

FORTY-ONE KEY RACES

U. S. SENATE

Our junior senator, John Tunney, will be seeking his second full six-year term in the Senate, but he faces a stiff contest against Dr. S.I. Hayakawa, the Republican nominee. It remains to be seen whether Hayakawa can appeal to the critical cross-over Democrat voter who may be unhappy with Tunney. The race promises to be close and expensive.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

California has 43 seats in the House of Representatives and all of them will be "up" this November. Currently 28 of the 43 are held by Democrats and it doesn't appear as if there will be a marked change in the partisan split. Under the best circumstances for both parties there is an outside chance of one or the other picking up three seats.

Listed below are seven of the more hotly contested races:

DISTRICT 2 — Registration (57% D — 36% R)
Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa and part of Sonoma counties.

Oscar Klee (D) **Don Clausen (Inc.-R)**
This is a rematch of the 1974 election in which veteran Don Clausen whipped colorful Oscar Klee by 18,000 votes. Clausen should win again, but it could be close.

DISTRICT 5 — Registration (59% D — 31% R)
Marin, part of San Francisco, part of Sonoma counties

John Burton (Inc.-D) **Branwell Fanning (R)**
Republican Branwell Fanning will run against the Burton "machine". He will find the going rough against the younger brother of the Burton team. At best Fanning is a long shot — any gamblers?

DISTRICT 11 — Registration (58% D — 36% R)
Part of San Mateo county.

Leo Ryan (Inc.-D) **Bob Jones (R)**
The veteran Leo Ryan won by more than 75,000 votes two years ago. The margin should be cut this time against Belmont Councilman Bob Jones, but Ryan should still win, despite major Republican effort.

DISTRICT 16 — Registration (55% D — 38% R)
Monterey, San Benito, part of San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz counties.

Leon Panetta (D) **Burt Talcott (Inc.-R)**
Burt Talcott barely won reelection two years ago, and he may not be so lucky this time against Carmel Valley attorney Leon Panetta. This race provides the Democrats with the best opportunity to defeat a Republican incumbent.

DISTRICT 27 — Registration (49% D — 43% R)
Part of Los Angeles county.

Gary Familian (D) **Robert Dornan (R)**
This district would normally be considered Republican, but GOP nominee Robert Dornan is a conservative former newscaster. Many of the Republicans in this coastal area of Los Angeles are moderate. This will give Democratic nominee, businessman Gary Familian, a good shot. This will be the most interesting and expensive Congressional race. Dornan's a conservative, Familian a liberal and the constituency is basically middle-of-the-road.

DISTRICT 34 — Registration (54% D — 40% R)
Part of Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Mark Hannaford (Inc.-D) **Daniel Lungren (R)**
Attorney John Lungren, son of President and Mrs. Nixon's physician, is considered a strong candidate. Democrat registration tilts the district toward the incumbent Hannaford.

DISTRICT 35 — Registration (53% D — 42% R)
Part of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

Jim Lloyd (Inc.-D) **Louis Brutocao (R)**
This is another Republican target district. Jim Lloyd took this reapportioned district by less than 1,000 votes in 1974. The GOP candidate, former Covina Mayor Louis Brutocao, was hurt by his failure to win reelection to the Covina Council. His victory hinges upon his ability to woo dissident Lloyd Democrats.

STATE SENATE

Twenty of our 40 Senate seats are up for grabs this year. Will this be the first year that a woman is elected to the State Senate? Will the Democrats, who now hold a commanding 25-15 advantage in the upper house, be able to add two more seats and win a two-thirds majority? The answer to both questions is about the same: It's possible but the odds are against it.

Can the Democrats win 27 seats and thus be able, in theory, to pass any urgency or appropriation measures without a GOP vote? The 20 seats not being contested this year are 17-3 Democratic, and this means that the Democrats need capture only half the total seats up this year to reach the magic number of 27.

Here is a rundown of 11 of the 20 key contests for the state's upper house:

DISTRICT 1 — Registration (58% D — 37% R)
Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity and Yuba counties.

Randolph Collier (Inc.-D) **Ray Johnson (R)**
The veteran Randolph Collier, father of the freeway system, managed to escape a tough primary he might have lost had there been one instead of two opponents. Now he must defeat former Assemblyman Ray Johnson, who has been working in this farflung northern territory for years. In a district where party loyalty is not high the race could go either way.

DISTRICT 5 — Registration (58% D — 22% R)
Part of San Francisco county.

