

# MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE U.S. WASHINGTON OFFICE

## CONGRESSIONAL VOTING RECORD - 111TH 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 seeks to reflect a member's 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 that, 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.

NOTE: Our voting record includes all 100 senators and the 100 congressional districts with the highest number of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ members. If your representative is not listed or if you are not sure who your representative is, we will gladly supply a profile on request. For this or other information look to our website ([washington.mcc.org](http://washington.mcc.org)) or contact us at:

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### KEY SENATE VOTES

**1. HEALTH CARE.** On December 24, 2009, the Senate voted 60-39 to pass the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 3590) providing for insurance industry reforms, the expansion of public programs such as Medicaid, and subsidies to help low and middle income individuals purchase insurance. MCC supported this legislation. (*Action Alert, November 2009; Washington Memo, Summer 2009*)

**2. IMMIGRATION/ENVIRONMENT/BORDER FENCE.** On July 8, 2009, the Senate defeated an amendment to the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (S. Amdt. 1309 to S. Amdt. 1373 to H.R. 2892). The amendment would have required the completion of at least 700 miles of reinforced fencing along the southwest border by December 31, 2010, without regard to the impact on the environment or border communities. Senators who opposed this amendment are marked as favorable. (*Action Alert, July 2009*)

**3. IMMIGRATION/DREAM ACT.** The DREAM Act (the Development, Relief & Education for Alien Minors Act, S. 729) was introduced in the Senate on March 26, 2009. The bill would allow certain undocumented immigrant students who meet the legislation's eligibility requirements to become legal residents and apply for permanent citizenship. As of this writing, the bill has 32 co-sponsors. MCC supports the DREAM Act. (*Action Alert, April 2009*)

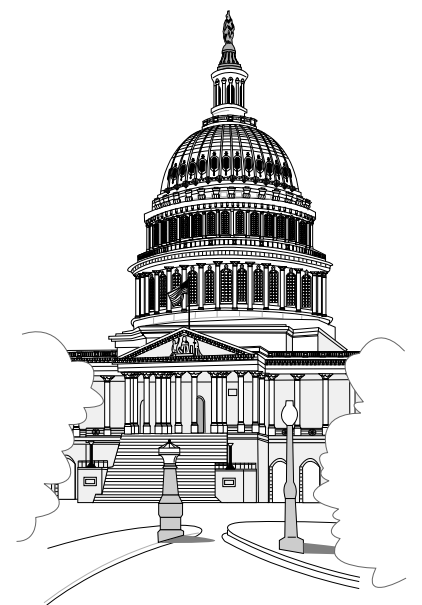
**4. CLUSTER BOMBS.** On February 11, 2009, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) introduced a bill that prohibits the use of unreliable cluster bombs by the United States in civilian areas. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Senators who co-sponsored the bill are marked as favorable. (*Mennonite Weekly Review, December 2008; Third Way Café, March 2009; Action Alert, April 2009; E-Memo, July 2009*)

**5. CRIME AND JUSTICE/NCJC ACT.** On March 16, 2009, Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.) introduced the National Crime Justice Commission Act, to establish a national commission to comprehensively review the United States criminal justice system and make suggestions for changes in policies and laws based on findings. Senators who co-sponsored the bill are marked as favorable. (*Hotline, June 2009; Third Way Café, May 2009*)

**6. CRIME AND JUSTICE/GUN SHOW LOOPHOLES.** On April 21, 2009, Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) introduced the Gun Show Background Check Act, that would require any part of a transaction with an unlicensed person at a gun show to be reported. Co-sponsors of the bill are marked as favorable. (*Preventing Gun Violence, MCC Resources*)

