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Jewish Community Voter Guide

This guide contains the voting records of members of the United States Congress on issues of concern to the Jewish community. Included are key votes on Israel, economic recovery, hate crimes, energy policy, consumer protection, school vouchers, health care, employment discrimination, the environment and more.

HOW LAWS ARE MADE

Laws may be initiated in either chamber of Congress, the House of Representatives or the Senate. As the majority of laws originate in the House of Representatives, this summary will focus principally on the procedure in that body.

- I. When a Representative has an idea for a new law, s/he becomes the sponsor of that bill and introduces it by giving it to the clerk of the House or by placing it in a box, called the hopper. The clerk assigns a legislative number to the bill, with H.R. for bills introduced in the House and S. for bills introduced in the Senate. The Government Printing Office (GPO) then prints the bill and distributes copies to each representative.
- 2. Next, the bill is assigned to a committee (the House has 22 standing committees, each with jurisdiction over bills in certain areas) by the Speaker of the House so that it can be studied.

The standing committee (or often a subcommittee) studies the bill and hears testimony from experts and people interested in the bill. The committee then may release the bill with a recommendation to pass it, or revise the bill and release it, or lay it aside so that the House cannot vote on it. Releasing the bill is called reporting it out, while laying it aside is called tabling.

- 3. If the bill is released, it then goes on a calendar (a list of bills awaiting action). Here the House Rules Committee may call for the bill to be voted on quickly, limit the debate, or limit or prohibit amendments. Undisputed bills may be passed by unanimous consent, or by a two-thirds vote if members agree to suspend the rules.
- 4. The bill now goes to the floor of the House for consideration and begins with a complete reading of the bill (sometimes this is the only complete reading). A third reading (title only) occurs after any amendments have been added. If the bill passes by simple majority (218 of 435), the bill moves to the Senate.
- 5. In order to be introduced in the Senate, a senator must be recognized by the Presiding Officer and announce the introduction of the bill. Sometimes, when a bill has passed in one house, it becomes known as an act; however, this term usually means a bill that has been passed by both houses and becomes law.
- 6. Just as in the House, the bill then is assigned to a committee. It is assigned to one of the Senate's 16 standing committees by the Presiding Officer. The Senate committee studies and either releases or tables the bill just like the House standing committee.
- 7. Once released, the bill goes to the Senate floor for consideration. Bills are voted on in the Senate based on the order they come from the committee; however, an urgent bill may be pushed ahead by leaders of the majority party. When the Senate considers the bill, they can vote on it indefinitely. When there is no more debate, the bill is voted on. A simple majority (51 of 100) passes the bill.
- 8. The bill now moves onto a conference committee, which is made up of members from each chamber. The committee works out any differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The revised bill is sent back to both the House and Senate for their final approval. Once approved, the bill is printed by the Government Printing Office (GPO) in a process called enrolling. The clerk from the introducing chamber certifies the final version.
- 9. The enrolled bill is now signed by the Speaker of the House and then the Vice President. Finally, it is sent for presidential consideration. The President has 10 days to sign or veto the enrolled bill. If the President vetoes the bill, it can still become a law if two-thirds of the Senate and two-thirds of the House then vote in favor of the bill.

- 1. H Res 34 Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Berman (D-CA) motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express support and a commitment for the security of Israel, express that Hamas must end attacks against Israel, and reiterate support for a negotiated resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Motion agreed to 390-5; 1/9/09. (A 2/3 majority of those present and voting is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.)
- 2. HR 384 Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP)/Passage. Bill that would set conditions on the use of the second \$350 billion provided in the 2008 financial industry bailout law. It would require the Treasury to commit between \$40 billion and \$100 billion for foreclosure mitigation and authorize the Treasury to provide assistance to domestic automobile manufacturers. Restrictions on executive compensation could be applied retroactively to institutions that have already received assistance. Passed 260-166; 1/21/09. Referred to the Senate Finance Committee 1/22/09.
- 3. S 18 Wage Discrimination/Passage (The Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009). Bill that would amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act to make it easier for employees to bring wage discrimination suits. It is a reversal of the Supreme Court's 2007 decision in Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., in which the court ruled that workers suing for pay restitution had to do so within 180 days of the first discriminatory paycheck. The bill resets the statute of limitations, allowing an employee 180 days to file a discrimination complaint after receiving a paycheck, rather than only after the initial instance of pay discrimination. Passed 250-177; 1/27/09. Signed into law 1/29/09.
- 4. HR 2 Children's Health Insurance/Passage. Waxman (D-CA) motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would reauthorize and increase funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). To offset the cost, it would increase the federal tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products. It would remove a five-year waiting period for new, legal immigrants and loosen citizenship and eligibility documentation requirements. The bill would limit program eligibility to families earning three times the federal poverty level or less and would require states to phase out coverage of childless adults. Motion agreed to 290-135; 2/4/09. Signed into law 2/4/09.
- 5. HR I Economic Stimulus/Conference Report. Conference report on the bill to provide an estimated \$787.2 billion in tax cuts and spending increases to stimulate the economy, prevent the alternative minimum tax from applying to millions of additional taxpayers in 2009 and increase the ceiling on federal borrowing. Adopted 246-183; 2/13/09. Signed into law 2/17/09.

