

Landslide victory for Democrats

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Democrats forged an apparent landslide victory yesterday and took commanding charge of the Senate and House in the first post-Watergate elections. President Ford pledged to work "wholeheartedly" with the Congress which will act on his programs for the next two years.

In addition to strengthening their grip on the Senate and House, the Democrats ousted Republicans from statehouses around the nation although the GOP averted a shutout in the 10 most populous states by hanging onto the Michigan governorship.

A wave of discontent over inflation, unemployment and recession engulfed Republicans, threatening Ford's legislative program and strengthening Democratic presidential prospects in 1976.

Ford, who barnstormed around the country for a month in a desperate effort to save Republican candidates, called inflation the No. 1 issue in the campaign.

"The mandate of the electorate places upon the next Congress a full measure of responsibility for resolving this problem," Ford said from the

White House where he had watched the returns. "I will work with them wholeheartedly in this urgent task which is certainly beyond partisanship."

Democrats picked off at least four Republican Senate seats; four GOP governorships — including New York denied the Democrats for 16 years — and were rolling up large margins in the House.

CBS projected a 50-seat gain by the Democrats which would give them the biggest majority since Franklin D. Roosevelt's heyday in the late 1930s.

Among the victims of the Democratic tide were two Republican senators, Marlow W. Cook of Kentucky and Peter H. Dominick of Colorado. Democrats also picked up the Florida seat of retiring Sen. Edward J. Gurney.

Cook was thrashed by 49-year-old Gov. Wendell Ford and Dominick lost to Gary Hart, who managed George S. McGovern's presidential campaign in 1972.

Three other incumbent Republicans expected to have trouble — Milton Young of North Dakota, Robert Dole of Kansas, and Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma — were in desperate fights to avert

defeat. At the same time, entrenched Senate Democratic incumbents were rolling to easy victories all across the country — none even threatened by an upset defeat. They were joined by three Democratic newcomers, Rep. John C. Culver of Iowa, Dale Bumpers of Arkansas and John Glenn of Ohio.

A number of popular Senate Republicans, most of them from the moderate-liberal wing, survived the Democratic onslaught. They included Sen. Jacob K. Javits of New York, who turned back the strongest challenge of his career from former Attorney General Ramsey Clark; Sen. Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania who defeated Pittsburgh Mayor Peter Flaherty; and Charles Mathias, Jr. of Maryland who turned back Baltimore councilwoman Barbara Mikulski, and Robert Packwood of Oregon who beat Betty Roberts.

Rep. Louis Wyman managed to hold onto the Republican seat in New Hampshire, left open by the retirement of Sen. Norris H. Cotton, but Patrick Leahy was leading Republican Rep. Richard Mallary for a vacant seat in Vermont.

Leahy would become the first Democratic senator ever elected in Vermont. McGovern, seeking a second term after his disastrous defeat as a presidential candidate, won re-election by defeating former POW Leo K. Thorsness in South Dakota.

Other Democrats winning re-election were Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut, James B. Allen of Alabama, Herman E. Talmadge of Georgia, Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, Birch Bayh of Indiana, Russell B. Long of Louisiana, Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii, Thomas F. Eagleton of Missouri, Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina, Warren G. Magnuson of Washington and Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin.

Two more newcomers, in addition to Culver, Glenn, and Hart, were Robert Morgan of North Carolina and Richard Stone of Florida.

Republican House losses were widespread, including long-entrenched veterans and some of Richard M. Nixon's strongest supporters.

The heaviest GOP losses were in Indiana where Republicans lost five House seats, New Jersey with four, Virginia and New York with two, and 11 other states with one each. Only two Democratic

incumbents were ousted, one in Florida and one in Louisiana.

Among those to fall were Rep. Earl Landgrebe of Indiana, who refused to vote for the impeachment report on Nixon; Reps. Charles Sandman and Joseph Maraziti, both of New Jersey, who backed Nixon almost to the end; Rep. Joel Broyhill of Virginia, one of the two senior Republicans in the House from the South; and Rep. William B. Widnall of New Jersey, ranking Republican on the House Banking Committee.

