



# Alabama Senate

## THE ISSUES

**DOUG JONES**



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**TOMMY TUBERVILLE**

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<b>AFFORDABLE CARE ACT</b> Support Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare?	Yes. <a href="#">Fix, not end, Obamacare</a> . Asked Trump to reverse Justice Dept. support for lawsuit seeking to repeal ACA.	No. Calls Obamacare <a href="#">“a failed experiment.”</a> <a href="#">Advocates a “return to the free market.”</a> Supports <a href="#">Health Savings Accounts and companies competing across state lines</a> .
<b>CAMPAIGN FINANCE</b> Require political ads to disclose their largest funders?	Yes. Backs <a href="#">act to remove barriers to voting, tackle dark money in politics, and “break special interests’ stranglehold”</a> on DC.	No position found.
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Consider human-caused climate change a serious threat? Address as a top priority by taxing or limiting output of greenhouse gases?	Yes. Climate change is <a href="#">a scientific reality</a> . <a href="#">“The consequences of our unchecked use of fossil fuels for our planet and our health have been clear for decades. Period.”</a> Invest in <a href="#">renewable energy and conservation, retraining coal miners, and “environmentally friendly” business practices, without “unnecessary and expensive regulations.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Only God changes climate. “You do have a little bit [of] change of weather, but somebody needs to prove to me that it is because we are burning coal or we have cars driving on the streets.”</a> The situation <a href="#">“won’t change enough in the next 400 years to affect anybody. But it [gives] the left an opportunity to scream and yell.”</a>
<b>COURTS – SUPREME COURT</b> Pick Ruth Bader Ginsburg replacement now or let November winner choose? See <a href="#">CEEP Supreme Court guide</a> .	<a href="#">“The judiciary is supposed to be an independent body. ... not just a rubber stamp ... This should be an appointment by the next President of the United States regardless of who that might be.”</a>	<a href="#">“The Constitution requires President Trump to offer a nominee, and the Senate should begin the confirmation process as soon as possible.”</a>
<b>COVID-19</b> Support administration’s response to coronavirus pandemic?	No. Criticized <a href="#">the administration for failing to ensure adequate nationwide virus testing</a> . Criticized Trump COVID relief <a href="#">executive orders as “more for show than actual help.”</a>	Yes. Called Trump <a href="#">“the right guy at the helm” “because he’s a business guy.”</a> <a href="#">State lockdowns are “government telling you what to do ... we don’t believe in socialism.”</a>
<b>EDUCATION</b> Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	Unclear. <a href="#">“Strong, quality K-12 public education built America ... We must ensure our local schools get the resources they need,”</a> not abandon <a href="#">“schools to experiments overseen by political donors.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“School choice, charter schools, and improving our existing public schools are all things that need to be a part of the education mix for Alabama children.”</a>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Tighten or loosen environmental regulations?	Mixed. <a href="#">“Will support policies that conserve... waterways, lands and wildlife.”</a> Voted against <a href="#">attempt to restore Obama Clean Power Plan</a> .	Loosen. Supports reducing <a href="#">“the size and scope of the federal government.”</a>
<b>EQUALITY ACT</b> Should LGBTQ people be protected against discrimination based on sexual orientation?	Yes. <a href="#">Credits his gay son with helping him to change his views. Co-sponsored anti-discrimination Equality Act.</a>	No. Opposes <a href="#">laws protecting people against discrimination because of sexual orientation</a> .

