



CONGRESSIONAL SCORECARD

115th Congress First Session

How to Judge a Member's Voting Record

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2017 SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. Paving the Way to Repeal the Affordable Care Act

AFSCME Position: No

The Senate budget resolution (S. Con. Res. 3) established a path for congressional leaders to draft a bill behind closed doors that would repeal of the Affordable Care Act and cut Medicaid without holding hearings or going through the normal legislative process. The resolution passed the Senate on January 4 by a vote of 51 to 48. Roll Call vote 1. This resolution was also approved by the House and did not require action by the President to be implemented.

2. Confirmation of Nominee for Education

AFSCME Position: No

With Vice President Pence casting a tie-breaking vote, the Senate voted to confirm President Trump's nomination of Elizabeth DeVos to serve as Secretary of the Department of Education. AFSCME opposed DeVos' nomination due to her lack of experience and her support for proposals to privatize public education. DeVos was confirmed by the Senate on February 7 by a vote of 51 to 50. Roll Call vote 54.

3. Confirmation of Attorney General

AFSCME Position: No

The Senate voted to confirm President Trump's nomination of Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) to serve as Attorney General of the United States. AFSCME opposed Sessions' nomination because he does not possess the sense of fairness and justice needed to serve as the nation's chief law enforcement officer. Sessions has worked to undermine the voting rights of people of color and is an adamant opponent of comprehensive immigration reform. Sessions was confirmed by the Senate on February 8 by a vote of 52 to 47. Roll Call vote 59.

4. Confirmation of Nominee for Health and Human Services

AFSCME Position: No

The Senate voted to confirm President Trump's nomination of Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) to serve as Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. AFSCME opposed Price's nomination because he supports raising the age of Medicare eligibility from 65 to 67, across-the-board cuts to Social Security benefits, radical cuts to Medicaid and repealing the Affordable Care Act. Price was confirmed by the Senate on February 10 by a vote of 52 to 47. Roll Call vote 61.

5. Undermining Worker Safety

AFSCME Position: No

This bill (H.J. Res. 83) repealed a rule issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) that requires employers to keep accurate injury and illness records. These records help to identify working conditions that put workers at greatest risk. The regulation had been in place for decades, but was overturned by a court in 2012. This bill repealed the clarifying rule issued by OSHA following the court's decision. The bill passed the Senate on March 22 by a vote of 50 to 48. Roll Call vote 93. This bill became law on April 3.

6. Confirmation of Nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court

AFSCME Position: No

The Senate voted to confirm President Trump's nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to fill a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court. AFSCME opposed Gorsuch because his judicial philosophy is far outside the mainstream and his opinions show a strong pattern of favoring corporate interests over the rights of workers and consumers. During his confirmation hearing, Judge Gorsuch was unwilling to give his views about previous U.S. Supreme Court rulings, including a key civil rights decision. Gorsuch was confirmed by the Senate on April 7 by a vote of 54 to 45. Roll Call vote 111.

7. Taking Health Care Away from Millions

AFSCME Position: No

An amended version of the American Health Care Act (H.R. 1628) would repeal core elements of the Affordable Care Act, taking health care away from millions of people and driving up premiums by 20% for others. The bill was defeated by the Senate on July 28 by a vote of 51 to 49. Roll Call vote 179.

8. Confirmation of Nominee for Labor Board

AFSCME Position: No

The Senate voted to confirm President Trump's nomination of William Emanuel to serve on the National Labor Relations Board, which oversees organizing rights for private sector workers. Emanuel, who worked for a top union busting firm, is the wrong choice to serve at the helm of a federal agency created to encourage collective bargaining. The Senate confirmed Emanuel on September 25 by a vote of 49 to 47. Roll Call vote 203.

9. Paving the Way for Massive Tax Cuts

AFSCME Position: No

This budget resolution (H. Con. Res. 71) set up a process to allow congressional leaders to draft a major tax cut bill behind closed doors, without getting public input or going through the normal legislative process to allow for bipartisan discussion. The resolution passed the Senate on October 19 by a vote of 51 to 49. Roll Call vote 245.

10. Cutting Taxes for the Wealthy and Corporations

AFSCME Position: No

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (H.R. 1) cuts taxes for the wealthy and corporations, while raising taxes on millions of working families over the long-run. The bill encourages corporations to move jobs overseas and changes the Affordable Care Act in a way that will cause 13 million people to lose their health coverage. The bill increases deficits by more than \$1.5 trillion over ten years, increasing pressure to cut spending on education, transportation and other public services. The bill passed the Senate on December 20 by a vote of 51 to 48. Roll Call vote 323. This bill became law on December 22.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		Right	Wrong	% Right
AFSCME Position	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N				
Alabama														
Sessions (R)* - Resigned -	✗	✗	?	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0%	5	152	3%
Shelby (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	53	208	20%
Strange (R)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✗	✗	✗	✗	?	✗	✗	0%	0	6	0%
Alaska														
Murkowski (R)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	20%	30	86	26%
Sullivan (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	23	0%
Arizona														
Flake (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	10	126	7%
McCain (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	?	10%	35	213	14%
Arkansas														
Boozman (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	4	122	3%
Cotton (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	40	0%
California														
Feinstein (D)	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	186	19	91%
Harris, K. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	10	0	100%
Colorado														
Bennet (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	66	3	96%
Gardner (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	2	50	4%

