

Voting Record of the 113th Congress Second Session

NETWORK gave mixed marks to the House and the Senate for their legislative performance in 2014. Unfortunately, as we studied the record of votes taken, NETWORK opposed more bills than we supported. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act was one bright light in legislation that passed both chambers and was signed by President Obama. Both chambers were also successful in passing the Child Care and Development Block Grant.

The Senate initiated legislation that was voted down or unable to move in the House, stopping action that could have helped the nation, particularly children, seniors, those unable to work full-time, those working at or below the minimum wage, and those who are undocumented. The Senate successfully passed legislation to reinstate long-term unemployment benefits as well as protect and assist Central American children seeking asylum. The Senate tried to improve the lives of workers by an increase in the minimum wage and supporting equal pay for women, but these efforts were unsuccessful.

Both the House and the Senate passed legislation that will increase wealth inequality in the United States. Twice,

both chambers approved tax breaks that most benefit corporations and individuals with the greatest wealth. The “Cromnibus” provided for nearly limitless donor influence on elections, and further constrained the effectiveness of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. NETWORK did not include the “Cromnibus” in the voting record due to its complex positive and negative impacts.

We move into the 114th Congress with unfinished business and less certainty that its votes will benefit the 100%. There are immediate plans to damage the Affordable Care Act, to demand the use of a misrepresentative metric of economic wellbeing called “dynamic scoring” when evaluating bills, to unravel the president’s immigration executive action, and to move on a corporate tax overhaul.

The work of NETWORK and our partners is daunting, and the help of spirit-filled justice-seekers like you (as always) is critical. Study the records of your returning legislators, read about any new Members, and be ready to call, write and visit!

Sister Marge Clark, NETWORK Lobbyist

Senate Voting Record 2014

1. Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 Vote #13 (H.R. 3547)

NETWORK supported this bill that funded the federal government for Fiscal Year 2014 and set spending limits for FY2015. This compromise allowed the government to function through September 30, 2014. It repealed portions of the sequestration, protected funding for many human needs programs, and retained parity between defense and non-defense discretionary spending.

Passed 72–26, January 16, 2014

2. Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2014 (legislative vehicle is Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act of 2014) Vote #101 (H.R. 3979)

This bill extended long-term unemployment benefits for five months, retroactive to the start of 2014. NETWORK supported this bill because it provided financial assistance to American families struggling with unemployment.

Passed 59–38, April 7, 2014

3. Minimum Wage Fairness Act Vote #117 (S. 2223)

NETWORK strongly supported this bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 over a two-year period. Further, it would increase the minimum for tipped employee, and tie annual increases to the Consumer Price Index.

*Cloture was not invoked, disallowing further consideration
54–42, April 30, 2014*

4. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Vote #214 (H.R. 803)

NETWORK supported this act, which replaced earlier versions. It required states to set policies and programs that support a comprehensive statewide workforce development system using labor market information. It revised the Job Corps to return to its original purpose of providing at-risk youth with intensive academic, career and technical education, and service-learning opportunities. And it enhanced adult and family literacy education—focusing on services below the postsecondary level.

Passed 95–3, June 25, 2014

5. Bring Jobs Home Act Vote #249 (S. 2569)

NETWORK supported this act since it brought our tax policies more in line with our national priorities, encouraged job growth and creation domestically, and ended tax breaks for corporations moving overseas.

Passed 54–42, July 30, 2014

6. Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2014 Vote #252 (S. 2648)

This bill provided funding to various departments to respond responsibly to the crisis of children at the border. NETWORK supported the bill as it sought to improve our nation's capacity to provide for the immediate needs of migrant children as well as protect their legal rights.

Failed 50–44, July 31, 2014

Senate Changes during this Session

Max Baucus (D-MT): Resigned February 6, 2014

John Walsh (D-MT): Appointed February 9, 2014

7. Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015 Vote #270 (H.J. Res. 124)

NETWORK supported this bill to provide temporary funding for the government in order to avoid a costly and inefficient shutdown.

Passed 78–22, September 18, 2014

8. Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 Vote #276 (S. 1086)

NETWORK supported this bill that reauthorized the child care and development block grant (CCDBG) program through FY2020. It strengthened requirements that must be met by the state for protection of children, and was more inclusive of tribal organizations in the grants.

Passed 88–1, November 17, 2014

9. Paycheck Fairness Act Vote # 262 (S.2199)

NETWORK supported this bill, which would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to create fundamental fairness for women and economic stability for families and children.

