

Tammy Baldwin is used to firsts. Back in 1998, she was the first woman elected to represent Wisconsin in the House and the first gay non incumbent ever sent to Congress. On Tuesday, she added to those distinctions with her victory in Wisconsin's Senate race. Now she will become the state's first female senator and the first openly gay candidate ever elected to the chamber. Her campaign strategy against Tommy Thompson may have put her over the top, according to one political observer.

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UW-L's Joe Heim says Thompson started to run out of money after the primary and that may have also played into the former Governor's loss. The election was the most expensive for a Senate race in Wisconsin history, costing more than \$65 million.