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How to Judge a Member's Voting Record

AFSCME selects a few roll-call votes from the hundreds cast by members of Congress every session. In choosing these votes, AFSCME attempts to fairly represent a lawmaker's position on issues determined to be important to AFSCME members — first and foremost as workers, but also as citizens and union brothers and sisters.



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Congressional Scorecard

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2010 Senate Vote Descriptions

1. Reforming Health Care

AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate passed the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (H.R. 4872), legislation that made key improvements to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, historic health care reform legislation that puts the country on a path toward addressing skyrocketing costs and insurance company abuses. Key improvements included changes to limit the impact of an excise tax on health plans provided by employers and increased funding for state Medicaid programs.



Senate Vote Number 105

AFSCME supported the bill, which the Senate approved by a vote of 56-43 on March 25, 2010.

2. Extending Long-Term Unemployment Insurance

AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate passed the Continuing Extension Act (H.R. 5618) to extend for two months

federal unemployment benefits, flood insurance programs, increased payment rates to Medicare providers, and COBRA health care premium assistance.

Senate Vote Number 117

AFSCME supported the bill, which the Senate approved by a vote of 59-38 on April 15, 2010.

3. Transforming Wall Street's Business Practices

AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate passed the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009 (H.R. 4173) to rein in Wall Street's reckless business practices that led to the worst recession in a generation. It enacted new, strong consumer protections to shield consumers and shareholders from risky financial products.

Senate Vote Number 162

AFSCME supported the bill, which the Senate passed by a vote of 59-39 on May 20, 2010.

4. Creating Jobs by Extending State Fiscal Relief and Education Funding

AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate approved new jobs legislation (H.R. 1586) that provides \$16.1 billion in Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) funding for state Medicaid programs and \$10 billion to states for education funding to preserve jobs and avert massive layoffs.

Senate Vote Number 228

AFSCME supported the bill, which passed the Senate by a vote of 61-39 on August 5, 2010.

5. Approving Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court

AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate confirmed President Obama's nomination of Elena Kagan of Massachusetts to be an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Senate Vote Number 229

AFSCME supported the nomination, which the Senate approved by a vote of 63-37 on August 5, 2010.

6. Ending Gender-Based Wage Discrimination

AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate was unable to invoke cloture on the Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 3772), which sought to provide comparable wages for women by requiring employers to show that any pay disparity is job-related and not based on gender. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill in January 2009.

Senate Vote Number 249

AFSCME supported this bill, which did not receive the requisite 60 votes to proceed to final passage of the bill. The cloture vote was held on November 17, 2010.

7. Cutting Taxes for Middle Class Families

AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate was unable to invoke cloture on substitute amendment no. 4727, which would make permanent the 2001- and 2003-enacted tax cuts on income only up to \$200,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for households. The amendment also extended unemployment insurance (UI) through the end of 2012. A later version of the bill passed that extended the tax

cuts for two years for all income levels and UI through 2012.

Senate Vote Number 258

AFSCME supported amendment no. 4727, which would have cut taxes on middle income families only and extended UI through 2012.

8. Extending Collective Bargaining Rights to Public Safety Officers



AFSCME Position: Yes

The Senate was unable to invoke cloture on this bill, which would have extended bargaining rights to public safety officers in states that currently do not allow it. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill on July 1, 2010.

Senate Vote Number 266

AFSCME supported this bill, which did not receive the requisite 60 votes to proceed to passage of the bill. The cloture vote was held on December 8, 2010.

Senate Voting Record 2010

Senator	Vote Number	Issue								Session Support (percent)	Career Cumulative Record		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		Right	Wrong	% Right
AFSCME Position		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Alabama													
Shelby (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	49	164	23%
Sessions, J. (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	?	X	0%	4	112	3%
Alaska													
Murkowski (R)		X	X	X	X	X	?	X	X	0%	13	53	20%
Begich (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	19	0	100%
Arizona													
McCain (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	30	172	15%
Kyl (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	127	0%
Arkansas													
Lincoln (D)		X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%	82	18	82%
Pryor (D)		X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%	61	6	91%
California													
Feinstein (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	139	18	89%
Boxer (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	149	2	99%
Colorado													
Udall, M. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	94	4	96%
Bennet, M. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	88%	17	2	89%
Connecticut													
Dodd (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	246	26	90%
Lieberman (I)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	88%	178	31	85%
Delaware													
Carper (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	78	8	91%
Kaufman, E. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	?	?	100%	16	0	100%
Coons (D)		?	?	?	?	?	✓	✓	✓	100%	3	0	100%

