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MICHAEL STRAHAN: Voters hitting the polls.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Key Primary Results]

STRAHAN: Breaking news. The key primary results overnight, including the Alaska race that could decide control of the Senate. The battle of the Dan Sullivans. Plus, the major upset in Florida and what it means for the midterms.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Key Primary Results]

ROBIN ROBERTS: But we're going to begin with the key primary results breaking overnight. Let's go right to Jay O'Brien, who is tracking the potential impact on the control of the Senate. Good morning to you, Jay.

JAY O'BRIEN: Robin, good morning to you. And voters in four states going to the polls yesterday. Some big surprises overnight. But all eyes were on that critical state of Alaska and what that race could mean for control of the Senate. Overnight, in a race that could decide control of the Senate, Alaska primary voters advancing incumbent Republican Senator Dan Sullivan and Democratic challenger Mary Peltola to the November ballot. Sullivan rallying supporters overnight.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Alaska's High-Stakes Primary]

SENATOR DAN SULLIVAN (R-AK): We are going to win for Alaska in November, and we are going to win for the great country, the United States of America, that we love. Thank you again, everybody. We are on to the general election.

O'BRIEN: And Peltola, former Democratic congresswoman, promising to be "an independent voice in the Senate." But Alaska allows for four candidates, regardless of party, to advance to the general election ballot. And this morning, it's unclear if that will include Dan J. Sullivan, a

candidate with virtually the same name as the senator. ABC News has learned the Justice Department issued a series of subpoenas to those tied to Dan Sullivan's campaign, probing whether he's part of a conspiracy to purposefully confuse voters, something Sullivan has strongly denied. In a plea to Republicans. President Trump posting, "ALASKA, be careful, VOTE FOR THE REAL DAN SULLIVAN." Meantime, in Florida, the Democratic Party's deep divisions on full display. Self-declared Democratic socialist and State Representative Angie Nixon beating Alexander Vindman in the primary to take on Republican Senator Ashley Moody, expected to be an uphill battle for Democrats this fall. Vindman was backed by establishment party leaders, and his campaign raised \$16 million. None of it was enough to beat Nixon, who joined the DSA in the middle of her campaign.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Democrats' Florida Divide]

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANGIE NIXON (D-FL): We, the hard-working, everyday people of Florida, sent a shock wave to the Washington, D.C. establishment.

O'BRIEN: But far-left challengers coming up short elsewhere on the ballot, unable to unseat Florida Congressman Jared Moskowitz and veteran Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, and, in the race to replace the late South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham, his sister, the current Senator Darline Graham, and Congressman Ralph Norman, squaring off in their final debate before a primary runoff next week. Graham giving a stunning answer for a sitting senator when asked about national security.

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SENATOR DARLINE GRAHAM (R-SC): I'm just going to be honest here. I'm not on national security, that — I'm not that informed on national security, so — but I do support the military.

O'BRIEN: Back to Florida, incumbent Republican Congressman Cory Mills. He's embattled, lost his primary last night despite an endorsement from President Trump. Mills is facing a Department of Justice investigation, sources tell ABC News, and House Ethics Committee probe. He's denied any wrongdoing, Robin.

ROBERTS: And, Jay, speaking of the President, ABC News has learned that President Trump voted by mail in the Florida primary.

O'BRIEN: That's right, Robin, despite railing against the practice, President Trump voted by mail in yesterday's primaries. It's the second time this year he's done so. Responding, the White House says that President Trump has advocated for stricter guardrails on mail-in voting. Robin.

ROBERTS: All right. Our thanks to you, Jay.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Key Primary Results]

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Key Primary Results]

STRAHAN:starting with the key primary results breaking overnight. Jay O'Brien is tracking the potential impact on the control of the Senate. Good morning again, Jay.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking at 8; Alaska's High-Stakes Primary]

O'BRIEN: Good morning once again, Michael. All eyes were on Alaska overnight in a race that could decide control of the Senate. Primary voters advancing incumbent Senator Dan Sullivan and former Democratic Congresswoman Mary Peltola to the November ballot. But Alaska allows for four names to go ahead to the general election. And, right now, it's unclear if that's going to include Dan J. Sullivan, a candidate with virtually the same name as the senator. Republicans have accused Dan J. Sullivan of being a spoiler candidate, and the DOJ is investigating him. He denies any wrongdoing.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking at 8; Democrats' Florida Divide]

Meantime, in Florida last night, the Democratic Party's deep divisions on full display. Self-declared Democratic socialist and State Representative Angie Nixon beating establishment-backed Alexander Vindman, who was a key witness in President Trump's first impeachment trial. Nixon will now take on incumbent Republican Senator Ashley Moody. That race, expected to be an uphill battle for Democrats this fall, Robin.

ROBERTS: We'll see. All right. Jay. Our thanks to you as always.