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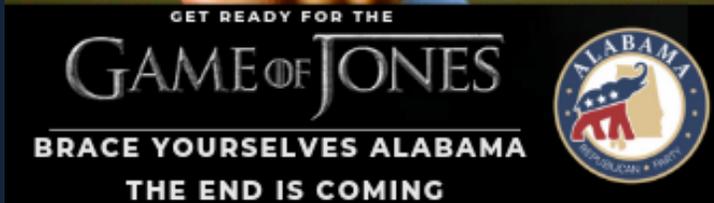
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# 2020 VISION

#ResetTheSeat  
#OneAndDoneDoug

Senator Doug Jones' days of representing the great state of Alabama are numbered. His voting record speaks for itself.

- Voted NO on the nomination of Alabama Solicitor General Andrew Brasher to the U.S. District Court
- Voted against President Trump's nominee for Interior Secretary
- Voted against the President's Emergency Declaration funding the border wall with Mexico
- Voted against Andrew Wheeler as head of the Environmental Protection Agency
- Voted NO to end the government shutdown
- Voted against banning the use of federal funds for abortions
- Voted against Brett Kavanaugh as U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- Voted NO on Gina Haspel for C.I.A. Director
- Voted NO on the White House immigration proposal
- Voted against banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy

He voted this way while representing the state with the highest statewide approval rating for President Donald Trump.

If these votes weren't enough, Senator Jones will say anything to stay in office. Take the recent antics of his good friend Alabama State Representative John Rogers. In public, the Senator chastised Rep. Rogers for his horrific pro-abortion comments on the State House floor. However, according to Rep. Rogers, Sen. Jones agreed with him (click to read more).

Now is our time to start planing so we can reset the seat. Join the ALGOP army and help us defeat Doug Jones!

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Alabama Senate Pro Tem Del Marsh announced the Rural Broadband Coalition, whose goal is providing internet access to all throughout the state. (May 1, 2019)



Alabama House Speaker Mac McCutcheon spent time with some of the members of the ALGOP Steering Committee at the state party headquarters. (May 24, 2019)

## 2019 LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP

The 2019 GOP legislative supermajority addressed many important issues this past session with a strong emphasis on education. Some of the bills that passed this session include:

- General Trust Fund: includes an 8% increase for state prison system, 2% state employee cost of living adjustment and funding for more state troopers.
- Education Trust Fund: the \$7.1 billion budget is the largest education funding measure in Alabama's history.
- Teacher Pay Raise Bill: gives Alabama's teachers a 4% pay raise and raises the starting pay for a teacher with a bachelor's degree.
- Third Grade Reading Initiative: requires third graders to meet reading benchmarks before moving to fourth grade.
- Education Statewide Constitutional Amendment: would repeal Common Core and replace the elected Alabama School Board with a commission appointed by the Governor.
- Campus Free Speech: protects the exercise of free speech on our college campuses by prohibiting behavior and discrimination that inhibits the free exchange of ideas.
- Increase Broadband Accessibility: two bills expanding who can apply for grants used to improve accessibility and allowing electricity providers to use existing infrastructure to provide broadband services across the state.
- Equal Pay Act: businesses must pay all workers the same amount for the same work, regardless of race or sex, unless there are reasons like seniority, a merit system or productivity to account for the difference.
- Jail Food Funds: requires prisoner food funding to go into a separate account that can only be used for feeding prisoners and prohibits sheriffs from keeping any leftover money from the account.
- Alabama Human Life Protection Act: Alabama's abortion ban, written to encourage the United States Supreme Court to re-evaluate Roe v Wade.
- Alabama Incentives Modernization Act: provides incentives for tech companies to make Alabama a permanent home.
- Alabama Pharmacy Benefit Managers Licensure and Regulation Act: outlaws gag clauses for pharmacists that prohibit them from informing customers if it would be cheaper to pay for medication out-of-pocket instead of using insurance, potentially saving customers 30-35 percent on their prescriptions.
- Alabama Citizen Requirement for Voting Amendment: changes the state constitution to read "only a citizen of the United States" rather than "every citizen of the United States" has the right to vote.



