

New Hampshire Senate



THE ISSUES

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA) Support Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare?	No. It is “very important to get the cost of health care down, that we allow more market forces to work here, including transparency.”	Yes. Opposed bills attempting to end ACA, which provides “critical protections” for people with pre-existing conditions or needing substance use treatment.
CAMPAIGN FINANCE Require political ads to disclose their largest funders?	No position found.	Yes. “The unchecked influence of money in our elections compromises the future of our representative democracy.”
CLIMATE CHANGE Consider human-caused climate change a serious threat?	No. “No one really knows” about human impact on climate change. Climate changes are “just part of the earth’s life cycle.”	Yes. Threats will worsen without action. Introduced bill directing administration to meet Paris Climate Agreement standards.
CLIMATE CHANGE Address as a top priority by taxing or limiting output of greenhouse gases?	Unclear. “Improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions ... create incentives to shift to modern, cleaner manufacturing processes.”	Yes. Sponsored Clean Economy Act to put U.S. on path to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Supports funding for renewable energy and energy efficiency.
COURTS Pick Ruth Bader Ginsburg replacement for Supreme Court now or let November winner choose?	Now. “President Trump, a Republican president, ought to appoint someone, and the Republican Senate ought to do its job.” See CEEP Supreme Court guide.	“The American people need to choose the next president and the new president should nominate the replacement for Ruth Bader Ginsburg.” See CEEP Supreme Court guide.
COVID-19 Support administration’s response to coronavirus pandemic?	Yes. Against mandatory mask orders. “Trump continues to balance the public health challenges of the pandemic with the need to reopen the nation’s economy.”	No. Supports mandatory masks, more testing, U.S.-based supply chain for medical supplies and more help for small business. Address undue impact on communities of color.
COVID-19 ECONOMIC RESPONSE Support administration’s economic response to coronavirus pandemic?	Yes. Next round of relief should be “targeted and specific.” “We can’t continue the out-of-control spending that the Democrats wanted in their package.”	No. Need assistance “that supports state and local governments.” Also more funding for child care, substance abuse treatment, and health care providers.
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	Yes. “I believe in charter schools, home-schooling, and vouchers.”	No. Opposed Betsy DeVos effort to route federal funding to private schools, though accepted CARES Act funding for their students. As governor, she vetoed charter schools that take up public resources.

ISSUES	MESSNER (R)	SHAHEEN (D)
ENVIRONMENT Tighten or loosen environmental regulations?	Loosen. “I am against the overreach of environmental regulations.”	Tighten. Opposed repeal of Obama-era Clean Power Plan. Trump is “pursuing a policy that puts the well-being of the fossil fuel industry over American lives.”
FINANCIAL REGULATION Tighten or loosen regulation of banks and credit card companies?	No position found.	Tighten. “The Dodd-Frank Act was a historic bill that I was proud to support to hold Wall Street accountable.”
GUN RULES Enact more restrictive legislation on guns?	No. Will not vote for any gun-control measures, including universal background checks.	Yes. “I’ve supported bipartisan efforts to make background checks universal and more effective.”
IMMIGRATION Path to citizenship for DACA residents brought to the U.S. as children?	No position found.	Yes. “The American people overwhelmingly support protecting DREAMers and providing a path to citizenship.”
IMMIGRATION Support expanded border walls?	Yes. Supports Trump’s wall to “secure the southern border to put an end to illegal immigration” and “help stop and slow the flow of illegal drugs.”	No. Opposed diverting military funding to pay for wall “that President Trump promised Mexico would pay for.” Supports common-sense strong security at our borders.
IMPEACHMENT Support calling witnesses and indicting Trump on impeachment charges?	No. “I would have voted not to remove. I would have stood up against this highly political impeachment process.”	Yes. Voted to impeach. “This refusal to call witnesses and documents ... sets a very dangerous precedent.”
IRAN Oppose military attacks on Iran without congressional approval?	No position found.	Yes. Voted to require administration to come before Congress before taking action because “war with Iran is not in America’s interest.”
LEGAL ABORTION Keep legal or ban?	Mostly ban. Ban after 20 weeks. Supports rule barring U.S. support for health care NGOs that in any part of their work provide, refer or promote abortion.	Legal. Warns of “efforts to place extreme restrictions on women’s reproductive rights.” Wrote amendment to cover abortions for military women if victims of rape or incest.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Support same-sex marriage and extension of LGBTQ protections against discrimination?	Unclear. “What they’re teaching kids in school [about ‘transgender’] is horrific.” “Transgenders in military’s OK, as long as there’s no distraction from the mission.”	Yes. “Elated” by Supreme Court decision for marriage equality. Co-sponsored Equality Act that adds explicit protections for LGBTQ Americans to the nation’s civil rights laws.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise federal hourly minimum wage above current \$7.25?	No. “This is a state issue; there should be no federal minimum wage.”	Yes. Has supported Raise the Wage Act “so that we can help lift families out of poverty and improve our economy.”
PLANNED PARENTHOOD Support Planned Parenthood’s receiving public funds for non-abortion care?	No. Opposes any federal funding of abortion providers.	Yes. Worked to block Planned Parenthood cuts and to protect access to birth control, cancer screenings, and other health services.
POLICE/COMMUNITY ISSUES Restrict police use of force and increase public oversight?	No. “We need law and order.” Reform law enforcement “to the extent that bad cops are out of the system” and have “better training ... to de-escalate problems.”	Yes. Ban choke holds; address police reform at its core; “compromise between people who want to totally redefine it and those who don’t want to change it at all.”
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Support lower interest on student loans?	Unclear. Supports a permanent GI Bill.	Yes. Has opposed increasing interest rates on subsidized student loans.
VOTING RULES Support stricter ID requirements and other rules on voting?	No position found.	No. Opposed N.H. law that, before a court limited its reach, required college students who voted to re-register cars in the state. Co-sponsored bill restoring Voting Rights Act.

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