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Election Results

AT A GLANCE

A look at selected races
● Leading ▼ Winner

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL
 MIKE FISHER (R)
 JOE KOHN (D)
 TIMOTHY WILLIAM COLLINS (Libertarian)

STATE AUDITOR GENERAL
 BOB NYCE (R)
 BOB CASEY, JR. (D)
 ROBERT P. LORD (Constitutional)

STATE TREASURER
 BARBARA HAFFER (R)
 MINA BAKER KNOLL (D)
 DEAN L. SNYDER (Constitutional)
 JOHN D. FAMILIARO (Libertarian)
 MICHAEL S. KLEIN (Reform)

15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 BOB KILBANKS (R)
 PAUL McHALE (D)
 NICHOLAS R. SABATINE, III (Reform)
 PHILIP E. FAUST (Natural Law)

8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 JAMES C. GREENWOOD (R)
 JOHN P. MURRAY (D)
 DAVID A. BOOTH (Constitutional)
 RICHARD J. PIOTROWSKI (Libertarian)

12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 JON FOX (R)
 Joseph M. Hoffel (D)
 PATRICK BURKE (Libertarian)
 WILLIAM RYAN (Natural Law)

11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 STEPHEN URBAN (R)
 PAUL KANJORSKI (D)

6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 CHRISTIAN LEINBACH (R)
 TIM HOLDEN (D)
 THOMAS LIST (Natural Law)

STATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
131ST DISTRICT
 PATRICK M. BROWNE (R)
 KURT J. DERR (D)

133RD DISTRICT
 ANDY ROMANI (R)
 T.J. ROONEY (D)

135TH DISTRICT
 MANUS MacLEAN (R)
 LISA BOSCOLA (D)

136TH DISTRICT
 BRIAN E. AHEARN (R)
 JOSEPH A. CORPORA, III (D)

137TH DISTRICT
 LEONARD Q. GRUPPO (R)
 RITCHIE J. RICCI (D)

138RD DISTRICT
 JULIE HARHART (R)
 FRANK W. YANDRISSEVITS (D)

139TH DISTRICT
 PAUL W. SEMMEL (R)
 ARLENE DABROW (D)

143RD DISTRICT
 JOE CONTI (R)
 MELISSA V. BOND (D)

145TH DISTRICT
 PAUL L. CLYMER (R)
 SUZANNE HENDRICKS (D)
 H. ANTOINETTE HILMER (Libertarian)

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Clinton wins easily



President Clinton gives thumbs-up after voting yesterday with his wife Hillary in Little Rock, Ark.

■ Americans turn a deaf ear to Bob Dole's cry of violated trust.

By JOHN KING
Of The Associated Press

President Clinton won a landslide re-election and political redemption last night as voters put their faith in his economic leadership and brushed aside Bob Dole's challenge to his character. Republicans battled to temper Clinton's win by keeping their hold on the House and Senate.

Clinton polled strongly in every region for a coast-to-coast victory that made him the first Democratic

president re-elected since Franklin Roosevelt. It was a dramatic rebound from the Democratic defeat that delivered Congress to the Republicans in 1994.

"They have affirmed our course and told us to go forward," Clinton said of the voters who returned him to office.

The president addressed a crowd of thousands jamming the streets of Little Rock, Ark., to hear his victory speech at the Old State House. Vice President Al Gore called it a "glorious evening" and indeed the numbers were very good for the Democratic ticket. Clinton was on a pace to match, if not exceed, the 570 electoral votes

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GOP poised to keep control of Congress

■ Voters opted for divided government, affirmed power of incumbency.

By CHRIS BLACK
and BOB HOHLER
Of The Boston Globe

Republicans were poised to retain control of the 105th Congress as voters opted for divided government and affirmed the power of incumbency in the House and Senate.

The GOP picked up Democratic seats in the Senate in Alabama, Nebraska and Arkansas and was positioned to increase its majority. Democrats needed to pick up three Senate seats to regain power. But

only one Republican incumbent had lost. Sen. Larry Pressler of South Dakota, who was beaten by Democrat Tim Johnson, the state's only congressman.