ISSUES	JONES (D)	TUBERVILLE (R)
<b>FINANCIAL REGULATION</b> Tighten or loosen regulation of banks and credit card companies?	Mixed. Opposed proposal <a href="#">to roll back restrictions on payday lenders</a> . <a href="#">Voted to relax Dodd-Frank bank rules as too restrictive on smaller banks</a> .	Likely loosen. Strong supporter of <a href="#">“smaller government.”</a> Criticized for being partner in <a href="#">a hedge fund where his partner committed fraud, but points out he also lost money</a> .
<b>GUN RULES</b> Enact more restrictive legislation on guns?	Yes. <a href="#">“An avid hunter.” But wants ban on bump stocks, waiting period to buy a semi-automatic weapon, and laws to boost school safety and strengthen background checks.</a>	No. Opposes <a href="#">“any form ... of gun control. They are not taking my guns ... . They want to take your guns away so they can control you.”</a>
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> Path to citizenship for “DACA” residents brought to the U.S. as children?	Yes. <a href="#">“Children and young adults in the DACA program are contributing members of our society, serving in the military and owning businesses that employ Americans.”</a>	No. <a href="#">“Our tax dollars should not be used to provide for those who break our laws with their simple presence.”</a>
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> Support expanded border walls?	No. <a href="#">“Too expensive.” “The last wall ... constructed to stop people’s movements between countries was the Berlin Wall. The [U.S.] is better than that.”</a>	Yes. Would give more resources to detention centers and border patrols to fight <a href="#">“illegal immigration that brings drugs, terrorists, and criminals into our country on a daily basis.”</a>
<b>IMPEACHMENT</b> Supported Trump impeachment and Senate calling witnesses?	Yes <a href="#">for both</a> . <a href="#">President cannot be “above the law.”</a>	No. Impeachment was a <a href="#">“sham.” “I will stand with President Trump.”</a>
<b>IRAN</b> Oppose military attacks on Iran without congressional approval?	Yes. Co-sponsored <a href="#">Senate resolution requiring congressional approval for sending “our troops into harm’s way.”</a>	No position found.
<b>LEGAL ABORTION</b> Support legal or ban?	Legal. <a href="#">Voted against bill to ban abortion after 20 weeks, which “could [lead] to a mother’s death.”</a> Supports <a href="#">“a woman’s freedom to choose what happens to her own body.”</a>	Ban. <a href="#">Only exception to save the life of the mother. Favors state law without exceptions for rape or incest. Abortions may be seen in the future as “this generation’s holocaust.”</a>
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Legalize?	<a href="#">States should decide. Take marijuana off federal controlled substances list.</a>	No. Medical use is okay. <a href="#">“If we ever put marijuana on our streets legally, it’s over.”</a>
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Raise federal hourly minimum wage?	Yes. Supports <a href="#">“raising the minimum wage to a living wage.”</a>	Likely No. Government <a href="#">shouldn’t be responsible for ensuring everyone has a livable income.</a>
<b>PLANNED PARENTHOOD</b> Allow receipt of public funds for non-abortion-related care?	Yes. <a href="#">“Will defend a woman’s access to contraception.”</a> Voted against <a href="#">proposal to defund Planned Parenthood.</a>	No. Abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, <a href="#">should not receive taxpayer funds.</a>
<b>POLICE RESTRICTIONS</b> Restrict police use of force and increase public oversight?	Mostly Yes. <a href="#">“We need to remove the systemic racism in society and in law enforcement.”</a> “Defunding” is <a href="#">“more about reforming police than cutting budgets.</a>	No. <a href="#">“We gotta get ‘em more money” to build “stronger, better, well-trained police departments.”</a>
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support free or subsidized tuition for lower-income individuals, or student debt forgiveness?	Unclear. Concerned with <a href="#">the racial gap in student debt</a> , would support <a href="#">forgiveness for work in targeted jobs and locations</a> . Also more <a href="#">apprenticeship programs.</a>	No. Opposes free public college and student loan forgiveness. <a href="#">“One person should not be ... paying off someone else’s student loan debts. This doesn’t teach responsibility.”</a>
<b>TAXES</b> Taxes: Support administration’s \$1.9 trillion (2017) tax cuts?	No. Criticized tax plan. Troubled by <a href="#">“tax breaks for the wealthy ... [and] tax increases or no tax cuts for the middle class.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“We are now seeing record job growth across the board. President Trump’s tax cuts ... have driven this success.”</a>
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Ease voting rules due to COVID?	Yes. <a href="#">“We should be making it easier for eligible Americans to vote, not harder.”</a>	No position found.

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