■Barbara Boxer has been a US Senator for 18 years. She is chair of the Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee, and is a real environmental hero. If we ever get a climate bill, she will have a lot to do with it.

And she is also in deep political trouble.

Take a look at this graph.

This shows Tom Campbell winning the Republican nomination pretty easily, and nothing indicates a change. If Campbell wins the nomination, he will beat Boxer. He's just the sort of faux-moderate Republican that will be attractive in a bad year for Democrats.

With all the talk of Carly Fiorina, this is really the problem for environmentalists.