

Alabama Senate

THE ISSUES

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

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

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