

# MCC Washington Office

## Congressional Voting Record - 110th Congress - 1st Session

This voting record reflects the positions members of Congress took on issues monitored by the Mennonite Central Committee Washington Office. When a vote was not taken, this record reflects a members known support for a bill or policy (e.g. co-sponsoring a bill).

Voting records should be used with a note of caution. Complexities in the legislative process, and reasons a member voted one way or another, are not always adequately represented by a simple "yes" or "no" vote. In addition, many votes are conducted by voice with no record of individual votes. Many crucial votes occur at the committee level where much of Congress' work occurs. Some members of Congress, as a matter of principle, do not co-sponsor legislation. Nevertheless, the

votes listed here provide a barometer of attitudes toward peace, justice and the environment.

A "■" indicates a vote which, in the judgment of the Washington Office takes a step toward the biblical concern for justice and peace as reflected in the work and statements of MCC U.S. and the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches. The "O" indicates an unfavorable vote in the judgment of the Washington Office. A "—" indicates that the Congressperson did not vote "yes" or "no" or otherwise make a position known. We encourage readers to write letters of appreciation to their representatives for specific votes with which they were in agreement, or to call for action where positions are not known.

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### KEY SENATE VOTES

**1. Iran.** On Sept. 26, 2007 the Senate approved an amendment (76-22) to the defense authorization bill, calling on the U.S. to designate Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps as a terrorist organization. MCC opposes such measures, advocating instead for diplomatic negotiations with Iran. (*Hotlines*, March and Nov. 2007)

**2. Immigration Reform.** Cloture on legislation commonly known as the comprehensive immigration reform bill was not invoked in the Senate, 46 - 53. Bill returned to calendar - but unlikely to be resurrected in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. MCC supported the bill. (*Hotline*, May 2007)

**3. Immigration: Dream Act.** This bill would have authorized the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain students who are long-term U. S. residents and who entered the United States as children. Vote to move the bill forward failed in Senate, 52 - 44. The bill was effectively defeated in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. MCC supported the bill. (*Hotline*, Sept. 2007)

**4. U.S. Economic Justice - Minimum wage.** To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the federal minimum wage (the increase in the federal minimum wage was eventually enacted in the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007). Passed the Senate with an amendment, 94 - 3. MCC supported an increase in the minimum wage. (*Hotline*, Jan. 2007)

**5. Environment.** On June 21, 2007, the Senate voted 65-27 to pass the CLEAN Energy Act of 2007 (H.R. 6) which included provisions for increasing fuel efficiency to 35 miles per gallon by 2025 as well as other important conservation and efficiency measures. MCC supported the bill.

**6. Cluster Bombs.** On February 14, 2007, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) introduced a bill that would limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Senators who co-sponsored the bill are marked as favorable. (*Third Way Café* Nov 2007 & *Washington Memo* July-Aug. 2007)

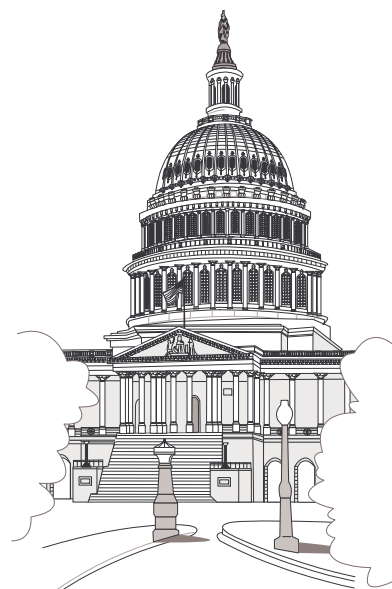
**7. English as National Language.** On June 6, 2007, the Senate voted 64-33 to add an English-only amendment to the comprehensive immigration reform legislation, which would have denied the right of non-English speakers to access federal services and documents in their native languages. Senators who opposed this amendment are marked as favorable.

**8. Peru Free Trade.** On December 4, 2007 the Senate passed the Peru Free Trade Agreement by a vote of 77-18. Concerned about another NAFTA style trade deal and its negative impact on small farmers, the environment, labor rights and access to medicine, MCC opposed the bill. (*Hotline*, Dec. 2007)

**9. Jubilee Act.** On October 16, 2007 the Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation was introduced by Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa). If passed, the bill would expand eligibility for debt cancellation for 65 countries. It will also prohibit harmful economic and policy conditions. Senators marked as favorable have co-sponsored the bill. (*Washington Memo*, Sept.-Oct. 2007)

Key:	
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O	Unfavorable vote
_	Did not vote or position not known

