



Republican Jim Justice was elected US senator from West Virginia.



Republican Kelly Ayotte will be governor of New Hampshire.



Democrat Andy Kim was chosen US senator from New Jersey.

DID YOU KNOW?
A person must be at least 30 years old to serve in the US Senate and at least 25 to serve in the House of Representatives.

America chooses other top leaders

In addition to winning the Presidency, Republicans took control of the Senate (one half of Congress, the branch of government that makes laws) in the November 5 election. Many races for the House of Representatives (the other half of Congress) had not been decided when *The Week Junior* went to press at 9 a.m. on November 6.

What happened in the US Senate?

Before the election, Democrats controlled the Senate, with 51 lawmakers voting with them and 49 voting with Republicans. The Democratic majority meant they could confirm President Joe Biden's appointees and decide which bills to vote on. At press time, Republicans had won enough of the 34 races, including seats in West Virginia and Ohio that had previously been held by Democrats,

to gain control of the Senate. On the Democratic side, New Jersey elected the country's first Korean American senator, Andy Kim. In another first, two Black women will serve in the Senate at the same time: Democrats Lisa Blunt Rochester of Delaware and Angela Alsobrooks of Maryland.

What happened in the US House?

All 435 seats were up for reelection. Before November 5, Republicans held more seats and controlled the chamber. At press time, Republicans had won 198 seats and Democrats had won 180, with more than 50 races yet to be called. The party that holds the most seats will appoint the Speaker of the House, the chamber's top leader and the next person in line for President after the Vice President.

What happened in state races?

Races for governor took place in 11 states. Eight Republicans and two Democrats won those offices, and one race hadn't been decided at press time. Ten states voted on whether to give women the right to end a pregnancy, and those measures passed in seven states, including Arizona, Missouri, and Montana, and failed in Florida, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

What will happen next?

The winners in the Senate and the House will be sworn in on January 3, 2025. Governors will begin to take office as well. Alsobrooks, Maryland's newly elected senator, called for unity. "Divided as we may feel, in America, I still believe there is no us against them," she said. "There's only us."



WORD OF THE WEEK

VOTE

The word "vote" is based on the Latin *votum*, a "wish." It is a relative of the word "vow," which means to promise something. By the end of the Middle Ages, "vote" was used to describe the expression of an opinion or preference. When we vote in a political election, we are formally choosing the candidate we wish to win.



THE WEEK IN HISTORY

November 5, 1944

Franklin D. Roosevelt wins fourth term

On November 5, 1944, Franklin D. Roosevelt won a fourth term as President, after having first been elected in 1932. Prior to Roosevelt, Presidents had followed a tradition of serving a maximum of two terms. Roosevelt is the only President to have served more than two. In 1951, an amendment (change) was made to the Constitution (highest law in the US) limiting Presidents to two terms.



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