

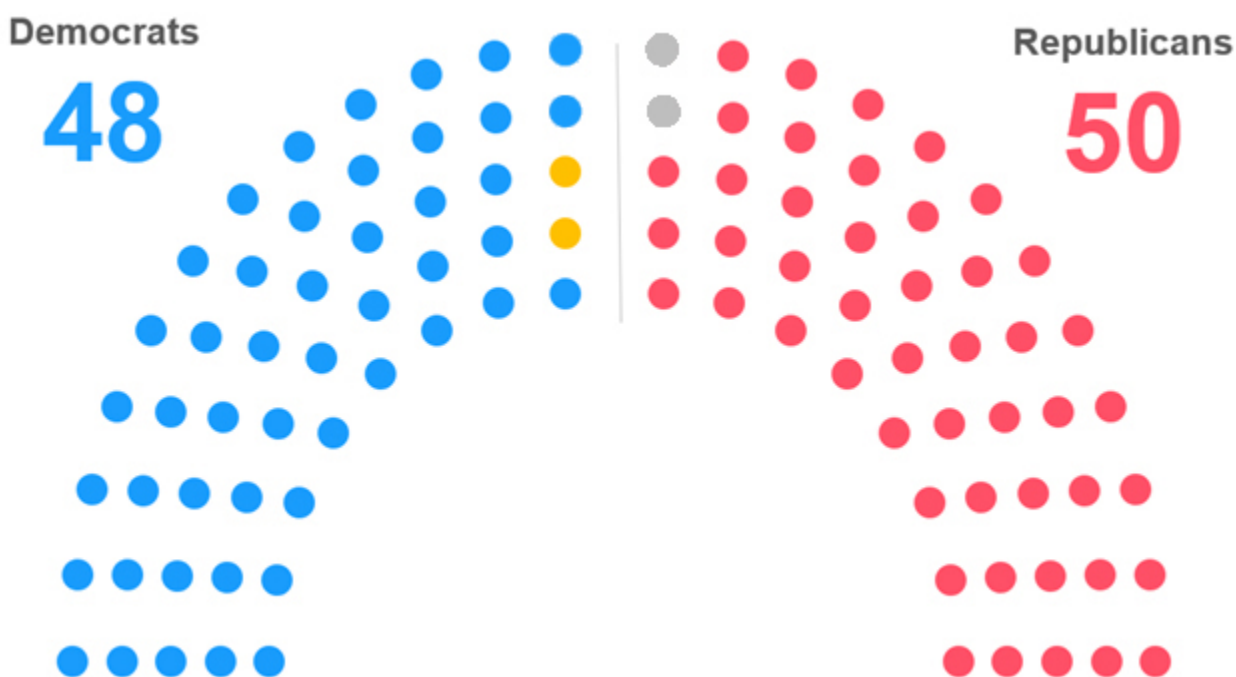
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## The Senate Members of the 117th Congress

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While there are two remaining Senate seats yet to be settled, this alert provides information on the election results to date and the new members joining the Senate. Additionally, we have noted the upcoming dates to watch, including the date for the runoff in Georgia.

### Current Senate Balance of Power



Source: *The Associated Press*

Note: Yellow indicates independents who caucus with Democrats; gray indicates uncalled or runoff races.

### Senate By the Numbers

#### Georgia Runoffs on January 5

- Sen. David Perdue (R) faces Jon Ossoff (D)
- Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R) faces Raphael Warnock (D)

#### Incoming Freshmen

- Bill Hagerty (R-TN)
- John Hickenlooper (D-CO)
- Mark Kelly (D-AZ)
- Ben Ray Luján (D-NM)

- Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)
- Roger Marshall (R-KS)
- Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)

## Upcoming Opening

- Kamala Harris (D-CA) – In advance of becoming Vice President, Senator Harris will resign her seat in the Senate. Gov. Gavin Newsome will appoint someone to fill the remainder of Senator Harris' term (2022). We are awaiting a decision by Gov. Newsome as to a replacement.

