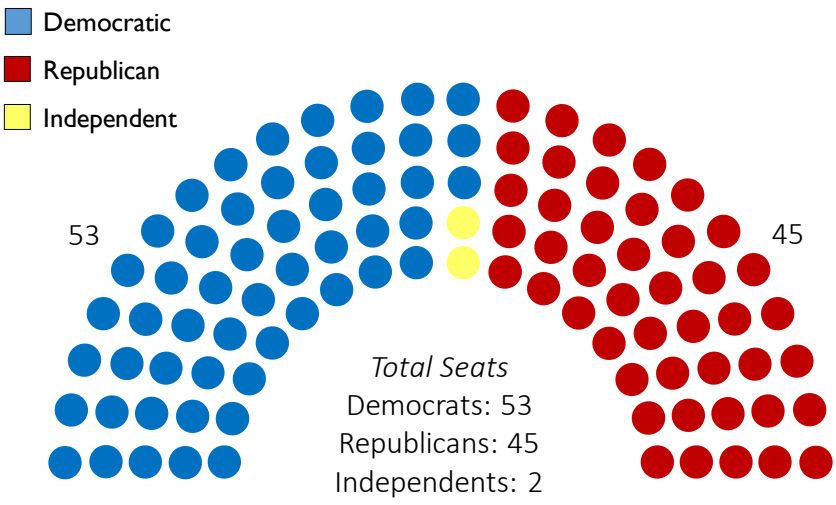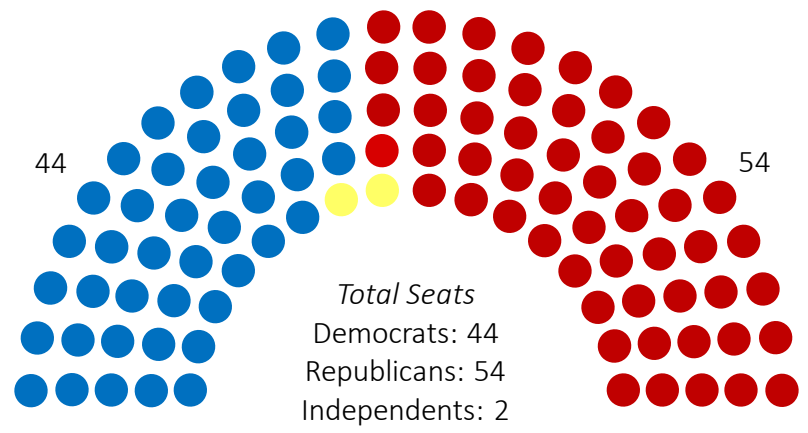# In 2014, Republicans won a solid majority in the Senate

Control of the 113ᵗʰ Senate (2012-2014)

Control of the 114ᵗʰ Senate (2014-2016)

■ Democratic
■ Republican
■ Independent

53

45

Total Seats
Democrats: 53
Republicans: 45
Independents: 2

44

54

Total Seats
Democrats: 44
Republicans: 54
Independents: 2

Analysis

- Having won most of this year's competitive races, Republicans secured 54 Senate seats, **flipping the Senate from blue to red**
- A GOP win in Louisiana was announced on December 6, 2014
- Since Republicans expanded their majority to 54 seats, they had an easier time passing legislation in the Senate because they needed fewer Democratic defections to overcome filibusters (which require a 60 vote supermajority)

Source: National Journal Research; CNN Election Center; Associated Press; NBC News.