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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Republicans won their 20th special election of 2018 Tuesday night with Annette Sweeney's victory in Iowa's 25th Senate district. Sweeney, a former state representative, handily [defeated](#) her Democratic opponent winning the district with over 56% of the vote. RSLC President Matt Walter in a [statement](#) following Sweeney's victory said, "Tonight's victory highlights how Republicans are maintaining their historical high level of total control of twenty-six states, and the importance of Iowa in that success. Congratulations to Senator-Elect Sweeney and Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver for their hard work in this victory."

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## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

*Morning Consult* [released](#) a poll this week showing that all ten of the most popular governors in the country are Republicans. Notably, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard, Utah Governor Gary Herbert and Vermont Governor Phil Scott all hold approval ratings in the top ten and all previously served as Lt. Governors for their state before becoming Governor. The poll also shows high approval ratings for the Baker-Polito and Hogan-Rutherford administrations despite facing re-election this fall in deep blue Massachusetts and Maryland.

A poll released last week by a local news station in Oklahoma [shows](#) Lt. Governor Todd Lamb in a strong position to make the primary run-off election for the June 26th gubernatorial primary. Lamb was essentially tied with the former mayor of Oklahoma City at 22% with no other Republican candidates breaking double digits. In

Oklahoma, if no candidate clears 50% in a primary then a runoff election is held between the top two vote-getters.

#### North Dakota Secretary of State Al

Jaeger [announced](#) he would not seek re-election after the state Republican Party endorsed businessman Will Gardner for the Republican Secretary of State nomination. Jaeger, first elected in 1992, is one of the longest-serving elected officials in the state. After Jaeger declined to seek re-election and abide by the convention's endorsement, the state Party chair praised Jaeger, "What we saw today, Al Jaeger putting the party ahead of his personal (interests), is huge in my book."

Following Speaker Paul Ryan's retirement announcement Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, an RLGA Executive Committee member, [released](#) a statement praising her fellow Wisconsinite for his Congressional service. "Paul Ryan is a good man and a great American. Our state and our nation owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude for twenty years of bold, visionary leadership. Though we are sad to lose his leadership in Washington, we're glad we'll see more of our friend here in Wisconsin in the days ahead," Lt. Governor Kleefisch said.

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