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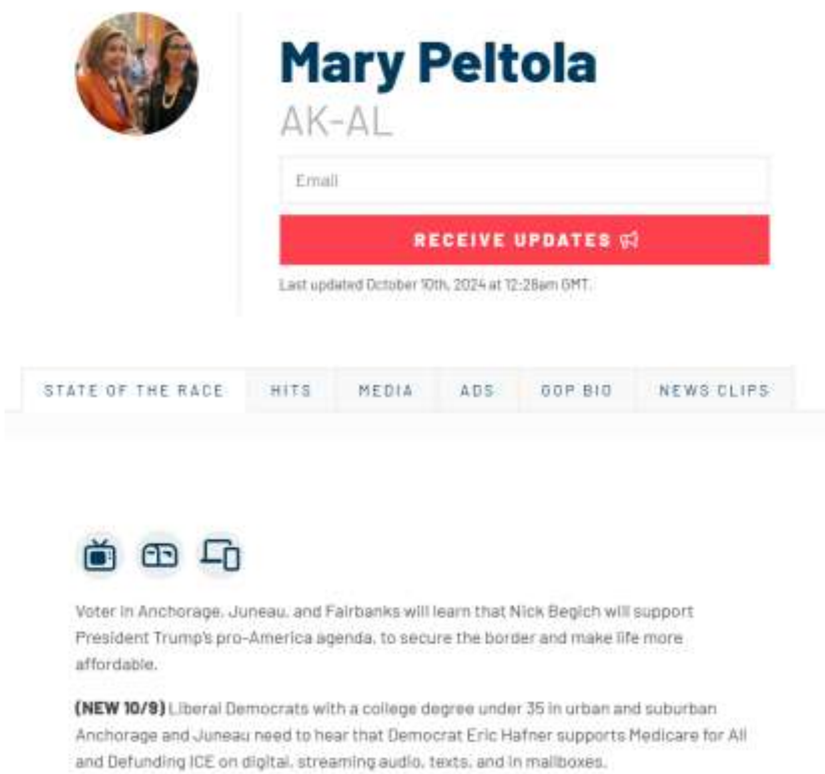

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Did Not Extend Enhanced Premium Tax Credits For ACA Marketplace Plans. "The OBBBA did not extend enhanced premium tax credits for ACA marketplace plans. As a result, when open enrollment begins on November 1, 2025, 20 million marketplace enrollees will see their premium costs spike." [Center for American Progress, 7/29/25]

- **The Expiration Of Enhanced Tax Credits Would Lead To Out-Of-Pocket Premiums For ACA Marketplace Enrollees Increasing By An Average Of Over 75%.** "In addition to rising healthcare costs, the majority of insurers are also taking into account the potential expiration of enhanced premium tax credits in their premium rate increases for the next year. The expiration of enhanced tax credits will lead to out-of-pocket premiums for ACA marketplace enrollees increasing by an average of more than 75%, with insurers expecting healthier enrollees to drop coverage. That, in turn, increases underlying premiums. Other federal policy changes, like the implementation of tariffs and the ACA Marketplace Integrity and Affordability rule were also discussed, though to a lesser extent." [Health System Tracker, 8/6/25]

Congress Didn't Extend Premium Tax Credits In The Big Beautiful Bill Which Could Raise Health Care Costs For Millions Of Americans. "As the federal government nears a shutdown, a central issue in the government funding fight is health care costs. Premium tax credits (PTCs) help lower the cost of comprehensive insurance coverage for more than 20 million people who buy health insurance on their own through the Affordable Care Act marketplaces. However, the enhanced level of financial support that has been in place since 2021 will expire at the end of this year, and Congress passed up multiple opportunities to extend it as part of the Big Beautiful Bill signed into law in July. Unless Congress approves legislation on the enhanced subsidies, millions of Americans will face higher costs as a result. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projects that about 4 million more Americans will be uninsured by 2034 if enhanced PTCs are not renewed." [Center for American Progress, 9/29/25]

Begich Voted Against Extending ACA Subsidies That Reduce Health Insurance Premiums And Costs

Begich Voted Against Extending ACA Subsidies. "The U.S. House of Representatives voted 230-196 on Thursday to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies for three years and reverse massive cost increases that went into effect with the new year. The reversal must still be approved by the U.S. Senate and President Donald Trump before becoming effective. Alaska's lone member of the House, Republican Rep. Nick Begich III, voted against the extension, as did 195 other Republicans." [Alaska Public Media, 1/9/26]

ACA Subsidies Lower Premiums And Offer Plans With Reduced Out-Of-Pocket Costs For Eligible Individuals. "Health insurance is expensive and can be difficult to afford for people with lower or moderate incomes. In response, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides sliding-scale subsidies that lower premiums and insurers offer plans with reduced out-of-pocket (OOP) costs for eligible individuals. This brief provides an overview of the financial assistance provided under the ACA for people purchasing coverage on their own through health insurance Marketplaces (also called exchanges)." [KFF, 10/25/24]

Alaskans Faced "Massive And Possibly Unaffordable Cost Increases" In Health Premiums Upon The Expiration Of Federal Subsidies. "More than 25,000 Alaskans who buy health insurance through the federal marketplace will face massive and possibly unaffordable cost increases if federal subsidies expire at the end of the year. 'I do think it's important to recognize that we should be seeing thousands of people likely lose coverage from this,' said Jared Kosin, president and CEO of the Alaska Hospital and Healthcare Association." [Alaska Beacon, 9/23/25]

The Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Take Health Coverage Away From Almost 40,000 Alaskans

As A Result Of The Big Beautiful Bill, 35,973 Individuals In Alaska Were Estimated To Lose Health Coverage. [Joint Economic Committee, September 2025]

Nick Begich Message #2 Backup

Second, Nick Begich is making life more expensive for working and older Alaskans, while voting for tax breaks for himself. While Alaskans spent over $4,300 more on their everyday expenses, Begich supports the tariff taxes that are making everything more expensive. He voted to send $37 billion of our taxpayers dollars overseas for the War in Iran, while fuel costs rise in Alaska. And he even called Social Security a Ponzi scheme and voted for a bill that was called a 'backdoor for privatizing Social Security.'