Bob Mendelsohn (D) **Milton Marks (Inc.-R)**
Senator Milton Marks has made a career out of defying Democratic registration advantages. This will be the first time he has run from this reapportioned district, and Bob Mendelsohn may take him. Mendelsohn nosed out anti-trust attorney Fred Furth in a heated Democratic primary. Marks' victory hinges upon his ability to count on virtually 100% Republican support and getting at least 25% of the Democrats.

DISTRICT 13 — Registration (59% D — 36% R)
Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mono, part of Sacramento, San Joaquin, part of Stanislaus, and Tuolumne counties.

John Garamendi (D) **Robert Whitten (R)**
This district will be a prime battleground between the parties. Republican incumbent Clare Berryhill is retiring, and there is no early favorite between freshman Assemblyman John Garamendi and former Sacramento newscaster Bob Whitten. The district covers the wide open spaces where party loyalty is notoriously weak. Agricultural support could be the deciding factor in this election.

DISTRICT 15 — Registration (58% D — 37% R)
Part of Fresno, part of Kern, Kings, and Tulare counties.

Rose Ann Vuich (D) **Ernest Mobley (R)**
Assemblyman Ernest Mobley, who has run strong in the Fresno area, is trying to hold this seat for the Republicans following the retirement of Senator Howard Way. The registration would make it possible for Democrat Rose Ann Vuich to pull an upset.

DISTRICT 17 — Registration (55% D — 38% R)
Monterey, San Luis Obispo, part of Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz counties.

Phil Harry (D) **Robert Nimmo (R)**
Assemblyman Bob Nimmo is the favorite to win this seat being vacated by veteran Republican Bob Grunsky. Democrat Phil Harry of Santa Cruz can't be counted out, especially if there is a large student turnout.

DISTRICT 19 — Registration (50% D — 42% R)
Part of Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

Sabrina Schiller (D) **Lou Cusanovich (Inc.-R)**
Democrats don't often carry districts like this, but they don't often have candidates like Sabrina Schiller, an actress, environmentalist and consumer advocate. Incumbent Lou Cusanovich has been working hard to solidify this reapportioned district.

DISTRICT 27 — Registration (52% D — 41% R)
Part of Los Angeles county.

James Wedworth (Inc.-D) **Bob Beverly (R)**
Two incumbents, Democrat James Wedworth and Republican Robert Stevens, were put into this district by reapportionment. Stevens elected to retire, and Assemblyman Bob Beverly jumped in. Wedworth has a history of surviving close races, as he did against Councilman Steve Nordeck of Manhattan Beach in June. Beverly is the favorite, but Wedworth could pull it out.

DISTRICT 31 — Registration (59% D — 36% R)
Part of Los Angeles county.

Renee Simon (D) **George Deukmejian (Inc.-R)**
This district which was significantly reapportioned, offers the best chance for a woman to break through the Senate's historically all-male barrier. Councilwoman Renee Simon has a distinct registration advantage, but Republican floor leader George Deukmejian is popular in the Long Beach area and will be tough to beat.

DISTRICT 33 — Registration (54% D — 40% R)
Part of Los Angeles county.

Betty Wilson (D) **Bill Campbell (R)**
Assemblyman Bill Campbell enjoys a status approaching incumbency in this "open" district created through reapportionment. Mayor Betty Wilson of Santa Fe Springs is an experienced campaigner who can't be counted out.

DISTRICT 37 — Registration (54% D — 39% R)
Part of Orange county.

Paul Carpenter (D) **Loran Norton (R)**
This district was created through reapportionment. Both primaries were hotly contested, and freshman Assemblyman Paul Carpenter should have the edge. His opponent, Loran (Kojak) Norton, has recently received some adverse publicity in connection with a Grand Jury investigation into the activities of Dr. Louis Cella.

DISTRICT 39 — Registration (50% D — 41% R)
Part of San Diego county.

Bob Wilson (D) **Jack Schrade (Inc.-R)**
Jack Schrade, the oldest member of the Senate at 74, is in trouble. He is opposed by one of the best campaigners in the Legislature, Assemblyman Bob Wilson, in an area that once was solidly for the GOP, but has become increasingly Democratic.

STATE ASSEMBLY

Following the 1974 general election, Democrats held a massive 55-25 advantage in the Assembly. That was pared to 53-25 by the death of Alfred Siegler and the election of John Foran

to the Senate. What are the prospects for the 1977-78 session? An analysis of the primary results indicates that 42 are safe Democratic seats, five leaning Democratic, 10 safe Republican and 12 leaning Republican. This means that the Democrats will probably top 50 but will have trouble hitting the magic mark of 54, which once again would give the party two-thirds control of the House.

