

A tight race between a former governor and a political newcomer for the U-S Senate race in Wisconsin...with the governor winning.

Tommy Thompson moved into the lead over Eric Hovde in the Republican Senate primary about an hour after the polls closed, and was declared the winner around 10:30. Mark Neumann was several points back in third place. Thompson was carrying most of the western and southern counties in the state, with Hovde's strongest showing being in the northeast, near Green Bay. Neumann was carrying several northern counties, and Assembly Speaker Jeff Fitzgerald did not have the lead in any county. La Crosse County backed Thompson, with about 18 per cent turnout for the first regular August primary in the state.