

National Taxpayers Union Rates Congress

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Every year National Taxpayers Union (NTU) rates U.S. Representatives and Senators on their actual votes—*every* vote that significantly affects taxes, spending, debt, and regulatory burdens on consumers and taxpayers. Unlike most organizations that publish ratings, we refuse to play the “rating game” of focusing on only a handful of Congressional votes on selected issues. The NTU voting study is the fairest and most accurate guide available on Congressional fiscal policies. It is a completely unbiased accounting of votes.

NTU assigned weights to the votes, reflecting the importance of each vote’s effect.*

NTU has no partisan axe to grind. All Members of Congress are treated the same regardless of political affiliation. Our only constituency is the overburdened American taxpayer. Grades are given impartially, based on the Taxpayer Score.

TAXPAYER SCORE

The Taxpayer Score measures the strength of support for reducing spending and regulation and opposing higher taxes. In general, a higher score is better because it means a Member of Congress voted to lessen or limit the burden on taxpayers.

The Taxpayer Score can range between zero and 100. We do not expect anyone to score a 100, nor has any legislator ever scored a perfect 100 in the multi-year history of the comprehensive NTU scoring system. A high score does not mean that the Member of Congress was opposed to all spending or all programs. High-scoring Members have indicated that they would vote for many programs if the amount of spending were lower. A Member who wants to increase spending on some programs can achieve a high score if he or she votes for offsetting cuts in other programs. A zero score would indicate that the Member of Congress approved every spending proposal and opposed every pro-taxpayer reform.

NTU believes a score qualifying for a grade of “A” indicates the Member is one of the strongest supporters of responsible tax and spending policies. We are pleased to give these Members of Congress our “Taxpayers’ Friend Award.”

A score qualifying for a grade of “B” represents a “good” voting record on controlling

spending and taxes. A “B” grade indicates that the Member voted for taxpayers most of the time, but slightly less than those who attained the grade of “A.”

A score qualifying for a grade of “C” represents a minimally acceptable voting record on controlling taxes and spending. To qualify for a grade of “C” a Member must have a Taxpayer Score of at least 50 percent. While such a score may be “satisfactory,” there is clearly room for improvement.

We are also issuing pluses and minuses for the grades of “B” and “C” in order to better recognize the differences in the voting records of Members with these grades.

A score qualifying for a grade of “D” indicates the Member has a “poor” voting record on controlling taxes and spending.

A score significantly below average qualifies for a grade of “F.” This failing grade places the Member into the “Big Spender” category.

VOTE SELECTION

We analyzed every roll call vote taken during 2004 (2nd Session of the 108th Congress) and selected all votes that could significantly affect the amounts of federal taxes, spending, debt, or regulatory impact. A total of 182 House and 93 Senate roll call votes were selected. We included votes cast on appropriations bills, authorization bills, budget target resolutions, tax bills, amendments, and certain procedural votes that could affect the burden on taxpayers. Votes that simply shifted equal amounts of spending from one area to another were excluded, as were unanimous votes on increasing spending. Also excluded were votes where there was a significant difference of opinion on how to vote to reduce spending.

We believe the number of votes used in the analysis, the objective and non-partisan weighting of the votes, computerized calculations, and many error checks all combine to ensure the highest possible standards of accuracy.

OTHER FACTORS

Although we believe this voting analysis is the most accurate guide available on Congressional fiscal performance, no study of roll call votes

can fully evaluate a Member’s overall record. A Member’s committee work, leadership, and effectiveness with other Members also affect his or her influence on the amount of federal spending, taxes, debt, and regulatory impact.

Because of the complexity of the calculations and the number of votes involved, we do not have space to reprint the votes of each Representative and Senator here. A list of the votes used in the study, including the weight assigned to each vote, is available on request.

* Computation

NTU’s federal budget experts assigned a weight to each vote ranging from 0 to 100. A low weight was assigned to votes that had relatively little effect, while a high weight was assigned to votes with the most significant effect on federal spending, taxes, debt, and regulation.