## Defeated Incumbents

- Cory Gardner (R-CO) defeated by John Hickenlooper
- Doug Jones (D-AL) defeated by Tommy Tuberville
- Martha McSally (R-AZ) defeated by Mark Kelly

## Did Not Seek Re-election in 2020

- Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
- Mike Enzi (R-WY)
- Pat Roberts (R-KS)
- Tom Udall (D-NM)

## Senators Re-elected

### Democrats

- Cory Booker (NJ)
- Chris Coon (DE)
- Richard Durban (IL)
- Edward Markey (MA)
- Jeff Merkley (OR)
- Gary Peters (MI)
- Jack Reed (RI)
- Jeanne Shaheen (NH)
- Tina Smith (MN)
- Mark Warner (VA)

### Republicans

- Bill Cassidy (LA)
- Susan Collins (ME)
- John Cornyn (TX)
- Tom Cotton (AR)
- Steve Daines (MT)
- Joni Ernst (IA)
- Lindsey Graham (SC)
- Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS)
- James Inhofe (OK)
- Mitch McConnell (KY)
- Jim Rish (ID)
- Mike Rounds (SD)
- Ben Sasse (NE)
- Dan Sullivan (AK)
- Thom Tillis (NC)

## 117th Senate Freshmen

Sen. Bill Hagerty (R-TN) R



US Senator-elect  
Tennessee  
1st Term - Elected in 2020



Sen. John Hickenlooper (D-CO) D



US Senator-elect  
Colorado  
1st Term - Elected in 2020



Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ) D



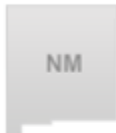
US Senator-elect  
Arizona  
1st Term - Elected in 2020



Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) D



US Senator-elect  
New Mexico  
1st Term - Elected in 2020



Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) R



US Senator-elect  
Wyoming  
1st Term - Elected in 2020




Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS) R




US Senator-elect  
Kansas  
1st Term - Elected in 2020



Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) R



US Senator-elect  
Alabama  
1st Term - Elected in 2020



## Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)



### Biography:

Birth Date: 09/18/1954

Education: Graduated, BS, Education, Southern Arkansas University

Family: Wife: Suzanne; two children: Tucker, Troy

### Background:

- Retired college football coach well-known in the state for his time at Auburn who defeated former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions to clinch the nomination; ran for Senate on a conservative, pro-Trump platform.
- Born and raised in Camden, Arkansas; is the youngest of three children and the son of a decorated WWII veteran; played college football at Southern Arkansas University.
- Started coaching high school football after graduating, working his way up to college football, eventually becoming head coach at the University of Mississippi; at Ole Miss, supported a push to bar the Confederate flag from home games and worked to attract Black recruits and make them feel more welcome.
- Best known for his head coaching tenure at Auburn University where he finished with an 85-40 record and the university's longest winning streak against rival, University of Alabama; was known as a mild-mannered coach and a strong recruiter.
- Worked as a newscaster for ESPN and then coached at Texas Tech and University of Cincinnati before retiring in 2016.
- Moved to Alabama from Florida in 2018 with the idea of eventually running for political office and considered a run for governor; launched his campaign for Senate in 2019.
- During his primary campaign was an ardent supporter of President Trump, who endorsed him, helping Tuberville secure the nomination in a runoff election over former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions; Sessions vacated the Senate seat when he was named attorney general.
- Ran on a conservative platform closely tied to President Trump; highlighted immigration as a key issue and supported Trump's plan to build a wall and fund border patrol and detention centers; supports a free-market health care system and calls for an end to the AC

**Election Results:** Transition of seat from Democrat to Republican.

#### 2020 General:

- Tuberville – 61%
- Jones – 39%

## Mark Kelly (D-AZ)



#### Biography:

Birth Date: 02/21/1964

Education: BS, Marine Engineering, United States Merchant Marine Academy; Graduated, United States Naval Test Pilot School; MS, Aeronautical Engineering, United States Naval Postgraduate School

Family: Wife: Gabby; two children: Claire, Claudia

#### Background:

- Retired U.S. Navy Captain, astronaut, and engineer; campaigns on gun control and health care policies.
- Began career as a naval aviator, flying 39 combat missions in Operation Desert Storm.
- Selected as a NASA space shuttle pilot in 1996; has flown four missions, commanded two, and visited the Space Station four times.
- Identical twin brother, Scott, is also an astronaut, making them the only siblings who have travelled to space; involved in NASA Twin Study.
- Retired as a U.S. Navy Captain and astronaut in 2011 after his wife, former Rep. Gabby Giffords (D-AZ08) was shot in the head and faced a difficult recovery; sparked his gun control advocacy leading

to their founding of Giffords, a gun control advocacy, research, SuperPAC, and lobbying firm that still recognizes Second Amendment rights.