**KEY:**  
 ■ Favorable vote or action  
 O Unfavorable vote  
 \_ Did not vote, or position unknown

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<b>AL</b>	Jeff Sessions-R	O	O	-	-	-	-	<b>MT</b>	Max Baucus-D	■	O	-	-	-	-
	Richard Shelby-R	O	O	-	-	-	-		Jon Tester-D	■	O	-	-	-	-
<b>AK</b>	Lisa Murkowski-R	O	■	-	-	-	-	<b>NE</b>	Mike Johanns-R	O	O	-	O	-	-
	Mark Begich-D	■	■	-	-	-	-		Ben Nelson-D	■	O	-	■	-	-
<b>AZ</b>	Jon L. Kyl-R	O	O	-	-	-	-	<b>NV</b>	John Ensign-R	O	■	■	-	-	-
	John McCain-R	O	O	-	-	-	-		Harry Reid-D	■	■	■	-	-	-
<b>AR</b>	Mark Pryor-D	■	O	-	-	-	-	<b>NH</b>	Judd Gregg-R	O	O	-	-	-	-
	Blanche Lincoln-D	■	O	-	-	-	-		Jeanne Shaheen-D	■	■	-	-	-	-
<b>CA</b>	Barbara Boxer-D	■	O	■	■	-	■	<b>NJ</b>	Robert Menendez-D	■	■	■	■	-	■
	Dianne Feinstein-D	■	O	■	■	-	■		Frank Lautenberg-D	■	■	-	-	-	■
<b>CO</b>	Michael Bennet-D	■	■	■	-	-	-	<b>NM</b>	Jeff Bingaman-D	■	■	■	■	-	■
	Mark Udall-D	■	■	■	-	-	-		Todd Udall-D	■	■	-	-	-	-
<b>CT</b>	Christopher Dodd-D	■	■	■	-	-	-	<b>NY</b>	Kirsten Gillibrand-D	■	■	-	-	-	■
	Joseph Lieberman-ID	■	■	■	-	-	-		Charles Schumer-D	■	O	-	-	-	■
<b>DE</b>	Ted Kaufman-D	■	■	■	-	-	-	<b>NC</b>	Richard Burr-R	O	O	-	-	-	-
	Thomas Carper-D	■	■	■	-	-	■		Kay Hagan-D	■	■	■	-	-	-
<b>FL</b>	Martinez/LeMieux-R*	O	■	-	-	-	-	<b>ND</b>	Kent Conrad-D	■	O	-	-	-	-
	Bill Nelson-D	■	O	■	-	-	-		Byron Dorgan-D	■	O	-	-	-	-
<b>GA</b>	Saxby Chambliss-R	O	O	-	-	-	-	<b>OH</b>	Sherrrod Brown-D	■	■	-	■	-	■
	Johnny Isakson-R	O	O	-	-	-	-		George Voinovich-R	O	■	-	-	-	-
<b>HI</b>	Daniel Akaka-D	■	■	-	-	-	-	<b>OK</b>	James Inhofe-R	O	O	-	-	-	-
	Daniel Inouye-D	■	■	■	-	-	-		Tom Coburn-R	O	O	-	-	-	-
<b>ID</b>	Jim Risch-R	O	O	-	-	-	-	<b>OR</b>	Jeff Merkley-D	■	O	-	■	-	■
	Michael Crapo-R	O	O	-	-	-	-		Ron Wyden-D	■	O	-	■	-	■
<b>IL</b>	Richard Durbin-D	■	■	■	■	-	■	<b>PA</b>	Bob Casey Jr.-D	■	■	-	■	-	■
	Roland Burris-D	■	■	■	-	-	■		Arlen Specter-D	■	O	-	-	-	■
<b>IN</b>	Evan Bayh-D	■	O	-	-	-	-	<b>RI</b>	Sheldon Whitehouse-D	■	■	■	■	-	■
	Richard Lugar-R	O	■	■	-	-	-		Jack Reed-D	■	■	-	-	-	■
<b>IA</b>	Charles Grassley-R	O	O	-	-	-	-	<b>SC</b>	Jim DeMint-R	O	O	-	-	-	-
	Tom Harkin-D	■	■	■	■	-	■		Lindsey Graham-R	O	O	-	-	-	■
<b>KS</b>	Sam Brownback-R	O	O	-	-	-	-	<b>SD</b>	John R. Thune-R	O	O	-	-	-	-
	Pat Roberts-R	O	O	-	-	-	-		Tim Johnson-D	■	■	-	■	-	-
<b>KY</b>	Jim Bunning-R	O	O	-	-	-	-	<b>TN</b>	Lamar Alexander-R	O	O	-	-	-	-
	Mitch McConnell-R	O	O	-	-	-	-		Bob Corker-R	O	O	-	-	-	-
<b>LA</b>	David Vitter-R	O	O	-	-	-	-	<b>TX</b>	John Cornyn-R	O	O	-	-	-	-
	Mary Landrieu-D	■	O	-	-	-	■		Kay Bailey Hutchison-R	O	O	-	-	-	-
<b>ME</b>	Susan Collins-R	O	O	-	-	-	-	<b>UT</b>	Robert Bennett-R	O	O	-	-	-	-
	Olympia Snowe-R	O	O	-	■	-	-		Orrin Hatch-R	O	O	-	-	-	■
<b>MD</b>	Barbara Mikulski-D	■	■	■	■	-	■	<b>VT</b>	Bernie Sanders-ID	■	■	■	■	-	■
	Benjamin Cardin-D	■	■	■	■	-	■		Patrick Leahy-D	■	■	■	■	-	■
<b>MA</b>	Kennedy/Kirk-D**	■	-	■	■	-	■	<b>VA</b>	Jim Webb-D	■	O	-	-	-	■
	John Kerry-D	■	■	■	-	-	■		Mark Warner-D	■	■	-	-	-	■
<b>MI</b>	Carl Levin-D	■	■	■	-	-	■	<b>WA</b>	Maria Cantwell-D	■	■	■	■	-	-
	Debbie Stabenow-D	O	O	-	■	-	-		Patty Murray-D	■	■	■	■	-	■
<b>MN</b>	Amy Klobuchar-D	■	O	-	■	-	-	<b>WV</b>	Robert Byrd-D	■	-	-	■	-	-
	Al Franken-D	■	■	■	-	-	■		John Rockefeller-D	■	O	-	■	-	-
<b>MS</b>	Thad Cochran-R	O	O	-	-	-	-	<b>WI</b>	Russ Feingold-D	■	■	■	■	-	-
	Roger Wicker-R	O	O	-	-	-	-		Herb Kohl-D	■	■	■	-	-	-
<b>MO</b>	Christopher Bond-R	O	O	-	-	-	-	<b>WY</b>	Mike Enzi-R	O	O	-	-	-	-
	Claire McCaskill-D	■	O	-	-	-	■		John Barrasso-R	O	O	-	-	-	-



