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GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: And a midterm twist with one day to go.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Major Midterm Twist; One Day to Go]

STEPHANOPOULOS: One day before the final votes, a final twist in Michigan's Senate race. The surprising last-minute endorsement as President Trump closes out his campaign blitz. This morning, the state of play, the key races. Could Democrats flip the House and Senate? What could ultimately decide who wins

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STEPHANOPOULOS: Also tracking the midterms, final votes tomorrow. We have Mary Bruce and Rachel Scott standing by to break down the big headlines and the state of play in the final hours of the campaign.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Major Midterm Twist]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: We're gonna get the latest on the midterms. Final votes tomorrow. Democrats showing strength despite some last-minute drama in Michigan, where the Democratic primary loser endorsed the Republican candidate for Senate as President Trump made his final push in red states. Chief White House Correspondent Mary Bruce is tracking all the races. Good morning, Mary.

MARY BRUCE: Good morning, George. And this surprise endorsement is now rocking one of the most closely watched Senate races that could determine control of Congress. Representative Haley Stevens, who nearly led the Democratic ticket in the state, breaking with her party at the eleventh hour. This morning, Democrats fuming after a stunning announcement in the Michigan

Senate race between Republican Mike Rogers and Democrat Abdul El-Sayed. In a surprise move, El-Sayed's former primary rival, Democratic Congresswoman Haley Stevens, breaking with her party to back the Republican.

CONGRESSWOMAN HALEY STEVENS (D-MI): Our Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate, Abdul El-Sayed, said that I was no longer welcome in his campaign and that I should stay away, and he's right. And that's why I am endorsing Mike Rogers for the United States Senate.

BRUCE: Just days ago, she said she was going to back El-Sayed.

STEVENS [on CNN's *The Source*, 10/28/26]: Of course, I'm voting, you know, for our Democratic nominee for—for Senate.

BRUCE: The two were supposed to appear at a party unity event on Sunday, but instead, Stevens side-by-side with Rogers, the Republican, at a Black church in Detroit. The breaking point came over this controversial ad from an outside group backing El-Sayed.

MAN [in Rebellion PAC ad]: I mean, don't we give Israel $4 billion a year anyways?

BRUCE: Stevens called the ad anti-Semitic and urged El-Sayed to denounce it. He has said he disagrees with it. Asked about Stevens' endorsement of his Republican opponent, the Democratic nominee brushing it off.

ABDUL EL-SAYED: At the end of the day, I actually don't think about Haley Stevens.

BRUCE: But Democrats are outraged. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer calling it a "despicable betrayal." Several members of Stevens' congressional staff, including her chief of staff, resigning in protest, saying the team is shocked and heartbroken at her decision. Overnight, Stevens asked what changed her mind.

STEVENS [on CNN's *AC360*, 11/01/26]: Well, look, this is just a weight off my shoulders, okay? Abdul has been getting angrier and angrier.

BRUCE: Out on the trail, President Trump quick to applaud Stevens' decision, calling it brave.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: It was just an incredible thing.

BRUCE: Trump closing out his month-long campaign blitz with rallies in Iowa and Kansas.

TRUMP: I'm closing the sucker down. I'm getting out of here. I got to get a little sleep.

BRUCE: But the President dealt a blow in another critical Senate race: the Alaska contest between Republican Senator Dan Sullivan and Democrat Mary Peltola. A federal judge Sunday rejecting the administration's effort to preemptively challenge the results if Sullivan loses because another candidate named Dan Sullivan is also on the ballot. The judge saying that since

ballots are secret, it would be impossible to determine whether voters who voted for the other Dan Sullivan were confused. The Justice Department says they plan to appeal. Our Trevor Ault is in Alaska, where early voting has surged.

TREVOR AULT: Look at this line of people for early voting at the mall in Anchorage. This is snaking all the way through. I'm told every single day it's been like this for a week. Sometimes, people waiting two hours to get their vote cast early.

BRUCE: Even if he loses, Senator Sullivan says he'll accept the results. And President Trump today, after doing 28 rallies in recent weeks, will make his closing message here in Washington at the Reflecting Pool at the Lincoln Memorial, which has just reopened to the public after the President's renovations. He is expected to make his final pitch to voters and again tout his construction.

ROBIN ROBERTS: All right. Our thanks to you, Mary. We're going to get one more on the state of the races. One day to go. Senior political correspondent Rachel Scott here in the studio with us. Good morning, Rachel.