- Founded World View Enterprises, a near-space exploration and technology company in 2013
- Advocates for affordable and accessible health care that would protect 2.8 million Arizonians with pre-existing conditions from losing their insurance; platform pushes for creating more options to introduce competition and reduce costs.

**Election Results:** Transition of seat from Republican to Democrat.

**2020 General:**

- Kelly – 53%
- McSally – 47%

## John Hickenlooper (D-CO)



**Biography:**

Birth Date: 02/07/1952

Education: MA, Geology, Wesleyan University, 1980; BA, English, Wesleyan University, 1974

Family: Wife: Helen; one child: Teddy

**Background:**

- Former governor, mayor, and brewpub entrepreneur known for interest in health, environmental issues, and economic growth.
- Grew up in a middle-class family in a Philadelphia suburb.
- After being laid off as a geologist, opened the first brewpub in Colorado, which helped spark the revitalization of Denver's Lower Downtown.
- While running his brewery, led a grassroots campaign to keep the name of the Denver Mile High stadium, raising his public profile and serving as a primer for his mayoral run.
- Served two terms as mayor of Denver, where he eliminated a \$70 million budget deficit and attracted the 2008 Democratic National Convention to Denver.
- As governor, oversaw the legalization of recreational marijuana, and signed three major gun control proposals into law.
- Supports adding a public health care option and has been vocal on the need to lower prescription drug costs, including through allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices.
- Advocates for a transition to a 100 percent renewable energy economy, but has opposed bans on fracking.
- Briefly ran for the Democratic nomination for president in 2020, running as a coalition-building centrist Democrat, before dropping out and entering the U.S. Senate race.

**Election Results:** Transition of seat from Republican to Democrat.

**2020 General:**

- Hickenlooper – 54%
- Gardner – 44%

## Roger Marshall (R-KS)



### Biography:

Birth Date: 08/09/1960

Education: MD, University of Kansas School of Medicine, 1987; AS, Butler County Community College, 1980; BS, Biochemistry, Kansas State University

Family: Wife: Laina; four children: Lauren, Victor, Matt, and Cal

### Background:

- Physician; advocates for health care reform and agricultural policy that supports farmers and his predominantly rural state.
- Fifth-generation farmer, born in El Dorado, Kansas; worked on the family farm while growing up.
- After earning his MD, practiced medicine in Great Bend, Kansas for more than 25 years as an obstetrician-gynecologist.
- Served for seven years with the Army Reserve, where he was a captain and trained a mobile hospital support unit.
- Elected to the House in 2016, defeating the Republican incumbent with important endorsements from the agricultural sector, including the Kansas Farm Bureau.
- In Congress, as a member of the Agriculture Committee, worked on the 2018 Farm Bill and has prioritized support for farmers and favorable trade terms; advocates for fully funded crop insurance and tougher requirements for food stamp recipients; has voiced opposition to President Trump's tariffs for their negative impact on district farm and dairy industries.
- Has advocated against government-controlled health care as a member of the House Republicans' Doctors Caucus, pushing for repeal of the Affordable Care Act, the 'Cadillac tax,' and the medical device tax.
- In January 2020 was the first person in Congress to substantively speak in either chamber about concerns on COVID-19; introduced a bill to bring financial relief to rural hospitals during the pandemic

**Election Results:** Seat remained Republican.

### 2020 General:

- Marshall – 54%
- Bollier – 41%

## Ben Ray Luján



### Biography:

Birth Date: 06/07/1972

Education: Bachelor's, Business Administration, New Mexico Highlands University, 2007; Attended University of New Mexico, 1990-1995

### Background:

- Has risen quickly through the ranks into House leadership, holds a pro-environmental, pro-immigration position.
- Advocates strongly for environmental protection, especially when tribal lands are affected; supports renewable energy as the primary enabler of carbon neutrality.

