

## In Politics ...



*Chamber President Suzanne Clark, left, provides the Spirit of Enterprise Award to Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME).*

With the November 3 election fast approaching, our political efforts have shifted into high gear for the final stretch.

**The Senate:** Our top priority is maintaining a pro-business majority in the Senate. The Chamber rolled out new ads mentioning incumbent Republican senators in [Iowa](#), [Maine](#), and [North Carolina](#) last month.

**Primary update:** Three Chamber-endorsed candidates had convincing victories in their Senate primaries last month. Rep. Roger Marshall won his 11-way GOP contest in Kansas, and two days later former Ambassador to Japan Bill Hagerty won his primary in Tennessee, defeating his challenger by a double-digit margin. Both candidates have strong records supporting business, and we think those two primary results will go a long way toward maintaining a pro-business majority in the Senate. Later in August, former Rep. Cynthia Lummis won her primary in Wyoming with a stunning 60% of the vote in a multicandidate field. All three candidates sought and received the Chamber's endorsement, and we look forward to them being elected to the Senate in November and working with them in the next Congress.

**The House:** We continue to support incumbent candidates from both parties who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the pro-business agenda by earning 70% or higher on the Chamber's lifetime scorecard. Last month, the Chamber's Political Advocacy Committee overwhelmingly voted in favor of endorsing 52 freshmen members of Congress, representing both political parties. We look forward to continuing to build strong working relationships with these members who are committed to the values of the Chamber and the business community. Learn more about our legislative scorecard [here](#).

**Celebrating bipartisan leadership:** The Chamber is recognizing lawmakers who are willing to reach across the aisle and do the hard work of finding compromise. Last month, in partnership with the Lewiston Area Chamber of Commerce in Maine, Suzanne presented our Spirit of Enterprise Award to Sen. Susan Collins. Sen. Collins has long championed business priorities and received the Chamber's highest bipartisan score last year. This award comes after we also recognized her in the first-ever Jefferson-Hamilton Award for Bipartisanship presentation in June.

**Learn more:**

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