Rep. Wilbur Mills of Arkansas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, survived an escape with a stripper to win re-election.

Rep. Hugh Carey won the New York governorship by beating Gov. Malcolm Wilson; Michael S. Dukakis ousted Republican Gov. Francis Sargent in Massachusetts; Democrat Ray Blanton defeated Lamar Alexander for the Tennessee governorship held by the GOP; and Ella Grasso became the first woman elected governor on her own by beating Robert Steele in Connecticut, another statehouse now held by the Republicans.

Elections '74 Demos win 6 governors

CONGRESS				
	GOP	Dems	Others	
Standing of the next Congress compiled by UPI at 12:46 a.m. EST				
Senate — 51 necessary for control.				
Elected	5	19	0	
Leading	5	5	0	
Holdovers	28	38	0	
New total	38	62	0	
Present	42	58	0	

Republicans won 0 Democratic seats, leading for 1 Democratic seat. Democrats won 3 Republican seats, leading for 2 Republican seats.

House — 218 necessary for control.

	GOP	Dems	Others	
Elected	78	226	0	

	GOP	Dems	Others	
Leading	67	64	0	
New total	145	290	0	
Present	187	248	0	

Republicans won 2 Democratic seats, leading for 6 Democratic seats. Democrats won 26 Republican seats, leading for 24 Republican seats.

GOVERNOR

Standing of Governor races at 12:48 a.m. EST.

	GOP	Dems	Others	
Elected	3	23	0	
Leading	2	6	1	
Holdovers	6	9	0	
New total	11	38	1	
Present	18	32	0	

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Democrats ended Republican control of governorships in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Colorado, Oregon and Tennessee yesterday but the GOP stopped a Democratic sweep of the nation's 10 largest states by re-electing Gov. William Milliken of Michigan.

The Democrats won the bulk of the 35 governorships at stake, electing Rep. Hugh Carey over Nelson Rockefeller's hand-picked successor in New York, and in Connecticut Rep. Ella Grasso became the first woman ever elected governor on her own.

By midnight, Democrats captured 23 governorships, and led in three other races. Republicans won only three, re-electing Govs. Milliken, Meldrim Thomson Jr., of New Hampshire and Robert Ray of Iowa. Republicans held narrow leads in Kansas and South Carolina, but the results were too close to call.

If Democrats win as expected in Ohio and California, they will go into the 1976 presidential race with solid grassroots organizations in all of the big 10 states except Michigan.

One of the strangest races of the night was in Maine, where an independent, James Longley, held a narrow lead over Republican James Erwin and Democrat George Mitchell.

In key gubernatorial races: New York — Carey, a veteran Brooklyn congressman who won a surprise victory in last fall's Democratic primary, ousted Gov. Malcolm Wilson, who succeeded Rockefeller last December after serving 15 years as lieutenant governor.

Connecticut — Grasso led her Republican House colleague Robert Steele by more than 200,000 votes with nearly all the ballots counted. Though three women have been elected to succeed their husbands as governor, she is the first to win the post on her own merits.

Michigan — Milliken, fighting unemployment in Michigan and the effects of the Watergate scandal, won a narrow re-election victory over challenger Sander Levin.

Massachusetts — Gov. Francis Sargent, an apparent

victim of Boston's busing dispute, lost to Democrat Mike Dukakis, a former state legislator.

Colorado — Democrat Richard Lamm, a state legislator and law professor who led the battle to keep the 1976 Winter Olympics out of the state defeated Gov. John Vanderhoof.

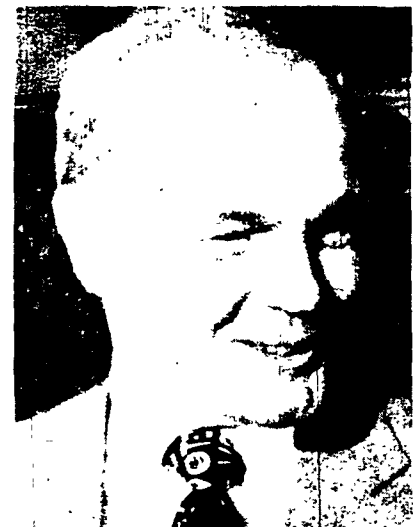
Democrats were especially strong in the South. Gov. George Wallace of Alabama won a landslide re-election, giving him the power base to launch an expected 1976 presidential drive.