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AL	Jeff Sessions-R	O	O	O	■	■			O	O	MT	Max Baucus-D	O	O	O	■	■		O	O
	Richard Shelby-R	O	O	O	■	■			O	O		Jon Tester-D	■	O	O	■	■		O	■
AK	Lisa Murkowski-R	O	O	O	■	■			O	O	NE	Chuck Hagel-R	■	■	■	■	O		O	O
	Ted Stevens-R	O	O	O	■	■			O	O		Ben Nelson-D	O	O	O	■	■		O	O
AZ	Jon L. Kyl-R	O	O	O	O	O			O	■	NV	John Ensign-R	O	O	O	■	■		O	O
	John McCain-R	■	■	■	■	■			O	■		Harry Reid-D	O	■	■	■	■		O	■
AR	Mark Pryor-D	O	O	O	■	■			O	O	NH	Judd Gregg-R	O	■	O	■	■		O	O
	Blanche Lincoln-D	■	■	■	■	■			O	O		John Sununu-R	O	O	O	■	■		O	O
CA	Barbara Boxer-D	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	NJ	Robert Menendez-D	O	■	■	■	■		■	O
	Dianne Feinstein-D	O	■	■	■	■			■	O		Frank Lautenberg-D	O	■	■	■	■		■	O
CO	Wayne Allard-R	O	O	O	O	O			O	O	NM	Jeff Bingaman-D	■	O	■	■	■		■	■
	Ken Salazar-D	O	O	■	■	■			O	■		Pete Domenici-R	O	O	O	■	■		O	■
CT	Christopher Dodd-D	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	NY	Hillary Clinton-D	O	■	■	■	■		■	■
	Joseph Lieberman-ID	O	■	■	■	■			■	O		Charles Schumer-D	O	■	■	■	■		■	O
DE	Joseph R. Biden, Jr.-D	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	NC	Richard Burr-R	O	O	O	■	O		O	O
	Thomas Carper-D	O	■	■	■	■			O	O		Elizabeth Dole-R	O	O	O	■	O		O	O
FL	Mel Martinez-R	O	■	■	■	O			O	O	ND	Kent Conrad-D	O	O	O	■	■		O	O
	Bill Nelson-D	O	■	■	■	■			O	O		Byron Dorgan-D	O	O	O	■	■		O	■
GA	Saxby Chambliss-R	O	O	O	■	O			O	O	OH	Sherrod Brown-D	■	O	■	■	■		■	■
	Johnny Isakson-R	O	O	O	■	O			O	■		George Voinovich-R	O	O	O	■	O		O	O
HI	Daniel Akaka-D	O	■	■	■	■			■	■	OK	James Inhofe-R	O	O	O	■	O		O	O
	Daniel Inouye-D	■	■	■	■	■			■	O		Tom Coburn-R	O	O	O	O	■		O	O
ID	Larry Craig-R	O	■	■	■	■			O	O	OR	Gordon Smith-R	O	O	O	■	■		O	O
	Michael Crapo-R	O	O	O	■	■			O	O		Ron Wyden-D	■	■	■	■	■		■	O
IL	Richard Durbin-D	O	■	■	■	■			■	O	PA	Bob Casey Jr.-D	O	■	■	■	■		■	■
	Barack Obama-D	■	■	■	■	■			■	■		Arlen Specter-R	O	■	O	■	■		O	O
IN	Evan Bayh-D	O	O	■	■	■			■	O	RI	Sheldon Whitehouse-D	O	■	■	■	■		■	■
	Richard Lugar-R	■	■	■	■	■			O	■		Jack Reed-D	O	■	■	■	■		■	■
IA	Charles Grassley-R	O	O	O	■	■			O	O	SC	Jim DeMint-R	O	O	O	O	O		O	O
	Tom Harkin-D	■	■	■	■	■			■	■		Lindsey Graham-R	O	■	O	■	O		O	O
KS	Sam Brownback-R	O	O	■	■	■			O	O	SD	John R. Thune-R	O	O	O	■	■		O	O
	Pat Roberts-R	O	O	O	■	O			O	O		Tim Johnson-D	O	■	■	■	■		O	■
KY	Jim Bunning-R	O	O	O	■	O			O	O	TN	Lamar Alexander-R	O	O	O	■	■		O	O
	Mitch McConnell-R	O	O	O	■	O			O	O		Bob Corker-R	O	O	O	■	■		O	O
LA	David Vitter-R	O	O	O	■	O			O	O	TX	John Cornyn-R	O	O	■	■	O		O	O
	Mary Landrieu-D	O	O	O	■	O			O	O		Kay Bailey Hutchison-R	O	O	■	■	O		O	O
ME	Susan Collins-R	O	O	■	■	■			O	O	UT	Robert Bennett-R	O	■	■	■	O		O	O
	Olympia Snowe-R	O	■	■	■	■			O	O		Orrin Hatch-R	O	O	■	■	O		O	O
MD	Barbara Mikulski-D	O	■	■	■	■			■	O	VT	Bernie Sanders-I	■	O	■	■	■		■	■
	Benjamin Cardin-D	O	■	■	■	■			■	O		Patrick Leahy-D	■	■	■	■	■		■	■
MA	Edward Kennedy-D	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	VA	Jim Webb-D	■	O	■	■	■		O	O
	John Kerry-D	■	■	■	■	■			■	O		John Warner-R	O	O	O	■	■		O	O
MI	Carl Levin-D	O	■	■	■	O			■	O	WA	Maria Cantwell-D	■	■	■	■	■		■	O
	Debbie Stabenow-D	O	O	■	■	O			■	■		Patty Murray-D	O	■	■	■	■		■	O
MN	Amy Klobuchar-D	■	■	■	■	■			O	■	WV	Robert Byrd-D	■	O	O	■	■		O	■
	Norm Coleman-R	O	O	■	■	■			O	O		John Rockefeller-D	O	O	■	■	■		■	O
MS	Thad Cochran-R	O	O	O	■	O			O	O	WI	Russ Feingold-D	O	■	■	■	■		■	■
	Trent Lott-R	O	■	■	■	O			O	O		Herbert Kohl-D	O	■	■	■	■		■	O
MO	Christopher Bond-R	O	O	O	■	■			O	O	WY	Mike Enzi-R	O	O	O	■	O		O	O
	Claire McCaskill-D	■	O	O	■	O			O	■		John Barrasso-R	O	O	O	■	■		O	■



