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Congressional Votes on The Epstein Files

Senate Confirms Secretary Alex Acosta, Blocks Epstein Files Release

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This table shows three Senate roll calls related to Jeffrey Epstein —a pair of votes in April 2017 on confirming Alex Acosta as secretary of labor in the first Trump administration and a vote in September 2025 to kill an amendment to add the Epstein Files Transparency Act to the fiscal 2026 military budget (S 2296).

			Issue 1 To Confirm Labor Secretary Alex Acosta	Issue 2 To End Debate on Alex Acosta Nomination	Issue 3 To Block Release of Epstein Files
NV = Did Not Vote					
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Lisa Murkowski	R	AK	YES	YES	YES
Dan Sullivan	R	AK	YES	YES	YES
Tommy Tuberville	R	AL	–	–	YES
Katie Boyd Britt	R	AL	–	–	YES
Tom Cotton	R	AR	YES	YES	YES
John Boozman	R	AR	YES	YES	YES
Mark Kelly	D	AZ	–	–	NO
Ruben Gallego	D	AZ	–	–	NO
Adam Schiff	D	CA	–	–	NO
Alex Padilla	D	CA	–	–	NO
Michael Bennet	D	CO	NO	NO	NO
John Hickenlooper	D	CO	–	–	NO
Richard Blumenthal	D	CT	NO	NO	NO
Chris Murphy	D	CT	NO	NO	NO
Lisa Blunt Rochester	D	DE	–	–	NO
Chris Coons	D	DE	NO	NO	NO
Ashley Moody	R	FL	–	–	YES
Rick Scott	R	FL	–	–	YES
Jon Ossoff	D	GA	–	–	NO

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Raphael Warnock	D	GA	–	–	NO
Brian Schatz	D	HI	NO	NO	NO
Mazie Hirono	D	HI	NO	NO	NO
Charles Grassley	R	IA	YES	YES	YES
Joni Ernst	R	IA	YES	YES	YES
Jim Risch	R	ID	YES	YES	YES
Michael Crapo	R	ID	YES	YES	YES
Richard Durbin	D	IL	NO	NO	NO
Tammy Duckworth	D	IL	NO	NO	NO
Jim Banks	R	IN	–	–	YES
Todd Young	R	IN	YES	YES	YES
Jerry Moran	R	KS	YES	YES	YES
Roger Marshall	R	KS	–	–	YES
Mitch McConnell	R	KY	YES	YES	YES
Rand Paul	R	KY	YES	YES	NO
John Kennedy	R	LA	YES	YES	YES
Bill Cassidy	R	LA	YES	YES	YES
Elizabeth Warren	D	MA	NO	NO	NO
Ed Markey	D	MA	NO	NO	NO
Chris Van Hollen	D	MD	NO	NO	NO
Angela Alsobrooks	D	MD	–	–	NO
Angus King	I	ME	YES	YES	NO
Susan Collins	R	ME	YES	YES	YES
Gary Peters	D	MI	NV	NO	NO
Elissa Slotkin	D	MI	–	–	NO
Tina Smith	D	MN	–	–	NO
Amy Klobuchar	D	MN	NO	NO	NO

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Eric Schmitt	R	MO	–	–	YES
Josh Hawley	R	MO	–	–	NO
Cindy Hyde-Smith	R	MS	–	–	YES
Roger Wicker	R	MS	YES	YES	YES
Steve Daines	R	MT	YES	YES	YES
Tim Sheehy	R	MT	–	–	YES
Thom Tillis	R	NC	YES	YES	YES
Ted Budd	R	NC	–	–	YES
Kevin Cramer	R	ND	–	–	YES
John Hoeven	R	ND	YES	YES	YES
Deb Fischer	R	NE	YES	YES	YES
Pete Ricketts	R	NE	–	–	YES
Jeanne Shaheen	D	NH	NO	NO	NO
Maggie Hassan	D	NH	NO	NO	NO
Andy Kim	D	NJ	–	–	NO
Cory Booker	D	NJ	NO	NO	NO
Ben Ray Lujan	D	NM	–	–	NO
Martin Heinrich	D	NM	NO	NO	NO
Catherine Cortez Masto	D	NV	YES	YES	NO
Jacky Rosen	D	NV	–	–	NO
Kirsten Gillibrand	D	NY	NO	NO	NO
Chuck Schumer	D	NY	NO	NO	NO
Bernie Moreno	R	OH	–	–	YES
Jon Husted	R	OH	–	–	YES
James Lankford	R	OK	YES	YES	YES
Seat is Vacant		OK			
Ron Wyden	D	OR	NO	NO	NO