Another key figure in the Democrats' 1976 picture, Gov. Reubin Askew of Florida, easily won re-election. Elsewhere in the South, Democrats elected George Busbee in Georgia, David Pryor in Arkansas, and former Rep. Ray Blanton topped Lamar Alexander, a former Nixon aide, for governor of Tennessee.

Big state Democratic governors who easily won re-election included Milton Shapp of Pennsylvania, Dolph Briscoe of Texas, Marvin Mandell of Maryland and Patrick Lucey of Wisconsin.



Ella Grasso



John Glenn



Wilbur Mills



Abraham Ribicoff

Democrats win big: hold state Senate take House control

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Democrats strengthened their hold on the state Senate in yesterday's elections, winning four key seats to assure a majority of at least 28-22.

They presently have a 27-23 margin over Republicans. The new edge will be the largest enjoyed by Democrats since the 1930s.

Democrats also apparently took control of both houses of the General Assembly last night as well as the governor's office for the only second time since 1937.

The key to the Democratic takeover of the House, where Republicans held a 108-95 edge, were a series of victories in formerly Republican districts comprising Dauphin, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Carbon, Luzerne, Delaware and Philadelphia.

Democrats won at least 46 of the 203 House seats, including seven held by Republicans.

The election kept alive a piece of modern political history. In every gubernatorial election year since at least 1906, the party which won the governor's race also captured the House.

Democratic challenger Edward M. Early upset GOP Sen. Robert D. Fleming, a legislator since 1939 who had been rated a heavy favorite by insiders from both parties, in the 40th district of Allegheny County.

Fleming, 71, spent 24 years in the Senate and was minority leader two years ago. Prior to the campaign, he was a good friend of Early, a 39-year-old conservative Democrat.

In one of the state's most hotly contested races, Democrat Denny J. Bixler, and Republican Robert C. Jubelirer were running even in the 30th district.

They were fighting for the seat being vacated by Republican Whip, Sen. Stanley Stroup, who is retiring. The

district includes Bedford, Blair, Huntingdon and parts of Somerset counties.

Incumbent Republican Robert A. Rovner, who was indicted on extortion charges last month, was unseated by H. Craig Lewis in the 6th district, which includes parts of Philadelphia and Bucks County.

Lewis, a 30-year-old Feasterville attorney, will become the Senate's youngest member. He had been rated an underdog prior to the indictment.

In a hotly contested race in Lehigh County, Senate Majority Whip Henry C. Messinger defeated Republican challenger Charles D. Snelling for the 16th district seat.

Although Messinger, 59, had risen in one term from obscurity to a position of Senate leadership, Democrats were concerned about his chances.

In another key race, incumbent Democrat Joseph S. Ammerman turned back a strong challenge by J. Alvin Hawbaker to keep his seat from the 34th district in central Pennsylvania.

Ammerman, 50, is the caucus secretary for Senate Democrats. Hawbaker, a State College realtor, waged an intensive campaign with ample financial backing from the GOP.

Other Senate elections appeared to be going according to predictions, except in the 26th district in Delaware County, where John L. Sweeney was making a surprisingly strong bid to defeat the Republican favorite, F. Joseph Loeper Jr.

Sweeney and Loeper, both of Drexel Hill, were fighting for the seat being vacated by retiring Republican Sen. Clyde R. Dengler, 75.

Twenty-five of the Senate's 50 districts were involved in yesterday's voting. Of the other 25 senators not up for election this year, 13 are Republicans and 12 are Democrats.

Election results in other states

Grasso becomes Conn. governor

HARTFORD, Conn. (UPI) — Democratic Rep. Ella T. Grasso, a household word in Connecticut politics who has never lost an election in 22 years, succeeded yesterday in her attempt to become the nation's first woman governor elected on her own merits.

