

R e vealing votes

Republican obstructionists are not eager for voters to know who they are working for while in Washington, and media coverage of important votes often is minimal. It will be up to your campaign to inform voters if their incumbent congressperson is acting on behalf of a special interest instead of the public interest.

Figuring out what's relevant in the blizzard of votes taken each year is not easy. To help, below are the key congressional votes that lay bare who is on the side of progress for the people, and who is committed to the obstruction of the people's will.

Issue Area	Bill Title	Key Provisions	Progressive Position	Result
Education	H.R. 2669 College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007	Increase Pell Grants, reduce government subsidies to lenders, and give debt forgiveness to students for 10 years of public-sector work	Support	Passed
Energy	H.R. 6 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007	Scraps tax subsidies for oil and gas companies, and invests revenue into renewable energy	Support	Passed
Health care	H.R. 976 Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007	Expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program to cover an additional 4 million uninsured kids, for a total of 10 million kids	Support	Passed
Health care	H.R. 976 Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007	Override presidential veto of the State Children's Health Insurance Program expansion to cover an additional 4 million uninsured kids, for a total of 10 million kids	Support	Failed
Health care	H.R. 4 Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007	Require Medicare to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for lower drug prices, lifting the ban on negotiation	Support	Passed
Housing	H.R. 3915 Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007	Establish minimum standards for home loans and expand limits on high-cost mortgages	Support	Passed
Housing	H.R. 3221 Foreclosure Prevention Act	Establishes measures aimed at reducing the number of home foreclosures and limiting their impact on families.	Support	Passed
Infrastructure	H.R. 1495 Water Resources Development Act of 2007	Override presidential veto to provide funding for infrastructure repair and investment	Support	Passed

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Taxes	H.R. 3996 Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007	Close the loophole giving hedge fund managers a lower tax rate than their secretaries and most other workers	Support	Passed
Taxes	H.R. 4520 Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act	Provide nearly \$40 billion in foreign tax breaks for companies that export jobs, and a total of \$140 billion in new corporate tax cuts	Oppose	Passed
Trade	H.R. 3045 Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act of 2005	Expanding NAFTA-style trade policies to Central America	Oppose	Passed
Workers Rights	H.R. 2831 Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007	Allow individuals to receive back pay as compensation for discrimination	Support	Passed
Workers Rights	H.R. 1257 Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act of 2007	Give stockholders a say on exorbitant executive compensation packages, via a non-binding advisory vote	Support	Passed
Workers Rights	H.R. 5006 H.Amdt.734 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations FY2005	Block Bush administration attempt to deny overtime pay to millions of workers	Support	Passed
Workers Rights	H.R. 800 Employee Free Choice Act of 2007	Remove barriers to workers organizing	Support	Passed