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238 BIDEN 70,065,019 votes (50%)

270 electoral votes to win

TRUMP 213 67,326,766 votes (48%)

SENATE

47 Dem. Gained 1 | Rep. 47 Lost 1

51 seats for majority

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193 Dem. Lost 5 | Rep. 185 Gained 5

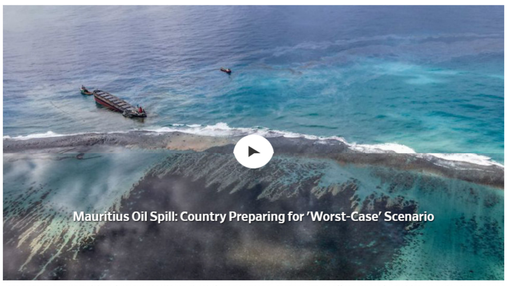
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By Eric Sylvers and Sarah McFarlane

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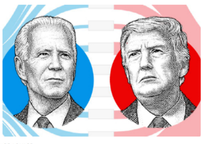
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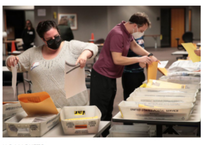
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