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GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: A nail-biter in Michigan

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Too Close to Call; High-Stakes Primary Showdown]

STEPHANOPOULOS: Primary showdown in critical battleground Michigan that could decide control of the Senate. We're tracking the race by the minute. Who will move on to November?

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; High-Stakes Primary Showdown]

ROBIN ROBERTS: Now, the high-stakes primary in Michigan. Jay O'Brien is in Detroit, has the very latest for us. Good morning to you, Jay.

JAY O'BRIEN: Robin, good morning to you. A nail-biter of a Senate primary here in Michigan, exposing a fight over the future of the Democratic Party itself. This morning, a crucial Democratic Senate primary that grew into a battle for the soul of the party itself still too close to call. Dr. Abdul el-Sayed, waking up with just a slim lead over Congresswoman Haley Stevens.

ABDUL EL-SAYED: God, wish I could tell you that I was declaring victory right about now. Turns out, it takes a long time to count some votes in Michigan. It's a big state.

O'BRIEN: Both addressing exhausted supporters in the wee hours of the morning.

CONGRESSWOMAN HALEY STEVENS (D-MI): We knew that this was going to be a close race, and that's exactly what we've got.

O'BRIEN: A former state health official and self-defined capitalist, el-Sayed was backed by top Democratic socialists, focusing his campaign around tackling the cost of living, and rejecting Israel's war in Gaza.

EL-SAYED [on 07/18/26]: Shouldn't be this hard to pay your taxes, and know that that money is

going to be spent on you, rather than to drop bombs on somebody else and their kids.

O'BRIEN: A message that energized young voters like 26-year-old Ashley Hicks. [TO HICKS] You don't feel like the party's listening to you?

ASHLEY HICKS: I don't think the Democratic Party has been listening for a very long time.

O'BRIEN: Stevens branding herself as a folksy and moderate, can-do Democrat backed by the party establishment.

STEVENS: I am tough as nails when Michigan is being challenged right now. Donald Trump is squirting all around, selling us out to the highest bidder, selling out Michigan. It's not right.

O'BRIEN: And pitching voters that she can win in the fall.

UNIDENTIFIED BLACK MALE VOTER: I went with Stevens, but Haley Stevens — I felt like she was going to be a fighter for Michigan, you know, trying to keep, you know, Michigan jobs in Michigan, and working with the people.

O'BRIEN: On the Republican side, former Congressman Mike Rogers advanced to the general election. He ran unopposed. Remember, this seat is held by a Democrat, Senator Gary Peters, who's retiring, and Democrats need to defend it if they want any hope of taking back power in the Senate in the midterms, Michael.

MICHAEL STRAHAN: All right, Jay O'Brien, thank you so much.