Weights were based solely on the relative effect of each vote on the total amount of federal spending, taxes, debt, or regulatory impact. Consideration was given to the long-term effect of a vote, even though relatively little might be immediately at issue. A vote with average importance should have a weight close to 10.

Scores were computed by dividing the weighted total of votes cast *against* higher spending, taxes, or regulation or *for* lower spending, taxes, or regulation, by the weighted total number of fiscal issues on which the Member of Congress voted. Average scores for each state were also computed using the weighted total of votes cast by each state delegation.

In computing these scores, we included only those votes on which the Member actually voted for or against a bill, resolution, or amendment. Paired votes, announced positions, and absences were excluded. Because some Members were absent frequently (or otherwise failed to vote yes or no), their scores and grades, based on relatively few votes, may not accurately reflect fiscal attitudes. The Members falling into this category are noted.

TAXPAYER SCORES

| SENATE | | HOUSE | |
|--------|---------|-------|--|
| 45% | Average | 39% | |
| 49% | Median | 46% | |
| 89% | High | 90% | |
| 7% | Low | 6% | |

PARTY SCORES

| | | |
|-----|--------------------|-----|
| 17% | Democratic Average | 13% |
| 14% | Democratic Median | 12% |
| 71% | Republican Average | 62% |
| 71% | Republican Median | 59% |

