

ADA TODAY

1990 ADA VOTING RECORD

ONE STEP FORWARD, TWO STEPS BACK

Americans for Democratic Action, Inc. is proud to present its 43rd Annual Voting Record -- the oldest interest group rating of the U.S. Congress. Since 1947, ADA's Voting Record has been used by Congress watchers, historians, political scientists, reporters, and interested citizens as a measure of how our Senators and Representatives have voted on issues such as: civil rights, family rights, worker rights, artistic freedoms, arms control, the environment, and economic justice.

Inside you will find a description of the 18 votes used by ADA this year and a breakdown detailing how each member voted.

The Presidential Veto: A Powerful Roadblock

The Second Session of the 101st Congress began with a bang and ended with a whimper. As 1990 began, Congress seemed ready to set aside the wrangling, ugly tenor of 1989, seize the initiative and move its agenda forward. Instead, all too often, the Congressional leadership fell prey to caution dictated by presidential popularity polls.

Thus in 1990, we again witnessed the trend begun during the first session of the 101st Congress. Time and again, Congress presented the nation with watered down legislation designed to address critical domestic social problems and then failed to successfully confront an Administration wielding the veto stick. The result was a disaster for the legislative agenda. The Bush Administration proved itself bereft in crafting a social policy designed to meet our nation's critical needs and Congress proved unable to pass even moderate legislation over President Bush's vetoes.

The Civil Rights Act veto was especially difficult to swallow. Democrats and Republicans had worked all Spring and Summer to produce a bill which did not contain the spurious "quota" language which the Bush Administration kept referring to as objectionable. The final bill sent to the President was a much watered down version of its original self, yet Bush still clung to the "quota" rhetoric and vetoed it. The veto override attempt fell two votes short in the Senate.

Speaker Thomas Foley has made the Civil Rights Act a high priority for the 102nd Congress. November election results could help the Democrats gain the political leverage they need to override another Bush veto. However, the Republican National Party has vowed to make quotas its number one issue in the 1992 elections and that fact alone could

make some wavering members even more cautious. As always, ADA will be lobbying hard for this vital bill.
Steps Forward

There were some bright spots during 1990's legislative session. In June, the President signed the Americans with Disabilities Act and took some conservative heat for inviting homosexual rights organizations to the signing ceremony. This act extends civil rights to individuals with disabilities: physical and mental, as well as victims of AIDS.

Also in June, Congress displayed the courage to vote down again a proposed Constitutional Amendment which would have banned flag desecration. This action came despite some vows to make the issue a "hot button" in the November elections. Former ADA President, Rep. Don Edwards (D-CA), took a leading role in the fight against the Bush Administration

LIBERAL HEROES IN 1990 Members of Congress Who Scored 100%

HOUSE

Howard Berman (CA)
William Coyne (PA)
Ronald Dellums (CA)
Julian Dixon (CA)
Thomas Downey (NY)
Mervyn Dymally (CA)
Don Edwards (CA)
Eliot Engel (NY)
Lane Evans (IL)
Henry Gonzales (TX)
Charles Hayes (IL)
Robert Kastenmeier (WI)
Mel Levine (CA)
John Lewis (GA)
Nita Lowey (NY)
George Miller (CA)
Robert Mrazek (NY)
Nancy Pelosi (CA)
Edward Roybal (CA)
Patricia Schroeder (CO)
Fortney Stark (CA)
Louis Stokes (OH)
Gerry Studds (MA)
Bruce Vento (MN)
Henry Waxman (CA)
Ted Weiss (NY)
Alan Wheat (MO)
Howard Wolpe (MI)
Sydney Yates (IL)

SENATE

Daniel Akaka (HI)
Alan Cranston (CA)
Edward Kennedy (MA)
Frank Lautenberg (NJ)

and Senator Bob Kerrey (D-NE) proved that one can be both a patriot and against the proposed amendment.

Budget Negotiations: Democrats Almost Leave the Middle of the Road

This year's budget negotiations, though time consuming and onerous, heralded a recommitment of the Democratic party to the average American. After initially abdicating Congressional leadership to budget summiters, an unlikely pairing of Liberal Democrats and Conservative Republicans defeated the disasterous Summit Budget Agreement. The euphoria among liberals died, however, and the final budget package did not go far enough to completely correct regressive taxation. Noted ADA President, Rep. Charles Rangel, the agreement was based more on a desire to "get a deal and go home [for elections]" than on sound, fair fiscal policy.