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AFSCME Position	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N		Right	Wrong	% Right

Connecticut

Blumenthal (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	50	0	100%
Murphy, C. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	85	1	99%

Delaware

Carper (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	197	42	82%
Coons (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	52	1	98%

Florida

Nelson (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	173	52	77%
Rubio (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	?	✗	✗	0%	3	43	7%

Georgia

Isakson (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	?	?	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	5	138	3%
Perdue (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	22	4%

Hawaii

Hirono (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	86	0	100%
Schatz (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	34	0	100%

Idaho

Crapo (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	6	194	3%
Risch (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	68	0%

Illinois

Duckworth (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	39	1	98%
Durbin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	313	12	96%

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AFSCME Position	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N					
Indiana															
Coats (R)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	19	191	9%
Donnelly (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	90%	73	11	87%	
Young, T. (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	57	2%	
Iowa															
Ernst (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	23	0%	
Grassley (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	36	345	9%	
Kansas															
Moran (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	15	147	9%	
Roberts (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	10	225	4%	
Kentucky															
McConnell (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	21	276	7%	
Paul (R)	✓	✗	✗	✗	?	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	22%	7	42	14%	
Louisiana															
Cassidy (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	22	4%	
Kennedy, John (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	10	0%	
Maine															
Collins (R)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	20%	62	109	36%	
King, A. (I)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	35	1	97%	
Maryland															
Cardin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	270	11	96%	
Van Hollen (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	125	0	100%	

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Massachusetts

Markey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	355	11	97%
Warren (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	37	0	100%

Michigan

Peters, G. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	71	3	96%
Stabenow (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	165	2	99%

Minnesota

Franken (D)* - Resigned -	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	62	0	100%
Klobuchar (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	85	0	100%

Mississippi

Cochran (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	?	✗	✗	0%	47	341	12%
Wicker (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	8	186	4%

Missouri

Blunt (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	5	155	3%
McCaskill (D)	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	77	4	95%

Montana

Daines (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	39	3%
Tester (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	79	6	93%

Nebraska

Fischer (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	36	3%
Sasse (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	23	0%

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Nevada														
Cortez Masto (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	10	0	100%
Heller (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	16	67	19%
New Hampshire														
Hassan (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	10	0	100%
Shaheen (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	68	1	99%
New Jersey														
Booker (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	32	0	100%
Menendez (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	100%	206	3	99%
New Mexico														
Heinrich (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	68	0	100%
Udall (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	150	0	100%
New York														
Gillibrand (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	85	0	100%
Schumer (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	308	10	97%
North Carolina														
Burr (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	11	180	6%
Tillis (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	22	4%
North Dakota														
Heitkamp (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	90%	33	4	89%
Hoeven (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	5	35	13%

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AFSCME Position	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N				
Ohio														
Brown, S. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	203	5	98%
Portman (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	8	151	5%
Oklahoma														
Inhofe (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	12	259	4%
Lankford (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	2	82	2%
Oregon														
Merkley (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	68	1	99%
Wyden (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	315	23	93%
Pennsylvania														
Casey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	84	0	100%
Toomey (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	3	94	3%
Rhode Island														
Reed, J. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	252	4	98%
Whitehouse (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	85	0	100%
South Carolina														
Graham, L. (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	7	106	6%
Scott, T. (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	0	50	0%
South Dakota														
Rounds (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	22	4%
Thune (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	6	141	4%

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AFSCME Position	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N				
Tennessee														
Alexander (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	11	106	9%
Corker (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	10	75	12%
Texas														
Cornyn (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	3	112	3%
Cruz (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	29	3%
Utah														
Hatch (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	38	316	11%
Lee, M. (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	2	47	4%
Vermont														
Leahy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	345	25	93%
Sanders (I)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	235	6	98%
Virginia														
Kaine (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	35	2	95%
Warner (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	62	3	95%
Washington														
Cantwell (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	146	10	94%
Murray (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	194	9	96%
West Virginia														
Capito (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	26	108	19%
Manchin (D)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	80%	45	7	87%

Key: ✓ voted with AFSCME's position; ✗ voted against AFSCME's position; ? did not vote.

SENATE VOTING RECORD 2017



	Paving the Way to Repeat the Affordable Care Act	Confirmation of Nominee for Education	Confirmation of Attorney General	Confirmation of Nominee for Health and Human Services	Undermining Worker Safety	Confirmation of Nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court	Taking Health Care Away from Millions	Confirmation of Nominee for Labor Board	Paving the Way for Massive Tax Cuts	Cutting Taxes for the Wealthy and Corporations		Career Cumulative Record		
Vote Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Session Support PERCENTAGE	Right	Wrong	% Right
AFSCME Position	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N				
Wisconsin														
Baldwin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	147	0	100%
Johnson, R. (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	1	49	2%
Wyoming														
Barrasso (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	2	78	3%
Enzi (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	3	161	2%