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| ALABAMA | | |
| Aderholt, R | C- | 49% |
| Bachus, S | B | 62% |
| Bonner, J | B- | 59% |
| Cramer, B | D | 26% |
| Davis, A | F | 12% |
| Everett, T | C+ | 54% |
| Rogers, M | C- | 49% |
| State Average | | 44% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| ALASKA | | |
| Young, D | C+ | 54% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| ARIZONA | | |
| Flake, J | A | 90% |
| Franks, T | A | 85% |
| Grijalva, R | F | 11% |
| Hayworth, J | A | 75% |
| Kolbe, J | C- | 49% |
| Pastor, E | F | 7% |
| Renzi, R | C | 51% |
| Shadegg, J | A | 81% |
| State Average | | 56% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| ARKANSAS | | |
| Berry, M | F | 11% |
| Boozman, J | B | 61% |
| Ross, M | F | 13% |
| Snyder, V | F | 15% |
| State Average | | 25% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| CALIFORNIA | | |
| Baca, J | F | 10% |
| Becerra, X | F | 9% |
| Berman, H | F | 14% |
| Bono, M | C | 51% |
| Calvert, K | C- | 48% |
| Capps, L | F | 9% |
| Cardoza, D | F | 16% |
| Cox, C | A | 78% |
| Cunningham, D | C+ | 54% |
| Davis, S | F | 12% |
| Dooley, C | F | 16% |
| Doolittle, J | C+ | 55% |
| Drier, D | C | 52% |
| Eshoo, A | F | 13% |
| Farr, S | F | 11% |
| Filner, B | F | 10% |
| Gallegly, E | B- | 57% |
| Harman, J | F | 16% |
| Herger, W | A | 75% |
| Honda, M | F | 13% |
| Hunter, D | C+ | 56% |
| Issa, D | B- | 57% |
| Lantos, T | F | 9% |
| Lee, B | F | 16% |
| Lewis, J | C- | 49% |
| Lofgren, Z | F | 16% |
| Matsumi, R | F | 8% |
| McKeon, B | B | 62% |
| Millender-McD., J | F | 8% |
| Miller, Gary | B+ | 70% |
| Miller, George | F | 11% |
| Napolitano, G | F | 9% |
| Nunes, D | B- | 59% |
| Ose, D | B | 63% |
| Pelosi, N | F | 8% |
| Pombo, R | B | 61% |
| Radanovich, G | B | 69% |
| Rohrabacher, D | A | 80% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| COLORADO | | |
| Roybal-Allard, L | F | 8% |
| Royce, E | A | 85% |
| Sánchez, Linda | F | 8% |
| Sanchez, Loretta | F | 11% |
| Schiff, A | F | 12% |
| Sherman, B | F | 9% |
| Solis, H | F | 8% |
| Stark, P | F | 13% |
| Tauscher, E | F | 12% |
| Thomas, W | C+ | 54% |
| Thompson, M | F | 11% |
| Waters, M | F | 11% |
| Watson, D | F | 10% |
| Waxman, H | F | 8% |
| Woolsey, L | F | 14% |
| State Average | | 30% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| CONNECTICUT | | |
| DeLauro, R | F | 8% |
| Johnson, N | C+ | 54% |
| Larson, J | F | 10% |
| Shays, C | C | 52% |
| Simmons, R | C- | 42% |
| State Average | | 33% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| DELAWARE | | |
| Castle, M | C | 52% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| FLORIDA | | |
| Bilirakis, M | B- | 59% |
| Boyd, A | D | 23% |
| Brown, C | F | 11% |
| Brown-Waite, G | B | 68% |
| Crenshaw, A | C | 50% |
| Davis, J | F | 16% |
| Deutsch, P * | F | 15% |
| Diaz-Balart, L | B- | 57% |
| Diaz-Balart, M | B+ | 72% |
| Feeney, T | A | 82% |
| Foley, M | C+ | 56% |
| Goss, P * | C | 50% |
| Harris, K | B+ | 72% |
| Hastings, A * | F | 12% |
| Keller, R | B+ | 70% |
| Meek, K | F | 11% |
| Mica, J | C | 53% |
| Miller, J | A | 82% |
| Putnam, A | B | 66% |
| Ros-Lehtinen, I | C+ | 56% |
| Shaw, C | C- | 49% |
| Stearns, C | A | 77% |
| Weldon, D | C+ | 54% |
| Wexler, R | F | 9% |
| Young, B | C- | 48% |
| State Average | | 50% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| GEORGIA | | |
| Bishop, S | F | 14% |
| Burns, M | B- | 57% |
| Collins, M * | A | 79% |
| Deal, N | A | 78% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| HAWAII | | |
| Abercrombie, N | F | 9% |
| Case, E | F | 19% |