Justice not Done

The resignation of Justice William Brennan from the Supreme Court came as a shock and a blow to individuals across the country. Justice Brennan's leadership had proved invaluable throughout his years on the bench. The Bush Administration wasted no time in nominating an unknown -- Judge David H. Souter -- to the open seat. Though little was known about the man, what his sketchy record and writings did reveal was a man all too willing to sacrifice individual liberties on the altar of political expediency. ADA and other organizations called for the Senate to vote down the Souter nomination, but at the final vote, only 9 Senators voted against confirmation. ADA salutes those nine for their courage and for recognizing that the Senate must take a co-equal role with the President in any Supreme Court nomination.

The Road Ahead

ADA is looking forward to another exciting year in Congress (our legislative priorities are detailed on the last page). The November elections have provided both chambers with new liberal faces. The war in the Persian Gulf, the S&I crisis and a need to take a fresh look at domestic spending priorities all present a challenge for our nation. We cannot afford to let the war in the Middle East divert our attention from our needs at home. ADA hopes, and will work to ensure, that Congress will move to seize the initiative and craft a legislative program that will address the multitude of domestic problems aggressively and creatively.

from Americans for Democratic Action, Inc.

SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

Key to Descriptions: LQ Vote #/Short Title/Bill #/Description/Resolution/Tally/ADA position in bold/Date

1. CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS - S. 1630
Mitchell (D-ME) motion to table (kill) the Wirth (D-CO) amendment to provide for tailpipe emission reductions, reformulated gasoline, and clean-fuel vehicle use in the smoggiest cities.

PASSED 52-46 (N = +) 3/20/90.

2. RACIAL JUSTICE ACT - S.1970

Graham (D-FL) motion to strike provisions that would prohibit the death sentence in state and federal cases if a defendant could prove with statistical or other evidence that his race or the victim's played a role in sentencing.

PASSED 58-38 (N = +) 5/24/90.

3. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT - S.933

Mitchell (D-ME) motion to table (kill) the Helms (R-NC) motion to instruct Senate conferees to agree to allow employers to transfer a worker with a communicable disease out of a food-handling position, provided that the employer offers another position in which the employee would sustain no economic damage. (Subsequently, the Helms motion was adopted by voice vote).

REJECTED 40-53 (Y = +) 6/6/90.

4. HATCH ACT VETO OVERRIDE - H.R. 20

Attempt to override President Bush's June 15 veto of the bill to allow greater political activity by federal employees and to protect them from political pressure.

REJECTED 65-35 (67 needed) (Y = +) 6/21/90.

5. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON THE FLAG - S.J.Res. 332

Passage of the joint resolution to propose an amendment to the Constitution to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. flag.

REJECTED 58-42 (67 needed) (N = +) 6/26/90.

6. ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN - S. 1970

DeConcini (D-AZ) amendment to prohibit for three years the making, selling and possessing of nine types of semiautomatic assault-style weapons.

PASSED 50-48 (Y = +) 6/28/90.

7. DEATH PENALTY - S. 1970

Hatfield (R-OR) amendment to substitute mandatory life imprisonment without the possibility of release for the death penalty in all cases defined in the bill.

REJECTED 25-73 (Y = +) 6/29/90.

8. CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1990 - S. 2104
Passage of the bill to reverse or modify six recent Supreme Court decisions that narrowed the reach and remedies of job discrimination laws and to authorize monetary damages under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

PASSED 65-34 (Y = +) 7/18/90.

9. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM - S. 137

Hatch (R-UT) amendment to limit to the cost of collective-bargaining activities the fees non-union members must pay in closed-shop states and allow union members to request a refund for any dues spent on political activities.

REJECTED 41-59 (N = +) 7/31/90.

10. B-2 BOMBER - S. 2884

Leahy (D-VT) amendment to cancel \$2.75 billion in procurement and advanced procurement funds for the B-2 stealth bomber; complete construction only on the 6 B-2s that will be used for flight testing; and use \$3 billion in unobligated funds for termination costs.

REJECTED 43-56 (Y = +) 8/2/90.

11. STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE - S. 2884

Nunn (D-GA) motion to table (kill) the Bumpers (D-AR) amendment to cut \$594 million from the amount authorized for the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).

PASSED 56-41 (N = +) 8/4/90.

12. FAMILY PLANNING COUNSELING-TITLE X - S. 110

Chafee (R-RI) amendment to specify that pregnant women receiving family planning services at federally funded facilities, upon request, be advised of all their legal and medical options, including abortion.

PASSED 62-36 (Y = +) 9/25/90.

