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Kelly Ayotte and the NH Senate Seat

Politico reports that Kelly Ayotte is likely to have a [primary challenger](#) in the race for Senator Gregg's open Senate seat.

It's easy to see why the National Republican Senatorial Committee is so enamored of Ayotte. She's a youthful, female face in a party that has been criticized for not fielding a diverse crop of candidates. With deep New Hampshire roots and a law enforcement record that has drawn bipartisan praise during her five-year tenure, the 41-year-old Ayotte could prove to be a compelling alternative to the likely Democratic nominee, Rep. Paul Hodes (D-N.H.).

Indeed, to demonstrate its commitment behind her candidacy, the NRSC is even prepared to offer Ayotte its endorsement if she requests it.

Yet two credible GOP candidates — a former nominee for governor and a well-heeled businessman — have signaled that they'll also pursue the nomination, and the state GOP chairman, John H. Sununu, is indicating that he's not going to choose sides.

Read more: <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0709/25238.html#ixzz0Mou45siB>

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SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009

John Murth: "What's That Got to do With Me?"

When the liberal media keeps nipping at the tail of a liberal democrat, then something must be in the wind. Maybe for even the Democrats there is a point at which too much graft is really too much. Of maybe its time for the Democrats to toss the public a pork chop. With every passing day, porker and earmark king Rep John Murtha appears to be the pork chop that is going to fed to the public. Not that he doesn't deserve it.

Yesterday, *The New York Times* blasted John Murtha in an editorial with innuendos of his connection to using Federal money to advance his interests via family and friends. Below are a few of the comments:

One of the most favored insiders in Representative John Murtha's rich churn of defense earmarks has pleaded guilty to criminal charges, shedding light on a twisting, pay-to-play money trail. . . . What's that got to do with me?" commented Mr. Murtha, who previously lavished praise and tens of millions of dollars in contracts on the two companies caught up in the criminal investigation. . . . Investigators have not identified him as a target. But the inquiry is backtracking a trail of hundreds of millions of dollars to Pentagon contractors who gratefully requited with tens of millions in political donations to Democrats on the appropriations subcommittee headed by Mr. Murtha.

In just one tangent of the complex inquiry, Mr. Ianieri's company hired the lobbying firm of Mr. Murtha's brother Kit. The company soon was blessed with money from an \$8.2 million defense earmark. . . . Representative Murtha, using a 2005 tsunami relief bill, took the \$8.2 million from another contractor that had severed ties with his brother's lobbying firm. The Department of Justice alleges that Mr. Ianieri's company then illicitly distributed \$1.8 million of the money to other companies, some of them represented by Kit Murtha's firm.



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Having responsible government frequently come down to a handful of battleground states. With the advance of socialism under the current administration, the elections of 2009 and 2010 becomes extremely important in turning the tide.

2009 has two very winnable Governor's races. In 2010, almost every state becomes an important battleground, with Senate and Governor's races. Therefore, we will be following numerous states here, and providing info on where the candidates stand in these races from a Republican point of view



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