| State Average | | 14% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| IDAHO | | |
| Otter, B | A | 82% |
| Simpson, M | C+ | 55% |
| State Average | | 69% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| ILLINOIS | | |
| Biggert, J | B | 60% |
| Costello, J | F | 15% |
| Crane, P | A | 75% |
| Davis, D | F | 8% |
| Emanuel, R | F | 8% |
| Evans, L | F | 9% |
| Gutierrez, L | F | 9% |
| Hastert, D ** | N.A. | N.A. |
| Hyde, H | C | 51% |
| Jackson, J | F | 11% |
| Johnson, T | C- | 46% |
| Kirk, M | C+ | 56% |
| LaHood, R | C- | 45% |
| Lipinski, W | F | 11% |
| Manzullo, D | B+ | 72% |
| Rush, B | F | 11% |
| Schakowsky, J | F | 13% |
| Shimkus, J | B | 66% |
| Weller, J | B- | 57% |
| State Average | | 35% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| INDIANA | | |
| Burton, D | B | 65% |
| Buyer, S | C+ | 56% |
| Carson, J * | F | 7% |
| Chocola, C | A | 75% |
| Hill, B | F | 15% |
| Hostettler, J | B+ | 73% |
| Pence, M | A | 78% |
| Souder, M | B- | 57% |
| Visclosky, P | F | 11% |
| State Average | | 50% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| IOWA | | |
| Boswell, L | F | 17% |
| King, S | A | 78% |
| Latham, T | C- | 49% |
| Leach, J | D | 37% |
| Nussle, J | C+ | 56% |
| State Average | | 48% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| KANSAS | | |
| Moore, D | F | 18% |
| Moran, J | B | 68% |
| Ryun, J | B+ | 70% |
| Tiahrt, T | B | 60% |
| State Average | | 54% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| KENTUCKY | | |
| Chandler, B | F | 14% |
| Lewis, R | B- | 58% |
| Lucas, K | D | 25% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| LOUISIANA | | |
| Alexander, R | D | 24% |
| Baker, R | B- | 58% |
| Jefferson, W | F | 11% |
| John, C | F | 19% |
| McCrery, J | B | 63% |
| Tauzin, B ** | N.A. | N.A. |
| Vitter, D | A | 74% |
| State Average | | 41% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| MAINE | | |
| Allen, T | F | 11% |
| Michaud, M | F | 10% |
| State Average | | 11% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| MARYLAND | | |
| Bartlett, R | A | 80% |
| Cardin, B | F | 13% |
| Cummings, E | F | 7% |
| Gilchrest, W | C+ | 54% |
| Hoyer, S | F | 7% |
| Ruppersberger, D | F | 12% |
| Van Hollen, C | F | 11% |
| Wynn, A | F | 12% |
| State Average | | 25% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| MASSACHUSETTS | | |
| Capuano, M | F | 13% |
| Delahunt, W | F | 8% |
| Frank, B | F | 12% |
| Lynch, S | F | 13% |
| Markey, E | F | 12% |
| McGovern, J | F | 8% |
| Meehan, M | F | 11% |
| Neal, R | F | 7% |
| Olver, J | F | 10% |
| Tierney, J | F | 7% |
| State Average | | 10% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| MICHIGAN | | |
| Camp, D | C+ | 55% |
| Conyers, J | F | 10% |
| Dingell, J | F | 8% |
| Ehlers, V | C+ | 56% |
| Hoekstra, P | B+ | 72% |
| Kildee, D | F | 11% |
| Kilpatrick, C | F | 10% |
| Knollenberg, J | C | 50% |
| Levin, S | F | 9% |
| McCotter, T | C | 53% |
| Miller, C | C- | 47% |
| Rogers, M | B- | 58% |
| Smith, N | B+ | 73% |
| Stupak, B | F | 14% |
| Upton, F | C+ | 54% |
| State Average | | 39% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| MINNESOTA | | |
| Gutknecht, G | A | 79% |
| Kennedy, M | B | 69% |
| Kline, J | B+ | 72% |
| McCollum, B | F | 8% |
| Oberstar, J | F | 10% |
| Peterson, C | D | 27% |
| Ramstad, J | B | 67% |
| Sabo, M | F | 7% |
| State Average | | 43% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| MISSISSIPPI | | |
| Pickering, C | C | 51% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| Taylor, G | D | 30% |
| Thompson, B | F | 12% |
| Wicker, R | C- | 48% |
| State Average | | 35% |

