Senator Dodd will not run for re-election

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News alert: Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd expected to announce retirement, sources say

Sen. Christopher J. Dodd (Conn.), a leading Democrat whose political star fell along with the nation's economy, is expected to announce Wednesday that he has decided against running for reelection this November, according to sources briefed on the decision.

Dodd, in his fifth term, chairs the Senate Banking Committee. His retirement would be the second such announcement by a Senate Democrat in 24 hours; North Dakota's Byron Dorgan said Tuesday that he would not run this fall.

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A variety of wordings for searching were tried.

"chris dodd" pretty obviously was the best.

I did the first search at approximately 23:15 p.m. November 5, 2010. It found just over 600 messages, but they were coming thick and fast with 800 found 5 minutes later.

The search was concluded April 6, 2010 with a total of 9259 messages. The figure shows how they were distributed over time.
There was a big spike on the announcement. After that there was only occasional messages most of which were related to his work as chairman of the Senate committee.

The files are chris dodd.xml and chris dodd.txt, which is a tab delimited file that can be read with Excel.

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