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Republican Sen. Susan Collins announced Friday that she would not run for governor of Maine, ending weeks of speculation with a decision to stay in the Senate.

Collins' decision preserves her role as a key moderate and swing vote in the Senate. She had considered running for governor for months and faced pressure from fellow Republicans and moderates to stay in the chamber. Collins said her decision was based on where she could do the most good.

Maine Gov. Paul LePage, a Republican, is barred from running again due to term limits. Collins would have been the best-known candidate in the race to replace him, which includes several current and former legislative leaders and Democratic Attorney General Janet Mills.

Collins announced her decision at a local Chamber of Commerce event, where she touted her Senate seniority and "persistent advocacy" for Maine in the Senate.

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