



## Opinion: State Sen. Joe Kyrillos' quest to become U.S. senator may not be hopeless

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The last time New Jersey voters sent a Republican to the U.S. Senate, Bill Cahill was governor, President Nixon visited China, the film "The Godfather" was released, a bunch of bungling burglars broke into the Watergate complex,

change from the Menendez party, which has presided over a dismal economy for nearly four years.

Still, history haunts.

New Jersey voters have seemingly grown increasingly comfortable with Democrats holding both U.S. Senate seats, a comfort level sustained by a belief that a senator is but one of 100, balanced and restrained by a 435-member House of Representatives, and the president. The power and influence of a senator is diffuse, with results from his or her



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