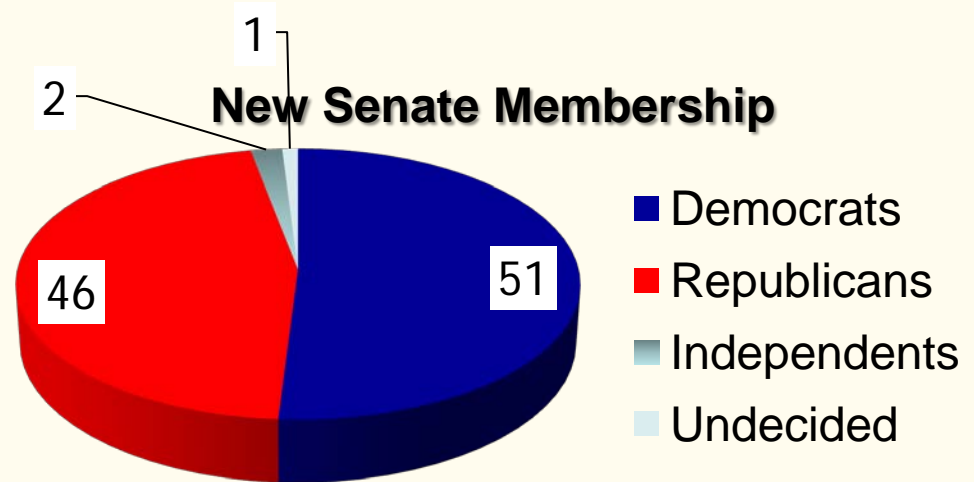
John Kline, Minn.  
Tom Petri, Wis.  
Howard McKeon, Calif.  
Peter Hoekstra, Mich.  
~~Michael N. Castle, Del.~~  
~~Vernon J. Ehlers, Mich.~~  
Judy Biggert, Ill.  
Todd R. Platts, Pa.  
Joe Wilson, S.C.  
Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Wash.  
Tom Price, Ga  
Rob Bishop, Utah  
Brett Guthrie, Ky.  
Bill Cassidy, La.  
Tom McClintock, Calif.  
Duncan Hunter, Calif.  
Phil Roe, Tenn.

Glenn Thompson, PA

# Senate Election Results/Impact

## Education Policy Outlook:

- **Early Ed:** ELCF remains a priority, but Chairman Harkin faces difficult negotiations with House.
- **K-12:** Bi-partisan ESEA negotiations continue, but new committee members face steep learning curve.
- **Higher Ed:** For profit scrutiny remains, but focus on issue fades as ESEA takes greater precedence.
- **Budget:** Future education budgets held flat, state/local bailouts end, and new programs unfunded.



**Possible Committee Leadership:** Tom Harkin (IA) expected to continue to chair HELP and Labor, HHS, Ed Appropriations. Mike Enzi (WY) expected to remain HELP Ranking Member. Republican Ranking Member on Labor HHS, Ed Appropriations TBD.

# HELP Committee Changes

Current committee composition 13 Dems 10 Reps/ 3 member retired, 1 race **undecided**.  
Committee ratios are expected to change, adding new Republicans to the panel next year.

## Democrats

Tom Harkin, Iowa - Chairman

~~Christopher J. Dodd, Conn.~~

Barbara A. Mikulski, Md.

Jeff Bingaman, N.M.

Patty Murray, Wash.

Jack Reed, R.I.

Bernard Sanders, Vt. (I)

Bob Casey, Pa.

Kay Hagan, N.C.

Jeff Merkley, Ore.

Al Franken, Minn.

Michael Bennet, Colo.

~~Carte P. Goodwin, W.Va.~~

## Republicans

Michael B. Enzi, Wyo. - Ranking Member

~~Judd Gregg, N.H.~~

Lamar Alexander, Tenn.

Richard M. Burr, N.C.

Johnny Isakson, Ga.

John McCain, Ariz.

Orrin G. Hatch, Utah

**Lisa Murkowski, Alaska**

Tom Coburn, Okla.

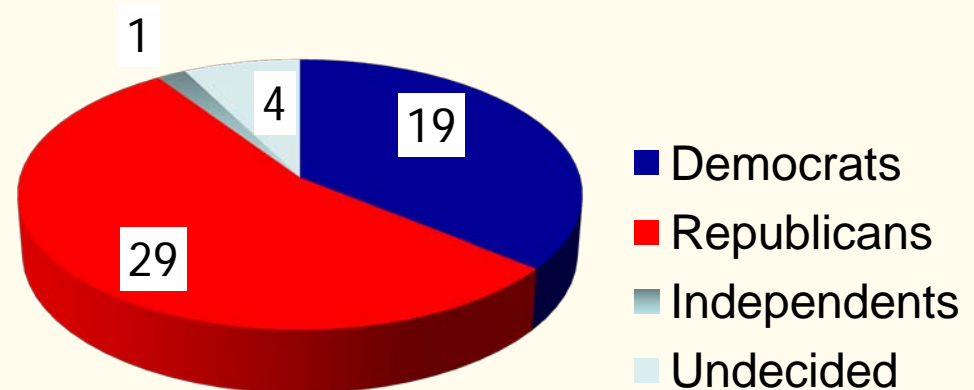
Pat Roberts, Kan.

# States

## Education Policy Outlook:

- **Federalism:** Greater focus on state/local strategies? Implications for Common Core adoption and implementation?
- **Budget:** 46 states face budget short falls in 2011 and additional fed support unlikely leading to possible education cuts.
- **Congress:** Possible long-term Congressional impact through 2010 Census redistricting, heavily influenced by governors.

## Governors Breakdown



- **Legislatures:** Republicans win 53% of overall legislative seats at the state level.
- **Chiefs:** Six new chiefs elected and we estimate that at least 6 governor appointed chiefs may also transition out of office.



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