

DESCRIPTION OF SENATE VOTES

- 1. S 365 Debt Limit. Reid (D-NV) motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill that would provide a process to reduce the deficit by up to \$2.4 trillion. It would require across-the-board spending cuts of up to \$1.2 trillion over FY 2013 through 2021 if reductions totaling \$1.2 trillion were not enacted by Congress. The measure would establish a bipartisan, bicameral committee tasked with making the deficit-reduction recommendations. The measure would also require Congress to vote on a balanced-budget constitutional amendment by the end of 2011. (See House vote #6 and Senate Vote #3.) Motion agreed to 74-26; 8/2/2011. Signed by the President. 8/2/2011.
- 2. S 1660 Job Creation. Motion to invoke cloture (end debate) on the Reid (D-NV) motion to proceed to the bill that would provide roughly \$245 billion in tax incentives and more than \$100 billion in new infrastructure spending and state aid. It would be offset by a 5.6% increase in tax rates for certain upper-income tax filers. Motion rejected 50-49; 10/11/2011. Three-fifths of the total Senate (60) is required to invoke cloture.
- 3. SJ Res 10 Balanced Budget Amendment. Joint resolution that would propose a constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget starting in FY 2018 or the second fiscal year after ratification by three-fourths of the states, whichever is later. Under the proposal, three-fifths of the entire House and Senate would be required to approve deficit spending or an increase in the public debt limit. Rejected 47-53; 12/14/2011. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (67 in this case) is required to pass a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution.
- 4. HR 1540 FY 2012 Defense Authorization. Conference report on the bill to authorize \$670 billion for defense programs in FY 2012, including \$115.5 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Adopted 86-13; 12/15/2011. Signed by the President 12/31/2011.

- 5. HR 3630 Year-End Extensions. Reid (D-NV) and McConnell (R-KY) substitute amendment that would extend through February 2012 the 4.2% employee payroll tax rate, existing Medicare payment rates to doctors and workers' eligibility for certain expanded unemployment benefits. The cost would be offset through an increase in loan fees levied by government-backed mortgage lenders Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for guaranteeing loans purchased in the secondary mortgage market. Adopted 89-10 12/17/2011.
- 6. HR 2055 FY 2012 Omnibus Appropriations. Conference report on the bill that would provide approximately \$915 billion in discretionary appropriations for FY 2012. The bill would provide approximately \$518.8 billion in base Defense funding, \$32.1 billion for the Energy Department and related agencies, \$21.5 billion in discretionary funding for Financial Services, \$41.3 billion for Homeland Security, \$29.2 billion for Interior-Environment, \$156.3 billion for Labor-HHS-Education, \$4.3 billion for Legislative Branch, \$73.7 billion in discretionary funding for Military Construction-VA, and \$53.5 billion for the State Department and Foreign Operations. The bill funds assistance to Israel at \$3.075 billion, as agreed to in the 2007 Memorandum of Understanding that calls for aid to average \$3 billion per year over ten years. The bill includes aid to the Palestinians on the condition they drop their unilateral bid for statehood recognition. Adopted 67-32; 12/17/12. Signed by the President 12/23/2011.

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ARKANSAS							IDAHO						
Boozman	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	 Сrapo	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	N
Pryor	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Risch	Υ	N	Y	N	Y	N
CALIFORNIA							LLINOIS						
Boxer	Υ	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Durbin	γ	Y	N	N	Υ	Υ
Feinstein	Y	Y	N	Υ	Y	Υ	Kirk	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	N
Colorado							INDIANA						
Bennet	Υ	Υ	N	γ	Υ	γ	Coats	N	N	Υ	Y	Υ	N
Udall	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Lugar	Υ	N	Y	Y	Y	N
CONNECTICUT							Iowa						
Blumenthal	Υ	γ	N	γ	γ	Υ	Grassley	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
Lieberman	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Harkin	N	Y	N	N	Υ	Υ
DELAWARE							Kansas						
Carper	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Moran	N	N	Υ	NV	N	N
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Cochran	Υ	N	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	
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Nelson	N	N	N	Υ	Y	Y	
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Heller	N	N	Y	Υ	Y	Y	
Reid	Y	N	N	Υ	Y	Υ	
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Ayotte	N	N	Y	Υ	Y	N	
Shaheen	Υ	Y	N	Y	Y	Υ	
NEW JERSEY							
Lautenberg	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Υ	
Menendez	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Υ	
NEW MEXICO							
Bingaman	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Υ	
Udall	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Υ	
New York							
Gillibrand	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Υ	
Schumer	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Υ	
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Burr	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	
Hagan	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Υ	
NORTH DAKOTA							
Conrad	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	
Hoeven	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	
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Brown	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	
Portman	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	
OKLAHOMA							
Coburn	N	NV	Y	N	Y	N	
Inhofe	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	
OREGON							
Merkley	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	
Wyden	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	

