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I'm Cynthia Spratt with a look at Regional News on Big Country 99...

The nation voted and the electoral college agreed, Barack Obama will be taking his first steps this morning toward January's inauguration. It was a good night for the Democrat party, not only winning the Presidency, but 56 total seats in the Senate and 251 seats in the House, giving them the majority in both. Only 4 seats remain undecided in the Senate races and 11 undecided in the House races this morning, but not enough to change the shift of power.

In Missouri, voters supported McCain, with the Republican nominee winning the popular vote by mere thousands. Arkansas also gave McCain 58% of their popular vote. But, the Democrats won out in the governor's race, Jay Nixon was the clear winner early in the evening with 58% of the vote. Missouri voters said yes on Election Day to all five measures on the ballot. Voters passed the proposition for eliminating casino loss limits with 56% of the vote, 75% passed the measure to improve in home health care, 66% for renewable energy, 58% for the storm water control issue and an overwhelming 86% of voters supported the English use measure state wide.

Incumbents Roy Blunt and JoAnn Emerson won their respective House of Representative races for US Congress. On the state level, voters in the 152nd District 70% of voters chose Kuessner over Mansfield and Chuck Purgason again won the ballot for state senate with 67% of the vote.

In county races, Douglas county named Republican Mitchell as District One Commissioner, Republican Degase as Sheriff and passed the measure for a full time Douglas County Prosecutor. Howell county voted in Republicans Shannon for Sheriff, Eagleman for Public Administrator and passed the Mountain View-Birch Tree School Levy measure. In Shannon County, Democrat Blunkall was voted in over incumbent Sheriff Butter Reeves. And in Texas County, Democrat incumbent Sheriff Carl Watson was also supported by voters by 58%. Republicans won races for Assessor with incumbent Debbie James with 58% of the vote, District One Commissioner John Casey with 57% of the vote and Incumbent Republican Linda Garrett with 62% of the Texas County vote. And finally, in Wright County, voters passed a measure for a full time prosecutor and elected Republican Shannon as the County's West District Commissioner.

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