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1986: Governor

Total votes cast:	196,716	Percent: 100
Necessary for election:	98,359	50 plus 1 vote
Madeleine M. Kunin had:	92,485	47.01
Peter Smith had:	75,239	38.24
Bernard Sanders had:	28,418	14.44

Comments: Madeleine Kunin fell 5,874 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1986. The joint assembly convened on January 8, 1987 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to Vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:

Total votes cast:	179	Percent: 100
Necessary for election:	90	50 plus 1 vote
Madeleine M. Kunin had:	139	77.7 %
Peter Smith had:	39	21.8%
Bernard Sanders had:	1	.5%

Madeleine Kunin was declared to be the Governor of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.