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Begich Was A Multi-Millionaire

2026: Begich's Net Worth Was Almost $20 Million. [Quiver Quantitative, accessed 9/4/26]

Begich Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Gave Him A Tax Savings Of Up To $10,000 In 2026

July 2025: Begich Voted For H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. In July 2025, Begich voted for: "Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would permanently extend nearly $4 trillion in expiring individual and business tax cuts, create several new tax breaks and fund border and immigration enforcement and air traffic control upgrades. It would cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to partly offset the cost. Among other provisions, it would raise the statutory debt ceiling by $5 trillion and appropriate more than $448 billion in mandatory funding for Trump administration priorities and other needs, including $153 billion for defense, $89 billion for immigration enforcement, and $89.5 billion for border control and security. It also would increase the state and local tax deduction cap to $40,000 annually for five years for households making up to $500,000 a year until 2030, when it would permanently revert to $10,000." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-214. [HR 1, Vote #190, 7/3/25; CQ, 7/3/25]

Begich's Maximum Tax Savings In 2026 From The One Big, Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Be $10,000. "Other maximum tax savings next year from the One Big, Beautiful bill: Representative Thomas Kean, Republican of New Jersey: $17,900; Representative Nick Begich, Republican of Arkansas: $10,000; Representative Ryan Zinke, Republican of Montana: $51,000; Representative Bill Huizenga, Republican of Michigan: $50,000; Representative Ken Calvert, Republican of California: $35,000; Representative Mike Carey, Republican of Ohio: $50,000; Representative John James, Republican of Michigan: $12,400; and Representative Ann Wagner, Republican of Missouri: $18,700. The pass-through tax break plays an outsize role in the biggest of these tax reductions." [New Republic, 10/13/25]

The One Big Beautiful Bill's Biggest Tax Cuts Benefited The Wealthiest

The One Big Beautiful Bill's Biggest Tax Cuts Benefited The Wealthiest Giving Them Tax Cuts Three Times Greater Than For Working Americans

The House-Passed Republican Reconciliation Bill Extended The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Which Skewed In Favor Of The Wealthy By Providing Them Tax Cuts That Were Three Times Greater Than For Working Americans. "The tax provisions of the House Republican reconciliation bill double down on the failures of the 2017 tax law, which was skewed in favor of the richest people in the country, further eroded the nation's revenue base, and didn't produce the promised economic gains for working people.[1] Instead of changing course and prioritizing people with low and moderate incomes as House Republicans' rhetoric about supporting hard-pressed working families would suggest, the House Republican tax bill only offers more of the same. The bill is heavily skewed to the wealthy: Under the bill, the top 1 percent of people would receive tax cuts three times the size of those for people with incomes in the bottom 60 percent, measured as a share of after-tax income. (See Figure 1.) The top 0.6 percent of people — the 1.2 million people with annual incomes above $1 million — would receive more total tax cuts than the 127 million people with incomes below $100,000. […] The bill extends and expands the 2017 tax law's increase in the estate tax exemption, boosting the cut in estate taxes for the 1 in 1,000 wealthiest estates to $6.3 million.[3] Next year a couple could pass on an estate worth up to $30 million tax free, $1.7 million more than under a simple extension of the 2017 law." [CBPP, 5/22/25]

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Give The Richest 1% Of Americans $117 Billion In Net Tax Cuts In 2026

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: The House-Passed Reconciliation Bill Would Give The Richest 1% Of Americans $117 Billion In Net Tax Cuts In 2026. "The House of Representatives today narrowly passed a massive tax and spending reconciliation bill that now heads to President Trump's desk. Please see below for a statement from ITEP and our latest updated analysis of how the bill's tax provisions will affect families at different income levels nationally and in every state. […] The richest 1 percent of Americans would receive a total of $117 billion in net tax cuts in 2026. The middle 20 percent of taxpayers on the income scale, a group that has 20 times the number of taxpayers as the richest 1 percent, would receive less than half that much, $53 billion in net tax cuts that year." [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, 7/3/24]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Enact The Largest Upward Wealth Transfer In American History

Atlantic: "House Republicans Worked Through The Night To Advance A Massive Piece Of Legislation That Might, If Enacted, Carry Out The Largest Upward Transfer Of Wealth In American History." "House Republicans worked through the night to advance a massive piece of legislation that might, if enacted, carry out the largest upward transfer of wealth in American history. That is not a side effect of the legislation, but its central purpose. The 'big, beautiful bill' would pair huge cuts to food assistance and health insurance for low-income Americans with even larger tax cuts for affluent ones." [The Atlantic, 5/22/25]

CAP: "The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Would Issue The Largest Transfer Of Wealth From Working-Class Americans To The Ultrawealthy In The Nation's History." "The One Big Beautiful Bill Act would issue the largest transfer of wealth from working-class Americans to the ultrawealthy in the nation's history. To do so, House Republicans are proposing to cut programs that are essential to people, especially in states that voted for Trump in the last election, in order to pay for tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. Under this proposal, millionaires would see a larger tax cut than the bottom half of Americans combined—with more than $1.5 trillion in tax cuts going to the top 5 percent. In total, households that make at least $1 million per year would receive roughly twice as much in tax breaks as the bottom 50 percent of the nation combined. Roughly 57 million households in the bottom 60 percent would see a tax increase or a negligible tax change ($100 in either direction) under the House Republican proposal. Not only does this proposal extend the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act's tax breaks for the wealthy, but it also adds additional loopholes that skew the tax code even more in favor of the ultrawealthy. Polling demonstrates that Republican voters oppose the bill when they learn that the tax cuts overwhelmingly benefit those who are already rich." [Center for American Progress, 6/13/25]

The Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Cost The Lowest-Income Households $1,600 A Year In Federal Resources While The Highest-Income Households Would Gain $12,000. "The lowest-income households in the United States would lose $1,600 a year in federal resources under the domestic-policy package House Republicans passed last month, Congress' nonpartisan scorekeeper predicts. At the same time, resources would be increased by $12,000 for the highest-income households under the legislation, according to the analysis the Congressional Budget Office published Thursday. For middle-income households, the bill is projected to increase resources by $500 to $1,000 a year, an increase of less than 1 percent of their income." [Politico, 6/12/25]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Made Health Care More Expensive For Older Americans

HEADLINE: "Older Adults With ACA Coverage Would Face Steep Premium Hikes Under House Republicans' One Big Beautiful Bill Act." [Center for American Progress, 6/26/25]

- **The House Republican Proposal Would Effectively Price Many Aging Americans Out Of Their Affordable Coverage That They Have Relied On.** "These sharp cost increases represent a real threat to older adults' ability to access health care. If enacted, the House Republican proposal would effectively price many aging Americans out of the affordable coverage they rely on until they become eligible for Medicare." [Center for American Progress, 6/26/25]

The Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Increase The Costs For Older Adults In The ACA Marketplace. "Another element of House Republicans' health agenda targets the ACA marketplaces, which provide coverage and financial assistance to more than 20 million people, including many older people not yet eligible for Medicare. The legislation not only fails to extend the expiring enhanced premium tax credits for marketplace coverage, which will lead to skyrocketing premiums, but it also makes changes that will further increase people's costs, such as changing how maximum out-of-pocket limits are adjusted." [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 6/6/25]

Older Adults Would Face, On Average, At Least A $1,200 Increase In Annual Premiums To Keep Their Current ACA Marketplace Plan. "Last month, House Republicans passed a tax and budget reconciliation bill that, if enacted, would raise health insurance premiums for millions of Americans who purchase coverage through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplaces. A new Center for American Progress analysis makes clear that older adults would be hit especially hard—facing, on average, at least $1,200 more in annual premiums to keep their current ACA marketplace plan. In multiple states, premium hikes for adults 55 years old and older would exceed an average of $10,000—including a staggering $15,200 average increase in West Virginia and a $16,700 average increase in Alaska." [Center for American Progress, 6/26/25]

CBPP: The Big Beautiful Bill Would Leave Older Adults With Higher Costs And Less Health Care. "The House Republicans' budget reconciliation legislation would reduce assistance that helps seniors and older adults get needed health coverage and afford sufficient food. The so-called 'Big Beautiful Bill' is anything but beautiful; it would cause widespread harm by making massive cuts to Medicaid and SNAP, which would raise costs and make it much harder for people to afford the high cost of groceries and health care. More than 7 million seniors with low incomes receive health coverage and care through Medicaid, with over 3 in 5 nursing home residents having their care paid for by Medicaid. Medicaid also covers other long-term services and supports, including home-based services, and helps cover premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing for some Medicare beneficiaries. By cutting Medicaid and Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplaces by about $1 trillion, the largest cuts in the programs' history, the House Republican bill would lead states to make large cuts in eligibility or benefits that could leave many older adults with higher costs and less health care." [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 6/6/25]

- **HEADLINE: "2025 Budget Impacts: House Bill Would Cut Assistance And Raise Costs For Seniors."** [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 6/6/25]

While Alaskans Spent Over $4,300 More On Their Everyday Expenses, Begich Supports The Tariff Taxes That Are Making Everything More Expensive.

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Begich Repeatedly Voted To Protect Cost-Spiking Tariffs

April 29, 2026: Begich Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Begich Voted Against An Amendment To The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill For FY27 To Prohibit Any Funds Provided By The Bill From Being Used To Implement A Tariff That Increases The Costs Of Food. "Description of Motion: Prohibit any funds provided by the bill from being used to implement a tariff that increases the costs of food. […] Members Voting Nay […] Mr. Begich." [Hearing on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2027, Roll Call Vote #2, 4/29/26]

February 11, 2026: Begich Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Begich Voted Against Terminating The National Emergency That Imposed Tariffs On Goods From Canada. In February 2026, Begich voted against: "Passage of the joint resolution that would terminate the Feb. 1, 2025, national emergency that imposed tariffs on goods from Canada." The bill passed by a vote of 219-211. [H. J. Res. 72, Vote #65, 2/11/26; CQ, 2/11/26]

- **The House Voted To Rescind Trump's Imposed Tariffs On Canada.** "The House voted on Wednesday to rescind tariffs that President Trump imposed on Canada last year, delivering a largely symbolic but politically consequential rebuke that Republicans had fought for a year to prevent. In a 219-to-211 vote, six Republicans joined nearly all Democrats in backing the resolution sponsored by Representative Gregory W. Meeks of New York, the top Democrat on the Foreign Affairs Committee. While the Senate has moved to cancel the president's tariffs in recent months, the vote was the House's first opportunity to formally register a position on Mr. Trump's trade policy since he returned to the White House and began deploying tariffs as an economic strategy." [New York Times, 2/11/26]

