

House threatened, could GOP also lose Senate grip?

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Republicans have known for months that their House majority is in genuine peril. But after another bruising showing in a special election, some in the party are reconsidering the once inconceivable notion of losing the Senate.

It's a sobering possibility, particularly given Republicans' confidence not long ago that they probably would increase their Senate edge after the November vote. Far more Democratic senators are facing re-election in states favorable to Republicans than the other way around. That's why the GOP held out hope of expanding its ranks and easing the path for President Donald Trump's agenda.

Yet a Republican congressional victory Tuesday in the Phoenix suburbs has set off new alarm bells.

Republican Debbie Lesko won the special House election by 6 percentage points, though Trump captured the district by 21 percentage points in 2016. GOP turnout dropped off, and unlike Republicans' shocking losses in a Pittsburgh-area House race and an Alabama Senate contest, there was no weak GOP nominee to blame in Arizona.

The only explanation was



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Republican U.S. Congressional candidate Debbie Lesko, right, celebrates her win with former Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer at her home Tuesday in Peoria, Ariz.

the most worrisome for the GOP: Trump's presidency is activating Democrats and demoralizing some Republicans and if that trend continues, trouble is ahead.

"The first question is if Democrats can take the undeniably stronger turnout in most of these special elections ... and replicate that in the fall," said Steven Law, a Republican operative running the Senate Leadership Fund, a political action committee at the forefront of Republicans' November strategy. "My guess is they will."

Democrats certainly have a steep climb and must do more than play defense to win the Senate majority. Even if they successfully

protect all 26 incumbents — 24 Democrats and two independents who caucus with them — they still would have to pick up two seats. Arizona and Nevada are the most likely.

For every Democratic loss among the 10 incumbents running in states where Trump won two years ago, Democrats would need to add another Republican pickup.

That could leave them dependent on knocking off Republican Ted Cruz in Texas or winning in GOP-dominated Tennessee.

Still, there are signs that seizing the Senate is no longer a pipe dream.

Democratic incumbents are outpacing Republicans

in fundraising. Of the 10 Democratic senators running in Trump-won states, nine are among the top 20 campaign fundraisers across all Senate candidates this election cycle. None of their potential Republican opponents has made that cut.

The lone Democratic exclusion, West Virginia's Joe Manchin, ranks 31st, but that still puts him ahead of his potential GOP rivals. In fact, the top Republican Senate fundraisers are Roy Moore and Luther Strange, the two Alabama Republicans who vied for the seat now held by Democrat Doug Jones.

Cruz, the Texas senator, tops his Republican colleagues with \$9.1 million for his re-election bid. But Democrat Beto O'Rourke, even with his underdog status, has taken in more than \$13 million.

In Missouri, where Claire McCaskill has been viewed as among the most vulnerable Democratic senators, the two-term incumbent had more than \$11 million in her campaign account this month. That compares with \$2 million for the Republican state attorney general.

Republicans will have plenty of resources with independent groups and their wealthiest backers paying for advertising and voter outreach.

Memo claims VA pick crashed car while drunk

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Ronny Jackson had a pattern of recklessly prescribing drugs and including crashing a government vehicle while intoxicated and doling out a large supply of a prescription opioid to a White House military staff member, according to a summary of accusations compiled by Democratic staff on the committee considering his nomination as Veterans Affairs secretary.

The summary was based on conversations with 23 of Jackson's current at former colleagues at the White House Medical Unit. The accusations included multiple incidents of Jackson's intoxication while on duty, often on overseas trips. On at least one occasion he was nowhere to be found when his medical help was needed because "he was passed out drunk in his hotel room," according to the summary.

At a Secret Service going-away party, the

summary says, Jackson got drunk and wrecked a government vehicle.

In just a matter of days, the allegations have transformed Jackson's

reputation as a celebrated doctor attending the president to an embattled nominee accused of drinking on the job and over-prescribing drugs.

A doomed VA nomination would be a political blow to the White House, which has faced criticism for sloppy screening of Cabinet nominees. President Donald Trump continues to stand by Jackson and the White House is aggressively defending him.

Jackson on Wednesday denied allegations of bad behavior and told reporters at the White House he was "still moving ahead as planned."

"I never wrecked a car," he said. "I have no idea where that is coming from."

The allegations were publicly released on the day that Jackson's confirmation hearing was to have been held. The hearing was postponed indefinitely while the allegations are studied.



Rear Adm. Ronny Jackson

EDUCATION: Tax compression creates funding problem in Hermiston

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middle of a three-day session in Eastern Oregon, where they met with students in Baker, Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties. They will meet in Arlington tomorrow.

Rep. Barbara Smith Warner, co-chair of the committee, said they met with a range of students,

mostly high schoolers, and asked them what their schools were doing well and what they'd like to see improved.

"We're not looking for principals' pets," she said. "We want students that are engaged, and not so engaged. Students in special education, English Language Learners."

Speakers at Wednesday

night's event shared successes of local schools, but highlighted some of the challenges.

