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How to Judge a Member's Voting Record

Congressional Scorecard



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2013 Senate Vote Descriptions

1. Super Storm Sandy Aid AFSCME Position: YES

Super Storm Sandy ravaged the East Coast in November 2012. While the Senate passed a relief bill in December 2012, the House delayed action until late January when it passed a disaster relief bill (H.R. 152) that provided more than \$50 billion for communities hit by Sandy. Most of the funds were to rebuild the homes and businesses destroyed by the storm, as well as funding for rebuilding and improving transportation systems or help for flood control and shore-strengthening projects. The bill passed on Jan. 28 by a vote of 62-36 (R: 9-36; D: 52-0; I: 1-0). Roll Call vote 4.

2. Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization AFSCME Position: YES

S. 47 reauthorized and strengthened the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) by



adding new provisions to aid Native American, immigrant, and LGBT victims of violence. VAWA funds programs to prevent violence against women, as well as the investigation and prosecution of these crimes. The bill passed on Feb. 12, 2013 by a vote of 78-22 (R: 23-22; D: 53-0; I: 2-0). Roll Call vote 19.

3. Comprehensive Immigration Reform AFSCME Position: YES

S. 744 provides a roadmap to citizenship for millions of aspiring citizens currently living and working in the U.S. and a new employment-based visa program (the W Visa) for lesser skilled, non-seasonal, and non-agricultural workers that reflects a blueprint developed by the AFL-CIO and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The bill passed on June 27 by a vote of 68-32 (R: 14-32; D: 52-0; I: 2-0). Roll Call vote 168.

4. Richard Cordray Nomination to Lead CFPB AFSCME Position: YES

In 2011, President Obama nominated Richard Cordray to head the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the agency created under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act to police non-bank financial institutions, including firms such as pay day lenders and mortgage companies that have histories of exploiting working people. After years of political obstruction of certain nominations,

the Senate reached an agreement that included a vote on the Cordray nomination. He was confirmed on July 16 by a vote of 66-34 (R: 12-34; D: 52-0; I: 2-0). Roll Call vote 174.

5. Tom Perez Nomination for U.S. Secretary of Labor AFSCME Position: YES

Similar to the nomination of Richard Cordray to the CFPB, the Senate agreement reached in July 2013 provided a vote on the nomination of Thomas E. Perez to be Labor Secretary. He was confirmed on July 18 by a vote of 54-46 (R: 0-46; D: 52-0; I: 2-0). Roll Call vote 178.

6. Employment Non-Discrimination Act AFSCME Position: YES

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) (S. 815) would prohibit discrimination against employees or job applicants on the basis of their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. Currently 29 states allow workers to be fired for being gay and 33 allow workers to be fired for being transgendered. The bill passed on Nov. 7 by a vote of 64-32 (R: 10-32; D: 53-0; I: 2-0). Roll Call vote 232.



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	1	2	3	4	5	6		Right	Wrong	% Right
AFSCME Position	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				

Alabama

Sessions, J. (R)	X	X	X	X	X	?	0%	50	181	22%
Shelby (R)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	33%	6	129	4%

Alaska

Begich (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	38	7	84%
Murkowski (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	83%	22	63	26%

Arizona

Flake (R)	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	67%	10	95	10%
McCain (R)	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	67%	34	186	15%

Arkansas

Boozman (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	19	0%
Pryor (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	78	8	91%

California

Boxer (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	167	2	99%
Feinstein (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	158	18	90%

Colorado

Bennet (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	36	2	95%
Udall, M. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	113	4	97%

Connecticut

Blumenthal (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	19	0	100%
Murphy, C. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	36	1	97%

Delaware

Carper (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	97	8	92%
Coons (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	22	0	100%

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Florida

Nelson (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	98	7	93%
Rubio (R)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	16%	1	18	5%

Georgia

Chambliss (R)	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	33%	5	80	6%
Isakson (R)	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	33%	3	65	4%

Hawaii

Hirono (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	55	0	100%
Schatz (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	6	0	100%

Idaho

Crapo (R)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	16%	2	115	2%
Risch (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	37	0%

Illinois

Durbin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	135	2	99%
Kirk (R)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	50%	20	77	21%

Indiana

Coats (R)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	16%	1	18	5%
Donnelly (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	47	7	87%