13. VOTER REGISTRATION - S. 874

Motion to invoke cloture (thus limiting debate) on the motion to proceed to the bill to require states to permit voter registration simultaneously with applying for a driver's license.

REJECTED 55-42 (60 needed) (Y = +) 9/26/90.

14. JUSTICE SOUTER NOMINATION

Confirmation of President Bush's nomination of David H. Souter of New Hampshire to be an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

CONFIRMED 90-9 (N = +) 10/2/90.

15. FAMILY PLANNING - LABOR/HHS APPROPRIATIONS - H.R. 5257

Harkin (D-IA) motion to table (kill) the Armstrong (R-CO) amendment which would require organizations receiving federal funds to notify a minor's parent or legal guardian 48 hours before performing an abortion for her, unless there is a medical emergency. (Subsequently, the Armstrong amendment was adopted by voice vote.)

REJECTED 48-48 (Y = +) 10/12/90.

16. BUDGET RECONCILIATION - S. 3209

Gore (D-TN) motion to waive a point of order and amend the Budget Act so as to burst the income tax rate bubble; increase the alternative minimum tax from 21% to 25%; provide a surtax of 10% on taxable income above \$1 million; delete all of the new burdens placed on Medicare recipients; reduce the increase in the gas tax from 9.5 cents to 6 cents per gallon; and remove all the provisions that would disallow 5% of itemized deductions on the portion of income above \$100,000.

REJECTED 45-55 (60 needed) (Y = +) 11/18/90.

17. AID TO EL SALVADOR - H.R. 5114

Leahy (D-VT) amendment to reduce military aid to the government of El Salvador by 50% and link future military aid to improvements in human rights and progress toward a negotiated peace settlement.

PASSED 74-25 (Y = +) 10/19/90.

18. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS - H.R. 5769

Helms (R-NC) amendment to prohibit the N.E.A. from using federal funds to promote, distribute, disseminate or produce materials that depict or describe, in a patently offensive way, sexual or excretory activities or organs.

REJECTED 29-70 (N = +) 10/24/90.

SENATE AVERAGES

	1990	1989
Combined	49%	45%
Democrats	72%	70%
Republicans	20%	15%

HOUSE AVERAGES

	1990	1989
Democrats	71%	73%
Republicans	19%	15%
Combined	49%	50%

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SHELBY	--	--	+	--	--	+	+	--	--	+	+	--	--	--	+	+	--	33	
Stevens	A	--	+	--	--	--	+	--	--	+	--	--	+	--	+	+		33	
Murkowski	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	A	+	--	--	--	--	+	+		11	
DECONCINI	+	--	A	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	+	+		61	
McCain	+	--	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		11	
BUMPERS	--	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+		72	
FRYOR	--	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+		67	
CRANSTON	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		100	
Wilson	+	--	A	--	--	--	--	A	--	A	A	A	A	--	--	+		17	
Armstrong	+	--	--	--	--	A	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		6	
WIRTH	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		83	
DODD	--	+	A	+	+	--	+	+	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	+		61	
LIBERMAN	+	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+		83	
Roth	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	--	+	--		22	
BIDEN	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+		83	
GRAHAM	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	--	--	+	--	--	--	--	+	+		67	
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POWLER	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	--	+	+	+	+		72	
INOUE	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		72	
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SIMON	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94	
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HARKIN	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94	
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MITCHELL	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		83	
SARRANES	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+		83	
MIKULSKI	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94	
KENNEDY	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		100	
KURRY	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94	
RIEGLE	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+		83	
LEVIN	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+		78	
Durenberger	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	--	--	--	A	--	--	--	+	+		44	
Boschwitz	+	--	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	+	+		22	
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Burns	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		6
NE EXON	--	--	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	--	--	--	+	--	+	+	--		33
KERREY	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		83
NV REID	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	+	+		61
BRYAN	+	--	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	+	+		56
NH Humphrey	--	--	--	--	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	A	--	--	+	--	--		11
Rudman	--	--	--	--	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	A	--	--	+	--	--		17
NJ BRADLEY	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94
LAUTENBERG	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		100
NM Domenici	--	--	+	--	--	--	--	+	--	--	A	--	--	--	A	--	+		22
BINGAMAN	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		67
NY MOYNIHAN	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94
D'Amato	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	+		28
NC Helms	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		6
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ND BURDICK	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		89
CONRAD	+	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		67
OH GLENN	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		89
METZENBAUM	--	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+		78
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Packwood	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		72
PA Heinz	--	--	--	+	--	--	--	+	--	--	--	+	--	--	+	--	+		33
Specter	--	--	--	+	--	--	--	+	--	--	--	+	--	--	+	--	+		39
RI PELL	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94
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SD Pressler	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	+		22
DASCHLE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		83
TN SASSER	--	+	--	--	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		72
GORE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		78
TX BENTSEN	--	--	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	--	--	+	+	--	--	+	+		44
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VT LEAHY	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94
Jeffords	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		72
VA Warner	--	--	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	--	--	+	--	--	--	--	+		28
ROBB	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		61
WA ADAMS	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94
Gorton	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		17
WV BYRD	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		56
ROCKEFELLER	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		83
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KEY

