

# New Hampshire Senate

## THE ISSUES

**CORKY  
MESSNER**

REPUBLICAN



**JEANNE  
SHAHEEN**

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

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

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