

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:

State	Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Comments
Connecticut	Chris Murphy. Murphy has served on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and has a 100% rating from the League of Conservation Voters.	Linda McMahon. McMahon stresses her anti-regulatory agenda and is enthusiastic about fossil fuels.	A key race environmentally. Murphy could be a leader on environmental issues.
Indiana	Joe Donnelly. Supportive of fossil fuels but also emphasizes renewables.	Richard Mourdock. Says climate change is a hoax. Speaks of “jackboot” of regulation.	Somewhat conservative democrat versus tea party candidate.
Massachusetts	Liz Warren. Emphasizes support for renewable energy.	Scott Brown. Flipped to anti-environmental positions when he got to D.C.	Candidates mirror environmental positions of their national parties.
Montana AP has called this for Tester, who claims victory.	Jon Tester. Tester has a 87% LCV rating.	Denny Rehberg 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>Nevada Outcome still unclear but some media have called it for Heller.</p>	<p>Shelley Berkley. Berkley focuses heavily on the issues most relevant to Nevada — renewable energy and public lands.</p>	<p>Dean Heller. 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>Virginia</p>	<p>Tim Kaine. Strong environmental advocate.</p>	<p>George Allen. 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>Wisconsin</p>	<p>Tammy Baldwin. Supports cap-and-trade and other environmental measures.</p>	<p>Tommy Thompson. Central theme is "drill, baby, drill." Hasn't mentioned climate change in five years.</p>	<p>Baldwin champions environmental protection.</p>