- Supports immigration reform, advocating for citizenship pathways and asylum policies.
- With a large Native American constituency, advocated for Native American rights in the House of Representatives.

**Election Results:** Seat remained Democrat.

**2020 General:**

- Luján – 51%
- Ronchetti – 46%

**Bill Hagerty (R-TN)**



**Biography:**

Birth Date: 8/14/1959

Education: JD, Vanderbilt University Law School; Economics, Vanderbilt University

Family: Wife: Chrissy; four children

**Background:**

- Successful investor and former ambassador who has promoted business-friendly policies and foreign direct investment in Tennessee; embraced an enthusiastic pro-Trump platform in his run for Senate.
- Began his lengthy business career at Boston Consulting Group and spent three years managing the firm's clients in Asia as the senior expatriate in the Tokyo office.
- Joined the Bush 41 White House as a fellow and became an associate director of the Council on Economic Competitiveness under Vice President Dan Quayle, where he helped promote the administration's deregulatory policy approach.
- Became Tennessee's economic development Commissioner; supported economic incentives to attract businesses and manufacturers to the state and programs to boost entrepreneurship.
- After working as Mitt Romney's national finance director in 2008 and on his transition team in 2012, played a significant role in Trump's 2016 campaign, running his Tennessee Victory Committee and leading his presidential appointments team.
- Nominated to be Ambassador to Japan in March 2017 and confirmed in May by an 86-12 vote; in his hearing, Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) praised Hagerty's Japanese language skills and prior engagement with Japanese multinationals like Bridgestone Corp.
- During his tenure as ambassador, identified bilateral security and trade as his top two priorities; highlighted military and economic cooperation vis-a-vis a more assertive China, and supported administration efforts to negotiate trade agreements that would benefit U.S. agriculture and establish rules for digital commerce.
- Employs strong rhetoric on immigration and crime; repeats President Trump's calls to build a border wall, end DACA, and bolster domestic law enforcement, while accusing Democrats of prioritizing "illegal aliens" over American families and veterans.
- Supports continuing the Trump Administration's push for lower taxes and deregulation, including making the corporate tax rate cut from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent, and wants to encourage companies to expand job training programs.

**Election Results:** Seat remained Republican.

**2020 General:**

- Hagerty – 62%
- Bradshaw – 35%

## Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)



### Biography:

Birth Date: 09/10/1954

Education: JD, University of Wyoming, 1985; BS, Biology, University of Wyoming, 1978; BS, Animal Science, University of Wyoming, 1976

Family: Widowed; one child: Annaliese

### Background:

- Self-described deficit hawk with three decades of experience representing Wyoming at the state and federal level; advocates for a balanced budget, domestic mining, and energy production.
- Fourth-generation Wyomian born on a cattle ranch.
- Prior to entering Congress, served 14 years in the state legislature and eight years as state treasurer; was responsible for the investment and diversification of increased revenue from the state's natural gas boom.
- Elected to the U.S. House in 2008, gained a reputation for pushing fiscal conservatism, such as the "No New Tax" pledge, and for being a strong opponent of President Obama's agenda, including the Affordable Care Act and the Clean Power Plant.
- Legislative work largely focused on public lands and energy, including maintaining trails in national forests, expanding domestic uranium mining, advancing carbon capture technology, and increasing coal exports from Powder River Basin; was considered by President Trump in 2017 and 2019 for secretary of the interior.
- Retired from Congress in 2016 after her husband passed away and worked on her family's ranch before announcing a bid for Senate; campaign centered around cutting government spending and supporting the policies of President Trump, including building a southern border wall and revitalizing the manufacturing industry.

**Election Results:** Seat remained Republican.

### 2020 General:

- Lummis – 73%
- Ben-Davis – 27%

## Dates to Watch:

- **Dec. 5:** Louisiana House runoff election
- **Dec. 8:** "Safe Harbor" deadline for a state to document how it concluded a contested vote
- **Dec. 14:** Electoral College delegations meet and vote
- **Jan. 3, 2021:** 117th Congress officially convenes, but likely to shift to Monday, Jan. 4
- **Jan. 5:** Georgia Senate runoff elections
- **Jan. 6:** Joint Session of Congress to count electoral votes and declare official results
- **Jan. 20:** Presidential inauguration