RACHEL SCOTT: Robin, George, good morning to both of you. One day to go. We are getting our final snapshot of where the Senate races stand. In order for Democrats to take control of the Senate, they need to defend everything they currently have, and then also flip at least four seats. This seemed out of reach just a few months ago because that means Democrats would have to win in red states that the president won by double digits — states like Alaska, Texas, Kansas, Iowa, and also Ohio. But in recent weeks, the final weeks of this campaign, voter frustrations over the economy, over the war in Iran, the cost of living — that has brought these races a lot closer and a lot tighter than what Republicans had hoped to see. In fact, in all of these battleground states, the latest poll from *New York Times* and Siena shows that Democrats have a nine-point edge over Republicans on that number one issue of the economy. Let's take a look at that poll because it does show that in states like Texas and Ohio, the Democrats are pulling ahead of Republicans just slightly. But take a look at where this stands in a state like Kansas that has not sent a Democrat to the Senate in nearly a century — it is the Democrat, Adam Hamilton, that is pulling ahead just slightly there. Here in Iowa, it is a dead heat. This is much closer than Republicans want to see. Now, of course, these polls — it is a snapshot in time. This is not a prediction. It will be voters that will ultimately get the final say tomorrow.

STEPHANOPOULOS: Right. Those *Times* polls showed the Democratic candidate way ahead in Michigan. One trend we've been seeing more and more in recent years: more and more voters voting before Election Day.

SCOTT: Yes. The voter enthusiasm right now, you could just see it through these numbers right here. Already 54 million Americans have cast their ballot in this midterm election voting early. That number outpacing where we were just four years ago for the last midterm elections, and a state like Texas — we've been talking about this a lot — the unexpected battleground of Texas, they're setting statewide records: Seven million votes cast there, with large voter turnout in Dallas, Houston, all the way down to the Rio Grande Valley. Again, one day to go, and we'll be

tracking the final results right here from the big board on election night, guys.

ROBERTS: I'm about to say you're not going to get much rest the next couple of days —

SCOTT: Nope!

ROBERTS: — because our election coverage begins tomorrow night at 7 p.m. Eastern David Muir leading our powerhouse political team. Thank you, Rachel.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: One Day to Go; State of Play]

STEPHANOPOULOS: One day until the final votes as President Trump closes out his campaign blitz. This morning, the state of play, the key races; Could Democrats flip the House and Senate? And what could ultimately decide who wins.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking at 8; State of Play]

ROBERTS: But first, we're going to take a look at the top stories that are breaking at eight, starting with just one day, as you know, to go into the final votes of the midterms with control of Congress at stake. Senior political correspondent Rachel Scott is back here with the state of the races. Good morning again, Rachel.

SCOTT: Good morning, Robert and George. Let's get right to the map because over in the Senate the stakes are high, and these races are very close. In order for Democrats to take control of the Senate, they have to defend everything they currently have and then flip four states. The challenge for them? They're going to have to flip at least two states that President Trump won by double digits, either Alaska, Texas, Kansas, Iowa, or Ohio here. These races getting a lot closer in this final stretch, fueled by voters on the economy, the high cost of living, and we do have a new poll out from *The New York Times*/Siena. Starting here in Michigan, you can see the Democrat el-Sayed slightly ahead of his Republican challenger, Rogers. This where we saw that last minute twist just yesterday, with Haley Stevens suddenly endorsing the Republican candidate. This poll taken before then, also Texas, Ohio. You see the Democrat slightly ahead of the Republicans as well. But take a look here in Kansas. I mean, this is a state that has not sent a Democrat to the Senate in nearly a century. Right now, the Democrat, Adam Hamilton, slightly ahead of the Republican. And there in Iowa, this is a dead heat. Of course, these polls, a snapshot

in time, but it does show that Democrats are starting to gain traction, and we just have one day to go.

STEPHANOPOULOS: And so many people have already voted.

SCOTT: Yeah. We are seeing so much in voter enthusiasm out there. So, take a look at these numbers. More than 54 million Americans have already cast their ballot in this midterm election. That number outpacing where we were just four years ago and the 2022 midterm election. And again, we've been all across this country. We have correspondents fanned out all over, and the polls are reflecting what we're hearing from voters. The economy is the number one issue that is driving voters to the polls this midterm.

ROBERTS: You keep hearing that over and over again, aren't you? Rachel.

SCOTT: Yep

ROBERTS: All right. Well, our election night coverage begins tomorrow night, 7 p.m. Eastern. David Muir leading our powerhouse political team.