

# Alabama Senate

## THE ISSUES

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| <b>ABORTION</b><br>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>AFFORDABLE CARE ACT</b><br>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><br>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><br>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>COURT</b><br>Support Kavanaugh nomination? See <a href="#">CEEP Supreme Court guide</a> .  | Voted no. Confirmation <a href="#">"process was flawed from the beginning and incomplete at the end because it was rushed."</a>  | Yes. Will <a href="#">work with Trump "to add more conservative judges with backbone to the Supreme Court .... Not more Roberts."</a>   |
| <b>COVID-19</b><br>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><br>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><br>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>   |

| ISSUES  | JONES (D)   | TUBERVILLE (R)  |
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| <b>EQUALITY ACT</b><br>Should LGBTQ people be protected against discrimination based on sexual preference?                    | 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>  |
| <b>FINANCIAL REGULATION</b><br>Tighten or loosen regulation of banks and credit card companies?                               | Mixed. Opposed proposal <a href="#">to roll back restrictions on payday lenders. 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 CONTROL</b><br>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><br>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><br>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><br>Supported Trump impeachment and Senate calling witnesses?   | Yes <a href="#">for both. President cannot be “above the law.”</a>  | No. Impeachment was a <a href="#">“sham.” “I will stand with President Trump.”</a>  |
| <b>IRAN</b><br>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>MARIJUANA</b><br>Legalize?   | States should decide. <a href="#">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><br>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><br>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><br>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> Calls to <a href="#">“defund” are 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><br>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><br>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><br>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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