\* Sen. Mel Martinez resigned his Senate position on August 7, 2009. His replacement, George LeMieux, was appointed by Florida Gov. Charlie Crist on August 28, 2009.

\*\* Sen. Edward M. Kennedy passed away on August 25, 2009. His temporary replacement, Paul Kirk, Jr., was named by Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick on August 26, 2009. His elected replacement, Scott Brown, took office on February 4, 2010, after the votes listed here took place.

# KEY HOUSE VOTES

**1. HEALTH CARE.** On November 7, 2009, the House voted 220-215 to pass the Affordable Health Care for America Act (H.R. 3962) providing for insurance industry reforms, the expansion of public programs such as Medicaid, and subsidies to help low and middle income individuals purchase insurance. MCC supported this legislation. (*Action Alert, November 2009; Washington Memo, Summer 2009*) For more information, visit [washingtonton.mcc.org/life/health](http://washingtonton.mcc.org/life/health).

**2. IMMIGRATION.** On December 15, 2009, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Security and Prosperity Act (CIR ASAP, H.R. 4321) was introduced in the House. The bill would reform the immigration system, eliminate family visa backlogs, create a path for citizenship for undocumented immigrants, and protect workers. Representatives who support the bill are marked as favorable. (*Washington Memo, Spring 2010*)

**3. ENVIRONMENT.** On June 26, 2009, the House passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act (H.R. 2454) 219-212 that would create a cap-and-trade system for regulating and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The bill also includes provisions concerning clean energy, energy efficiency, and international adaptation assistance. MCC supported the bill. (*Action Alert, June 2009*)

**4. IRAN.** On December 15, 2009, the House voted to increase bilateral sanctions on Iran. The bill was brought up under a process reserved for non-controversial legislation, and received overwhelming approval, 412-12. Representatives who voted *no* or *present* are marked as favorable. (*Mennonite Weekly Review, February 2009; Third Way Café, September 2009; E-Memo, November and December 2009*)

**5. ISRAEL-PALESTINE.** In October 2009, Judge Richard Goldstone released a U.N. report on war crimes committed by the Israeli Defense Forces and Hamas during the conflict in Gaza in 2008-2009. The House voted to oppose the report and its recommendation that Israeli and Palestinian authorities investigate allegations of war crimes, saying it was unfairly biased against Israel. Representatives who voted *no* or *present* are listed as favorable. (*Peace Signs, August 2009; E-Memo, November 2009*)

**6. TRADE.** On June 24, 2009, Rep. Mike Michaud (D-Maine) reintroduced the Trade Reform Accountability, Development and Employment (TRADE) Act (H.R. 3012). The TRADE Act offers a way forward to reform U.S. trade policy, which is often guided by narrow national self-interest and the interests of U.S.-based capital, corporations and agribusinesses. Members who are co-sponsors of the bill are listed as favorable. (*Third Way Café, September 18, 2009; Action Alert, June 25, 2009*)

