

Voting Record of the 111th Congress, First Session

NETWORK'S voting record for the first session of the 111th Congress confirms a prediction made by many at the conclusion of the 110th Congress in 2008: that the effects of unprecedented crises and challenges facing our nation would continue into 2009. The new president and Congress were immediately faced with millions of citizens losing their homes and jobs and, consequently, access to healthcare. The rising costs—monetary and personal—of the U.S. military presence in Afghani-

stan presented another hurdle. Still, many held the hope that the arrival of the new administration might usher in a new day.

This year's voting record reflects some of the efforts of Congress to deal with these realities—the economic downturn accompanied by financial and corporate failures affecting the global community, rising unemployment and widespread foreclosure, and two lengthy wars. In the midst of this all is recorded the ongoing struggle of

Congress to fulfill President Obama's commitment to make real the long awaited promise of access to affordable, quality healthcare for all.

This record is evidence of a nation struggling to address its myriad problems and hopefully, the values underlying who we are. Progress has been made, but far more remains to be done.

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House Voting Record 2009

1. TARP Reform & Accountability Act of 2009 Vote #26 (H.R. 384)

NETWORK supported this bill, which provided greater transparency and added stringent controls on compensation for executives of companies receiving Troubled Asset Relief Program money.

Passed 260–166 (7 not voting), January 21, 2009

2. Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 Vote #37 (S. 181)

NETWORK supported this bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967. It provides protections against legal technicalities used to deny fair pay to victims of discrimination, as decided by the Supreme Court in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.* (May 2007)

Passed 250–177 (6 not voting), January 27, 2009

3. Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 Vote #50 (H.R. 2)

NETWORK celebrated the passage of H.R. 2 to reauthorize and expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program—(S)CHIP. It provides healthcare to 4 million more low-income

NETWORK welcomed the **Resolution Honoring the Historical Contributions of U.S. Catholic Women Religious (H. Res. 441)**, initiated by Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), to honor and commend Sisters for their humble service and courageous sacrifices throughout U.S. history.

Agreed to 412–0 (20 not voting), September 22, 2009

children whose parents cannot afford private insurance but earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, bringing overall coverage to 11 million. Pregnant immigrants and children of immigrants who are legally present may also receive health benefits.

Passed 290–135 (8 not voting), February 4, 2009

4. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Vote #70 (H.R. 1)

NETWORK supported this bill to stimulate the economy and forestall further devastating effects of the recession on low- and middle-income households. Also known as the “economic stimulus” bill, it provided a combination of tax cuts, tax credits and spending targeted at providing or maintaining jobs and supporting those most in need. Spending increases included assistance to TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), unemployment benefits and food stamps. There were also increases in the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Passed 246–183, with 1 voting “present” (3 not voting), February 13, 2009

5. Congressional Budget for the Federal Government for fiscal year 2010 Vote #192 (H. Con. Res. 85)

NETWORK supported this budget resolution, which helped shift financial benefits from the wealthiest 2% to the other 98%. It extends some ARRA program gains for those experiencing poverty into a budget that will become a baseline for future years.

Passed 233–196 (3 not voting), April 2, 2009



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6. Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009 Vote #271 (S. 896)

NETWORK supported this bill intended to protect middle-income families from losing homes to foreclosure. Mortgage modification became easier under the Hope for Homeowners program and FDIC insurance coverage was extended through 2013. However, NETWORK is disappointed that the Senate eliminated an important provision that allowed bankruptcy judges to modify term of residential mortgages, as they can for luxury properties.

Passed 367–54, with 1 voting “present” (11 not voting),
May 19, 2009

7. McGovern of Massachusetts Amendment to National Defense Authorization Act for 2010 Vote #454 (H.Amdt. 263 to H.R. 2647)

NETWORK supported this amendment to require public identification of students and instructors at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), previously known as the School of the Americas. The amendment remained in the bill that was signed into law on October 28.

Passed 224–190 (25 not voting), June 25, 2009

8. Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 Vote #637 (H.R. 3288)

NETWORK supported this appropriations bill in which the House proposed an additional \$200 million in project-based vouchers, and other supports to provide housing for low-income households.