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Jeff Merkley	D	OR	NO	NO	NO
John Fetterman	D	PA	–	–	NO
David McCormick	R	PA	–	–	YES
John Reed	D	RI	NO	NO	NO
Sheldon Whitehouse	D	RI	NO	NO	NO
Seat is Vacant		SC			
Tim Scott	R	SC	YES	YES	YES
John Thune	R	SD	YES	YES	YES
Mike Rounds	R	SD	YES	YES	YES
Bill Hagerty	R	TN	–	–	YES
Marsha Blackburn	R	TN	–	–	YES
John Cornyn	R	TX	YES	YES	YES
Ted Cruz	R	TX	YES	YES	YES
John Curtis	R	UT	–	–	YES
Mike Lee	R	UT	YES	YES	YES
Mark Warner	D	VA	YES	YES	NO
Tim Kaine	D	VA	NO	NO	NO
Peter Welch	D	VT	–	–	NO
Bernie Sanders	I	VT	NO	NO	NO
Maria Cantwell	D	WA	NO	NO	NO
Patty Murray	D	WA	NO	NO	NO
Tammy Baldwin	D	WI	NO	NO	NO
Ron Johnson	R	WI	YES	YES	YES
Jim Justice	R	WV	–	–	YES
Shelley Moore Capito	R	WV	YES	YES	YES
John Barrasso	R	WY	YES	YES	YES
Cynthia Lummis	R	WY	–	–	YES

Issue 1 Senate Confirms Alex Acosta as Donald Trump's First Secretary of Labor

Voting 60 for and 38 against, the Senate on April 27, 2017, confirmed Alex Acosta as secretary of labor in the first Trump administration. Acosta resigned the cabinet post on July 19, 2019, after details of his soft prosecutorial treatment of Epstein years earlier became a national news story. In 2008, while he

served as U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Acosta approved a deal that quashed an imminent federal indictment of Epstein while allowing him to plead guilty to state charges of soliciting prostitution from a 14-year-old girl.

A yes vote was to confirm Acosta as secretary of labor.

Issue 2 Senate Votes End Debate on Alex Acosta Nomination

Voting 61 for and 39 against, the Senate on April 26, 2017, invoked cloture (ended debate) on the confirmation of Alex Acosta as secretary of labor in the first Trump administration. Acosta was later to resign from the cabinet over his lenient handling of a criminal case against Jeffrey Epstein in 2008.

But his suspicious ties to Epstein were discussed by only one senator, California Democrat Dianne Feinstein, in lengthy debate on his nomination on the Senate floor.

A yes vote was to close debate on the Acosta nomination.

Issue 3 Senate Republicans Block the Epstein Files Transparency Act

The Senate on Sept. 10, 2025, voted, 51 for and 49 against, to table (kill) a Democratic amendment adding the Epstein Files Transparency Act to the fiscal 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (S 2296). At the time of this vote, the transparency bill was buried in the GOP-led House

Judiciary Committee. Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., sponsored the amendment. Republicans Rand Paul of Kentucky and Josh Hawley of Missouri joined all 47 Democrats in support of the amendment and 51 other Republicans voted to kill it.

A yes vote was to block the Epstein Files Transparency Act.