



Midnight Roundup

McKeithen Wins Primary

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — Gov. John McKeithen, a Southern moderate, swept to a landslide victory for re-election Saturday night in a Louisiana Democratic primary that decided the course of the state party in next year's presidential politics.

With no Republican to challenge him in the Feb. 6 general election, the 49-year-old McKeithen was assured of returning to the governor's office for a second straight term unmatched in the state's modern political history.

The McKeithen landslide was especially heavy in the metropolitan New Orleans area.

The governor, who learned his politics from the late Gov. Earl Long, easily turned aside the challenge of Rep. John R. Rarick, D-La., a supporter of Alabama's George Wallace.

With 1,119 of 2,396 precincts reporting, McKeithen had 349,736, or 80 per cent of the vote counted. Rarick had 72,558 votes. Three other candidates in the race had slightly more than 17,000 combined.