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Tom Allen missing many important votes

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On May 15, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to make more than \$6 billion available to hire more law enforcement personnel to serve and protect communities right here in Maine and around the country. A bill like this is very important to maintain the safety of our neighborhoods and our families; it's not an issue to be taken lightly. It's certainly not an issue to ignore.

But U.S. Senate candidate Tom Allen did just that. Not only did he not vote for this important issue; he didn't even vote on it at all! Upon doing further research, I discovered that Allen has missed more than 100 votes during his time in Congress. He was chosen to be a voice for our state, but instead he has now missed more than 100 opportunities for Maine's voice to be heard before the U.S. Congress. That is more than 100 reasons to not elect Tom Allen to "represent" us again.

The people of Maine elected Allen to represent Maine's 1st district. Now he wants to represent all of Maine in the U.S. Senate. His voting record alone is proof enough that he will not represent us well if elected to the U.S. Senate.

In order to have our voices heard, we need someone who shows up to vote! We already have someone in office with much experience and a fantastic voting record, and her name is U.S. Senator Susan Collins.

Kristen Dorion
Winslow

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Cosmo!.

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Reader comments

jm of Augusta, ME
May 23, 2007 5:51 PM

Jim Smith of Buxton: I have nothing against Michaud. In fact, overall I'd say he's doing a great job.

I'm responding to a letter that attempts to puff up Collins' record in preparation for the upcoming campaign. You still don't quite have her role right. Yes, she is elected by Mainers to serve in the United States Senate, but she is NOT there merely, or even mainly, to look out for parochial Maine-related interests. Yes, she does do that as part of her duties, but the United States Senate is, overall, concerned

with setting policies and passing laws that are supposed to be good for our country AS A WHOLE.

That's where Collins, and Snowe, have let us down miserably. It'll take decades to clean up the mess they've helped to create.

Here's just one more example: Collins and Snowe voted to pass enormous tax cuts for millionaires, knowing that it would only increase the federal deficit and leave enormous bills for our children to pay off. If they took the time to look around Maine, they'd see that there aren't too many millionaires here.

Darren McLellan of Cape Elizabeth, ME

May 23, 2007 12:43 PM

How many votes has Collins missed?

What about her pledge to only serve 2 terms. Out the window now. How do all you apologist sluglicons explain that one? Was it a LIE? I am waiting for this one...

Darren McLellan of Cape Elizabeth, ME

May 23, 2007 12:42 PM

Beserker is a Lying FOX news troll!!

GHW Bush , your hero no doubt, trashed Clinton repeatedly. Nixon trashed Carter and GHW Bush, your hero no doubt.

Try READING A BIT instead of just spewing!!

Jim Smith of Buxton, ME

May 23, 2007 11:21 AM

Wow jm,

This is where I end looking at this blog, as it has become nothing but partisan BS now (I may be a republican, but I can at least acknowledge the good work of Michaud and others - you can't even do that). I'm sorry you must regurgitate info.

Susan Collins is a US Senator ELECTED BY MAINERS and to REPRESENT MAINE on a national level. I'm sorry you aren't able to see that distinction.

Here is the difference between our posts jm: I'm positively supporting Collins role for Maine and its citizens. I can demonstrate her actual role in national politics and how it helps us in the state and also the nation. Yet your argument in favor of Tom Allen getting the seat is simply "republicans are bad / bush / collins is pro iraq / bush / blah blah blah". I have heard this rhetoric before, and it's getting old.

The key question (in my opinion) is this:

WHY ARE ALL COLLINS SUPPORTERS TALKING POSITIVELY ABOUT HER RECORD AND WHAT SHE CAN ACTUALLY DO FOR OUR STATE AND COUNTRY, YET ALL ALLEN-SUPPORTERS HERE ARE DOING NOTHING BUT TRYING TO BASH COLLINS OR BUSH (AS IF THAT IS THE SAME)? IT IS SAD THAT YOU HAVE NO LEG TO STAND ON TO DIRECTLY SUPPORT TOM ALLEN WITH ACTUAL EVIDENCE OF HIS SUCCESS, LEGISLATION HE HAS SPEARHEADED, ETC - ONLY THAT HE ISN'T A REPUBLICAN. BOY, THAT ARGUMENT REALLY MAKES ME PROUD TO BE A MAINER TODAY.

Thank you for allowing all of our opinions PPH.

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