February 10, 2026: Begich Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Begich Voted To Block Consideration Of Joint Resolutions Terminating Trump's Tariffs. In February 2026, Begich voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 1042) providing for floor consideration of the Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act (HR 2189), the Undersea Cable Protection Act (HR 261), and the Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act (HR 3617). The rule would allow for up to one hour of debate on each measure. It would consider as adopted a substitute amendment to HR 2189 appending the text of the Innovate Less Lethal to De-Escalate Tax Modernization Act (HR 4242), as reported by the Ways and Means Committee. It also would block the expedited consideration of joint resolutions terminating President Donald Trump's 2025 tariff actions under the Feb. 1, April 2, July 30, and Aug. 6 executive orders by providing that each day during the period from Feb. 10, 2026 through July 31, 2026, will not constitute a calendar day under the federal law pertaining to terminating national emergencies." The resolution was rejected by a vote of 214-217. [H. Res. 1042, Vote #60, 2/10/26; CQ, 2/10/26]

- **The House Rejected A Republican Effort To Delay, For Months, Any Vote On Cancelling President Trump's Tariffs.** "The House on Tuesday rejected a Republican effort to change the chamber's rules and delay for months any vote on canceling President Trump's tariffs, as G.O.P. defectors rebuked party leaders who have tried for a year to avoid weighing in on levies that are unpopular with many voters." [New York Times, 2/10/26]

February 10, 2026: Begich Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Begich Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Law-Enforcement Innovate To De-Escalate Act, The Undersea Cable Protection Act, And The Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act. In February 2026, Begich voted for: "Langworthy, R-N.Y., motion to order the previous question on the rule (H Res 1042) providing for floor consideration of the Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act (HR 2189), the Undersea Cable Protection Act (HR 261), and the Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act (HR 3617)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Neguse said, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to strike section 4, which would stop an attempt by Republican leadership to block the House from taking up-or-down votes on President Trump's disastrous tariff policies through the end of July." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-214. [H. Res. 1042, Vote #59, 2/10/26; CQ, 2/10/26; Congressional Record, 2/10/26]

September 16, 2025: Begich Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

September 2025: Begich Voted For H Res 707, Which Extended Trump's Tariff Authority Through March 2026. In September 2025, Begich voted for H Res 707, which passed by a vote of 213-211. According to a "vote note" from U.S. Rep. McClintock: "H Res 707 goes beyond the prerogative of the majority to decide what bills are taken to the floor. This resolution amends existing law to extend the authority of the President to impose tariffs until March 30. That makes this a substantive question of policy and the responsibility of individual members to pass judgment. Under the Constitution, the power to impose tariffs is a congressional power and needs to be restored to Congress." [Congress.gov, H Res 707, Vote #268, 9/16/25; U.S. Rep Tom McClintock, 9/16/25]

- **September 2025: Nearly Every U.S. House Republican Voted To Effectively Block Congress From Challenging Trump's Tariff Authority Through March 2026.** "House Republicans voted in near lockstep Tuesday to again cede congressional power over tariffs to President Donald Trump. A measure that effectively blocks challenges to Trump's sweeping global tariff declarations through March 2026 was adopted on a 213-211 vote. The vote was gaveled down only after GOP whips had a drawn-out struggle on the floor with a band of Republicans who initially opposed the legislation before flipping to yes. The vote was held open for more than a half-hour as they worked to bring the members back on board." [Politico, 9/16/25]

April 9, 2025: Begich Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Begich Voted For Blocking Expedited Consideration Of Joint Resolutions Terminating Trump's Tariff Actions And Considering The Senate Amendment To The FY 2025 Budget Resolution. In April 2025, Begich voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 313) that would provide for floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). The rule would provide up to one hour of debate on a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the measure. It also would block the expedited consideration of joint resolutions terminating President Donald Trump's tariff actions under the April 2 executive order by providing that each day during the period from April 9, 2025 through Sept. 30, 2025, will not constitute a calendar day under the federal law pertaining to terminating national emergencies." The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-215. [H. Res. 313, Vote #94, 4/9/25; CQ, 4/9/25]

- **House Republicans Pushed A Procedural Rule That Would Curb Congress's Power To Override Trump's Tariffs.** "Republicans are quietly pushing a procedural rule that would curb the power of the US Congress to override Donald Trump's chaotic tariff policy. The House of Representatives' rules committee on Wednesday approved a measure that would forbid the House from voting on legislation to overturn the president's recently imposed taxes on foreign imports." [The Guardian, 4/9/25]

April 9, 2025: Begich Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Begich Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Amendment Striking A Section Of The Rule That Would Prevent The House From Voting On Trump's Tariffs. In April 2025, Begich voted for: "Foxx-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge that we defeat the previous question. I will offer an amendment. My amendment will simply strike section 2 of the rule. That section, tucked in the rule by Republicans this morning, prevents the House from voting on Trump's disastrous worldwide tariffs, the ones destroying the economy and raising prices on regular Americans." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-212. [H Res 313, Vote #93, 4/9/25; CQ, 4/9/25; Congressional Record, 4/9/25]

April 8, 2025: Begich Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Begich Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Joint Resolution To Terminate Trump's Tariffs. In April 2025, Begich voted for: "Foxx, R-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Mr. Speaker, I ask that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.J. Res. 91, a joint resolution to terminate the reckless tariffs that President Trump has put in place." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 213-211. [H Res 294, Vote #91, 4/8/25; CQ, 4/8/25; Congressional Record, 4/8/25]

March 11, 2025: Begich Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Begich Voted For Considering The FY 2025 Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Bill, The Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act, And The Joint Resolution Disapproving Of An Internal Revenue Service Rule Relating To Digital Asset Sales. In March 2025, Begich voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 211) that would provide for floor consideration of the fiscal 2025 full-year continuing appropriations bill (HR 1968); the Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act (HR 1156); and the joint resolution (H J Res 25) providing for congressional disapproval of an Internal Revenue Service rule relating to digital asset sales. It would provide up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would self-execute the Cole, R-Okla., manager's amendment to HR 1968 that would make technical corrections. The rule would also block expedited consideration of joint resolutions to terminate national emergencies declared by President Donald Trump on Feb. 1, 2025, by specifying that each day for the remainder of the first session of the 119th Congress will not be considered a calendar day under the National Emergencies Act." The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-214. [H Res 211, Vote #67, 3/11/25; CQ, 3/11/25]