Democratic Sen. Abraham A. Ribicoff, 64, seeking a third term, defeated commercial jet pilot James H. Brannen III, a freshman, Republican legislator and the first black in Connecticut to win a major party endorsement for the U.S. Senate.

Early returns confirmed predictions that Grasso could handily defeat Republican Rep. Robert H. Steele and Ribicoff would beat Brannen.

Grasso, the 55-year-old daughter of an immigrant Italian baker, enjoyed a commanding lead from the outset in her quest to become the nation's first woman elected governor in her own right.

Three other women governors followed in their husbands' footsteps.

She won a spring primary election over Robert K. Killian for the right to carry the party banner against Steele, 36, a former CIA agent and the youngest major party candidate for governor in state history.

One of 16 women in the House of Representatives, Grasso, married and the mother of two grown children, campaigned mostly against rising electric utility costs.

Her sex was not a major campaign issue.

Mills, Bumpers win in Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (UPI) — Democratic Rep. Wilbur D. Mills, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, yesterday won political forgiveness for the Tidal Basin incident from Arkansas voters who returned him to a 19th term in Congress.

But his opponent, Judy Petty, the first Republican challenger Mills every had, ran him the closest race of any opponent he has faced in 36 years.

With 150 of 441 precincts reporting, Mills had 36,631 or 54 per cent to 30,788 or 46 per cent for Petty, a 31-year-old divorcee making her first political race.

In other Arkansas races, Gov. Dale L. Bumpers, who defeated Democratic Sen. J. William Fulbright in last summer's primary and is now mentioned in 1976 presidential speculation, routed Republican John Harris Jones in their Senate election.

In the governor's race, Democrat David Pryor also had an easy time defeating Republican Ken Coon.

Petty declined to make Tidal Basin incident a campaign issue.

Mills was found intoxicated Oct. 7 in the company of a former strip tease dancer by U.S. Park Police who stopped his speeding car in Washington near the basin.

Mills was forced to campaign hard for the first time since his election to Congress in 1938.

He apologized for the incident in his first public appearance after returning to Arkansas. "I apologize and I am more embarrassed than I can say," he said then. He refused to comment on it further during the campaign.

Carey victorious, Javits holds seat

NEW YORK (UPI) — Democrat Hugh L. Carey was elected governor of New York yesterday, ending the 16-year "Rockefeller Era" in the statehouse and carrying his runningmate, Mary Anne Krupsak, into office with him as the state's first woman lieutenant governor.

Republican Liberal Sen. Jacob K. Javits won in his race against Democratic former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark to return to the Senate for his fourth term.

With about 10 per cent of the state's 13,757 election districts reporting, Carey held a commanding lead over incumbent Gov. Malcolm Wilson, Former Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's hand-picked candidate, with the trend clearly establishing the Brooklyn congressman as the winner.

The victory puts a Democrat in Albany's executive mansion for the first time since Rockefeller was elected GOP governor in 1958.

Javits had a 46 per cent to 39 per cent edge over Clark, with 15 per cent going to Mrs. Barbara Keating, the Conservative Party nominee.

Early results in other races: —Democratic Comptroller Arthur Levitt won his sixth term, taking an insurmountable lead over Republican

Stephen May, former mayor of Rochester.

—Republican Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz was trailing his Democratic challenger, Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams by about 5,000 votes.

Astronaut Glenn wins Ohio seat

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — Democrat John Glenn, the first American astronaut to orbit the earth, won landslide election yesterday in Ohio's Senate race.

Glenn, who failed in two previous attempts to win a Senate seat, swamped Republican Mayor Ralph J. Perk of Cleveland, defeating him in every county as the returns rolled in.

Glenn even captured a commanding margin in Perk's home county of Cuyahoga, where Cleveland is located, leading the mayor by more than 2-1.

It appeared that Glenn's victory would carry Democrats to a near-sweep in statewide races.

Gov. John J. Gilligan, seeking a second term, took the lead over former Republican Gov. James A. Rhodes in one of the closest races on the slate.