- 6. HR 146 Public Lands Designation/Motion to Concur. Rahall (D-WV) motion to concur in Senate amendments to the bill that would designate more than 2 million new acres of protected wilderness areas nationwide. These areas would be blocked from new oil and gas leasing, logging, mining and commerical development; access to hunting, fishing or trapping activities allowed by law would not be restricted. Motion agreed to 285-140; 3/25/09. Signed into law 3/30/09.
- 7. S Con Res 13 FY 2010 Budget Resolution/Conference Report. Conference report on the concurrent resolution to allow up to \$1.086 trillion in non-emergency discretionary spending for FY 2010, plus \$130 billion in FY 2010 for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. It would assume \$764 billion in tax cuts over 5 years, tax cuts for households earning less than \$250,000, a provision to keep additional taxpayers from paying the alternative minimum tax and a permanent extension of the 2009 estate tax levels. It includes reconciliation instructions to House and Senate committees to report \$2 billion in savings, presumably from health care and student loan programs, by Oct. 15. It would create a deficit-neutral reserve fund for health care and climate change legislation. Adopted 233-193; 4/29/09.
- 8. HR 1913 Hate Crimes Prosecution/Passage. Bill that would expand federal hate crimes law to cover sexual orientation, gender or disability, and prescribe specific penalties if firearms are used or if crimes involve kidnapping or murder. The bill would authorize grants to law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute hate crimes, and funds through 2010 for additional Justice Department personnel to address hate crimes. Passed 249-175; 4/29/09. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
- 9. HR 627 Credit Card Company Regulations/Motion to Concur. Frank (D-MA) motion to concur in certain provisions of the Senate amendment to the bill that would add consumer protections to credit card company lending practices. Not included is a measure contained in the Senate version of the bill [see Senate vote 9] that would bar the Interior Department from prohibiting an individual from possessing a firearm in national parks or wildlife refuges. The bill's provisions would take effect in nine months. Motion agreed to 361-64; 5/20/09. The Senate version of this bill was signed into law 5/22/09.
- 10. HR 2454 Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Passage. Bill that would create a cap-and-trade system to limit greenhouse gas emissions and set new requirements for electric utilities. The bill would set emissions limits at 17 percent below current levels in 2020, expanding to 83 percent in 2050. It would require utilities to produce 15 percent of the nation's electricity from renewable sources by 2020. Passed 219-212; 6/26/09. Placed on Senate legislative calendar.

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11 Clarke	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	
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21 Tonko	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
22 Hinchey	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
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28 Slaughter	Y	γ	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	Y	Y	γ	Y	
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2 Schmidt	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	
3 Turner	Y	Υ	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	
4 Jordan	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
5 Latta	Y	N	N Y	N Y	N Y	N Y	N Y	N Y	N Y	N N	
6 Wilson	Y	Υ									

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25	Doggett	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y
26	Burgess	Y	N	N	N	N	N	NV	NV	Y	N
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DESCRIPTION OF SENATE VOTES