# KEY HOUSE VOTES

**1. Iran.** On Sept. 25, 2007, the House approved the Iran Counter-Proliferation Act by a vote of 397 - 16. The bill called for unilateral sanctions against Iran, without placing them in the context of a broader diplomatic effort. Members who voted against the bill are marked as favorable. (*Hotlines*, March and Nov. 2007)

**2. Environment.** On August 4, 2007, the House voted 220 - 190 to pass an amendment to the energy bill (H.R. 3221) requiring utilities to generate 15% of their electricity from renewable sources such as wind and solar power. MCC supported the amendment.

**3. Immigration.** The Tancredo Amendment 7 (H.R. 2638) prevented state and local governments who refuse to share information with federal immigration authorities from obtaining homeland security funds. This amendment passed by a vote of 234 - 189. MCC opposes legislation of this type, which attempts to cause fear and deter access to public services by immigrant communities. (MCC Immigration Policy Principles 2007)

**4. U.S. Economic Justice – Gulf Coast Housing.** On March 21, 2007, the House passed (by a vote of 302-125) H.R. 1227 to assist in the provision of affordable housing to low-income families affected by Hurricane Katrina. The Senate is still considering S. 1668, the Gulf Coast Housing Recovery Act of 2007. MCC supports this legislation. (*Washington Memo*, Sept-Oct. 2007)

**5. U.S. Economic Justice – Minimum Wage.** H.R. 2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the federal minimum wage (the increase in the federal minimum wage was eventually enacted in H.R. 2206, the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007). The amendment legislation passed, 315 - 116. MCC supported an increase in the minimum wage. (*Hotline*, Jan. 2007)

**6. U.S. Economic Justice – SCHIP.** The House passed H.R. 976, intended to provide more children with access to healthcare through the State Children's Health Insurance Program on Feb. 16, 2007. On October 3, the president vetoed the bill and the House failed to override his veto. (2/3 required): 273 - 156. MCC supported the override. (Letter to Congress, 10.2.07)

**7. Second Chance Act** (H.R. 1593): On Nov. 13, 2007, the House voted 347 - 62 to pass a bill that would seal the criminal records of nonviolent offenders who have fulfilled the requirements of their sentence, obtained a high school education or GED, done one year of community service, and remain drug free (their records would be reopened if they commit further crimes). MCC supported the bill. (*Hotline*, June 2006)

**8. Defense spending.** On November 8, 2007, the House passed the defense appropriations bill, 400 - 15. The bill provides about \$460 billion for the military, \$40 billion more than the previous year. This does not include the costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, which are funded separately. A vote against the bill is marked as favorable. (*Third Way Cafe*, July 2007)

**9. Peru Free Trade.** On November 8, 2007 the House passed the Peru Free Trade Agreement by a vote of 285 - 132. Concerned about another NAFTA-style trade deal and its negative impact on small farmers, the environment, labor rights and access to medicine, MCC opposed the bill. (*Hotline*, Nov. 2007)

