

Sources say Trent Lott to leave Senate

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WASHINGTON -- Sources close to U.S. Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he intends to step down after more than three decades in the U.S. Congress, CNN reported Monday. Lott, the Senate's Republican Whip, will join the private sector by year's end, CNN reported. In 1972, Lott was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and in 1988 to the Senate, where he is in his fourth term and remains the first person to be elected whip in both houses of Congress. Lott angered many in 2002 when he praised Mississippi's support for Sen. Strom Thurmond's 1948 presidential campaign, which included a segregationist platform.

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