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## Congressional Scorecard

### How to Judge a Member's Voting Record

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# 2011 Senate Vote Descriptions

## 1. Repealing Health Care Reform

### AFSCME Position: No

The Senate rejected the Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Act (S.Amdt. 13), which the House approved on January 19, 2011. Attached as an amendment to Federal Aviation Administration Modernization, the bill would repeal the historic health care reform law including its provisions to bring down skyrocketing costs, shore up Medicare's bottom line, end insurance company abuses and expand coverage to millions of working families.



### Senate Vote Number 9

AFSCME opposed the amendment, which failed 47-51 on February 2, 2011.

## 2. Immediate Cuts to Government Programs

### AFSCME Position: No

The Senate rejected the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011 (H.R. 1). This bill would have made deep, immediate cuts in financial aid to state and local governments, forcing the loss of more jobs and reducing services carried out by state and local governments through the end of 2011.

### Senate Vote Number 36

AFSCME opposed the bill, which the Senate rejected 44-57 on March 9, 2011.

## 3. The Ryan Budget

### AFSCME Position: No

The Senate rejected the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 (H. Con. Res 34), which the House approved on April 15, 2011. The bill would replace Medicare with a private insurance voucher that would substantially increase the costs for seniors; dramatically reduce federal funds paid to states to operate the Medicaid program; lay a path for cuts to Social Security; and force huge cuts in funding for state and local government. program, transform Medicaid into a block grant program and force sweeping changes to Social Security.

### Senate Vote Number 77

AFSCME opposed the bill, which the Senate rejected 40-57 on May 25, 2011.

## 4. Cut, Cap and Balance (Motion to table)

### AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate agreed not to proceed with the Cut, Cap and Balance Act of 2011, which the House approved on July 19, 2011. The bill would impose over \$100 billion in immediate budget cuts, require a two-thirds majority to raise any revenues, and impose caps on government spending levels in subsequent years that would force significant cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

### Senate Vote Number 116

AFSCME supported the motion to table the bill, which the Senate approved 51-46 on July 22, 2011.

## 5. American Jobs Act

### AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate failed to reach the 60 votes needed to break a filibuster on President Obama's American Jobs Act, which would invest \$447 billion into creating jobs to fix crumbling schools, roads, bridges, transit, ports and energy systems. It would help state and local governments avoid layoffs that are dragging the economy down, protecting the jobs of 300,000 teachers and other education workers, police officers and other first responders.



### Senate Vote Number 160

AFSCME supported the bill, which did not reach the 60 votes needed to break a filibuster (50-49) on October 11, 2011.

## 6. Jobs for Teachers and First Responders

### AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate failed to reach the 60 vote needed to break a filibuster on the Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act (S. 1723), which would provide funding to states and localities to keep more than 400,000 teachers and other education workers, firefighters and police officers on the job.

### Senate Vote Number 177

AFSCME Supported the bill, which did not reach the 60 votes needed to break a filibuster (50-50) on October 20, 2011.

## 7. Rebuild America Jobs Act

### AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate failed to reach the 60 votes needed to break a filibuster on the Rebuild America Jobs Act (S. 1769), which would have provided \$50 billion in immediate infrastructure investments putting hundreds of thousands of Americans back to work rebuilding and modernizing highways, transit, rail and aviation.

### Senate Vote Number 195

AFSCME supported the bill, which did not receive the 60 votes needed to break a filibuster (51-49) on November 3, 2011.

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		AFSCME Position	Right	Wrong	% Right							
<b>Alabama</b>												
Shelby (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	49	171	22%	
Sessions, J. (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	4	119	3%	
<b>Alaska</b>												
Murkowski (R)	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	14%	14	59	19%	
Begich (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	26	7	79%	
<b>Arizona</b>												
McCain (R)	X	X	X	?	X	X	X	0%	30	178	14%	
Kyl (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	134	0%	
<b>Arkansas</b>												
Pryor (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	86%	67	7	91%	
Boozman (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	7	0%	
<b>California</b>												
Feinstein (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	146	18	89%	
Boxer (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	156	2	99%	
<b>Colorado</b>												
Udall, Mark (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	101	4	96%	
Bennet (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	24	2	92%	
<b>Connecticut</b>												
Lieberman (I)	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	71%	183	33	85%	
Blumenthal (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	7	0	100%	
<b>Delaware</b>												
Carper (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	85	8	91%	
Coons (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	10	0	100%	

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AFSCME Position	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				

## Florida

Nelson, Bill (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	86	7	92%
Rubio (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	7	0%