**10. Jubilee Act.** On June 7, 2007 the Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation was introduced by Rep. Maxine Waters (D-California). If passed, the bill would expand eligibility for debt cancellation for 65 countries. The Jubilee Act will prohibit harmful economic and policy conditions. Representatives marked as favorable have co-sponsored the bill. (*Washington Memo*, Sept.-Oct. 2007)

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CA Dan Lugen (R-03)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
CA John Doolittle (R-04)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
CA Doris Matsui (D-05)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
CA Zoe Lofgren (D-16)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
CA George Radanovich (R-19)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
CA Jim Costa (D-20)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
CA Devin Nunes (R-21)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
CA Kevin McCarthy (R-22)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
CA David Dreier (R-26)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
CA Diane Watson (D-33)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
CA Maxine Waters (D-35)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
CA Edward Royce (R-40)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
CO Diana DeGette (D-01)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
CO Marilyn Musgrave (R-04)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
CO Doug Lamborn (R-05)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
CO Ed Perlmutter (D-07)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
FL Vern Buchanan (R-13)	O	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
FL Connie Mack (R-14)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
FL Kendrick Meek (D-17)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
FL Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-21)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
ID Mike Simpson (R-02)	O	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
IL Dan Lipinski (D-03)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
IL Luis Gutierrez (D-04)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
IL Janice Schakowsky (D-09)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
IL Jerry Weller (R-11)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
IL Timothy Johnson (R-15)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
IL Ray LaHood (R-18)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
IN Chris Chocola (R-02)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
IN Mark Souder (R-03)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
IN Mike Pence (R-06)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
IN John Hostettler (R-08)	O	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
IA David Loebsack (D-02)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
IA Leonard Boswell (D-03)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
KS Jerry Moran (R-01)	O	O	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■
KS Nancy Boyda (R-02)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
KS Dennis Moore (D-03)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
KS Todd Tiahrt (R-04)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
KY Edward Whitfield (R-01)	O	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
MD Wayne Gilchrest (R-01)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
MD Steny Hoyer (D-05)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
MD Roscoe Bartlett (R-06)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
MI Bart Stupak (D-01)	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
MI Dave Camp (R-04)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
MI Carolyn Kilpatrick (D-13)	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
MN Tim Walz (D-01)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
MN Michele Bachmann (R-06)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
MS Charles Pickering, Jr. (R-03)	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
MO Ike Skelton (D-04)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
MT Dennis Rehberg (R-00)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
NE Jeff Fortenberry (R-01)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
NE Lee Terry (R-02)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
NE Adrian Smith (R-03)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
NY Michael Arcuri (D-24)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
NY Randy Kuhl (R-29)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

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NC Patrick McHenry (R-10)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
ND Earl Pomeroy (D-00)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
OH Michael Turner (R-03)	O	O	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■
OH Jim Jordan (R-04)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
OH Paul Gillmor (R-05)	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
OH Charlie Wilson (D-06)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
OH John Boehner (R-08)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
OH Stephanie T. Jones (D-11)	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
OH Patrick Tiberi (R-12)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
OH Deborah Pryce (R-15)	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
OH Ralph Regula (R-16)	O	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
OH Zack Space (D-18)	O	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
OK John Sullivan (R-01)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
OK Frank Lucas (R-03)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
OR Earl Blumenauer (D-03)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
OR Peter DeFazio (D-04)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
OR Darlene Hooley (D-05)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
PA Robert A. Brady (D-01)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
PA Chaka Fattah (D-02)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
PA Jason Altmire (D-04)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
PA John E. Peterson (R-05)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
PA Jim Gerlach (R-06)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
PA Patrick Murphy (D-08)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
PA Bill Shuster (R-09)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
PA Chris Carney (D-10)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
PA John Murtha (D-12)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
PA Allyson Schwartz (D-13)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
PA Charles Dent (R-15)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
PA Joseph R. Pitts (R-16)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
PA Tim Holden (D-17)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
PA Todd Platts (R-19)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
SD Stephanie Herseth (D-00)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
TX Ruben Hinojosa (D-15)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
TX Solomon Ortiz (D-27)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
TX Henry Cuellar (D-28)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
VA -Vacant- (01)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
VA Bobby Scott (D-03)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
VA Randy Forbes (R-04)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
VA Bob Goodlatte (R-06)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
VA Rick Boucher (D-09)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
WA Rick Larsen (D-02)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
WA Brian Baird (D-03)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
WA Cathy McMorris (R-05)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
WA Norman Dicks (D-06)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
WA Jim McDermott (D-07)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
WA Dave Reichert (R-08)	O	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

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