Passed 256–168 (9 not voting), July 23, 2009

The Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (H.R. 2346)

provided additional funds to 9 federal departments, the White House and the Legislative Branch. Most funding went to the Defense Department for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. NETWORK successfully advocated that it also be used to reduce the military’s role in economic development in Iraq. Funding was shifted back to the State Department through USAID. We are not including this complex bill in the voting record, however, because there were other provisions we did not support.

Changes in the House During This Session

- Ellen Tauscher (D-CA): Resigned June 26, 2009
- Hilda Solis (D-CA): Resigned February 24, 2009
- John Garamendi (D-CA): Elected November 3, 2009
- Judy Chu (D-CA): Elected July 14, 2009
- Mike Quigley (D-IL): Elected April 7, 2009
- Rahm Emanuel (D-IL): Resigned January 2, 2009
- Bill Owens (D-NY): Elected November 3, 2009
- John McHugh (R-NY): Resigned September 21, 2009
- Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY): Resigned January 26, 2009
- Scott Murphy (D-NY): Elected March 31, 2009

9. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act Vote #646 (H.R. 3293)

NETWORK supported inclusion of funding for the Department of Labor to hire an additional 250 wage-theft investigators. The House increased spending by 9%, with a significant increase for additional investigators.

Passed 264–153 (16 not voting), July 24, 2009

10. Murtha of Pennsylvania Amendment to Department of Defense Appropriations Act for 2010 Vote #661 (H.Amdt. 392 to H.R. 3326)

NETWORK supported this amendment, which redirected funds for F-22 aircraft to other purposes. This was a small but significant change to defense spending, since arms control groups have tried for many years to cut the F-22, a Cold War weapon no longer useful for our military.

Passed 269–165 (5 not voting), July 30, 2009

11. Unemployment Compensation Act of 2009, renamed Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009 Vote #859 (H.R. 3548)

NETWORK supported this bill, which provides 14 additional weeks of unemployment benefits to workers in all 50 states. In states with high unemployment rates (a 3-month average of at least 8.5%), recipients would get an additional 6 weeks of benefits for 20 weeks total, providing much needed relief for those who are long-term unemployed.

Passed 403–12 (18 not voting), November 5, 2009

12. Affordable Healthcare for America Act Vote #887 (H.R. 3962)

NETWORK supported this bill, the House Leadership Bill, which merged the work of 3 House committees: Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and Labor. The goal was universal coverage to be achieved by the merging of directives and responsibilities specific to each committee, thus building toward comprehensive healthcare reform.

Passed 220–215, November 7, 2009

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HOW THEY VOTED IN THE HOUSE

Main table containing voting records for 13 states: Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Kansas. Each state section lists 13 legislators and their voting positions across 12 bills (TARP Reform, Fair Pay, Child Health, ARRA, Budget, Save Homes, WHINSEC, Housing, Labor, F-22, Unemployment, Healthcare) and a percentage column. Legend: + (Voted with NETWORK), - (Voted against NETWORK), o (Did not vote), I (Inactive/not in office), p (Voted 'Present').

Key to votes:

Legend for the voting symbols used in the table: Voted with NETWORK (+), Voted against NETWORK (-), Did not vote (o), Inactive/not in office (I), Voted 'Present' (p).

Main table containing voting records for 6 states: Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Minnesota. Each state section lists 6 legislators and their voting positions across 12 bills and a percentage column. Legend: + (Voted with NETWORK), - (Voted against NETWORK), o (Did not vote), I (Inactive/not in office), p (Voted 'Present').

Percentage with asterisk () signifies that legislator did not vote on all relevant bills.

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HOW THEY VOTED IN THE HOUSE

Table with columns: TARP Reform, Fair Pay, Child Health, ARRA, Budget, Save Homes, WHINSEC, Housing, Labor, F-22, Unemployment, Healthcare, % voted with NETWORK. Rows include states like MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI, MONTANA, NEBRASKA, NEVADA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW JERSEY, NEW MEXICO, NEW YORK.