U.S. Senator Richard Shelby chaired the Defense Appropriations hearing to review the Pentagon's budget for the upcoming fiscal year and discuss ways for the Department of Defense to prevent threats and challenges to our national security. (May 8, 2019)



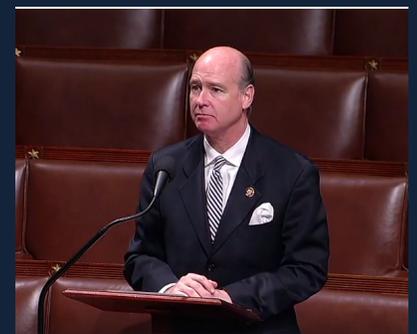
Congratulations to Congressman Bradley Byrne, Congressman Mo Brooks and Congressman Gary Palmer for their recent awards from the American Conservative Union. They were honored for upholding conservative principles as members of the House of Representatives. (May 7, 2019)



U.S. Representative Martha Roby received the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Spirit of Enterprise award in recognition of her unwavering commitment to pro-business policy. (April 4, 2019)



U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers was the main speaker at the ALEAF luncheon, where he discussed the importance of our law enforcement officers. (May 13, 2019)



U.S. Congressman Robert Aderholt asked the House to allow a vote on providing protection for babies born alive during abortions. Once again, Democrats refused. (May 1, 2019)



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# Around the State



State Senator Arthur Orr was recognized as a Guardian of Small Business by NIFB, the small business advocacy organization.



State Senator Steve Livingston was selected by GOPAC as a 2019 Emerging Leader for the state of Alabama.



The Escambia County GOP welcomed a new Republican into its ranks: former Democrat County Commissioner Raymond Wiggins.



ALGOP member Tammi Taylor traveled to Panama City Beach with her three children to attend President Donald Trump's rally.



Lots of familiar ALGOP faces in the crowd at President Trump's rally in Panama City Beach. Alabama supports our president and wants to #MAGA.



The Greater Birmingham Teenage Republicans hosted a panel with Sen. Dan Roberts, Sen. Cam Ward, Rep. Arnold Mooney and Rep. Matt Fridy.

## In Memoriam

### Jimmy Martin - Alabama State Representative



After a brave battle with cancer, Alabama Representative Jimmy Martin passed on May 31st. He was the Representative for District 42 serving Autauga and Chilton counties and will be deeply missed.

Representative Martin was a member of the House for 17 years and was known as an encourager and a leader.

Please remember Jimmy's family in your prayers.

## RNC Spring Training



ALGOP Chairman Lathan, National Committeewoman Vicki Drummond and National Committeeman Paul Reynolds attended RNC Spring Training in D.C.



ALGOP Chairman Lathan in RNC Data Training with the Chairs of Tennessee and Kentucky.



# CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

*Updates from the College Republicans*



Top: UACR Executive Board (Jack Kitchin, Anthony Irwin, Justin Branum, Casey Nelson, Mady Epplin) with ALGOP Chairman Terry Lathan. Bottom: UACR's at their final meeting of the semester, featuring a discussion on boarder security with the American Enterprise Institute.

## University of Alabama

The University of Alabama College Republicans Executive Board met with ALGOP Chairman Terry Lathan at the April Tuscaloosa County GOP meeting.

The chapter then partnered with the American Enterprise Institute for its final meeting of the semester. The event focused on an open dialogue about border security, featuring the National Review's David A. French and John C. Yoo of the University of California at Berkley Law School.

## Spring Hill College

The CRFA family has grown!

Spring Hill College is the latest school to be confirmed and start their own chapter of College Republicans.

This is the 14th College Republican Chapter. They are working to expand the CRFA across the state.



Spring Hill CR Founding Fathers: Payton Hudson, Nick Saunchegraw, Dominic Leccese, and Anthony Popalardo.



Kassidy Bissette Nance, Seth Ingram, Mimi Martens, Coleman Amason, Janey Whitney, Will Milner and Hannah Phillips.

## Jacksonville State University

The Jacksonville State University College Republicans hosted their annual Bipartisan Ball in April.

Alabama House Majority Leader Nathaniel Ledbetter was one of the special guests. He spoke to the students about the importance of being involved in the political process, as well as the goals of the legislative session.



# Alabama Federation of Republican Women

Promoting the principles, objectives and policies of the Republican Party

## LEGISLATIVE DAYS



Top: AFRW Chairman Vicki Bailey (front row, second from left) with members of the Republican Women of Trussville. Bottom: Members of the Alabama Federation of Republican Women on the steps of the State Capitol during their annual Legislative Days. The AFRW is made up of 28 chapters, from the Gulf Coast to the Shoals, including a virtual club on Facebook. Photos courtesy of Cheryl Matthews and Grady Thornton.

Republican women from around the state gathered in Montgomery for the Alabama Federation of Republican Women's (AFRW) annual 'Legislative Days' in April.

This year, the focus of the two day conference was gearing up for the 2020 U.S. Senate race to defeat Doug Jones. The membership heard from a variety of speakers, including Secretary of State John Merrill, Senate Pro Tempore Del Marsh, Speaker Mac McCutcheon, State Senators and Representatives, along with special guest Josh Findlay, the Southeastern Regional Chairman for the Trump Campaign.

