

*CBS Mornings*

06/10/26

7:00:13 a.m. [TEASE]

5 seconds

NATE BURLESON: We also have some news to get to, including major flooding in the Midwest and the results of last night's primaries.

(...)

7:00:59 a.m. [TEASE]

6 seconds

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE REPORTER: Democrat Graham Platner claims victory in the Senate primary race after allegations of abuse.

(...)

7:08:50 a.m.

2 minutes and 40 seconds

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Graham Platner Wins Primary Amid Scandals]

VLADIMIR DUTHIERS: Across the country, primary voters hit the polls to pick their candidates for the fall. In the state of Maine, a Senate showdown is set between Democrat Graham Platner and Republican Senator Susan Collins. Platner is a first-time candidate facing serious questions about his past. Caitlin Huey Burns is in Brewer, Maine. Caitlin, good morning.

CAITLIN HUEY-BURNS: Hey, good morning, Vlad. And after prevailing in that primary last night, Graham Plattner nodded to some of those controversies, telling supporters that he's made mistakes in life, but he vowed to make them proud and a race that is going to help determine the control of the U.S. Senate.

GRAHAM PLATNER: We will win back this Senate seat.

HUEY-BURNS: Graham Platner won the Maine Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate Tuesday, despite a number of headline-grabbing controversies surrounding him —

PLATNER: I've made mistakes in my life, mistakes that I regret that I live with, and that I continue to learn from.

HUEY-BURNS: — beset by a series of scandals, including allegations of physical abuse, by a woman he dated over a decade ago, which Platner denied, calling them, "politically motivated."

PLATNER: You have had my back.

HUEY-BURNS: The Marine veteran and Maine oyster farmer released this video Tuesday reflecting on the race.

PLATNER: This past few weeks have been [BLEEP] brutal.

HUEY-BURNS: Now, the hard part begins for Plattner as the political newcomer aims to defeat five-term Republican Senator Susan Collins in November.

PLATNER: Susan Collins doesn't serve us. She serves Donald Trump.

HUEY-BURNS: While in South Carolina —

CONGRESSWOMAN NANCY MACE (R-SC): Serving South Carolina has been the greatest honor of my life.

HUEY-BURNS: — Congresswoman Nancy Mace lost her race for governor after the conservative firebrand failed to win the endorsement of President Trump, who instead backed the state's lieutenant governor, Pamela Evette, who advanced to the June 23 runoff against Attorney General Alan Wilson.

MACE: I'm going to endorse Alan Wilson for governor. [SCREEN WIPE] I think he's going to mob the floor with Pamela Evette.

STEVE HILTON: Hi, everyone. How are you doing?

HUEY-BURNS: And over in California, the governor's race has now narrowed. Republican Steve Hilton advanced to the general election to take on Democrat Javier Becerra. Now, Platner may be running as an outsider here in Maine, but last night, Washington top Democrats lined up behind him. And as for his opponent, Susan Collins, she said yesterday that these allegations against Platner are troubling and serious and that he owes people of Maine a more detailed explanation, Eva.

EVA PILGRIM: Caitlin, thank you.