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		AFSCME Position	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Right	Wrong
Florida													
Nelson, Bill (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	79	7	92%
LeMieux (R)		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	11	0%
Georgia													
Chambliss (R)		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	?	✗	0%	3	63	5%
Isakson (R)		?	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	?	✗	0%	1	48	2%
Hawaii													
Inouye (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	289	20	94%
Akaka (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	180	4	98%
Idaho													
Crapo (R)		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	97	1%
Risch (R)		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	19	0%
Illinois													
Durbin (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	116	2	98%
Burris, Roland (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	?	100%	17	0	100%
Kirk, M. (R)		?	?	?	?	?	?	✗	✗	0%	17	67	20%
Indiana													
Lugar (R)		✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	13%	37	268	12%
Bayh, E. (D)		✓	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	90	9	91%
Iowa													
Grassley (R)		✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	13%	30	248	11%
Harkin (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	219	14	94%
Kansas													
Brownback, Sam (R)		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	?	0%	2	113	2%
Roberts (R)		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	4	114	3%

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	AFSCME Position	Right	Wrong	% Right								
Kentucky												
McConnell (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	19	228	8%
Bunning (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	4	95	4%
Louisiana												
Landrieu (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100	17	85%
Vitter (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	?	X	0%	0	50	0%
Maine												
Snowe (R)	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	50%	54	82	40%
Collins (R)	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	50%	42	76	36%
Maryland												
Mikulski (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	217	7	97%
Cardin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	35	0	100%
Massachusetts												
Kerry (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	225	13	95%
Brown, Scott (R)	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	13%	1	7	13%
Michigan												
Levin, C. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	275	16	95%
Stabenow (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	86	1	99%
Minnesota												
Klobuchar (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	35	0	100%
Franken, Al (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	12	0	100%
Mississippi												
Cochran (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	33	255	11%
Wicker (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	1	27	4%

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AFSCME Position		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Missouri													
Bond (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	31	195	14%
McCaskill (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	33	1	97%
Montana													
Baucus, M. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	231	55	81%
Tester (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	33	2	94%
Nebraska													
Nelson, Ben (D)		X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	50%	58	29	67%
Johanns (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	1	16	6%
Nevada													
Reid, H. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	209	18	92%
Ensign (R)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	2	81	2%
New Hampshire													
Gregg (R)		X	X	X	X	✓	X	?	?	17%	9	144	6%
Shaheen (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	19	0	100%
New Jersey													
Lautenberg (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	67	0	100%
Menendez (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	43	0	100%
New Mexico													
Bingaman (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	238	18	93%
Udall, T. (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100	0	100%
New York													
Schumer (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	96	3	97%
Gillibrand (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	36	0	100%

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North Carolina												
Burr, Richard (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	?	X	0%	1	49	2%
Hagan (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%	18	1	95%
North Dakota												
Conrad (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	200	28	88%
Dorgan (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	143	10	93%
Ohio												
Voinovich (R)	X	✓	X	X	X	X	?	X	14%	19	78	20%
Brown, Sherrod (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	35	0	100%
Oklahoma												
Inhofe (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	?	X	0%	2	131	2%
Coburn (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	50	0%
Oregon												
Wyden (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	115	10	92%
Merkley (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	19	0	100%
Pennsylvania												
Specter (D)	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	148	111	57%
Casey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	35	0	100%
Rhode Island												
Reed, J. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	116	1	99%
Whitehouse (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	35	0	100%
South Carolina												
Graham (R)	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	13%	4	62	6%
DeMint (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%	0	51	0%

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South Dakota													
Johnson, Tim (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	102	7	94%
Thune (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	2	49	4%
Tennessee													
Alexander, L. (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	7	60	10%
Corker (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	3	32	9%
Texas													
Hutchison (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	?	✗	✗	0%	13	138	9%
Cornyn (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	65	2%
Utah													
Hatch (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	33	271	11%
Bennett, B. (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	9	148	6%
Vermont													
Leahy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	295	25	92%
Sanders (I)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	34	0	100%
Virginia													
Webb (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	88%	33	2	94%
Warner (D)	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	86%	17	1	94%
Washington													
Murray (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	146	8	95%
Cantwell (D)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%	82	5	94%
West Virginia													
Byrd (D) <i>deceased</i>	✓	✓	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	100%	281	46	86%
Rockefeller (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	223	15	94%
Manchin (D)	?	?	?	?	?	✓	✗	✓	✓	67%	2	1	67%

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Wisconsin

Kohl, H. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	186	26	88%
Feingold (D)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	75%	145	12	92%

Wyoming

Enzi (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	3	113	3%
Barrasso (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	30	3%

