

# Johnson, Baldwin split over Pompeo's nomination for secretary of state

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**U.S. Sens. Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin are on opposite sides over the appointment of Mike Pompeo as the next secretary of state.**

The nomination of Pompeo, the current CIA director, was approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Monday.

Johnson, a member of the committee, said in a statement following the committee vote that Pompeo is “well-suited to serving as secretary of state.”

“I have long said that presidents should be able to choose their top advisors, and it is sad that my Democratic colleagues on the committee collectively voted no on the confirmation of someone with the qualifications and character of Director Pompeo,” he said.

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The Oshkosh Republican joined other Republicans on the committee in supporting Pompeo's nomination.

But Baldwin, D-Madison, said Tuesday the nation needs a secretary of state that is “committed to using American diplomatic leadership to solve problems, protect our national security interests and advance human rights.”

“After meeting with Mr. Pompeo, I don't have confidence that he shares this commitment and I am concerned that he is inclined to choose military force as a first option over diplomatic solutions to the many challenges we face around the world,” she wrote on Twitter.

See Johnson's statement:

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See Baldwin's tweet:

<https://twitter.com/SenatorBaldwin/status/988821478106959878>