**7. FOREIGN AID REFORM.** On April 28, 2009, Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif.) introduced a bill directing the President to develop and implement a comprehensive national strategy to further the U.S. foreign policy of promoting global development. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Representatives who co-sponsored the bill are marked as favorable. (*Action Alert, May 2009; PeaceSigns, May 2009; Third Way Café, June 2009*)

**8. CRIME AND JUSTICE.** On February 13, 2009, Rep. Robert Scott (D-Va.) introduced the Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunity, Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education Act of 2009, that would provide for evidence-based and community-developed plans to address juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity and to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency. Co-sponsors of the bill are marked as favorable. (*Third Way Café, January 2010*)

**9. DEBT RELIEF/HAITI.** On February 3, 2010, 94 Members of the House wrote to Treasury Secretary Geithner, urging cancellation of Haiti's external debt in light of the devastating earthquake on January 12. Representatives who signed the letter are marked as favorable. (*Washington Memo, Fall 2009; PeaceSigns, January 2010*)

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<b>CA</b> Dan Lungren (R-03)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Tom McClintock (R-04)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Doris Matsui (D-05)	■	■	■	○	○	○	○	○	○
Zoe Lofgren (D-16)	■	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
George Radanovich (R-19)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Jim Costa (D-20)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Devin Nunes (R-21)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Kevin McCarthy (R-22)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
David Dreier (R-26)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Diane Watson (D-33)	■	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Maxine Waters (D-35)	■	■	■	○	○	○	○	○	○
Edward Royce (R-40)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>CO</b> Diana DeGette (D-01)	■	■	■	○	○	○	○	○	○
Betsy Markey (D-04)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Doug Lamborn (R-05)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Ed Perlmutter (D-07)	■	■	■	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>FL</b> Vern Buchanan (R-13)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Connie Mack (R-14)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Kendrick Meek (D-17)	■	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-21)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>ID</b> Mike Simpson (R-02)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>IL</b> Dan Lipinski (D-03)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Luis Gutierrez (D-04)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Janice Schakowsky (D-09)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Deborah Halvorson (D-11)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Timothy Johnson (R-15)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Aaron Schock (R-18)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>IN</b> Joe Donnelly (D-02)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Mark Souder (R-03)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Mike Pence (R-06)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Brad Ellsworth (D-08)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>IA</b> David Loebsack (D-02)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Leonard Boswell (D-03)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>KS</b> Jerry Moran (R-01)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Lynn Jenkins (R-02)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Dennis Moore (D-03)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Todd Tiahrt (R-04)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>KY</b> Edward Whitfield (R-01)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>MD</b> Frank Kratovil, Jr. (D-01)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Steny Hoyer (D-05)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Roscoe Bartlett (R-06)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>MI</b> Bart Stupak (D-01)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Dave Camp (R-04)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Carolyn Kilpatrick (D-13)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>MN</b> Tim Walz (D-01)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Michele Bachmann (R-06)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>MS</b> Gregg Harper (R-03)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>MO</b> Ike Skelton (D-04)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>MT</b> Dennis Rehberg (R-00)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>NE</b> Jeff Fortenberry (R-01)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Lee Terry (R-02)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Adrian Smith (R-03)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

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<b>NY</b> Michael Arcuri (D-24)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Eric Massa (D-29)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>NC</b> Patrick McHenry (R-10)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>ND</b> Earl Pomeroy (D-00)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>OH</b> Michael Turner (R-03)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Jim Jordan (R-04)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Robert Latta (R-05)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Charlie Wilson (D-06)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
John Boehner (R-08)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Marcia Fudge (D-11)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Patrick Tiberi (R-12)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Mary Jo Kilroy (D-15)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
John Boccheri (D-16)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Zack Space (D-18)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>OK</b> John Sullivan (R-01)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Frank Lucas (R-03)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>OR</b> Earl Blumenauer (D-03)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Peter DeFazio (D-04)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Kurt Schrader (D-05)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>PA</b> Robert A. Brady (D-01)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Chaka Fattah (D-02)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Jason Altmire (D-04)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Glen Thompson, Jr. (R-05)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Jim Gerlach (R-06)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Patrick Murphy (D-08)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Bill Shuster (R-09)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Chris Carney (D-10)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
John Murtha (D-12)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Allison Schwartz (D-13)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Charles Dent (R-15)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Joseph R. Pitts (R-16)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Tim Holden (D-17)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Todd Platts (R-19)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>SD</b> Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-00)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>TX</b> Rubén Hinojosa (D-15)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Solomon Ortiz (D-27)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
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Rick Boucher (D-09)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
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Norman Dicks (D-06)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Jim McDermott (D-07)	■	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Dave Reichert (R-08)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

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