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Voted with NETWORK +
Voted against NETWORK -
Did not vote o
Inactive/not in office I
Voted "Present" P

Table with columns: TARP Reform, Fair Pay, Child Health, ARRA, Budget, Save Homes, WHINSEC, Housing, Labor, F-22, Unemployment, Healthcare, % voted with NETWORK. Rows include states like NORTH CAROLINA, NORTH DAKOTA, OHIO, OKLAHOMA, OREGON.

Percentage with asterisk () signifies that legislator did not vote on all relevant bills.

Senate Voting Record 2009

1. Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 Vote #14 (S. 181)

NETWORK supported the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. (See #2 in the House voting record.)

Passed 61–36 (1 not voting), January 22, 2009

2. Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 Vote #31 (H.R. 2)

NETWORK supported the reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program. (For description, see #3 in the House voting record.)

Passed 66–32 (1 not voting), January 29, 2009

3. American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 Vote #61 (H.R. 1, originally S. 1)

NETWORK supported the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. (See #4 in the House Voting Record.)

Passed 61–37 (1 not voting), February 10, 2009

4. Congressional Budget for the Federal Government for fiscal year 2010 Vote #173 (S. Con. Res. 13)

NETWORK supported passage of the federal budget. (See #5 in the House Voting Record.)

Passed 53–43 (3 not voting) • April 29, 2009

5. Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009 Vote #185 (S. 896)

NETWORK supported this bill to reduce foreclosures. (See #6 in the House Voting Record.)

Passed 91–5 (3 not voting), May 6, 2009

6. Levin of Michigan Amendment to National Defense Authorization Act for 2010 Vote #235 (S. Amdt. 1469 to S. 1390)

NETWORK supported this amendment to cut \$1.75 billion from F-22 aircraft procurement, and redirect it to other purposes. The House also passed an amendment to eliminate F-22 funds (see #10 in the House voting record, and the Sept/Oct. issue of *Connection*).

Passed 58–40 (2 not voting), July 21, 2009

7. Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 Vote #287 (H.R. 3288)

NETWORK supported passage of the Transportation and HUD Appropriations. (See #8 in the House Voting Record.)

Passed 73–25 (1 not voting), September 17, 2009



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8. Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009, renamed Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009 Vote #334 (H.R. 3548)

NETWORK supported this bill to extend unemployment compensation, particularly for those in states with the highest unemployment rates. (See #11 in House Voting Record.)

Passed 98–0 (2 not voting), November 4, 2009

9. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3590 Vote #353 (H.R. 3590)

NETWORK supported this motion, which allowed the Senate to proceed with debate on the Senate version of the healthcare reform bill, S.Amdt. 2786, a "substitute" amendment for H.R. 3590 named the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. This was the only Senate vote on healthcare reform before the deadline for this voting record.

Passed 60–39 (1 not voting), November 21, 2009

Changes in the Senate During This Session

- Ken Salazar (D-CO): Resigned January 20, 2009
- Michael Bennet (D-CO): Sworn in January 22, 2009
- Ted Kaufman (D-DE): Sworn in January 16, 2009
- George LeMieux (R-FL): Sworn in September 10, 2009
- Mel Martinez (R-FL): Resigned September 9, 2009
- Roland Burris (D-IL): Sworn in January 15, 2009
- Edward Kennedy (D-MA): Died August 25, 2009
- Paul Kirk (D-MA): Sworn in September 25, 2009
- Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY): Sworn in January 27, 2009

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HOW THEY
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SENATE