## Georgia

Chambliss (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	3	70	4%
Isakson (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	55	2%

## Hawaii

Inouye (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	296	20	94%
Akaka (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	187	4	98%

## Idaho

Crapo (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	104	1%
Risch (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	26	0%

## Illinois

Durbin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	123	2	98%
Kirk (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	17	74	19%

## Indiana

Lugar (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	37	275	12%
Coats (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	7	0%

## Iowa

Grassley (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	30	255	11%
Harkin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	226	14	94%

## Kansas

Roberts (R)	✗	✗	?	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	4	120	3%
Moran, Jerry (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	14	106	12%

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<b>Kentucky</b>												
McConnell (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	19	235	7%
Paul, Rand (R)		X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	29%	2	5	29%
<b>Louisiana</b>												
Landrieu, M. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	107	17	86%
Vitter (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	57	0%
<b>Maine</b>												
Snowe (R)		✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	14%	55	88	38%
Collins (R)		✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	14%	43	82	34%
<b>Maryland</b>												
Mikulski (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	224	7	97%
Cardin (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	42	0	100%
<b>Massachusetts</b>												
Kerry (D)		✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	100%	232	13	95%
Brown, Scott (R)		X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	14%	2	13	13%
<b>Michigan</b>												
Levin, C. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	282	16	95%
Stabenow (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	93	1	99%
<b>Minnesota</b>												
Klobuchar (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	42	0	100%
Franken (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	19	0	100%
<b>Mississippi</b>												
Cochran (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	33	262	11%
Wicker (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	1	34	3%

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AFSCME Position		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
<b>Missouri</b>												
McCaskill (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	40	1	98%
Blunt (R)		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	4	113	3%
<b>Montana</b>												
Baucus, M. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	238	55	81%
Tester (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	86%	39	3	93%
<b>Nebraska</b>												
Nelson, Ben (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	57%	62	32	66%
Johanns (R)		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	23	4%
<b>Nevada</b>												
Reid, H. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	100%	216	18	92%
Ensign (R)		✗	✗	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0%	2	83	2%
Heller (R)		N/A	N/A	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	6	34	15%
<b>New Hampshire</b>												
Shaheen (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	26	0	100%
Ayotte (R)		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	7	0%
<b>New Jersey</b>												
Lautenberg (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	74	0	100%
Menendez (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	50	0	100%
<b>New Mexico</b>												
Bingaman (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	245	18	93%
Udall, T. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	107	0	100%
<b>New York</b>												
Schumer (D)		✓	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	102	3	97%
Gillibrand (D)		✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	100%	42	0	100%



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<b>North Carolina</b>													
Burr (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	1	56	2%	
Hagan (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	25	1	96%	
<b>North Dakota</b>													
Conrad (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	207	28	88%	
Hoevan (D)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	7	0%	
<b>Ohio</b>													
Brown, Sherrod (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	42	0	100%	
Portman (r)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	7	0%	
<b>Oklahoma</b>													
Inhofe (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	2	138	1%	
Coburn (R)	X	X	X	X	?	X	X	X	0%	0	56	0%	
<b>Oregon</b>													
Wyden (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	122	10	92%	
Merkley (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	26	0	100%	
<b>Pennsylvania</b>													
Casey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	155	111	58%	
Toomey (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	7	0%	
<b>Rhode Island</b>													
Reed, J. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	123	1	99%	
Whitehouse (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	42	0	100%	
<b>South Carolina</b>													
Graham (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	4	69	5%	
DeMint (R)	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%	1	57	2%	

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## South Dakota

Johnson, Tim (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	109	7	94%
Thune (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	2	56	3%

## Tennessee

Alexander, L. (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	7	67	9%
Corker (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	3	39	7%

## Texas

Hutchison (R)	✗	✗	?	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	13	144	8%
Cornyn (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	72	1%

## Utah

Hatch (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	33	278	11%
Lee, M. (R)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	14%	1	6	14%

## Vermont

Leahy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	302	25	92%
Sanders (I)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	41	0	100%

## Virginia

Webb (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	40	22	65%
Warner (D)	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	23	1	96%

## Washington

Murray (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	153	8	95%
Cantwell (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	89	5	95%

## West Virginia

Rockefeller (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	230	15	94%
Manchin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	9	1	90%

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## Wisconsin

Kohl, H. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	193	26	88%
Johnson, R. (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	7	0%

## Wyoming

Enzi (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	3	120	2%
Barrasso (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	37	3%



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