Brown predicted victor in Calif.

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Democrat Edmund Brown Jr. and Republican Houston I. Flournoy jumped off to a nip-and-tuck race yesterday as Californians voted to elect a successor to Gov. Ronald Reagan.

In light voting statewide, Flournoy received 51 per cent of the votes and Brown 49 per cent with 3 per cent of the precincts counted.

Half an hour after the polls closed, a CBS television network estimate of key sampled precincts indicated Brown as the winner.

Casino gambling defeated in NJ

TRENTON (UPI) — A ballot proposal to legalize casino gambling in New Jersey was defeated yesterday despite a half million dollar promotional campaign by Atlantic City business interests where the casinos would be located.

With 63 per cent of the state's 5,461

districts reporting, there were 515,594 votes in favor of casinos with 887,269 opposed.

The Atlantic City resort area gave the strongest support for the measure. It also drew support from urban Essex County and shore areas around Atlantic City.

The measure was opposed by religious leaders, including the state's four bishops who represent 3.1 million Roman Catholics.

Some of the strongest opposition to the measure came from Bergen County, a heavily populated northern suburb where voters opposed the measure by a 3-1 margin.

Las Vegas oddsmaker Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder had reduced his odds from 20-1 to 2-1 for the measure passing before voting began.

Election workers attributed the heavy interest generated by the casino issue to public statements from figures as diverse as Archbishop Peter L. Gerety of Newark — who opposed it — to Playboy publisher Hugh M. Hefner — who favored it.

Sandman among defeated 4 Nixon defenders lose

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Four of Richard M. Nixon's staunchest defenders during the eight-month impeachment proceedings — all Republicans — were defeated in re-election bids yesterday.

Reps. Wiley Mayne of Iowa, David W. Dennis of Indiana and Joseph Maraziti and Charles Sandman of New Jersey voted against every one of the five articles proposed during the House Judiciary Committee's final decision on the fate of Nixon.

The four who had opposed Nixon from the beginning of the proceedings early this year won re-election easily or were leading in early returns. All four losers were defeated by Democrats they had beaten in earlier races.

Rep. Harold V. Froehlich, R-Wis. who voted for two articles of impeachment, was trailing. Mayne had openly worried about his chances for re-election against the strong bid of Berkeley Bedell, whom he had beaten by only 9,000 votes in 1972.

Mayne apparently misjudged the anti-Nixon feeling in his district. The four-term Republican said in a pre-election interview, "I find my constituents seem to be understanding of the role I played in the impeachment hearings. They seem to respect the reasons for my doing what I did."

Although Bedell, 53, a fishing tackle manufacturer, ignored the impeachment issue and concentrated his attack on the GOP administration's inflation problems, Mayne's pro-Nixon stance on national television was believed to have hurt him badly.

Maraziti may have been hurt more by a growing scandal involving a mysterious woman, real estate and weak Maraziti

explanations, than he was by impeachment. Helen Mayner, wife of a former governor who lost to Maraziti in a last-minute bid in 1972, kept impeachment in the background of her successful campaign.

Sandman stridently and sarcastically defended Nixon during the televised impeachment debates. New Jersey political experts believe, however, he may have been hurt more by a loser image resulting from his unsuccessful bid for governor last year.

Replacing Sandman will be William J. Hughes, 41, an attorney from Ocean City.

Dennis, a three-term conservative, was defeated by Philip R. Sharp, 32, a Ball State University political science professor. Sharp came within 3,000 votes of beating Dennis in 1970, but lost decisively in 1972 when Dennis rode the landslide victory of President Nixon.

Sharp centered much of his criticism of Dennis on his strong and steady defense of Nixon throughout the eight-month impeachment procedure.

Only after Nixon revealed a tape which eventually led to his resignation did Dennis oppose the President.

"My area is a strong Nixon area, but I think they liked the fact I was willing to follow evidence," Dennis said in a pre-election interview. "I think the position I took has been well-received in general."

But, he acknowledged, "I suppose having Nixon out of office politically is probably a plus," underestimating the adverse effect of his strident support of the President.