

Who Won the Week?

Caleb Rowden – It’s early, and the Senate is a mercurial creature. But the empty Senate floor during the opening day airing of grievances signals that he’s solidified his support with the “regulars,” a good omen for his pro tem bid.

John Rizzo – The Senate Minority Leader’s job is not easy by any measure. No way. But his job does get easier with Republican in-fighting. Dividing is easier than opposing often.

Mary Elizabeth Coleman – With Rep. Dan Shaul tasked to defend and push the 6-2 map, it seems Coleman has been given an angle to outflank him on the right side.

Bishop Davidson – Most folks focus on chairmanship appointments. But perhaps as important for folks “looking around the corner” to identify the next crop of leaders was Davidson’s appointment as vice-chair of the Emerging Issues Committee. That’s a big vote of confidence to give a freshman.

Cindy O’Laughlin – Her PAC has received checks from Herzog and Sinquefield. Not bad for a candidate without an opponent. Could start talk of her as a possible statewide candidate in 2024 with both grassroots and mega-donor appeal.

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