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REBECCA JARVIS: Oyster farmer and combat veteran Graham Platner winning the Maine Democratic Senate primary despite a wave of recent controversies. What it means for the control of the Senate.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Graham Platner Wins Maine's Democratic Primary]

JARVIS: We're turning now to the high-stakes primary in Maine where Democratic Senate candidate Graham Platner won his party's nomination despite facing scrutiny over his personal conduct with women and claims of anti-Semitism. Maine is critical to Democrats' hopes of gaining control of the Senate in November, and Jay O'Brien is on Capitol Hill with the latest. Good morning, Jay.

JAY O'BRIEN: Rebecca, good morning to you. Graham Platner triumphant overnight, winning Maine's Democratic Senate primary despite a string of recent controversies. He'll now face off against that state's longtime Republican Senator Susan Collins in a race that, as you say, will be pivotal to Democrats' hopes of taking back the Senate this fall. Platner's path to the nomination, though, complicated by a string of recent controversies and his past, including sexually explicit text messages he acknowledged sending to up to six women when he was first married in 2023. *The New York Times* also speaking to several of Platner's ex-girlfriends who described "unsettling behavior." One even saying that he was physical, which Platner denies. There are also questions about a Nazi symbol tattooed on his chest, which Platner has said he did not know the significance of and since had covered up. An oyster farmer and Marine combat veteran, Plattner telling voters that he is a changed man after grappling with PTSD and depression. And, despite concerns from some Democratic senators, key progressives like Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren sticking by him over the course of that primary.