- LQ Liberal Quotient: the rating of member as determined by the percentage of *only votes cast* in support of liberal policies, measured against the number of votes counted.
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- Favorable
 Unfavorable
 Absent -- Did not vote
 Ineligible Member -- Did not vote

OBTAINING THE "LIBERAL QUOTIENT"

The votes selected by the ADA Legislative Committee this year cover a wide range of domestic, foreign, economic, military, and social issues. We tried to select votes which display sharp liberal/conservative divisions. In many instances, we have chosen procedural votes: amendments, motions to table, and votes on rules for debate, since they seem to reveal true attitudes which are often obscured in a final vote.

This Voting Record should be viewed as merely one factor in evaluating the legislative performance of U.S. Senators and Representatives. It does not measure constituent service, work in committees, the degree of responsibility or leadership exhibited by the member, or other votes you may deem more important than those we have chosen to highlight. It must also be noted that this document should in no way be viewed as an ADA endorsement or condemnation of individual Senators or Representatives.

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AK Stevens	A	--	+	--	--	--	+	--	--	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	33	
AK Murkowski	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	A	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	
AZ DECONCINI	+	--	A	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	+	+	61	
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- LQ** Liberal Quotient: the rating of member as determined by the percentage of *only votes cast* in support of liberal policies, measured against the number of votes counted.
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Unfavorable
Absent -- Did not vote
Ineligible Member -- Did not vote

OBTAINING THE "LIBERAL QUOTIENT"

The votes selected by the ADA Legislative Committee this year cover a wide range of domestic, foreign, economic, military, and social issues. We tried to select votes which display sharp liberal/conservative divisions. In many instances, we have chosen procedural votes: amendments, motions to table, and votes on rules for debate, since they seem to reveal true attitudes which are often obscured in a final vote.

This Voting Record should be viewed as merely one factor in evaluating the legislative performance of U.S. Senators and Representatives. It does not measure constituent service, work in committees, the degree of responsibility or leadership exhibited by the member, or other votes you may deem more important than those we have chosen to highlight. It must also be noted that this document should in no way be viewed as an ADA endorsement or condemnation of individual Senators or Representatives.

HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

Key to Descriptions: LQ Vote #/Short Title/Bill #/Description/Resolution/Tally/ADA position in bold/Date

1. VOTER REGISTRATION - H.R. 2190

Passage of the bill to automatically register to vote anyone applying for, renewing or changing an address on a driver's license and to make voter-registration forms available at certain public offices.

PASSED 289-132 (Y=+) 2/6/90

2. EASTERN AIRLINES STRIKE EMERGENCY BOARD VETO OVERRIDE - H.R. 1231

Attempt to override President Bush's Nov. 21, 1989, veto of the bill to establish a commission to investigate and report on the management dispute between Eastern Airlines and its unions.

REJECTED 261-160 (2/3 needed) (Y=+) 3/7/90

3. CHILD CARE - H.R. 3

Edwards (D-CA) amendment to prohibit the use of federal funds in child care centers sponsored by religious institutions which practice sectarian discrimination.

REJECTED 125-297 (Y=+) 3/29/90

4. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT - H.R. 2273

Chapman (D-TX) amendment to allow employers to move an employee with a communicable disease out of a food-handling position, provided that the employer offers an alternative position in which the employee would sustain no economic damage.

PASSED 199-187 (N=+) 5/17/90

5. CLEAN AIR ACT REAUTHORIZATION - H.R. 3030

Sikorski (D-MN) amendment to require 8 year/80,000 mile warranties for catalytic converters and electronic control units.

PASSED 239-180 (Y=+) 5/23/90

6. HATCH ACT VETO OVERRIDE - H.R. 20

Attempt to override President Bush's June 15 veto of the bill to allow greater political activity by federal employees and to protect them from political pressure.