The ladies also had the opportunity to visit the Legislature, speak with their area representatives and spend time the House floor.

The group finished up their time in Montgomery with a visit and tour of the Governor's Mansion followed by an afternoon tea.

## SAVE THE DATE



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**YRFA**  
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JUNE 21ST & 22ND  
THE HOTEL AT  
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## NFRW News



Former AFRW President/current National Federation of Republican Women Secretary, Frances Taylor, has been nominated to be NFRW's 3rd Vice President.



# Alabama Minority GOP

Promoting conservatism in the minority community.



*The Alabama Minority GOP is one of the Alabama Republican Party's affiliate organizations. Its goal is to promote conservative principles in the minority communities of our state. ALGOP recently had the opportunity to talk with Dallas Terrell (pictured right), chairman of the Alabama Minority GOP, about the organization's future plans and goals.*

ALGOP: You were recently elected as the Chairman of the Alabama Minority GOP. Moving forward, what is your strategy for your organization?

CHAIRMAN TERRELL: After our annual banquet and subsequent executive meeting, I came out with a sense of needing to establish an identity and greater credibility for our organization, starting with the Madison County Minority Engagement Chapter.

ALGOP: What were some of the topics discussed at the recent executive meeting?

CHAIRMAN TERRELL: We discussed the “Trump Factor” within the minority community and how as ethnic minorities we are beginning to re-think positions and ask questions. We shared ideas on taking our talking points into the neighborhoods, becoming more proactive and intentional in bridging gaps that exist between conservative thinking voters and others.

ALGOP: What are some of the goals moving forward for the Alabama Minority GOP?

CHAIRMAN TERRELL: As our Madison County chapter pooled our ideas we decided that we need to establish greater opportunities for Caucasian male conservatives to serve face-to-face and shoulder-to-shoulder in environments with minorities. We also should provide publicly active ethnic minorities who vote conservative the opportunity to engage the greater GOP community in informal settings and public service projects. We need to attend “town hall” meetings with our legislators of both parties and host voter information and registration drives at community festivals attended by ethnic minorities, as well as the young-to-middle-age crowd. We should also participate in community clean-up Saturdays and engage and support organizations such as the Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center, Huntsville Achievement School (school for learning disabled), R. Fathers MAD (youth mentoring), Floyd Tut Fann State Veterans Home, Ex-Offenders Alumni, Huntsville City Schools elementary reading program (English as a second language), local professional sports camps and charitable events, Charter School and school choice informational events.

ALGOP: What is the plan for carrying successes from Madison County?

CHAIRMAN TERRELL: We will take what we are starting on the chapter level and expand it throughout the state. We look forward to working with our members to achieve this vision.

# Fact Check: 9 Things to Know About Alabama's Abortion Law

*The following article was written by Jeff Poor and published on breitbart.com. In addition to being an editor at Breitbart, Mr. Poor is a contributing writer at Yellowhammer News, a columnist at Lagniappe in Mobile and hosts the Jeff Poor Show weekday afternoons from 2-5 PM on WVNN in Huntsville.*

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey signed what many consider the nation's strictest abortion law, which makes any physician performing an abortion guilty of a felony in almost all cases.

The exception would be when a pregnancy poses "a serious health risk to the unborn child's mother."

As expected, the national media have been critical of the Alabama law and have given little attention to the Alabama legislature's goal, which is to challenge the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision by establishing personhood for a baby inside the womb.

With personhood, the Constitution affords certain rights and protections, as explained by the bill's sponsor in the Alabama Senate, Sen. Clyde Chambliss (R-Prattville).

"The way that this bill is drafted – it goes to ask the question of personhood," Chambliss said during an interview on Huntsville radio's WVNN. "The 14th Amendment gives people, a person the right to life, liberty and property. But it doesn't say when a person becomes a person. Obviously, if somebody is walking around, we know that's a person. In the womb, do we know if that is a person or not? Unborn babies can hear, they can feel – at what point can they hear and feel and think and feel pain."



Bill sponsor State Sen. Clyde Chambliss: "Roe v. Wade has ended the lives of millions of children. While we cannot undo the damage that decades of legal precedence under Roe has caused, this bill has the opportunity to save the lives of millions of unborn children."



Governor Kay Ivey, Alabama's first female Republican governor, signing the Alabama Human Life Protection Act. Governor Ivey stated, "To the bill's many supporters, this legislation stands as a powerful testament to Alabamians' deeply held belief that every life is precious and that every life is a sacred gift from God."