PENNSYLVANIA							
Casey	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Y	Υ	
Toomey	N	N	Υ	Υ	Y	N	
RHODE ISLAND							
Reed	Y	Υ	N	Υ	Y	Υ	
Whitehouse	Y	Υ	N	Υ	Y	Υ	
SOUTH CAROLINA							
DeMint	N	N	Y	N	N	N	
Graham	N	N	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Johnson	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Y	Υ	
Thune	Y	N	Υ	Υ	Y	N	
TENNESSEE							
Alexander	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
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Democrats

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Independents

- Y = "Yes" (vote in favor of the measure described in vote description)
- 1 = "No" (vote against the measure described in vote description)
- W = No vote recorded on the measure described in

Blank space indicates that person was not in office when votes were cast.

- 1. H Res 268 Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations. Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution in support of a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; it calls on the administration to veto any resolution on Palestinian statehood that comes before the U.N. Security Council that is not a result of agreements reached between Israel and the Palestinians. Resolutions express an opinion and are not legally binding. Motion agreed to 407-6; 7/7/2011.
- 2. HR 1938 Keystone XL Oil Pipeline Permit. Bill to require the administration to grant or deny a permit on the Keystone XL oil pipeline. The bill calls for a decision within 30 days after the final environmental impact statement is issued or by Nov. 1, whichever is earlier. The Administration opposed this bill. Passed 279-147; 7/26/2011.
- 3. S 365 Debt Limit. Bill to provide a process to reduce the deficit by up to \$2.4 trillion. It would require across-the-board spending cuts of up to \$1.2 trillion over FY 2013 through 2021 if reductions totaling \$1.2 trillion were not enacted by Congress. The measure would establish a bipartisan, bicameral committee tasked with making the deficit-reduction recommendations. The measure would also require Congress to vote on a balanced-budget constitutional amendment by the end of 2011. (See House vote #6 and Senate Vote #3.) Passed 269-161; 8/1/2011. Signed by the President 8/2/2011.
- 4. HR 358 Abortion Funding in Health Care Law. Known to supporters as the "Protect Life Act" and to opponents as the "Let Women Die Act," this bill would bar use of federal funds to purchase insurance plans that cover abortion services, even if those services are paid for by private funds. It would allow federal agencies and state or local entities that receive funding under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to refuse to educate medical personnel on abortion care and to refuse abortion care to women even if they are facing a life-threatening emergency; it would not require that women be given any recourse. Passed 251-172; 10/13/2011. Referred to Senate Finance Committee. The President has promised to veto this legislation.
- 5. HR 822 Concealed Carry Reciprocity. Bill to require states that allow the carrying of concealed firearms to recognize concealed carry permits issued by other states. It also would require the Government Accountability Office to conduct an audit of state laws that allow concealed carry permits to non-residents and report on their effectiveness and impact on public safety. Passed 272-154; 11/16/2011. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

- 6. H J Res 2 Balanced Budget Amendment. Smith (R-TX) motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution to propose a constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget starting in FY 2018 or the second fiscal year after ratification by three-fourths of the states, whichever is later. Motion rejected 261-165; 11/18/2011. (A 2/3 majority of those present and voting, 284 in this case, is required for passage under suspension of the rules to pass a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution). Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee, Constitution subcommittee for hearings.
- 7. HR 1905 Iran Sanctions. Ross-Lehtinen (R-FL) motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would expand the activities that could trigger sanctions such sanctions to include making certain petroleum-resource agreements with Iran, purchasing Iranian debt and supporting port-facility construction and management. Sanctions would be required on those doing business with the Central Bank of Iran if it is determined that the bank is linked to the Iranian weapons program. Motion agreed to 410-11; 12/14/2011. Referred to Senate Foreign Relations Committee.
- 8. HR 1540 FY 2012 Defense Authorization. Conference report on the bill to authorize \$670 billion for defense programs in FY 2012, including \$115.5 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Adopted 283-136; 12/14/2011. Signed by the President 12/31/2011.
- HR 2055 FY 2012 Omnibus Appropriations. Conference report on the bill to provide approximately \$915 billion in discretionary appropriations for FY 2012. See Senate vote #6 for complete description. Adopted 296-121; 12/16/2011. Signed by the President 12/23/2011.
- 10. H Res 501 Year-End Extensions. Measure to express the sense of the House that Congress should extend for one year the payroll tax holiday, extend and overhaul unemployment benefits, prevent for two years any decreases in Medicare reimbursements to doctors, and include final approval of Keystone XL oil pipeline. Resolutions are non-binding and do not have the force of law. Adopted 226-185; 12/20/2011.