- **New York Times: "House Republican Leaders On Tuesday Quietly Moved To Shield Their Members From Having To Vote On Whether To End President Trump's Tariffs."** "House Republican leaders on Tuesday quietly moved to shield their members from having to vote on whether to end President Trump's tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China, tucking language into a procedural measure that effectively removed their chamber's ability to undo the levies. [New York Times, 3/11/25]

- **Politico: "GOP Leadership Slipped Language Into A House Rule On Their Stopgap Funding Bill That Would Prevent Any Member Of Congress From Bringing Up A Resolution Terminating Trump's Declaration Of A National Emergency."** "GOP leadership slipped language into a House rule on their stopgap funding bill that would prevent any member of Congress from bringing up a resolution terminating Trump's declaration of a national emergency over fentanyl and undocumented immigrants entering the U.S. The president has used that emergency declaration to justify his tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China." [Politico, 3/11/25]

- **Reuters: The Procedural Vote Blocked "The Ability Of Congress To Quickly Challenge Tariffs Imposed By President Trump That Have Rattled Financial Markets."** "The Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives voted on Tuesday to block the ability of Congress to quickly challenge tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump that have rattled financial markets. […]

The provision was tucked into a procedural vote related to the Republicans' six-month stopgap funding bill." [Reuters, 3/11/25]

Tariffs Were Expected To Raise Costs Dramatically

Center For Economic And Policy Research: Trump's Tariffs Were The Largest Tax Increase In The Country's History. "Donald Trump is putting in place the largest tax increase in the country's history with his big import taxes (tariffs). We won't know the full size of Trump's taxes until after Liberation Day III (August 1), and probably not even then, but we already know that they are huge. This is evident from the tariff revenue the government is collecting. In June the government collected $26.6 billion in tariff revenue. That is up from around $6 billion a month in 2024 before Trump's tax hikes. The difference of $20 billion comes to $240 billion on an annual basis. Summed over a decade, as we do with other measures, this comes to $2.4 trillion. This would be a substantial tax hike in itself, roughly $1,900 per household, but we know that the figure is almost certain to go much higher. Trump is threatening taxes of an additional 10 to 30 percent on imports from our major trading partners, such as Mexico, Canada, the European Union, and Japan. The tax take could easily end up being twice its current level, making Trump's tariff frenzy by far the largest tax increase in US history." [Center For Economic and Policy Research, 7/17/25]

Asian Countries Were The Biggest Source Of Goods For Alaskan Imports, But Were Among The Hardest Hit By Tariffs From The Trump Administration

Asian Countries Were Alaska's Largest Source Of Imports, With South Korea, Vietnam, And Thailand Being The Biggest Asian Trading Partners For Imports. "Asia is also Alaska's largest source of imports. Nearly 90 percent of what we buy from other countries — $2.1 billion last year — comes from Asia. South Korea ($1.2 billion), Vietnam ($315 million), and Thailand ($262 million) are our biggest Asian trading partners for imports. Due in part to the complicated nature of international trade and supply chains, imports from China are large at $92 million but well below the totals for South Korea, Vietnam, or Thailand. Most of what we buy from Asia is a mix of petroleum oils for transportation and energy, semiconductors, and other electronics, likely for commercial and personal use. Although Alaska has substantial oil, we have limited refining capacity." [Alaska Economic Trends Magazine, June 2025]

Alaska's Seafood Trade Groups Warned That Retaliatory Tariffs Could Hinder The State's Seafood Export Economy At A Time When The Industry Was Already Struggling

Alaska Journal Of Commerce: "Alaska's Seafood Industry Could See An Outsized Impact From International Tariffs, According To Experts." "Alaska's seafood industry could see an outsized impact from international tariffs, according to experts. In April, President Donald Trump announced a major tariff hike on China, escalating up to 145%, and China retaliated with similar rates. Though both governments struck a deal in May delaying any increases by at least 90 days, they haven't been canceled, and tariffs have stayed elevated since his last presidency. That makes Alaska seafood less competitive in China, one of the largest markets for it internationally. Two trade groups representing some of Alaska's largest seafood processors — the Pacific Seafood Processors Association and the At-Sea Processors Association — sent a letter to the U.S. Trade Representative March 11 urging caution on new tariffs worldwide. '(Alaska is) heavily dependent on fair access to export markets, and also uniquely vulnerable to retaliatory tariffs that our trading partners may seek to impose in the event of heightened trade tensions,' they wrote. 'Accordingly, care must be taken to remedy these issues in a manner that does not increase the harm to U.S. seafood producers.'" [Alaska Journal of Commerce, 6/13/25]

Roughly 40% Of Alaska Small Businesses Were Classified As Tariff-Vulnerable Importers, According To A Report From A State Economic Research Center

Around 40% Of Alaska Small Businesses Were Classified As Being Vulnerable To Tariffs Because They Were Small, Had Limited Credit, And Faced High Tariff Rates, According To A Report From The Institute Of Social And Economic Research At The University Of Alaska Anchorage. "Even though small firms usually import simpler and more interchangeable products, their dependence on specific suppliers puts them at greater risk when trade costs rise. Geographically, these vulnerable businesses tend to be concentrated on the West Coast, likely due to their reliance on shipping routes to Asia. For instance, in Alaska, 40% of businesses are classified as vulnerable to tariffs because they are small, have limited credit and are facing high tariff rates." [Report from Institute of Social and Economic Research at the University of Alaska Anchorage, September 2025]

Tariffs Were Expected To Hurt Alaska's Economy

Anchorage Daily News Headline: "Survey Finds Anchorage Business Confidence Fell Amid Trump Tariffs And Federal Cuts" [Anchorage Daily News, 8/6/25]

KUAC Headline: "Alaska Businesses Sour On Chaotic Economy After Tariffs, Fed Cutbacks" [KUAC, 5/15/25]

KTOO Headline: "In Alaska Border Towns, Trump's Tariffs Are Fueling Fears About Higher Prices And Travel Boycotts" [KTOO, 3/5/25]

He Voted To Send $37 Billion Of Our Taxpayers Dollars Overseas For The War In Iran, While Fuel Costs Rise In Alaska.

