

2007 Senate Vote Descriptions

1. Raising the Minimum Wage

AFSCME Position: Yes



The Senate, during consideration of the House-passed minimum wage increase (H.R. 2), refused to cut off debate or permit the bill to advance without attaching a package of tax breaks for small businesses. AFSCME supported the motion to end debate because the tax cuts were unnecessary and were being used to make it more difficult to increase the federal minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour, from \$5.15, over two years.

Senate Vote Number 23

AFSCME supported the motion, which the Senate rejected by a vote of 54-43 on January 24, 2007. (A 3/5 majority was necessary to end debate.)

2. Extending Collective Bargaining Rights

AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate rejected an amendment by Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC) that would have removed a provision in the 9/11 Commission Bill to extend collective bargaining rights and greater whistleblower protections to Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screeners.

Senate Vote Number 60

AFSCME opposed the amendment, which the Senate rejected by a vote of 51-46 on March 6, 2007.

3. Lowering Prescription Drug Prices

AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate rejected a motion to cut off debate on the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007 (S. 3), a bill to allow the federal government to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies to reduce the price of prescription drugs used by seniors and others covered by Medicare.

Senate Vote Number 132

AFSCME supported the motion, which the Senate rejected by a vote of 55-42 on April 18, 2007. (A 3/5 majority was necessary to end debate.)



4. Preventing Harmful Budget Cutbacks

AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate approved the fiscal year 2008 budget plan (S. Con. Res. 21) that begins to reverse six years of harmful cuts to a wide range of domestic programs administered by state and local governments, including new funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), veterans' programs, special education, No Child Left Behind, child care, Pell grants and other pressing domestic needs.

Senate Vote Number 172

AFSCME supported the plan, which the Senate passed by a vote of 52-40 on May 17, 2007.

5. Protecting an Employee's Right to Join a Union

AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate rejected a motion to cut off debate on the Employee Free Choice Act (H.R. 800), House-passed legislation that would limit the ability of employers to stop their workers from choosing to organize.

Senate Vote Number 227

AFSCME supported the bill, which the Senate rejected by a vote of 51-48 on June 26, 2007. (The vote required 60 votes to end debate and further consider the bill.)

6. Increasing Child Health Care Coverage

AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate approved an extension of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) (S. 1893) that would provide coverage to three million low-income children who are not currently covered.

Senate Vote Number 307

AFSCME supported the bill, which the Senate passed by a vote of 68-31 on August 2, 2007.



7. Confirming Right Wing Judicial Nominations

AFSCME Position: No

The Senate approved the confirmation of Leslie Southwick of Mississippi to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, which AFSCME opposed because of his long-standing record of ruling against workers, consumers and victims of discrimination.

Senate Vote Number 393

AFSCME opposed the nomination, which was approved by the Senate by a vote of 59-38 on October 24, 2007.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		RIGHT	WRONG	% RIGHT
AFSCME POSITION	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N				

Alabama

Sessions, J. (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	4	86	4%
Shelby (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	48	137	26%

Alaska

Murkowski (R)	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	14%	7	32	18%
Stevens (R)	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	14%	64	231	22%

Arizona

Kyl (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	99	0%
McCain (R)	X	X	?	?	X	X	X	0%	29	153	16%

Arkansas

Lincoln (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	86%	59	13	82%
Pryor (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	86%	35	4	90%

California

Boxer (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	100%	121	2	98%
Feinstein (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	86%	111	18	86%

Colorado

Allard (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	1	88	1%
Salazar, K. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	22	1	96%

Connecticut

Dodd (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	100%	218	26	89%
Lieberman (I)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	86%	151	30	83%

Delaware

Biden (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	248	42	86%
Carper (D)	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	52	6	90%

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AFSCME POSITION	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N				
Florida												
Martinez (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	23	0%
Nelson, Bill (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	52	7	88%
Georgia												
Chambliss (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	1	38	3%
Isakson (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	23	0%
Hawaii												
Akaka (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	86%	152	4	97%
Inouye (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	262	20	93%
Idaho												
Craig (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	5	149	3%
Crapo (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	1	69	1%
Illinois												
Durbin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	88	2	98%
Obama (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	23	0	100%
Indiana												
Bayh (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	67	5	93%
Lugar (R)	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	14%	33	244	12%
Iowa												
Grassley (R)	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	14%	26	224	10%
Harkin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	191	14	93%
Kansas												
Brownback, S. (R)	X	X	?	?	X	X	X	X	0%	1	87	1%
Roberts (R)	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	14%	3	87	3%