MISSOURI

| | | |
|----------------------|------|------------|
| Akin, T | A | 78% |
| Blunt, R | B | 67% |
| Clay, W | F | 9% |
| Emerson, J | C- | 42% |
| Gephardt, R ** | N.A. | N.A. |
| Graves, S | B | 61% |
| Hulshof, K | B- | 58% |
| McCarthy, K | F | 9% |
| Skelton, I | F | 13% |
| State Average | | 42% |

MONTANA

| | | |
|------------|---|-----|
| Rehberg, D | B | 61% |
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NEBRASKA

| | | |
|----------------------|----|------------|
| Bereuter, D * | C+ | 55% |
| Osborne, T | C- | 47% |
| Terry, L | B | 67% |
| State Average | | 57% |

NEVADA

| | | |
|----------------------|---|------------|
| Berkley, S | F | 16% |
| Gibbons, J | A | 77% |
| Porter, J | C | 51% |
| State Average | | 48% |

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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|----------------------|----|------------|
| Bass, C | B- | 59% |
| Bradley, J | C+ | 54% |
| State Average | | 56% |

NEW JERSEY

| | | |
|----------------------|----|------------|
| Andrews, R | F | 11% |
| Ferguson, M | C- | 48% |
| Frelinghuysen, R | C- | 48% |
| Garrett, S | A | 80% |
| Holt, R | F | 9% |
| LoBiondo, F | C- | 48% |
| Menendez, R | F | 9% |
| Pallone, F | F | 8% |
| Pascrell, B | F | 9% |
| Payne, D | F | 14% |
| Rothman, S | F | 12% |
| Saxton, J | C- | 48% |
| Smith, C | C- | 42% |
| State Average | | 30% |

NEW MEXICO

| | | |
|----------------------|----|------------|
| Pearce, S | C | 53% |
| Udall, T | F | 13% |
| Wilson, H | C- | 46% |
| State Average | | 38% |

NEW YORK

| | | |
|-------------|----|-----|
| Ackerman, G | F | 9% |
| Bishop, T | F | 11% |
| Boehlert, S | C+ | 56% |
| Crowley, J | F | 12% |
| Engel, E | F | 12% |
| Fossella, V | B | 61% |
| Hinchey, M | F | 9% |
| Houghton, A | C+ | 55% |
| Israel, S | F | 12% |
| Kelly, S | C | 52% |
| King, P | C- | 46% |
| Lowey, N | F | 10% |
| Maloney, C | F | 10% |
| McCarthy, C | F | 11% |
| McHugh, J | C- | 47% |
| McNulty, M | F | 10% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| Meeks, G | F | 12% |
| Nadler, J | F | 9% |
| Owens, M | F | 13% |
| Quinn, J * | C- | 45% |
| Rangel, C | F | 9% |
| Reynolds, T | B | 60% |
| Serrano, J | F | 9% |
| Slaughter, L | F | 8% |
| Sweeney, J | C- | 48% |
| Towns, E | F | 6% |
| Velázquez, N | F | 14% |
| Walsh, J | C- | 49% |
| Weiner, A | F | 12% |
| State Average | | 24% |

NORTH CAROLINA

| | | |
|----------------------|------|------------|
| Ballenger, C | A | 75% |
| Burr, R | C+ | 55% |
| Butterfield, G ** | N.A. | N.A. |
| Coble, H | B+ | 73% |
| Etheridge, B | F | 13% |
| Hayes, R | C- | 49% |
| Jones, W | B+ | 71% |
| McIntyre, M | F | 17% |
| Miller, B | F | 14% |
| Myrick, S | A | 80% |
| Price, D | F | 13% |
| Taylor, C | C+ | 56% |
| Watt, M | F | 14% |
| State Average | | 44% |

NORTH DAKOTA

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|------------|---|-----|
| Pomeroy, E | F | 12% |
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OHIO

| | | |
|----------------------|----|------------|
| Boehner, J | B+ | 70% |
| Brown, S | F | 11% |
| Chabot, S | A | 78% |
| Gillmor, P | B- | 59% |
| Hobson, D | C- | 49% |
| Jones, S | F | 13% |
| Kaptur, M | F | 9% |
| Kucinich, D | D | 23% |
| LaTourette, S | C- | 45% |
| Ney, R | C | 52% |
| Oxley, M | B- | 58% |
| Portman, R | B | 60% |
| Pryce, D | C+ | 55% |
| Regula, R | C- | 48% |
| Ryan, T | F | 11% |
| Strickland, T | F | 14% |
| Tiberi, P | B- | 57% |
| Turner, M | B- | 57% |
| State Average | | 43% |

OKLAHOMA

| | | |
|----------------------|----|------------|
| Carson, B | D | 25% |
| Cole, T | B | 68% |
| Istook, E | B | 63% |
| Lucas, F | C | 53% |
| Sullivan, J | B+ | 73% |
| State Average | | 57% |

