

In a series of posts, I surveyed the key Senate races — meaning those that didn’t seem to be “locks” for either candidate. (i didn’t include the McCaskill-Akin race, which McCaskill won.) The candidates differed greatly in their positions on the environment and on energy policy. Here is a quick summary of what was at stake on those issues in each of these seven key elections and how they came out:

<b>State</b>	<b>Democratic Candidate</b>	<b>Republican Candidate</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>Chris Murphy.</b> Murphy has served on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and has a 100% rating from the League of Conservation Voters.	<del><b>Linda McMahon.</b> McMahon stresses her anti-regulatory agenda and is enthusiastic about fossil fuels.</del>	A key race environmentally. Murphy could be a leader on environmental issues.
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>Joe Donnelly.</b> Supportive of fossil fuels but also emphasizes renewables.	<del><b>Richard Mourdock.</b> Says climate change is a hoax. Speaks of “jackboot” of regulation.</del>	Somewhat conservative democrat versus tea party candidate.
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<b>Liz Warren.</b> Emphasizes support for renewable energy.	<del><b>Scott Brown.</b> Flipped to anti-environmental positions when he got to D.C.</del>	Candidates mirror environmental positions of their national parties.
<b>Montana AP has called this for Tester, who claims victory.</b>	<b>Jon Tester.</b> Tester has a 87% LCV rating.	<b>Denny Rehberg</b> has a 6% lifetime rating from the League of Conservation Voters (quite a bit lower than Paul Ryan’s).	An especially stark contrast in environmental views.

<p><b>Nevada</b> Outcome still unclear but some media have called it for Heller.</p>	<p><b>Shelley Berkley.</b> Berkley focuses heavily on the issues most relevant to Nevada — renewable energy and public lands.</p>	<p><b>Dean Heller.</b> 14% rating from League of Conservation Voters.</p>	<p>An unusual race: Heller doesn't mention Romney's main talking points on energy, while Berkley focuses exclusively on issues with strong state relevance.</p>
<p><b>Virginia</b></p>	<p><b>Tim Kaine.</b> Strong environmental advocate.</p>	<p><b>George Allen.</b> Strongly anti-regulatory.</p>	<p>Largely mirrors national party positions, except that Kaine seems to have especially warm feelings toward the state's landscape.</p>
<p><b>Wisconsin</b></p>	<p><b>Tammy Baldwin.</b> Supports cap-and-trade and other environmental measures.</p>	<p><b>Tommy Thompson.</b> Central theme is "drill, baby, drill." Hasn't mentioned climate change in five years.</p>	<p>Baldwin champions environmental protection.</p>