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Kentucky												
Bunning (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	4	68	6%	
McConnell (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	17	202	8%	
Louisiana												
Landrieu (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	73	16	82%	
Vitter (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	23	0%	
Maine												
Collins (R)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	57%	26	64	29%	
Snowe (R)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	57%	38	70	35%	
Maryland												
Cardin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	7	0	100%	
Mikulski (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	189	7	96%	
Massachusetts												
Kennedy, E. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	281	12	96%	
Kerry (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	197	13	94%	
Michigan												
Levin, C. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	247	16	94%	
Stabenow (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	58	1	98%	
Minnesota												
Coleman (R)	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	43%	12	27	31%	
Klobuchar (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	7	0	100%	
Mississippi												
Cochran (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	31	229	12%	
Lott (R) <i>Resigned</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	9	169	5%	
Wicker (R) – 12/31/07	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	0%	0	0	0%	

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Missouri												
Bond (R)		X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	14%	29	170	15%
McCaskill (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	7	0	100%
Montana												
Baucus, M. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	205	53	79%
Tester (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	7	0	100%
Nebraska												
Hagel (R)		X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	14%	6	82	7%
Nelson, Ben (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	86%	37	22	63%
Nevada												
Ensign (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	2	55	4%
Reid, H. (D)		✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%	180	19	90%
New Hampshire												
Gregg (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	5	123	4%
Sununu (R)		X	X	X	?	X	✓	X	17%	1	36	3%
New Jersey												
Lautenberg (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	39	0	100%
Menendez (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	15	0	100%
New Mexico												
Bingaman (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	210	18	92%
Domenici (R)		X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	14%	50	245	17%
New York												
Clinton (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	57	1	98%
Schumer (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	68	3	96%

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North Carolina												
Burr (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	1	22	4%
Dole (R)		X	X	X	?	X	X	X	0%	4	33	11%
North Dakota												
Conrad (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	86%	172	28	86%
Dorgan (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	86%	116	9	93%
Ohio												
Brown, S. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	7	0	100%
Voinovich (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	13	58	18%
Oklahoma												
Coburn (R)		X	X	X	?	X	X	X	0%	0	22	0%
Inhofe (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	2	106	2%
Oregon												
Smith, G. (R)		X	X	✓	?	X	✓	X	33%	16	72	18%
Wyden (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	88	9	91%
Pennsylvania												
Casey (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	7	0	100%
Specter (R)		✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	71%	126	106	54%
Rhode Island												
Reed, J. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	88	1	99%
Whitehouse (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	7	0	100%
South Carolina												
DeMint (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	23	0%
Graham (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	1	38	3%

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AFSCME POSITION	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N				
South Dakota											
Johnson, Tim (D)	?	?	?	?	?	?	X	0%	75	6	93%
Thune (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	1	22	4%
Tennessee											
Alexander, L. (R)	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	14%	3	36	8%
Corker (R)	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	14%	1	6	14%
Texas											
Cornyn (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	1	38	3%
Hutchison (R)	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	14%	10	114	8%
Utah											
Bennett (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	8	121	6%
Hatch (R)	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	14%	31	245	11%
Vermont											
Leahy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	268	25	91%
Sanders (I)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	7	0	100%
Virginia											
Warner (R)	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	29%	43	210	17%
Webb (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	7	0	100%
Washington											
Cantwell (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	56	3	95%
Murray (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	118	8	94%
West Virginia											
Byrd (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	86%	263	45	85%
Rockefeller (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	196	15	93%

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Wisconsin

Feingold (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	120	9	93%
Kohl, H. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	158	26	86%

Wyoming

Thomas (R) <i>Deceased</i>	✗	✗	✗	✗	?	?	?	0%	3	104	3%
Barrasso (R) -6/25/07	?	?	?	?	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	3	0%
Enzi (R)	✗	?	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	2	86	2%