	Fair Pay	Child Health	ARRA	Budget	Save Homes	F-22	Housing	Unemployment	Healthcare	% voted with NETWORK
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	%
ALABAMA										
Richard Shelby (R)	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	44%
Jeff Sessions (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	22%
ALASKA										
Mark Begich (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
Lisa Murkowski (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	55%
ARIZONA										
Jon Kyl (R)	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	33%
John McCain (R)	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	33%
ARKANSAS										
Blanche Lincoln (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Mark Pryor (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
CALIFORNIA										
Dianne Feinstein (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
Barbara Boxer (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
COLORADO										
Michael Bennet (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Mark Udall (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
CONNECTICUT										
Joseph Lieberman (I)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
Christopher Dodd (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
DELAWARE										
Ted Kaufman (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Thomas Carper (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
FLORIDA										
George LeMieux (R)	I	I	I	I	I	I	-	+	-	33%*
Mel Martinez (R)	-	+	-	-	+	-	I	I	I	33%*
Bill Nelson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
GEORGIA SENATORS										
Saxby Chambliss (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	22%
Johnny Isakson (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	22%
HAWAII										
Daniel Inouye (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
Daniel Akaka (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
IDAHO										
Mike Crapo (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	22%
Jim Risch (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	22%
ILLINOIS										
Roland Burris (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Richard Durbin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
INDIANA										
Richard Lugar (R)	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	55%
Evan Bayh (D)	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	77%
IOWA										
Charles Grassley (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	22%
Tom Harkin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
KANSAS										
Pat Roberts (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	33%
Sam Brownback (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	33%
KENTUCKY										
Jim Bunning (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11%
Mitch McConnell (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	22%
LOUISIANA										
David Vitter (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	22%
Mary Landrieu (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	100%*
MAINE										
Susan Collins (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	66%
Olympia Snowe (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	66%
MARYLAND										
Barbara Mikulski (D)	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	100%*
Benjamin Cardin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
MASSACHUSETTS										
Paul Kirk (D)	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	+	+	100%*
John Kerry (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Edward Kennedy (D)	o	o	o	o	+	o	I	I	I	100%*
MICHIGAN										
Debbie Stabenow (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Carl Levin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
MINNESOTA										
Amy Klobuchar (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Al Franken (D)	I	I	I	I	I	+	+	+	+	100%*
MISSISSIPPI										
Thad Cochran (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	33%
Roger Wicker (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	33%
MISSOURI										
Claire McCaskill (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	o	+	88%*
Christopher Bond (R)	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	44%

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	%
MONTANA										
Max Baucus (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
Jon Tester (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
NEBRASKA										
Mike Johanns (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	33%
Ben Nelson (D)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	88%
NEVADA										
John Ensign (R)	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	33%
Harry Reid (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
NEW HAMPSHIRE										
Judd Gregg (R)	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33%
Jeanne Shaheen (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
NEW JERSEY										
Robert Menendez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Frank Lautenberg (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
NEW MEXICO										
Jeff Bingaman (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
Tom Udall (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
NEW YORK										
Charles Schumer (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Kirsten Gillibrand (D)	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%*
NORTH CAROLINA										
Richard Burr (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	22%
Kay Hagan (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
NORTH DAKOTA										
Kent Conrad (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Byron Dorgan (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
OHIO										
Sherrrod Brown (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
George Voinovich (R)	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	o	50%*
OKLAHOMA										
Tom Coburn (R)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	22%
James Inhofe (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11%
OREGON										
Jeff Merkley (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ron Wyden (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
PENNSYLVANIA										
Robert Casey (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Arlen Specter (D)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	88%
RHODE ISLAND										
Jack Reed (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Sheldon Whitehouse (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
SOUTH CAROLINA										
Jim DeMint (R)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	22%
Lindsey Graham (R)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	33%
SOUTH DAKOTA										
John Thune (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	22%
Tim Johnson (D)	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	100%*
TENNESSEE										
Lamar Alexander (R)	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	55%
Bob Corker (R)	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	44%
TEXAS										
John Cornyn (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	22%
Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	55%
UTAH										
Orrin Hatch (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	33%
Robert Bennett (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	33%
VERMONT										
Patrick Leahy (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Bernard Sanders (I)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
VIRGINIA										
Jim Webb (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Mark Warner (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
WASHINGTON										
Maria Cantwell (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
Patty Murray (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
WEST VIRGINIA										
John Rockefeller (D)	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	100%*
Robert Byrd (D)	+	+	+	o	+	-	+	o	+	86%*
WISCONSIN										
Herbert Kohl (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Russ Feingold (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
WYOMING										
John Barrasso (R)	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	33%
Michael Enzi (R)	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	33%

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