The Iran War Cost Over $37 Billion In Taxpayer Dollars

Associated Press Headline: "Hegseth Estimates Iran War Has Cost $37.5 Billion As He Defends Funding Request At Fiery Hearing" [Associated Press, 7/21/26]

Begich Voted Repeatedly To Rubber-Stamp The War In Iran

July 2026: Begich Voted For A Fifth Time To Continue The War In Iran

July 23, 2026: Begich Voted No On The War Powers Resolution To Direct The President To Remove Armed Forces From Hostilities With Iran. On 7/23/26, BEGICH voted NO on "H. Con. Res. 89 - Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran." The resolution passed in the House 214-208. [U.S. House Clerk, H. Con. Res. 89, House Roll Call Vote 282, 7/23/26]

- **7/23/26: Associated Press: The House Passed A Resolution To Halt U.S. Military Action In Iran In A Bipartisan Vote.** "The House on Thursday narrowly passed a resolution to halt U.S. military action in Iran, sending a warning to President Donald Trump for the second time as the war has escalated and the future of the conflict is increasingly uncertain. The 214-208 vote requiring congressional approval for the war comes as the Senate is expected to consider a similar resolution later Thursday morning. Though the votes forced by Democrats are largely symbolic, they are meant as a strong signal to the Republican president that his support on Capitol Hill is chipping away as the war drags on and lawmakers in both parties have questioned his administration's endgame." [Associated Press, 7/23/26]

June 2026: Begich Voted For A Fourth Time To Continue The War In Iran

June 3, 2026: Begich Voted Against The Iran War Powers Resolution. On June 3, 2026, BEGICH voted against "H.Con.Res.86 - Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran." The bill was passed by a vote of 215-208. [H. Con. Res. 86, Vote #199, 6/3/26]

- **TIME Headline: "Four Republicans Join Democrats In House Vote To Rein In Trump's Iran War Powers"** [TIME, 6/3/26]

May 2026: Begich Voted For A Third Time To Continue The War In Iran, And Was The Deciding Vote To Continue The War

May 2026: Begich Cast The Deciding Vote Against The Iran War Powers Resolution. On May 14, 2026, BEGICH voted against "Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran" The bill was rejected by a vote of 212-212." [H. Con. Res. 75, Vote #170, 5/14/26]

- **Reuters Headline: "US House Narrowly Rejects Bid To Rein In Trump Iran War Powers"** [Reuters, 5/14/26]

April 2026: Begich Voted For A Second Time To Continue The War In Iran

April 16, 2026: Begich Voted Against The Iran War Powers Resolution. In April 2026, BEGICH voted against: "Passage of the concurrent resolution that would direct the president to terminate the use of U.S. armed forces from hostilities against Iran unless explicitly authorized by a declaration of war or specific authorization for use of military force against Iran. The measure would exempt the use of U.S. armed forces that may be necessary to defend the U.S. or a U.S. ally or partner from imminent attack." The bill was rejected by a vote of 213-214. [H Con Res 40, Vote #114, 4/16/26; CQ, 4/16/26]

- **NBC News Headline: "House Effort To End Trump's War With Iran Fails By One Vote"** [NBC News, 4/16/26]

March 2026: Begich Voted To Continue The War In Iran

March 5, 2026: Begich Voted No On Removing The U.S. Armed Forces From Unauthorized Hostilities In Iran. On 3/5/26, BEGICH voted NO on "H.Con.Res.38 - Directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from unauthorized hostilities in the Islamic Republic of Iran." The bill failed in the House 212-219. [U.S. House Clerk, H. Con. Res. 38, House Roll Call Vote 85, 3/5/26]

- **The War Powers Resolution Would Have Required President Trump To Obtain Congressional Authorization For His Air War In Iran.** "The U.S. House of Representatives rejected an effort on Thursday to stop President Donald Trump's air war on Iran and require that any hostilities against Iran be authorized by Congress, backing the Republican president's military campaign on the sixth day of the expanding conflict. The vote was 219 to 212, largely along party lines, in the House, where Trump's fellow Republicans control a narrow majority of seats. Two Republicans voted in favor of the resolution and four Democrats voted against it. […] Supporters said the resolution, by requiring Trump to come to Congress for a war authorization, would force him to explain to Americans why the U.S. is fighting and how it might end." [Reuters, 3/6/26]

Western Alaska Villages, Which Had Triple The Statewide Poverty Levels, Faced A 50% Jump In Fuel Prices As A Result Of The Iran War, With Gas Prices In Some Parts Of Alaska Exceeding $10 Per Gallon

Anchorage Daily News Headline: "Alaska Villages Can Already Pay $10 Or More For A Gallon Of Fuel. A War-Driven Spike Could Produce A 'Survival Scenario.'" [Anchorage Daily News, 4/19/26]