OREGON

| | | |
|----------------------|---|------------|
| Blumenauer, E | F | 11% |
| DeFazio, P | F | 13% |
| Hooley, D | F | 18% |
| Walden, G | C | 53% |
| Wu, D | F | 16% |
| State Average | | 23% |

PENNSYLVANIA

| | | |
|------------|----|-----|
| Brady, R | F | 6% |
| Doyle, M | F | 6% |
| English, P | B- | 59% |
| Fattah, C | F | 7% |
| Gerlach, J | C- | 46% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| Greenwood, J | C+ | 56% |
| Hart, M | B | 68% |
| Hoefel, J | F | 10% |
| Holden, T | F | 14% |
| Kanjorski, P | F | 10% |
| Murphy, T | B- | 59% |
| Murtha, J | F | 13% |
| Peterson, J | C | 52% |
| Pitts, J | A | 75% |
| Platts, T | C | 52% |
| Sherwood, D | C- | 48% |
| Shuster, B | B | 64% |
| Toomey, P | A | 85% |
| Weldon, C | C | 50% |
| State Average | | 41% |

RHODE ISLAND

| | | |
|----------------------|---|------------|
| Kennedy, P | F | 11% |
| Langevin, J | F | 15% |
| State Average | | 13% |

SOUTH CAROLINA

| | | |
|----------------------|----|------------|
| Barrett, G | A | 80% |
| Brown, H | C+ | 55% |
| Clyburn, J | F | 10% |
| DeMint, J * | A | 75% |
| Spratt, J | F | 10% |
| Wilson, J | A | 75% |
| State Average | | 49% |

SOUTH DAKOTA

| | | |
|--------------|---|-----|
| Herseth, S * | F | 13% |
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TENNESSEE

| | | |
|----------------------|----|------------|
| Blackburn, M | A | 75% |
| Cooper, J | F | 15% |
| Davis, L | D | 24% |
| Duncan, J | A | 75% |
| Ford, H | F | 14% |
| Gordon, B | D | 21% |
| Jenkins, W | B | 62% |
| Tanner, J | D | 29% |
| Wamp, Z | C+ | 54% |
| State Average | | 42% |

TEXAS

| | | |
|----------------|----|-----|
| Barton, J | B | 69% |
| Bell, C | F | 11% |
| Bonilla, H | C- | 48% |
| Brady, K | A | 76% |
| Burgess, M | B+ | 71% |
| Carter, J | B | 69% |
| Culberson, J | B- | 59% |
| DeLay, T | B | 63% |
| Doggett, L | F | 15% |
| Edwards, C | F | 16% |
| Frost, M | F | 14% |
| Gonzalez, C | F | 14% |
| Granger, K | C+ | 54% |
| Green, G | F | 12% |
| Hall, R | C | 51% |
| Hensarling, J | A | 83% |
| Hinojosa, R | F | 11% |
| Jackson-Lee, S | F | 10% |
| Johnson, E | F | 13% |
| Johnson, S | A | 77% |
| Lampson, N | F | 13% |
| Neugebauer, R | B+ | 73% |
| Ortiz, S | F | 10% |
| Paul, R | A | 90% |
| Reyes, S | F | 14% |
| Rodriguez, C | F | 11% |
| Sandlin, M | F | 18% |
| Sessions, P | B+ | 73% |
| Smith, L | B- | 57% |
| Stenholm, C | D | 29% |
| Thornberry, M | A | 74% |

| | GRADE | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| Turner, J | F | 15% |
| State Average | | 41% |

UTAH

| | | |
|----------------------|----|------------|
| Bishop, R | B+ | 73% |
| Cannon, C | B+ | 73% |
| Matheson, J | D | 29% |
| State Average | | 58% |