Iowa

Grassley (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	30	267	10%
Harkin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	238	14	94%

Kansas

Moran, Jerry (R)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	16%	15	117	11%
Roberts (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	4	132	3%

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Kentucky

McConnell (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	19	247	7%
Paul (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	3	16	16%

Louisiana

Landrieu (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	119	17	88%
Vitter (R)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	33%	3	66	4%

Maine

Collins (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	83%	51	89	36%
King, A. (I)	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	5	0	100%

Maryland

Cardin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	54	0	100%
Mikulski (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	236	7	97%

Massachusetts

Cowan (D) — 2/1/2013 —	n/a	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	100%	2	0	100%
Kerry (D) — resigned —	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	100%	239	13	95%
Markey (D) — 6/16/2013 —	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	100%	325	10	97%
Warren (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	6	0	100%

Michigan

Levin, C. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	294	16	95%
Stabenow (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	105	1	99%

Minnesota

Franken (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	31	0	100%
Klobuchar (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	54	0	100%

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Mississippi

Cochran (R)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	33%	36	271	12%
Wicker (R)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	50%	5	42	11%

Missouri

Blunt (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	4	125	3%
McCaskill (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	52	1	98%

Montana

Baucus, M. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	250	55	82%
Tester (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	51	3	94%

Nebraska

Fischer (R)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	16%	1	5	17%
Johanns (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	34	3%

Nevada

Heller (R)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	67%	12	40	23%
Reid, H. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	228	18	93%

New Hampshire

Ayotte (R)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	50%	3	16	16%
Shaheen (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	38	0	100%

New Jersey

Booker (D) — 10/31/13 —	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	100%	1	0	100%
Chiesa (R) — 6/6/2013 —	n/a	n/a	✓	✗	✗	n/a	33%	1	2	33%
Lautenberg (D) — deceased —	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	100%	72	0	100%
Menendez (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	62	0	100%

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New Mexico											
Heinrich (D)	1	2	3	4	5	6	100%	37	0	100%	
Udall, T. (D)	1	2	3	4	5	6	100%	119	0	100%	
New York											
Gillibrand (D)	1	2	3	4	5	6	100%	54	0	100%	
Schumer (D)	1	2	3	4	5	6	100%	114	3	97%	
North Carolina											
Burr (R)	X	✓	X	X	X	X	16%	2	67	3%	
Hagan (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	37	1	97%	
North Dakota											
Heitkamp (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	6	0	100%	
Hoeven (R)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	50%	4	15	21%	
Ohio											
Brown, S. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	54	0	100%	
Portman (R)	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	50%	3	16	16%	
Oklahoma											
Coburn (R)	X	X	X	✓	X	?	20%	1	66	1%	
Inhofe (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	2	150	1%	
Oregon											
Merkley (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	38	0	100%	
Wyden (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	134	10	93%	
Pennsylvania											
Casey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	100%	53	0	100%	
Toomey (R)	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	33%	2	17	11%	

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Rhode Island

Reed, J. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	135	1	99%
Whitehouse (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	54	0	100%

South Carolina

Graham (R)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	33%	6	79	7%
Scott, T. (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	20	0%

South Dakota

Johnson, T. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	121	7	95%
Thune (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	2	68	3%

Tennessee

Alexander, L. (R)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	60%	10	76	12%
Corker (R)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	60%	6	48	11%

Texas

Cornyn (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	84	1%
Cruz (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	6	0%

Utah

Hatch (R)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	50%	36	287	11%
Lee, M. (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	18	5%

Vermont

Leahy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	314	25	93%
Sanders (I)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	53	0	100%

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		AFSCME Position	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Right	Wrong
Virginia											
Kaine (D)	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	6	0	100%
Warner (D)	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	34	1	97%
Washington											
Cantwell (D)	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	101	5	95%
Murray (D)	4	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	164	8	95%
West Virginia											
Manchin (D)	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	21	1	95%
Rockefeller (D)	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	242	15	94%
Wisconsin											
Baldwin (D)	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	116	0	100%
Johnson, R. (R)	2	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	19	0%
Wyoming											
Barrasso (R)	3	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	?	0%	1	48	2%
Enzi (R)	4	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	3	132	2%

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