Vendors That Sold Bulk Fuel To Western Alaska Towns Warned That Prices Could Rise 50% Due To The War-Driven Supply Crunch. "The war in Iran is risking what could be a catastrophic spike in the price of fuel in the rural villages and hub communities across Alaska's coast — and distributors are also warning of possible supply shortages. Even before the war, fuel prices in the state's off-road system communities were eye-wateringly high: Unleaded gas was $6.72 a gallon this winter in the Western Alaska hub town of Bethel, while in the Northwest Alaska village of Ambler, the price of gas and heating fuel has been $17.50 a gallon for the past year, according to local officials. Vendors that sell bulk fuel to those regions are now warning that prices could rise 50% due to the war-driven supply crunch, according to Ingemar Mathiasson, energy manager for the Northwest Arctic Borough, which held a meeting attended by fuel company representatives earlier this month in the regional hub town of Kotzebue. Rural communities can receive as little as a single bulk fuel delivery during a shipping season that runs only through the summer — meaning that rates can be locked in at that price for the whole next year, even if global commodity prices fall. Government and Native corporation subsidies can help offset costs, but prices are still high and about to get higher." [Anchorage Daily News, 4/19/26]

Alaska Beacon Headline: "'You'd Be Crying At The Pump': This Alaska Village's Gas Was $8.44 — Before The Iran War" [Alaska Beacon, 6/3/26]

The Utility Manager In Dillingham, Alaska, Expected The City To Charge $15 A Gallon Of Heating Fuel. "Last week, in the Bristol Bay hub town of Dillingham, gas prices rose to more than $9 a gallon from less than $7 this winter. In some remote areas, they're set to rise to more than $10 a gallon. 'This is something that could completely wipe out rural Alaska,' said Nathan Hill, tribal president of the village of Kokhanok. The village, on the shore of Iliamna Lake in the Bristol Bay region, expects to charge $15 for a gallon of heating fuel once its summer shipment arrives, up from the current price of $10, according to its utility manager." [Alaska Beacon, 6/3/26]

And He Even Called Social Security A Ponzi Scheme And Voted For A Bill That Was Called A 'Backdoor For Privatizing Social Security.'

Begich Compared Social Security To A Ponzi Scheme

HuffPost HEADLINE: "Alaska Republican Compared Social Security To 'Ponzi Scheme'" [HuffPost, 9/19/24]

Begich Voted For The Big Beautiful Bill Which Trump's Treasury Secretary Said Included A "Back Door" To Privatize Social Security

Begich Voted To Pass The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Twice

May 2025: Begich Voted For H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. In May 2025, Begich voted for: "Passage of the bill that would provide for approximately $3.8 trillion in net tax cuts and $321 billion in military, border enforcement and judiciary spending, offset by $1.5 trillion in spending reductions, as instructed in the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). It would raise the statutory debt limit by $4 trillion and provide for increased spending on defense and border security, spending cuts on social safety net programs, such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It also includes a mix of tax breaks for businesses and individuals; tax increases on universities and foundations; and a phase-down of clean energy tax credits. It would reduce spending on Medicaid by $625 billion over a 10-year period and modify eligibility and cost provisions for enrollees and health providers and impose work, volunteer and education requirements on adults ages 19 to 64 who are covered by the program. It would appropriate "such sums as necessary" for reducing cost-sharing payments for low-income individuals who've purchased "silver" plans on the 2010 health care law's exchanges. But payments to plans that cover abortions would be mostly barred. It would extend and make permanent individual tax brackets and rates included in the 2017 tax overhaul law (PL 115-97) and provide for the adjustment of the lower bounds of each tier based on inflation. It would reduce federal spending on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by requiring states to shoulder more of the cost, expand work requirements for SNAP, extend programs authorized under the 2018 farm bill, and prohibit the U.S. Department of Agriculture from increasing the cost of the Thrifty Food Program. As amended, it would cap state and local tax deductions at $40,000 for households with incomes below $500,000 and prohibit Medicaid funding for gender transition therapies or procedures for minors and adults, among other provisions." The bill passed by a vote of 215-214. [H.R. 1, Vote #145, 5/22/25; CQ, 5/22/25]

July 2025: Begich Voted For H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. In July 2025, Begich voted for: "Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would permanently extend nearly $4 trillion in expiring individual and business tax cuts, create several new tax breaks and fund border and immigration enforcement and air traffic control upgrades. It would cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to partly offset the cost. Among other provisions, it would raise the statutory debt ceiling by $5 trillion and appropriate more than $448 billion in mandatory funding for Trump administration priorities and other needs, including $153 billion for defense, $89 billion for immigration enforcement, and $89.5 billion for border control and security. It also would increase the state and local tax deduction cap to $40,000 annually for five years for households making up to $500,000 a year until 2030, when it would permanently revert to $10,000." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-214. [HR 1, Vote #190, 7/3/25; CQ, 7/3/25]

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Nick Begich Message #3 Backup

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Begich Was A Multi-Millionaire

2026: Begich's Net Worth Was Almost $20 Million. [Quiver Quantitative, accessed 9/4/26]

Epstein Had Relationships With The Rich And Powerful, Including Political Players And Figures In Media And Politics

Epstein Had Relationships With Wealthy And Powerful Figures In Business, Media, And Politics. "Thousands of documents released by the House Oversight Committee on Wednesday offer a new glimpse into what Epstein's relationships with business executives, reporters, academics and political players looked like over a decade. […] Epstein emailed current and former political figures on all sides, sending news clips and discussing strategy or gossip often in short, choppy emails laden with spelling and grammatical errors." [PBS News, 11/14/25]

- **PBS News Headline: "Emails Reveal Epstein's Network Of The Rich And Powerful Despite Sex Offender Status."** [PBS News, 11/14/25]

Dozens Of Powerful Men Had Alleged Connections To Epstein. "Court documents made public on Wednesday disclosed the names of dozens of powerful men with alleged connections to convicted sex-trafficker Jeffrey Epstein, who died by suicide in 2019. Federal Judge Loretta Preska in Manhattan unsealed the documents, revealing the names of numerous individuals described in a 2015 civil lawsuit as associates, affiliates or victims of Epstein." [NPR, 1/4/24]