Failed 52–40, September 15, 2014

Capitol Hill looking east, the U.S. Capitol staged for dome renovation. At left and clockwise: Russell Senate Office Building, Dirksen Senate Office Building, corner office building, Supreme Court, Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building, Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building, Cannon House Office Building, Longworth House Office Building, Rayburn House Office Building.



113th CONGRESS
SECOND SESSION

HOW THEY
VOTED IN THE
SENATE

	Consolidated Appropriations 2014	Emergency Unemployment Comp	Minimum Wage	Workforce Innovation/ Opportunity	Bring Jobs Home	Emergency Supplemental Appropriations 2014	Continuing Appropriations 2015	Child Care/Development	Paycheck Fairness	Of votes cast, percentage voted with NETWORK
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	%
ALABAMA										
Jeff Sessions (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	22%
Richard Shelby (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	44%
ALASKA										
Mark Begich (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	78%
Lisa Murkowski (R)	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	o	-	50%*
ARIZONA										
Jeff Flake (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	33%
John McCain (R)	-	-	-	+	o	-	+	+	-	38%*
ARKANSAS										
John Boozman (R)	+	-	o	+	-	-	+	+	-	50%*
Mark Pryor (D)	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%*
CALIFORNIA										
Barbara Boxer (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	100%*
Dianne Feinstein (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
COLORADO										
Michael Bennet (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Mark Udall (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
CONNECTICUT										
Richard Blumenthal (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Christopher Murphy (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	89%
DELAWARE										
Thomas Carper (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Chris Coons (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
FLORIDA										
Bill Nelson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Marco Rubio (R)	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	o	-	33%*
GEORGIA										
Saxby Chambliss (R)	o	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	o	43%*
Johnny Isakson (R)	o	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	o	44%
HAWAII										
Mazie Hirono (D)	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	100%
Brian Schatz (D)	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	100%*
IDAHO										
Michael Crapo (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	22%
Jim Risch (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	22%
ILLINOIS										
Richard Durbin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Mark Kirk (R)	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	56%
INDIANA										
Dan Coats (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	44%
Joe Donnelly (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	100%*
IOWA										
Charles Grassley (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	33%
Tom Harkin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	o	100%*
KANSAS										
Jerry Moran (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	o	38%*
Pat Roberts (R)	-	-	-	+	o	o	-	+	o	33%*
KENTUCKY										
Mitch McConnell (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	33%
Rand Paul (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	22%
LOUISIANA										
Mary Landrieu (D)	+	o	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%*
David Vitter (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	44%
MAINE										
Susan Collins (R)	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	67%
Angus King (IND)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	89%
MARYLAND										
Benjamin Cardin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Barbara Mikulski (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
MASSACHUSETTS										
Edward Markey (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	89%
Elizabeth Warren (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	89%
MICHIGAN										
Carl Levin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Debbie Stabenow (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
MINNESOTA										
Al Franken (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Amy Klobuchar (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
MISSISSIPPI										
Thad Cochran (R)	+	-	o	o	o	o	+	+	-	60%*
Roger Wicker (R)	+	-	o	+	-	-	+	+	-	50%*
MISSOURI										
Roy Blunt (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	o	50%*
Claire McCaskill (D)	+	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%*

Key to votes:

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

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MONTANA										
Max Baucus (D)	+	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	100%*
Jon Tester (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
John Walsh (D)	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%*
NEBRASKA										
Deb Fischer (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	33%
Mike Johanns (R)	-	-	-	o	-	-	+	+	-	25%*
NEVADA										
Dean Heller (R)	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	33%
Harry Reid (D)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%
NEW HAMPSHIRE										
Kelly Ayotte (R)	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	56%
Jeanne Shaheen (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	100%*
NEW JERSEY										
Cory Booker (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Robert Menendez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
NEW MEXICO										
Martin Heinrich (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Tom Udall (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
NEW YORK										
Kirsten Gillibrand (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	89%
Charles Schumer (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
NORTH CAROLINA										
Richard Burr (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	33%
Kay Hagan (D)	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	o	+	100%*
NORTH DAKOTA										
Heidi Heitkamp (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
John Hoeven (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	o	-	38%*
OHIO										
Sherrod Brown (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	89%
Rob Portman (R)	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	44%
OKLAHOMA										
Tom Coburn (R)	o	o	-	-	-	-	-	o	-	0%*
James Inhofe (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	33%
OREGON										
Jeff Merkley (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ron Wyden (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
PENNSYLVANIA										
Bob Casey (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Patrick Toomey (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	33%
RHODE ISLAND										
Jack Reed (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Sheldon Whitehouse (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
SOUTH CAROLINA										
Lindsey Graham (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	44%
Tim Scott (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	33%
SOUTH DAKOTA										
Tim Johnson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
John Thune (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	o	-	25%*
TENNESSEE										
Lamar Alexander (R)	+	-	-	+	-	o	+	+	-	50%*
Bob Corker (R)	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	44%
TEXAS										
John Cornyn (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	33%
Ted Cruz (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	22%
UTAH										
Orrin Hatch (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	o	50%*
Mike Lee (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	0%
VERMONT										
Patrick Leahy (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	89%
Bernard Sanders (IND)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	o	+	88%*
VIRGINIA										
Tim Kaine (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Mark Warner (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
WASHINGTON										
Maria Cantwell (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	100%*
Patty Murray (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	100%*
WEST VIRGINIA										
Joe Manchin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	78%
Jay Rockefeller (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
WISCONSIN										
Tammy Baldwin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	89%
Ron Johnson (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	22%
WYOMING										
John Barrasso (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	o	25%*
Michael Enzi (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	22%