VERMONT

| | | |
|------------|---|-----|
| Sanders, B | F | 12% |
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VIRGINIA

| | | |
|----------------------|----|------------|
| Boucher, R | F | 13% |
| Cantor, E | B | 69% |
| Davis, J | B | 62% |
| Davis, T | C | 53% |
| Forbes, R | B | 66% |
| Goode, V | B | 65% |
| Goodlatte, B | B | 67% |
| Moran, J | F | 16% |
| Schrock, E | B+ | 72% |
| Scott, R | F | 6% |
| Wolf, F | C- | 45% |
| State Average | | 48% |

WASHINGTON

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|----------------------|----|------------|
| Baird, B | F | 13% |
| Dicks, N | F | 10% |
| Dunn, J | B+ | 70% |
| Hastings, D | B | 63% |
| Inslee, J | F | 12% |
| Larsen, R | F | 10% |
| McDermott, J | F | 15% |
| Nethercutt, G | C- | 47% |
| Smith, A | F | 17% |
| State Average | | 28% |

WEST VIRGINIA

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| Capito, S | C | 50% |
| Mollohan, A | F | 15% |
| Rahall, N | F | 15% |
| State Average | | 28% |

WISCONSIN

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|----------------------|----|------------|
| Baldwin, T | F | 12% |
| Green, M | B+ | 71% |
| Kind, R | F | 13% |
| Klecza, G | F | 9% |
| Obey, D | F | 15% |
| Petri, T | B | 60% |
| Ryan, P | A | 78% |
| Sensenbrenner, J | A | 83% |
| State Average | | 43% |

WYOMING

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| Cubin, B | A | 77% |
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HOUSE KEY

| SCORE | GRADE | COMMENTS |
|-------------|-------|-------------------|
| 74% or more | A | Taxpayers' Friend |
| 70%-73% | B+ | |
| 60%-69% | B | Good |
| 57%-59% | B- | |
| 54%-56% | C+ | |
| 50%-53% | C | Satisfactory |
| 39%-49% | C- | |
| 20%-38% | D | Poor |
| 19% or less | F | Big Spender |