- 1. S 181 Wage Discrimination/Passage (The Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009). Bill that would amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act to make it easier for employees to bring wage discrimination suits. It is a reversal of the Supreme Court's 2007 decision in Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., in which the court ruled that workers suing for pay restitution had to do so within 180 days of the first discriminatory paycheck. The bill resets the statute of limitations, allowing an employee 180 days to file a discrimination complaint after receiving a paycheck, rather than only after the initial instance of pay discrimination. Passed 61-36; 1/22/09. Signed into law 1/29/09.
- 2. HR 2 Children's Health Insurance/Passage. Bill that would reauthorize and increase funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). To offset the cost, it would increase the federal tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products. It would remove a five-year waiting period for new, legal immigrants and loosen citizenship and eligibility documentation requirements. The bill would limit program eligibility to families earning three times the federal poverty level or less and would require states to phase out coverage of childless adults. Passed 66-32; 1/29/09. Signed into law 2/4/09.
- 3. HR I Economic Stimulus/Conference Report. Conference report on the bill to provide an estimated \$787.2 billion in tax cuts and spending increases to stimulate the economy, prevent the alternative minimum tax from applying to millions of additional taxpayers in 2009 and increase the ceiling on federal borrowing. (A motion to waive the Budget Act preceded this vote and Senators cast a single vote that applied to both.) Motion and vote agreed to 60-38; 2/13/09. Signed into law 2/17/09.
- 4. HR 1105 FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations/Abortion and Sterilization. Wicker (R-MS) amendment that would eliminate language in the bill that would allow the U.N. Population Fund to use funds from the bill for specific purposes, including providing contraceptives and reducing child marriage, even if those funds would otherwise be withheld from UNFPA under U.S. laws barring funds for groups that support or participate in coercive abortion programs. Rejected 39-55; 3/5/09.

- 5. HR 1105 FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations/D.C. School Vouchers. Ensign (R-NV) amendment to strike a provision to eliminate funds for the District of Columbia school voucher program after the 2009-10 school year, unless the program is reauthorized by Congress and approved by the DC government. Rejected 39-58; 3/10/09.
- 6. HR 146 Public Lands Bill/Passage. Bill that would designate more than 2 million new acres of protected wilderness areas nationwide. These areas would be blocked from new oil and gas leasing, logging, mining and commerical development; access to hunting, fishing or trapping activities allowed by law would not be restricted. Passed 77-20; 3/19/09. Signed into law 3/30/09.
- 7. S Con Res 13 FY 2010 Budget Resolution/Conference Report. Conference report on the concurrent resolution to allow up to \$1.086 trillion in non-emergency discretionary spending for FY 2010, plus \$130 billion in FY 2010 for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. It would assume \$764 billion in tax cuts over 5 years, tax cuts for households earning less than \$250,000, a provision to keep additional taxpayers from paying the alternative minimum tax and a permanent extension of the 2009 estate tax levels. It includes reconciliation instructions to House and Senate committees to report \$2 billion in savings, presumably from health care and student loan programs, by Oct. 15. It would create a deficit-neutral reserve fund for health care and climate change legislation. Adopted 53-43; 4/29/09.
- 8. HR 627 Credit Card Company Regulations/Firearms in National Parks. Coburn (R-OK) amendment to the Dodd (D-CT) substitute bill to add consumer protections to credit card company lending practices. The Coburn amendment would bar the Interior Department from prohibiting an individual from possessing a firearm in a national park or wildlife refuge. Adopted 67-29; 5/12/09.
- 9.HR 627 Credit Card Company Regulations/Passage. Bill to add consumer protections to credit card company lending practices. Included is a measure not contained in the House version of the bill [see House vote 9] that would bar the Interior Department from prohibiting an individual from possessing a firearm in national parks or wildlife refuges. The bill's provisions would take effect nine months after enactment. Passed 90-5; 5/19/09. Signed into law 5/22/09.

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Cochran	N	N	N	Υ	Υ	Y	N	Υ	Y
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Baucus	Υ	Υ	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Υ	Y
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RHODE ISLAND									
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Whitehouse	Υ	Y	Y	N	N	Υ	Y	N	Y
SOUTH CAROLINA									
DeMint	N	N	N	Υ	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Graham	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Johnson	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N
Thune	N	N	N	Υ	Y	N	N	Y	N
TENNESSEE									
Alexander	N	Υ	N	Υ	Y	Υ	N	N	N
Corker	N	Y	N	Υ	Y	Υ	N	Y	Y
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Cornyn	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
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Bennett	N	N	N	Υ	Y	Υ	N	Y	N
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Sanders	Υ	Y	Y	N	N	Υ	Y	Y	Y
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Warner	Υ	Y	Υ	N	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y
Webb	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Cantwell	Υ	Y	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ
Murray	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Υ	Y	N	Y
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Byrd	Υ	Y	Υ	N	Y	Υ	N	Y	N۷
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Feingold	Υ	Y	Y	N	N	Υ	Y	Y	Y
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WYOMING									
Barrasso	N	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ
Enzi	N	N	N	Υ	Y	Υ	N	Υ	Υ

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Democrats

Republicans

Independents

Y = "Yes" (vote in favor of the measure described in vote description)

N = "No" (vote against the measure described in vote description)

NV = No vote recorded on the measure described in vote description

Blank space indicates that person was not in office when votes were sest.

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