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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Karl Rove, in his [weekly column](#) for the *Wall Street Journal*, praised the RLSC's efforts electing Republican majorities to state legislatures this decade, as Republicans currently control 67 of 99 legislative chambers. "Much of the GOP's sweeping success at the state level over the past decade has been due to the efforts of the Republican State Leadership Committee," Rove writes. With the 2020 redistricting process quickly approaching, Rove highlights the formation of Eric Holder and President Obama's National Democratic Redistricting Committee as evidence that national Democrat groups are actively engaging in undoing the political gains achieved by the RSLC and state legislative Republicans. Rove explains, "The NDRC aims to raise \$40 million this cycle. In addition to spending on legislative elections, it promotes ballot initiatives to take redistricting power away from state legislatures and launches court challenges to overturn existing district lines."

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## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Former Oklahoma Republican Party Chairman Matt Pinnell [secured](#) the Oklahoma Republican Lt. Governor's nomination Tuesday night receiving over 58% of the vote over his Republican opponent. During the campaign, Pinnell said as lieutenant governor he would "be a salesman who markets the state to potential businesses and tourists." Pinnell will face Democrat Anastasia Pittman, a state senator from Oklahoma City, in the general election.

Republican Delegate Roger Hanshaw [became](#) the 58th Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates after his Republican colleagues nominated him to succeed

former Speaker Tim Armstead. "We need opportunity for our state. We need our state to be a place where we can raise families, where we can stay together, where we can do the things families do, where we can grow and pass along small family businesses," Hanshaw told the House of Delegates after he accepted the Speaker's gavel. Hanshaw, a lawyer by trade, was first elected in 2014.

Mary Treder Lang was [nominated](#) by Michigan state party activists to serve as the Republican Secretary of State nominee during their nominating convention this past weekend. In an interview with reporters following her nomination, Lang highlighted her private sector experience as a CPA which she said gives her the necessary experience to run the Secretary of State's office. She also indicated she wants to continue the services of the current Republican Secretary of State, who has expanded online services and cleaned up the voter rolls.

West Virginia Republican Governor Jim Justice [appointed](#) former Speaker of the House Tim Armstead and Congressman Evan Jenkins to the State Supreme Court. During his Saturday morning announcement, Justice praised both men and said, "Both of these appointees are true conservatives, and both have the honor and integrity we need to restore trust to our highest court." Jenkins and Armstead will both be on the ballot this November to fill the remaining terms of the justices they are replacing.

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