Democrats were making inroads in the House, particularly in the Northeast, but Republicans expressed confidence they would retain a majority.

But Democrats were still watching. Please See CONGRESS Page A7 ►

No surprise in state balloting

■ Pa. voters opted to keep the president for another four years

By PETE LEFFLER
Call Washington Bureau

Surprising no one, Pennsylvania voted yesterday to keep Bill Clinton in the Oval Office for the remainder of the 20th Century.

The Democratic incumbent defeated Republican challenger Bob Dole in the Lehigh Valley and in critical state locales — including such populous GOP strongholds as Bucks, Montgomery and Delaware counties — to claim the state's 23 electoral votes. Clinton beat Dole 2.1 million, or 49 percent, to 1.7 million, or 40 percent, with 86 percent of the state reporting, according to unofficial results. Reform Party candidate Ross Perot had 401,578 votes, or 10 percent, followed by Libertarian Harry Browne with 26,249. Constitutional Party candidate Howard Phillips had 27,824 votes, Browne 2,235, Phillips 1,464 votes, and Hagelin 457.

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McHale coasts to win over Kilbanks in 15th

■ After a near loss two years ago, the Democratic incumbent gets 55% of the vote.

By JOHN P. MARTIN
Of The Morning Call

Democrat Paul McHale last night easily won a third term to the U.S. House of Representatives, rebounding from a near loss two years ago to post his largest margin of victory in the 15th District.

He did so by slaying off three challengers, including Republican Bob Kilbanks, an avowedly conservative Easton real estate agent who stunned the political establishment by snatching the GOP nomination in April.

But none of the ingredients that catapulted Kilbanks to his primary victory — low voter turnout and strong poll support from abortion opponents and gun-rights advocates — sustained him yesterday.

Unofficial tallies last night showed McHale with 109,415 votes (55 percent) to Kilbanks' 82,356 votes (41 percent).

Nick Sabatine III, a Washington Township (Northampton County) attorney representing the Reform Party, collected 6,768 votes (3 percent). Philip Faust, a teacher of transcendental meditation from Allentown, won 1,000 votes (less than 1 percent) as the Natural Law Party entrant.

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Paul McHale arrives at his campaign headquarters filled with cheering supporters.

Late GOP rally takes 2 of 3 row offices

■ Republican Fisher edges out Democrat Kohn in a photo-finish race.

By MARIO F. CATTABIANI
Call Harrisburg Bureau

HARRISBURG — The bitter race to decide who will be Pennsylvania's next attorney general remained neck-in-neck until early this morning, when Mike Fisher was declared the winner, according to unofficial results.

With 58 percent of the statewide vote counted, Republican Fisher, a long-time state legislator, was ahead of Democrat Joe Kohn, a wealthy class-action lawyer. The contest appeared headed for a photo finish until Fisher pulled ahead with 50 percent of the vote to Kohn's 48 percent.

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■ Casey follows dad's footsteps to take Pa. auditor general's seat.

By MARIO F. CATTABIANI
Call Harrisburg Bureau

Bob Casey Jr.'s first stride in his father's footsteps was a simple one yesterday as he handily defeated Republican Bob Nye to become Pennsylvania's next auditor general, according to unofficial election results.

The Associated Press declared Casey son of former Gov. Robert P. Casey, the victor shortly after 9:30 p.m., 20 minutes after the polls closed.

With 27 percent of the precincts reporting statewide, Casey had 64 percent of the vote compared to Nye's 33 percent, or

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■ Hafer holds slim edge over Knoll in late nail-biter for state treasurer's post.

By MEGAN O'MATZ
Call Harrisburg Bureau

HARRISBURG — Republican Barbara Hafer was narrowly leading Democrat Mina Baker Knoll in a nail-biter for state treasurer early this morning.

With 94 percent of the precincts reporting, Hafer had 1,886,847 votes to Knoll's 1,830,045, according to the Associated Press.

Based on early vote totals last night, the AP had called the race, saying Knoll won. Her advantage was not holding, though.

"We don't think it's over yet,"

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Mike Fisher ... takes the lead



Bob Casey Jr. ... defeats Nye



Barbara Hafer ... spirited campaign