



## Where's Jeanne?

***As Joe Biden Visits New Hampshire, Jeanne Shaheen Is 450 Miles Away***

**Joe Biden Is In New Hampshire Today...** "Vice President Joe Biden will tour Nashua's unemployment office Tuesday and speak to employees and state officials about job training and work force development. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez and Gov. Maggie Hassan will also be on hand for Biden's visit to the New Hampshire Works Center off Amherst Street." (Kevin Landrigan, "VP Biden To Appear At State Unemployment Office In Nashua, Press And Public Availability Limited," [Nashua Telegraph](#), 3/24/14)

**...But Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) Is Staying As Far Away As Possible, Opting To Remain In Washington For Senate Business.** "When Vice President Joe Biden travels to Nashua, N.H., next week, Sen. Jeanne Shaheen won't be with him. Instead, Shaheen, D-N.H., who faces a competitive challenge this election year from former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown, plans to remain in Washington next week for Senate votes and to chair an Appropriations subcommittee hearing, an aide confirmed." (Rebecca Berg, "Sen. Jeanne Shaheen Won't Appear With Joe Biden In New Hampshire," [Washington Examiner](#), 3/21/14)

***Shaheen Has Been Running Away From Obama And The Obama Administration A Lot Lately, Despite His Lavish Praise For Her***

**Obama Praised Shaheen As A "Terrific Senator."** "In 2011, Congressional Quarterly found Brown voted in support of the president's agenda 70 percent of the time -- second only to Susan Collins of Maine among Republicans. But when asked on New England Cable News about Brown's possible run here, the President made clear he prefers the incumbent. 'Jeanne Shaheen has been a terrific senator, just like she was a great governor. But if Scott Brown wants to move down to Texas, then we could always use some moderate Republicans in other parts of the country. New Hampshire has already got it covered with a great senator.'" (Josh Rogers, "Obama Says Shaheen Should Stay And Brown Should Run From Texas," [New Hampshire Public Radio](#), 3/20/14)

**Last Week, Shaheen Refused To Say Whether She Wanted Obama To Campaign For Her, Saying "We Don't Know Whether He'll Come Here Or Not."** SHAHEEN: "Listen, we've got a long time before we start getting into the heat of this campaign. I'm going to continue to do my job here in New Hampshire." REPORTER: "Would you like him to come here though?" SHAHEEN: "I think...we don't know whether he'll come here or not." ([NECN](#), 3/20/14)

**When Asked In February If Obama Would Campaign For Her, Shaheen Deflected, Saying "I Don't Know What He's Going To Do."** "Most incumbents and hopefuls, though, wouldn't go that far — including generally Obama-friendly Sens. Al Franken of Minnesota and Cory Booker of New Jersey, who stuck with their general policy of not answering questions from reporters in the Senate corridors. Or they tried to avoid the topic. 'You know, I campaigned with the president in 2012,' said Sen. Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire. 'He may come back, I don't know what he's going to do.'" (Edward-Isaac Dove, Manu Raju, Katie Glueck, "White House's Senate Strategy: Keep Obama Away," [Politico](#), 2/10/14)

## IT WASN'T ALWAYS THIS WAY – SHAHEEN USED TO WELCOME OBAMA AND BIDEN TO NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Shaheen Served As A National Co-Chair Of Obama's 2012 Campaign.** (Press Release, "Obama For America Announces National Campaign Co-Chairs," [Obama For America](#), 2/22/12)

- **Shaheen: "President Obama Has The Right Vision For This Country. I Am Proud To Support A Campaign That Embraces Investment In America's Future And Support A Leader In Innovation, Education, And Energy."** (Press Release, "Obama For America Announces National Campaign Co-Chairs," [Obama For America](#), 2/22/12)

**Shaheen Opened A 2012 Obama Reelection Rally.** SHAHEEN: "What a great crowd. You all are terrific. I am so glad you're here, that we're all here to welcome the President, Barack Obama. The First Lady, Michelle. The Vice President, Joe Biden. And Jill Biden. To the greatest state in the nation. We are so excited to have the fab four in New Hampshire." (Jeanne Shaheen, [Obama 2012 Rally](#), 9/7/12)

- **Shaheen: "Barack Obama's Values Are Our Values."** (Jeanne Shaheen, [Obama 2012 Rally](#), 9/7/12)

**Shaheen In 2008: "I Look Forward To Working With President Obama To Change The Direction Of This Country."** SHAHEEN: "I look forward to working with President Obama to change the direction of this country. To get our economy back on track. To expand affordable health care." (Jeanne Shaheen, [2008 Victory Speech](#), 11/4/08)

**At A 2008 Rally, Shaheen Exulted "We Are Going To Elect Barack Obama."** SHAHEEN: "Next Tuesday, New Hampshire voters have the chance to stand up, to speak out, and to demand a new course for our country. We are going to elect Barack Obama the next President of the United States. And we are going to get the new direction that we so desperately need." (Jeanne Shaheen, [2008 Rally](#), 10/28/08)

### *Shaheen Is One Of Obama's Most Reliable Allies In Congress*

**Shaheen Voted With Obama 99 Percent Of The Time In 2013, According To The Non-Partisan Congressional Quarterly.** (Presidential Support, [CQ Weekly](#), 2/3/14)

- **Since 2009, Shaheen Has Voted With Obama An Average Of 98 Percent Of The Time.** (Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, [Congressional Quarterly](#), Accessed 2/13/14)