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

House Voting Record 2014

1. Save American Workers Act of 2014 Vote #156 (H.R. 2575)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which redefined a full-time workweek under the Affordable Care Act from 30 to 40 hours a week. This was an attempt to undermine the ACA and would have increased the number of uninsured Americans.

Passed 248–179, April 3, 2014

2. Baseline Reform Act Vote #168 (H.R.1871)

NETWORK opposed this bill since it promoted the use of “dynamic scoring,” which requires the CBO and OMB to assume that future project funding will remain frozen with no adjustment for inflation and population growth. Removing these adjustments would severely understate future budget needs.

Passed 230–185, April 8, 2014

3. Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 Vote #177 (H. Con. Res. 96)

NETWORK opposed the House Republican budget (“the Ryan budget”), which cut funding for vital safety-net programs while supporting tax breaks for the wealthiest. Rep. Paul Ryan’s (WI-1) budget proposal cut funding for Pell Grants, Medicaid, SNAP and the ACA.

Passed 219–205, April 10, 2014

4. Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015 • Vote #297 (H.R. 4745)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which failed to fully fund the Housing Choice Voucher Program and cut funding for public housing and other vital housing programs.

Passed 229–192, June 10, 2014

5. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes Vote #309 (H.R. 4457)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which permanently extended tax breaks for businesses while refusing to do so for American families and individuals. It also decreased funding for nutrition programs that serve Americans suffering from food insecurity.

Passed 340–73, June 12, 2014

6. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Vote #378 (H.R. 803)

NETWORK supported this act, which replaced earlier versions. It required states to set policies and programs that support a statewide workforce development system, revised Job Corps to return to its original purpose of providing at-risk youth with education and service-learning opportunities, and enhanced adult and family literacy education.

Passed 415–6, July 9, 2014

7. Student and Family Tax Simplification Act Vote #449 (H.R. 3393)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which was written in a way that would negatively impact many low- and middle-income students and families. It also attempted to change the Child Tax Credit, skewing assistance to higher earning families while reducing assistance for those with lower wages and removing improvements made in 2009.

Passed 227–187, July 24, 2014

8. Secure the Southwest Border Act Vote #478 (H.R. 5230)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which provided supplemental funding for border control and the detention of unaccompanied children arriving from Central America. Although it included \$22 million for more temporary immigration judges and \$197 million for HHS to provide humanitarian assistance and temporary housing for the children, it also provided \$405 million for augmented border security and law enforcement through Homeland Security and \$70 million to the National Guard to assist them in deploying across the U.S.-Mexico border.

Passed 223–189, August 1, 2014

9. Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015 Vote #509, H.J. Res 124

See Description in Senate Listings, #6
Passed 319–108, September 17, 2014

10. Preventing Executive Overreach on Immigration Act of 2014 Vote #550 (H.R. 5759)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which was mainly a symbolic measure meant to prohibit President Obama from deferring or exempting from deportation undocumented immigrants and from treating them as if they had any sort of legal status. It dubbed the executive action “null and void and without legal effect.”

Passed 219–197, December 4, 2014

House Changes during this Session

Bradley Byrne (R-AL): Seated January 8, 2014

David Jolly (R-FL): Seated March 13, 2014

Melvin Watt (D-NC): Resigned January 6, 2014

Alma Adams (D-NC): Seated November 12, 2014

Trey Radel (R-FL): Resigned January 27, 2014

Curt Clawson (R-FL): Seated June 25, 2014

Rob Andrews (D-NJ): Resigned February 18, 2014

Donald Norcross (D-NJ): Seated November 12, 2014

Eric Cantor (R-VA): Resigned August 18, 2014

Dave Brat (R-VA): Seated November 12, 2014