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4	Gutierrez	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	NV	NV	NV	NV
5	Quigley	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
6	Roskam	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7	Davis	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N
8	Walsh	Y	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
9	Schakowsky	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
10	Dold	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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13	Biggert	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
14	Hultgren	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
15	Johnson	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
16	Manzullo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
17	Schilling	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
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HOW TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN CONGRESS

As you read this guide, take note of how your senators and representative voted on issues that matter to you. Contact them regularly and let them know where you stand. Your message may be as simple as the samples below:

Addresses: The Honorable United States Senate Washington, DC 20510
The Honorable
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
Sample letter/e-mail:
Dear Senator/Rep.
I am writing to ask you to support/vote against
(issue, bill #, if you know it).
This issue is important and deserves your attention.
Sincerely,
Your name, address
Phone: Capital Switchhausel (202) 224 2121
Phone: Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121 Sample phone call:
"Hello. My name is
I would like to register my opinion on the issue of
this information along to Senator/Rep/

E-mail: www.congress.org provides access to all elected officials. To contact your senators and representative, just enter your zip code.

Thank you."

Please take the time to communicate with your elected officials after a vote has taken place. Thanking them for favorable votes is as important as expressing disapproval for unfavorable ones.

Calls, mail and faxes are tallied.

They do make a difference.



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ABOUT THE JAC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The JAC Education Foundation was formed to educate and engage the Jewish community in electoral politics and issues of Jewish concern. The Jewish community is no longer immune to the apathy and ignorance that affect the nation as a whole. We cannot take elections for granted: we must educate ourselves, register and vote, and urge others to do the same.

The JAC Education Foundation seeks to increase political involvement through knowledge of:

- · how to be an effective advocate
- · which legislative issues are important
- · what Congressional action has been taken

ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL INDEX

This is a record of how each member of the United States Congress voted on issues of concern to American Jewry as identified by the JAC Education Foundation in consultation with recognized authorities who monitor these issues. Read the vote descriptions. Examine the Congressional index to learn how members of Congress voted. These votes indicate where members of Congress stand on key issues.

HOW LAWS ARE MADE

Laws may be initiated in either chamber of Congress, the House of Representatives or the Senate. As the majority of laws originate in the House of Representatives, this summary will focus principally on the procedure in that body.

- I. When a Representative has an idea for a new law, s/he becomes the sponsor of that bill and introduces it by giving it to the clerk of the House or by placing it in a box, called the hopper. The clerk assigns a legislative number to the bill, with H.R. for bills introduced in the House and S. for bills introduced in the Senate. The Government Printing Office (GPO) then prints the bill and distributes copies to each representative.
- 2. Next, the bill is assigned to a committee (the House has 22 standing committees, each with jurisdiction over bills in certain areas) by the Speaker of the House so that it can be studied.

The standing committee (or often a subcommittee) studies the bill and hears testimony from experts and people interested in the bill. The committee then may release the bill with a recommendation to pass it, or revise the bill and release it, or lay it aside so that the House cannot vote on it. Releasing the bill is called reporting it out, while laying it aside is called tabling.

- 3. If the bill is released, it then goes on a calendar (a list of bills awaiting action). Here the House Rules Committee may call for the bill to be voted on quickly, limit the debate, or limit or prohibit amendments. Undisputed bills may be passed by unanimous consent, or by a two-thirds vote if members agree to suspend the rules.
- 4. The bill now goes to the floor of the House for consideration and begins with a complete reading of the bill (sometimes this is the only complete reading). A third reading (title only) occurs after any amendments have been added. If the bill passes by simple majority (218 of 435), the bill moves to the Senate.
- 5. In order to be introduced in the Senate, a senator must be recognized by the Presiding Officer and announce the introduction of the bill. Sometimes, when a bill has passed in one house, it becomes known as an act; however, this term usually means a bill that has been passed by both houses and becomes law.
- 6. Just as in the House, the bill then is assigned to a committee. It is assigned to one of the Senate's 16 standing committees by the Presiding Officer. The Senate committee studies and either releases or tables the bill just like the House standing committee.
- 7. Once released, the bill goes to the Senate floor for consideration. Bills are voted on in the Senate based on the order they come from the committee; however, an urgent bill may be pushed ahead by leaders of the majority party. When the Senate considers the bill, they can vote on it indefinitely. When there is no more debate, the bill is voted on. A simple majority (51 of 100) passes the bill.
- 8. The bill now moves onto a conference committee, which is made up of members from each chamber. The committee works out any differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The revised bill is sent back to both the House and Senate for their final approval. Once approved, the bill is printed by the Government Printing Office (GPO) in a process called enrolling. The clerk from the introducing chamber certifies the final version.
- 9. The enrolled bill is now signed by the Speaker of the House and then the Vice President. Finally, it is sent for presidential consideration. The President has 10 days to sign or veto the enrolled bill. If the President vetoes the bill, it can still become a law if two-thirds of the Senate and two-thirds of the House then vote in favor of the bill.