Fact Check: Jeanne Shaheen Has Never Supported A National Energy Tax

Brown's Leveling Claim Ruled False By Independent Factcheckers With Debunked National Energy Tax Attack

- PolitiFact: Brown's Claim That Shaheen Voted For A National Energy Tax Was "Mostly False." [PolitiFact, 6/18/14]
- FactCheck.org: AFP Ad Claiming Whitehouse Amendment Established A Tax Was "Not True." [FactCheck.org, 2/28/14]
- Republican Claims That Shaheen Supported A "National Energy Tax" Relied On Her Support For An Amendment That "Didn't Actually Put A Tax On Carbon." [Concord Monitor, 6/15/14]
- Whitehouse Amendment Did Not Establish Carbon Tax Rather, Would Ensure That If A Carbon Tax Were Ever Imposed, The Money Collected Would Be "Returned To The American People In The Form Of Federal Deficit Reduction, Reduced Federal Tax Rates, Cost Savings, Or Other Direct Benefits." Whitehouse Amendment No. 646 would ensure that all revenue from any carbon tax would be dedicated to deficit reduction, tax relief or other cost savings for the American people. The text of the amendment read:

Purpose: To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that all revenue from a fee on carbon pollution is returned to the American people

At the end of title III, add the following:

SEC. 3II. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND RELATING TO ENSURING THAT ALL REVENUE FROM A FEE ON CARBON POLLUTION IS RETURNED TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate may revise the allocations of a committee or committees, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this resolution for one or more bills, joint resolutions, amendments, amendments between the Houses, motions, or conference reports relating to the establishment of a fee on carbon pollution, provided that—

- (1) all revenue from such fee is returned to the American people in the form of Federal deficit reduction, reduced Federal tax rates, cost savings, or other direct benefits; and
- (2) such legislation would not increase the deficit over either the period of the total of fiscal years 2013 through 2018 or the period of the total of fiscal years 2013 through 2023. [Congressional Record S2270, Senate Amendment 646, 3/22/13]

Brown Backs Up His False Claim With "Study" From The Hyper-Partisan National Association Of Manufacturers That Assumed A Worst-Case Scenario Nowhere Close To Reality And On Something That Jeanne Shaheen Did Not Support

- The NAM Study Analyzed Two Potential Carbon Tax Situations: One Imposed A \$20 Fee Per Ton Of Carbon, The Second Assumed An Emissions Cut Of 80%. [NAM Study, accessed 6/5/14]
 - A U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Study That Claimed Carbon Tax Would Hurt Jobs And Raise Energy Bills, Which Was Fact Checked False, Assumed EPA Would Seek To Reduce Emission By 42%, Half Of What NAM Study Assumed. [Washington Post, Fact Checker Blog, 6/3/14; NAM Study, accessed 6/5/14]
 - Boehner Claim That EPA Rules Will Put An Average of 224,000 People Out Of Work Every Year Based On U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Study Rated False. [PolitiFact, 6/2/14]
- Jeanne Shaheen Did Not Vote For A Carbon Tax. [PolitiFact, 6/18/14]
- The National Association Of Manufacturers Was A "Right-Wing Trade Organization;" Duke Energy Withdrew From NAM Because The Group Refused To Even Acknowledge Climate Change. [Think Progress, 5/8/09]