PASSED 327-93 (2/3 needed) (Y=+) 6/20/90

7. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON THE FLAG - H.J.Res. 350

Brooks (D-TX) motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution to propose an amendment to the Constitution to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. flag.

REJECTED 254-177(2/3 needed)(N=+)6/21/90

8. BALANCED BUDGET CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - H.J.Res. 268

Passage of the joint resolution to propose an amendment to the Constitution to require an annual balanced budget, unless Congress approved a specific excess expenditure by a three-fifths vote.

REJECTED 279-150 (2/3 needed) (N=+) 7/17/90

9. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT VETO OVERRIDE - H.R. 770

Attempt to override President Bush's June 29 veto of the bill to require public and private employers to give employees unpaid leave to care for a newborn child or a seriously ill child, parent or spouse, or their own serious health condition.

REJECTED 232-195 (2/3 needed) (Y=+) 7/25/90

10. CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1990 - H.R. 4000

Michel (R-IL) substitute amendment to define business necessity as a practice that has a manifest relationship to the employment in question or that serves a legitimate employment goal; to strike the bill's damages provisions; to further limit the ability of non-parties to challenge a court decision resolving an employment discrimination claim; and to limit the bill's provisions regarding statute of limitations and intentional discrimination.

REJECTED 188-238 (N=+) 8/3/90

11. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM - H.R. 5400

Michel (R-IL) substitute amendment to lower the limit on PAC contributions from \$5,000 to \$1,000 per candidate; require that at least half of a House candidate's campaign funds come from constituents; ban leadership PACs; prohibit the transfer between PACs and candidate committees; ban the use of soft money by state and federal parties; and prohibit the use of union or corporate funds for nonpartisan registration and get-out-the-vote efforts directed at people connected with the union or the corporation.

REJECTED 169-241 (N=+) 8/3/90

12. STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE - H.R. 4739

Dellums (D-CA) amendment to terminate the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) program by limiting basic research on SDI in fiscal 1991 to \$1.5 billion.

REJECTED 135-286 (Y=+) 9/18/90

13. DEATH PENALTY - H.R. 5269

Staggers (D-WV) amendment to substitute mandatory life imprisonment, without the possibility of release, for the death penalty in all cases defined in the bill. The amendment also

requires defendants convicted of these crimes to provide restitution of at least half of their earnings to the family or estate of the victim.

REJECTED 103-322 (Y=+) 10/3/90

14. ASSAULT WEAPONS - H.R. 5269

Unsoeld (D-WA) amendment to allow semiautomatic weapons which have been banned from importation to be assembled from domestic parts.

PASSED 257-172 (N=+) 10/4/90

15. SUMMIT BUDGET RESOLUTION - H.Con.Res. 310

Adoption of the conference report to set binding budget levels for fiscal 1991 by incorporating the spending and revenue targets announced Sept. 30 by the budget summit

REJECTED 179-254 (N=+) 10/5/90.

16. RACIAL JUSTICE ACT - H.R. 5269

Sensenbrenner (R-WI) amendment to strike the provisions of the bill that bar execution of prisoners who demonstrate that their death sentence was imposed because of racial discrimination.

REJECTED 204-216 (N=+) 10/5/90

17. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS - H.R. 4825

Rohrabacher (R-CA) en bloc amendment to prohibit the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) from funding child pornography; obscenity or material prohibited from broadcast under Federal Communications Commission definitions of indecency; works denigrating the beliefs or objects of a religion; works denigrating an individual on the basis of race, sex, handicap or national origin; works desecrating the U.S. flag; or works that contain any part of a human embryo or fetus.

REJECTED 175-249 (N=+) 10/11/90

18. DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVE BUDGET RECONCILIATION - H.R. 5835

Rostenkowski (D-IL) en bloc amendment to provide smaller increases in the Medicare premium and deductible; delete revenue provisions, including the gas tax, the petroleum fuels tax, the extension of the Medicare tax to additional state and local employees, and the limit on itemized deductions; eliminate the bubble and lift the top marginal tax rate to 33 percent; create a 10 percent surtax on income above \$1 million; increase the minimum tax rate; delay indexing for one year; provide a limited tax break for capital gains; and for other purposes.

PASSED 238-192 (Y=+) 10/16/90

1991 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Civil Rights Act (H.R.1)
Family Medical Leave Act
Freedom of Choice Act (H.R. 25)
Striker Replacement Legislation
Campaign Finance Reform
National Health Insurance
Family Planning Issues
Economic Conversion
Energy Policy
Federal Spending for Social Programs
Handgun Control- The Brady Bill
Reduced Military Appropriations

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