Below is a list of 22 of the more critical races:

DISTRICT 1 — Registration (59% D — 35% R)
Part of Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties.

Betty Smith (D) **Stan Statham (R)**
This is one of the most difficult races in the state to handicap. With Pauline Davis' retirement, the seat could be won by either party despite the Democratic registration advantage. Mayor Betty Smith of Chico ran surprisingly strong in the primary. She will face an opponent with good name identification in the cow-country district, Stan Statham, a television newscaster.

DISTRICT 3 — Registration (56% D — 39% R)
Part of Butte, Colusa, Nevada, Placer, Sierra, Sutter and Yuba counties.

George Shaw (D) **Eugene Chappie (Inc.-R)**
Republican Eugene Chappie won a squeaker two years ago, prompting George Shaw (who lost a close one in another district several years ago) to try again.

DISTRICT 7 — Registration (57% D — 38% R)
Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mono, part of Sacramento, part of San Joaquin, and Tuolumne counties.

Norman Waters (D) **Dan Parises (R)**
This seat is open since Assemblyman John Garamendi has decided to run for State Senate. The election could go either way, with both nominees experienced campaigners - former Amador County Supervisor Norman Waters and former San Joaquin County Supervisor Dan Parises.

DISTRICT 8 — Registration (58% D — 37% R)
Napa, part of Solano and Sonoma counties.

Mike Gage (D) **Ron Greenslate (R)**
The equation in this district changed dramatically with the death of incumbent Alfred Siegler just before the primary. His successor, Mike Gage, has been chosen by the Democratic Central Committee in Napa, Solano, and Sonoma counties. Although Gage has a distinct registration advantage, Ron Greenslate is a strong candidate who will make it a real horse race in the November election.

DISTRICT 9 — Registration (53% D — 38% R)
Marin and part of Sonoma counties.

Michael Wornum (Inc.-D) **John Miskimen (R)**
The Republicans plan to target this district based upon Wornum's primary opponent picking off 40% of the vote. Miskimen, a San Rafael Councilman, has a chance in a district that leans Democratic.

DISTRICT 26 — Registration (62% D — 33% R)
Part of San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties.

Carmen Perino (Inc.-D) **Doug Carter (R)**
This will be one of the most hard fought races of the year. Freshman Perino of Stockton beat back a vigorous primary challenge. Both Perino and Carter, a former Assemblyman, are veterans of the San Joaquin political wars, and Perino has a slight edge because Carter hurt himself two years ago with an attack on Ronald Reagan.

DISTRICT 28 — Registration (55% D — 37% R)
Part of Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.

Henry Mello (D) **Larry Parrish (R)**
With the retirement of Republican Frank Murphy from the Legislature, this seat went up for grabs. Larry Parrish, a probation officer, had Murphy's support. But Watsonville busi-

nessman Henry Mello is a good candidate. Mello, a former Santa Cruz Supervisor could be the Democrat to take a seat formerly held by a Republican.

DISTRICT 29 — Registration (54% D — 40% R)
Part of Monterey, San Luis Obispo and part of Santa Barbara counties.

Martin Dodd (D) **Carol Hallett (R)**
Republican Bob Nimmo gave up this seat to run for State Senate. The favorite is Carol Hallett, former aide to Nimmo and State Senator Donald Grunsky. The registration gives Democrat Martin Dodd a chance, but he's running against an experienced politician in Hallett.

DISTRICT 31 — Registration (59% D — 37% R)
Part of Fresno and Tulare counties.

Richard Lehman (D) **Bill Jones (R)**
This district is currently represented by Republican Ernest Mobley, who is running for the State Senate. Despite the Democratic registration edge, Republicans have done well in this Fresno-based district. Richard Lehman, aide to State Senator George Zenovich, topped a field of four, which included the Senator's brother. The Republican nominee is Fresno farmer Bill Jones who most recently was the Fresno County Republican Central Committee Chairman.

DISTRICT 33 — Registration (59% D — 37% R)
Part of Kern county.

Stephen Schilling (D) **Bill Thomas (Inc.-R)**
This Bakersfield district has gone back and forth between the parties over the years, and now it is defended by Republican Bill Thomas, one of the more impressive members of the current freshman class.