**New Hampshire Union Leader Headline: "Barack Loves Jeanne: His Most Loyal Granite Stater."** (Editorial, "Barack Loves Jeanne: His Most Loyal Granite Stater," [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 3/23/14)

**Union Leader: "We Would Say 'Obama-Shaheen Agenda,' But There Is No Shaheen Agenda. President Obama's Goals Are Her Goals. His Plans Are Her Plans. His Agenda, In Whole, Is Her Agenda."** (Editorial, "Barack Loves Jeanne: His Most Loyal Granite Stater," [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 3/23/14)

## SHAHEEN IS IN GOOD COMPANY – DEMOCRATS ACROSS THE NATION ARE SPRINTING AWAY FROM OBAMA

**Following The State Of The Union, Sen. Mark Udall (D-CO) Refused To Say Whether He Would Have Obama Campaign For Him As He Seeks Reelection This Year.** BASH: "Is he a liability for you, the president back home?" UDALL: "When the President comes to Colorado, and talks about our all of the above energy approach, we've got lots of natural gas and solar power, that resonates with Coloradans. When he talks about making sure our veterans are treated properly, that resonates with Coloradans." BASH: "Does that mean you're going to campaign with him, or you're going to have him campaign with

you side by side?” UDALL: “We are going to be running a strong campaign based on Colorado’s interests and Colorado’s future. my job, I think, is to protect Colorado’s way of life.” (Sen. Mark Udall, [CNN Interview](#), 1/28/14)

- **Udall Was Given A Second Chance To Answer The Question, And Dodged Again.** BASH: “That was not a yes or no. Yes or no?” UDALL: “We’ll see what the president’s schedule is, we’ll see what my schedule is. But Coloradans are going to re-elect me based on my record, not the President’s record. Not what the President’s done, but what I’ve done and how I’ve stood up for Coloradans. That’s the case I’m going to make to Coloradans.” (Sen. Mark Udall, [CNN Interview](#), 1/28/14)
- **Even A Third Chance Was Not Enough To Get Udall To Say Whether He Would Campaign With Obama.** BASH: “Wow, one more chance, you’re not going to say yes or no, are you?” UDALL: “We’ll see what the schedule allows. I’m running for reelection, and not the President, in Colorado.” BASH: “Wolf, I think that’s our answer.” (Sen. Mark Udall, [CNN Interview](#), 1/28/14)

**Sen. Mark Begich (D-AK): “I’m Not Really Interested In Campaigning” With Obama.** “But Begich, the Democrat from red-state Alaska who faces a challenging bid for second term in the Senate, feels differently. ‘I’m not really interested in campaigning’ with Obama if the President came to Alaska, he said.” (Paul Steinhauser, “Is Obama Toxic To Democrats Facing Tough Re-Elections?” [CNN](#), 1/29/14)

**Sen Mark Pryor (D-AR) Has Tried To Downplay The Importance Of Surrogates, Despite Already Having Bill Clinton Fundraise For Him In Arkansas.** “Clinton — and possibly Biden — will be taking the lead for Democrats in his native Arkansas, with Obama staying far away as Sen. Mark Pryor tries to defend his seat. In an interview, Pryor downplayed the role any surrogate would play in his campaign — even though Clinton has already helped with fundraising. ‘I don’t get people to come and campaign for me very often,’ Pryor said. ‘To me, in Arkansas, people don’t vote for you because somebody else says vote for you.’” (Edward-Isaac Dovere, Manu Raju, Katie Glueck, “White House’s Senate Strategy: Keep Obama Away,” [Politico](#), 2/10/14)

**Sen. Kay Hagan (D-NC) Skipped Obama’s Speech In Raleigh In December.** “One of North Carolina’s most prominent Democrats doesn’t plan to attend President Barack Obama’s speech Wednesday in Raleigh. A spokeswoman for U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan said Monday the senator won’t be at the president’s event on the North Carolina State University campus because she’ll be in Washington as the Senate meets this week.” (“Hagan Will Stay In DC While Obama Travels To NC,” [The Associated Press](#), 1/13/14)

- **CNN’s Brianna Keilar Called Hagan’s Excuse For Missing The Speech “The Congressional Equivalent Of ‘I Can’t Go, I’m Washing My Hair.’”** CNN’s BRIANNA KEILAR: “I know you’re saying her office has addressed this – that she’s here, and the Senate’s in session. But I think people take that as the congressional equivalent of ‘I can’t go, I’m washing my hair.’” ([White House Daily Press Briefing](#), 1/14/14)

**Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Didn’t Join Obama At His New Orleans Speech In November.** “When President Barack Obama appears at the Port of New Orleans tomorrow, he won’t be joined by Louisiana’s only statewide elected Democrat, U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu.” (Julia O’Donoghue, “Sen. Landrieu Won’t Appear With Obama At Port Of New Orleans,” [The Times-Picayune](#), 11/7/13)

- **Landrieu Rode Down To Louisiana With Obama On Air Force One, But Claimed She Couldn’t Appear With Him Due To A “Long-Standing Engagement” Elsewhere.** “Landrieu will travel with Obama to New Orleans on the president’s plane, Air Force One, but she doesn’t plan to attend his speech about boosting exports. The U.S. Senator has a long-standing engagement in Lake Charles that takes place at the same time and she can’t be in both places at once, staff said.” (Julia O’Donoghue, “Sen. Landrieu Won’t Appear With Obama At Port Of New Orleans,” [The Times-Picayune](#), 11/7/13)