"With this focus on student success, at some point we're going to have to talk about funding," said Hermiston City Manager Byron Smith. "Tax compression is an issue for us, for schools and the city."

Smith said the city of Hermiston lost about \$232,000 to compression this fiscal year.

"It limits the ability of local jurisdictions to work on their own problems," he said.

Smith asked the panel for any help they could offer.

"Maybe there's a solution that allows us to work on these problems locally," he

said.

Local educators talked about the benefits of STEM programs and supporting early learning programs.

Smith Warner said they started the listening sessions in Lane County in March. She said they eventually hope to take the information they've gathered and work it into a package similar to the

transportation package that was passed in 2017.

"We're trying to give a 360 view of education," she said of their efforts to hear from parents, teachers, students and community members. "Our hope for this is that the package we put together is something Oregonians will support because it reflects their priorities in education."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

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	(19) KEPR	2	Funn-yAsk	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)	Let's Make a Deal	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Inside Edition	The Big Bang	The Simpsons	The Big Bang (N)	Sheldon	Mom (N)	Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Source" (N)	News (N)	:35 Colbert		
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	(59) OPB	13	Painting / Travel	Real Food	A Chef's Life	Travel Det.	Nature Cat	Cat in the Hat	Ready Jet Go!	Arthur	Odd Squad	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts	Seeing Canada	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)	Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Mids-omer M.	:50 Midsomer M. "The Silent Land"	:35 Masterpiece Classic "Wolf Hall"	:35 Film School		
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AMC	60	★★★ Spider-Man 3	(07, Act) Tobey Maguire.	:25	★★★★★ Fantastic Four	Ioan Gruffudd.	:55	★★★★★ Independence Day	(96, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.	★★★★★ Tombstone	(93, West) Val Kilmer, Kurt Russell.	★ Braveheart													
ANPL	24	Dr. Dee: Alaska	My Cat From Hell	Pit Bull Parolees	Pit Bull Parolees	Lone Star Law	NW Law "Caught in the Act" (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	
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CNN	68	CNN Newsroom	The Lead		The Situation	The Situation	OutFront	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	
DISC	51	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Last Outpost	Last Outpost	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	
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GOLF	88	PGA Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans	Site: TPC Louisiana (L)	LPGA Golf Mediheal Championship (L)	Golf C.	PGA Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans	Site: TPC Louisiana	EPGA Golf China Open	Golf																
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ROOT	37	Paid	Paid	Dan Patrick (N)	Mariners	Pregame	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Cleveland Indians (L)	Pstgame	In Depth	Pregame	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Cleveland Indians	Pstgame	In Depth	Pregame	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Cleveland Indians	Pstgame	In Depth	Pregame	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Cleveland Indians	Pstgame	In Depth	Pregame	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Cleveland Indians	Pstgame	In Depth
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TBS	59	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
TCM	56	★★★★ Whiplash	Alexis Smith.	★★★★ One on One	:15	★★★★ Stealing Home	:45	★★★★ The Mudlark	Alec Guinness.	:45	★★★★ A Woman Rebels	★★★★★ The Wrong Box													
TLC	49	Trading Spaces	Trading Spaces	My 600-lb Life	My 600-lb Life	L.I. Medium "The Breaking Point"	Trading Spaces	My 600-lb Life	600 Life: Supersized "Melissa Morris"	Skin Tight (N)	My 600-lb Life														
TNT	57	Supernatural	Supernatural	Bones	Bones	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	
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WE	118	Law:CI "D.A.W."	Law & Order: C.I.	Law & Order: C.I.	Law & Order: C.I.	Law & Order: C.I.	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	Braxton Values	
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HBO	518	:15	★ Going in Style	Michael Caine.	★★★★ Gone in 60 Seconds	24/ 7	Fight	Real Sports	Andre the Giant	News	★★★★ Wonder Woman	(17, Act) Gal Gadot.	Fight	Westworld											
HBO2	520	Movie	★★★★ Atomic Blonde	:25	★ Snatched	★ King in the Wilderness	(18, Doc)	:55	★ Warcraft	Travis Fimmel.	Ballers	Ballers	Ballers	Ballers	Ballers	Ballers	Ballers	Ballers	Ballers	Ballers	Ballers	Ballers	Ballers	Ballers	
HBO3	521	★★★★ Yes Man	:05	★ King Arthur: Legend of the S...	:15	★ Charlie's Angels II: Full Thro...	:05	★ Scott Pilgrim vs. the World	★★★★ Glory Road	Derek Luke.	★★★★ Diner	Steve Guttenberg.	★ The House												
MAX	549	:15	★ Jackie	(16, Dra) Natalie Portman.	:55	★★★★ Step Up	:40	★★★★ Inherent Vice	Joaquin Phoenix.	:10	★★★★ Guilty as Sin	★★★★ Man on Fire	Denzel Washington.	★★★★ Suicide Squad											
SHOW	578	★★★★ Charlie Wilson's War																							