"And so, we need some guidance," he continued. "We need some guidance. We need some guidance from the Supreme Court. So this bill has been drafted so that it goes directly to that question. It goes to the Supreme Court, hopefully. And we do expect it to be ruled unconstitutional at the lower court. It has to be. It has no choice because they have to follow Supreme Court precedent. That's no surprise. We know that's going to happen. We know that will be found unconstitutional on appeal, but hopefully, we'll have the Supreme Court to take up the matter. And we hope and we feel that the Supreme Court will rule this law constitutional because it gets to that personhood issue that is so, so important."

With that in mind, there are still questions regarding the politics and the legal reasoning behind the law.

## **1 – Why was this passed now and not when the makeup of the Supreme Court actually shifts in a direction to overturn Roe or until after the 2020 election?**

This is the first year of a quadrennium, which is the first year of a term for members of the Alabama legislature. Traditionally, big-ticket items are passed in the first year's legislative session, which began in March.

Given the expected controversy of the issue, the leadership in the Republican-led Alabama legislature perhaps saw this as the best time politically to move on the bill, given voters will have moved on by the 2022 legislative and gubernatorial elections.

The next best possibility for Alabama's legislature to pass such a law might not have come until 2023. Given that these cases take years to work themselves through the federal court system, the Supreme Court might not get to it until 2025 or 2026. By then, the Supreme Court might not be as favorable for conservatives.

## **2 – The lack of an exception in the cases of rape and incest seems extreme. Why wasn't that included?**

The purpose of the law is to challenge the Supreme Court's 1973's Roe v. Wade decision by establishing a baby in the womb as a person. If exceptions are added for cases of rape and incest, then it contradicts the argument, according to the bill's sponsor, Rep. Terri Collins (R-Decatur).

"The reasoning is the same reasoning, Roe v. Wade was decided that the baby in the womb was not a person," Collins said at an event in Huntsville, AL before the bill's passage. "So this bill bases its reasoning that the baby in the womb is a person. And we based it on the fact that in Alabama law, we currently consider the baby in the womb a person. If you were a drunk driver and you killed a pregnant woman, you have a double homicide on your hands. We voted as a state to be a pro-life state."

Adding the exception for rape and incest could negate the argument that the baby in the womb is a person, she argued.

"The biggest thing to attack it with is to say, 'What, you're not going to include rape and incest?'" Collins said. "Well, how do we say, 'The baby inside is a person unless they're conceived in rape or incest'? If that amendment was to get on the bill, then I'll kill the bill because it won't go to the Supreme Court. It will contradict itself."



State Rep. Terri Collins with bill co-sponsor State Rep. Rich Wingo (R-Tuscaloosa), at a news conference following passage in the State Senate: "This bill is about challenging Roe v. Wade and protecting the lives of the unborn, because an unborn baby is a person who deserves love and protection."

## **3 – Gov. Ivey said in her statement that this might not even be enforceable. So why was it passed?**

The intention of the bill is not meant to be enforceable according to its proponents, but a legal challenge to Roe v. Wade and force the court to rule definitively on the personhood status of the baby in the womb.



**4 – Would Alabama women be arrested under this law if they procured an abortion in another state?**

No. As written, the law makes the activities of abortion physician illegal. The state of Alabama would not have jurisdiction of what takes places in other states.

**5 – Does this bill imprison women who induced abortion on themselves?**

No. Its sole focus is on the provider.

**6 – Does it make it a felony for women, or just the abortion provider?**

Just the provider.

**7 – Would this make it illegal for a person to prescribe the Morning-After pill since one would only take that if they thought they were pregnant, and this bill makes abortion illegal from the moment a woman suspects she's pregnant?**

The Morning-After pill, as prescribed, is legally considered birth control and not a form of abortion.

“The decision was based on someone in utero, someone pregnant so we don't get into conception. We don't get into birth control,” Collins explained. “We don't get into the morning-after pill, but in utero, which is the language they used that when a woman is pregnant. This bill criminalizes abortion through the doctor. And not the woman, but the doctor.”

**8 – What makes this bill different from so-called “heartbeat” bills passed in other states, like Georgia?**

Georgia's law bans abortions after a physician is able to detect “a fetal heartbeat in the womb.” That can usually be at six weeks, which is before many women realize they are pregnant. In Alabama's law, doctors cannot perform an abortion once a fetus is “in utero.”

**9 – Does this bill make it harder for pro-lifers to win in 2020?**

That perhaps depends on the precinct. The block of voters many political watchers fear will be turned off by the Alabama law are suburban women.

However, given the controversial actions of the New York State legislature, and the statement of Gov. Ralph Northam (D-VA), the issue has made somewhat of a comeback.

Although Democrats may attempt to weaponize the state of Alabama's actions politically, it will force the future Democratic presidential nominee to answer to questions about their party's view on the issue. Abortion is a get-out-the-vote hot-button issue for both parties, and one would have to assume it would have been at the forefront with or without the actions of the Alabama legislature.