DISTRICT 34 — Registration (54% D — 40% R)
Inyo, part of Kern, part of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

Larry Chimbole (Inc.-D) **Phil Wyman (R)**
Larry Chimbole of Palmdale won this wide-open spaces district following reapportionment. Rancher-attorney Phil Wyman may find it difficult campaigning against him in this desert region, but you can't count Wyman out.

DISTRICT 36 — Registration (55% D — 40% R)
Part of Ventura county.

Jane Tolmach (D) **Charles Imbrecht (R)**
Democrat Ken MacDonald gave up his seat and returned to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. His likely successor is Jane McCormich Tolmach, a long-time member of the Oxnard city council and wife of an Oxnard physician. The district has never been considered solid Democratic, however.

DISTRICT 51 — Registration (45% D — 47% R)
Part of Los Angeles county.

Chip Post (D) **Marilyn Ryan (R)**
In the primary, a large field of candidates sought this seat vacated by Assemblyman Bob Beverly, who is running for the Senate. This is a Republican district, and Councilwoman Marilyn Ryan of Palos Verdes Estates should win in November, but City Attorney Chip Post of Hermosa Beach has a remote chance.

DISTRICT 53 — Registration (69% D — 24% R)
Part of Los Angeles county.

Cindy Wear (D) **Paul Bannai (Inc.-R)**
You look at the statistics and you can't understand how Republican Paul Bannai of Gardena keeps getting elected. The explanation is a large crossover vote of Democrats, primarily Japanese-Americans. Cindy Wear will have the task of keeping the Democratic voters loyal.

DISTRICT 63 — Registration (60% D — 34% R)
Part of Los Angeles county.

Bruce Young (D) **Robert McLennan (Inc.-R)**
The incumbent physician Bob McLennan survived a tough race two years ago and should win again. But this district can never be considered safe for a Republican, and school board member Bruce Young of Cerritos has a chance.

DISTRICT 64 — Registration (48% D — 46% R)
Part of Los Angeles county.

James Gonsalves (D) **David Stirling (R)**
This district has been represented by Republican Bill Campbell, who is running for the State Senate. Republican David Stirling of Hacienda Heights should keep it for the GOP, but James Gonsalves of La Mirada knows the political game well. His father, Joe Gonsalves, was an Assembly member for many years.

DISTRICT 69 — Registration (47% D — 46% R)
Part of Orange county.

Neal Gibbons (D) **Bill Dannemeyer (R)**
Former Democratic Assemblyman Bill Dannemeyer of Fullerton, now a Republican, is the favorite to win this seat, abandoned by Republican John Briggs for a run at a Senate seat. Democrat Neal Gibbons cannot be counted out because Briggs did not win comfortably last time.

DISTRICT 71 — Registration (55% D — 38% R)
Part of Orange county.

Chet Wray (D) **Phil Seitz (R)**
This Orange County district is up for grabs with incumbent Democrat Paul Carpenter running for the Senate. This race between Chet Wray of Westminster and Phil Seitz of Anaheim could be tight.

DISTRICT 72 — Registration (53% D — 40% R)
Part of Orange county.

Richard Robinson (Inc.-D) **Peter Vogel (R)**
Peter Vogel, a Santa Ana school board member is the GOP hope for taking this seat away from freshman Democrat Richard Robinson, who won easily two years ago against a weak opponent. This will be a Republican target district.

DISTRICT 73 — Registration (45% D — 47% R)
Part of Orange county.

Dennis Mangers (D) **Robert Burke (Inc.-R)**
In theory, this is a solid Republican district. But Democrat Dennis Mangers of Huntington Beach came close to pulling an upset over incumbent Bob Burke two years ago, and now he's trying again.

DISTRICT 75 — Registration (49% D — 45% R)
Imperial, parts of Riverside and San Diego counties.

Tom Suitt (Inc.-D) **Al McCandless (R)**
Democrat Tom Suitt won the 1974 primary by write-in and then shocked the state's politicians by knocking off a Republican incumbent. The GOP is back for revenge this year with a tough nominee, Riverside County Supervisor Al McCandless.

DISTRICT 77 — Registration (48% D — 44% R)
Part of San Diego county.

Tim Cohelan (D) **Jim Ellis (R)**
Both parties came up with good campaigners for this open seat, now held by Democrat Bob Wilson, who is running for the Senate. Democrat Tim Cohelan is the son of former Congressman Jeffery Cohelan of Berkeley, and Jim Ellis is a San Diego councilman.