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UNITED STATES SENATE

GRADE SCORE

ALABAMA

Sessions, J **A** 82%
 Shelby, R **B** 65%
State Average **74%**

ALASKA

Murkowski, L **C+** 59%
 Stevens, T **B** 67%
State Average **63%**

ARIZONA

Kyl, J **A** 89%
 McCain, J **B+** 77%
State Average **83%**

ARKANSAS

Lincoln, B **F** 16%
 Pryor, M **F** 13%
State Average **14%**

CALIFORNIA

Boxer, B **F** 18%
 Feinstein, D **F** 14%
State Average **16%**

COLORADO

Allard, W **A** 84%
 Campbell, B **B** 67%
State Average **76%**

CONNECTICUT

Dodd, C **F** 12%
 Lieberman, J **F** 14%
State Average **13%**

DELAWARE

Biden, J **F** 15%
 Carper, T **F** 17%
State Average **16%**

FLORIDA

Graham, B **F** 15%
 Nelson, B **F** 9%
State Average **12%**

GEORGIA

Chambliss, S **A** 83%
 Miller, Z **A** 78%
State Average **81%**

HAWAII

Akaka, D **F** 10%
 Inouye, D **F** 7%
State Average **9%**

IDAHO

Craig, L **B+** 76%
 Crapo, M **B** 66%
State Average **71%**

ILLINOIS

Durbin, R **F** 8%
 Fitzgerald, P **B+** 75%
State Average **42%**

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GRADE SCORE

INDIANA

Bayh, E **D** 25%
 Lugar, R **B** 70%
State Average **47%**

IOWA

Grassley, C **B** 69%
 Harkin, T **F** 10%
State Average **40%**

KANSAS

Brownback, S **A** 78%
 Roberts, P **B** 71%
State Average **74%**

KENTUCKY

Bunning, J **B** 69%
 McConnell, M **B** 71%
State Average **70%**

LOUISIANA

Breaux, J **F** 16%
 Landrieu, M **F** 11%
State Average **14%**

MAINE

Collins, S **C-** 48%
 Snowe, O **C** 51%
State Average **49%**

MARYLAND

Mikulski, B **F** 11%
 Sarbanes, P **F** 14%
State Average **12%**

MASSACHUSETTS

Kennedy, E **F** 15%
 Kerry, J ** **N.A.** **N.A.**
State Average **15%**

MICHIGAN

Levin, C **F** 14%
 Stabenow, D **F** 18%
State Average **16%**

MINNESOTA

Coleman, N **B-** 60%
 Dayton, M **F** 12%
State Average **36%**

MISSISSIPPI

Cochran, T **B** 67%
 Lott, T **B+** 74%
State Average **71%**

MISSOURI

Bond, C **B-** 62%
 Talent, J **B-** 64%
State Average **63%**

MONTANA

Baucus, M **D** 30%
 Burns, C **B+** 73%
State Average **53%**

GRADE SCORE

NEBRASKA

Hagel, C **B+** 75%
 Nelson, B **D** 34%
State Average **54%**

NEVADA

Ensign, J **A** 89%
 Reid, H **F** 14%
State Average **54%**

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Gregg, J **A** 83%
 Sununu, J **A** 82%
State Average **83%**

NEW JERSEY

Corzine, J **F** 19%
 Lautenberg, F **F** 15%
State Average **17%**

NEW MEXICO

Bingaman, J **F** 10%
 Domenici, P **B** 70%
State Average **38%**

NEW YORK

Clinton, H **F** 11%
 Schumer, C **F** 13%
State Average **12%**

NORTH CAROLINA

Dole, E **B-** 64%
 Edwards, J ** **N.A.** **N.A.**
State Average **64%**

NORTH DAKOTA

Conrad, K **D** 23%
 Dorgan, B **F** 13%
State Average **18%**

OHIO

DeWine, M **C+** 57%
 Voinovich, G **B-** 60%
State Average **58%**

OKLAHOMA

Inhofe, J **B+** 76%
 Nickles, D **A** 88%
State Average **82%**

OREGON

Smith, G **B-** 61%
 Wyden, R **F** 18%
State Average **39%**

PENNSYLVANIA

Santorum, R **A** 83%
 Specter, A **C** 50%
State Average **67%**

RHODE ISLAND

Chafee, L **C-** 49%
 Reed, J **F** 17%
State Average **33%**

SOUTH CAROLINA

Graham, L **B+** 73%
 Hollings, E **F** 8%
State Average **41%**

GRADE SCORE

SOUTH DAKOTA

Daschle, T **F** 14%
 Johnson, T * **F** 16%
State Average **15%**

TENNESSEE

Alexander, L **B+** 75%
 Frist, B **B** 66%
State Average **71%**

TEXAS

Cornyn, J **B+** 74%
 Hutchison, K **B+** 73%
State Average **74%**

UTAH

Bennett, R **B** 70%
 Hatch, O **B** 72%
State Average **71%**

VERMONT

Jeffords, J **D** 23%
 Leahy, P **F** 17%
State Average **20%**

VIRGINIA

Allen, G **B** 67%
 Warner, J **B** 68%
State Average **68%**

WASHINGTON

Cantwell, M **F** 17%
 Murray, P **F** 13%
State Average **15%**

WEST VIRGINIA

Byrd, R **D** 21%
 Rockefeller, J **F** 14%
State Average **17%**

WISCONSIN

Feingold, R **D** 22%
 Kohl, H **F** 18%
State Average **20%**

WYOMING

Enzi, M **B+** 77%
 Thomas, C **A** 78%
State Average **78%**

SENATE KEY

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|-------------|-------|-------------------|
| 78% or more | A | Taxpayers' Friend |
| 73%–77% | B+ | |
| 65%–72% | B | Good |
| 60%–64% | B- | |
| 55%–59% | C+ | |
| 50%–54% | C | Satisfactory |
| 44%–49% | C- | |
| 20%–43% | D | Poor |
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