- **NPR Headline: 'Court Documents Reveal Names Of Powerful Men Allegedly Linked To Jeffrey Epstein."** [NPR, 1/4/24]

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July 2025: Begich Voted To Block Discussion On A Bipartisan Bill To Force The Release Of The Epstein Files

July 2025: Begich Voted To Block Consideration Of The Bipartisan Epstein Files Transparency Act. In July 2025, Begich voted for "Foxx, R-N.C., motion to order the previous question on the rule (H Res 590) that would deem the House to have concurred in the Senate amendment to the budget rescissions package (HR 4))." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question, and I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately bring up to the House floor H.R. 4405, the bipartisan Epstein Files Transparency Act, introduced by Representatives KHANNA and MASSIE under a closed rule with 1 hour of debate." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218- 211. [H Res 590, Vote #202, 7/17/25; CQ, 7/17/25; Congressional Record, 7/17/25]

The Epstein Files Contained Claims And Allegations Of Sexual Abuse Involving Underage Girls

The Epstein Files Detailed Warning Signs Of Terrible Abuse That Happened On The Epstein's Island. "A CNN review of thousands of emails, photos, videos and documents from the DOJ files adds critical new details to how Epstein transformed the island into his personal fiefdom – and highlights warning signs of the terrible abuse perpetrated there that some staffers and victims say was happening in plain sight." [CNN, 3/13/26]

There Were Allegations That There Were Men On Epstein's Property With Underage Girls. "To date, only Epstein and Maxwell have been charged in the US with sex trafficking in his case, and FBI Director Kash Patel has said there's 'no credible information' that Epstein trafficked his victims to others. But CNN found that the victims' allegations are also echoed in the files by witnesses who described seeing men at Epstein's properties with minors. One former staffer said he observed an unnamed man on Epstein's Caribbean island with naked girls who looked under 18, while a woman who had traveled with Epstein described how his associate Jean Luc Brunel – a French modeling agent later arrested on sex crime charges – brought a 'really young girl' to the island." [CNN, 4/22/26]

The Epstein Files Contained Claims That Men Other Than Epstein Abused The Victims. "Neither criminal case resolved a lingering mystery: whether anyone else in Epstein's wide network of wealthy friends abused the victims. […] The lack of information drove Congress last year to pass the bill forcing the DOJ to release the Epstein files. The trove of released pages hasn't changed the Trump administration's stance that no other Epstein-related charges are expected. But the documents do include numerous victim statements that point at other men in Epstein's orbit." [CNN, 4/22/26]

An Employee On Epstein Island Said He Saw Pictures Of Naked Teenage Girls And Saw Underage Girls On The Island. "Steve Scully, who handled IT for the island in the early 2000's, told the FBI that Epstein had photographs of topless teenage girls in his home and recalled seeing naked underage girls on the island. Even local airport workers noticed Epstein exiting his jet with underage girls and then flying them by helicopter to his island." [CNN, 3/13/26]

The Epstein Files Helped The Justice Department Prepare A Summary Of Allegations Against 11 Men And Epstein Who Sexually Assaulted And Trafficked Hundreds Of Girls And Young Women. "After the Justice Department shut the door on releasing the Jeffrey Epstein files in July 2025, FBI agents worked on drafts of a 21-page presentation of all the evidence the FBI had gathered in the case, including a summary of allegations against 11 men. There's no evidence that Epstein, a New York financier who sexually assaulted and trafficked hundreds of girls and young women over two decades, kept his own 'client list' of men." [Miami Herald, 3/20/26]

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September 2025: Begich Voted For Tabling A Rule That Would Provide For Adoption Of A Resolution For Releasing The Epstein Files. In September 2025, Begich voted for: "Adoption of the rule that would provide for floor consideration of the joint resolution (H J Res 104) disapproving the Bureau of Land Management rule relating to 'Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment,' the joint resolution (H J Res 105) disapproving the BLM rule relating to 'North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan,' the joint resolution (H J Res 106) disapproving the BLM rule relating to 'Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan,' and the fiscal 2026 Energy-Water Appropriations bill (HR 4553). The rule would provide for up to one hour of debate on each measure. It would make in order 36 amendments to HR 4553, which may be offered en bloc. It would consider as adopted a resolution (H Res 668) that would direct the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to continue its ongoing inquiry into the possible mismanagement of the federal government's investigation of disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein and his associate Ghislaine Maxwell, the circumstances surrounding Epstein's death in federal custody, sex trafficking rings and potential ethics violations by elected officials. It would consider as adopted a resolution (H Res 605) establishing a select investigative subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee to investigate the events surrounding January 6, 2021. It also would table a rule (H Res 598) that would provide for the adoption of a resolution (H Res 589) concerning the release of certain documents related to the Epstein case." The bill passed 212 to 208. [H Res 672, Vote #222, 9/3/25; CQ, 9/3/25]

2019: Epstein Was Charged With Sex Trafficking Girls As Young As 14

2019: Epstein Was Charged With Sex Trafficking And Allegedly Abusing Dozens Of Girls As Young As 14. "Eleven years after letting billionaire financier Jeffrey Epstein off lightly with a once-secret plea deal, the U.S. government is taking another run at putting the wealthy sex offender behind bars with new sex-trafficking charges alleging he abused dozens of underage girls as young as 14. Federal prosecutors on Monday announced sex trafficking and conspiracy charges against the 66-year-old Epstein, who was arrested Saturday related to alleged incidents in Florida and New York City." [ABC 7, 7/8/19]

Epstein Was Accused Of Sex Trafficking Girls As Young As 14. "Nearly six years after Jeffrey Epstein's death in federal custody, speculation abounds over what information might be in transcripts and other documents related to investigations of the wealthy financier who was a convicted sex offender and accused of sex trafficking young women and girls as young as 14." [NPR, 7/25/25]