

VOTES IN CONGRESS

KEY HOUSE VOTES FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 2009

Health insurance: Members passed, 220-215, a bill by Democrats to provide affordable medical insurance to 36 million U.S. residents now uncovered while overhauling insurance-industry practices in ways that benefit the sick as well as the healthy. A yes vote was to pass HR 3962.

MISSOURI					ILLINOIS	
CLAY (D)	CARNAHAN (D)	LUETKEMEYER (R)	AKIN (R)	EMERSON (R)	COSTELLO (D)	SHIMKUS (R)
YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO

Republican health bill: Members defeated, 176-258, a GOP alternative to HR 3962 (above) that used payments to states as an incentive for them to expand insurance and lower medical costs for their residents. A yes vote backed a plan that averted the Democrats' mandates and tax hikes.

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CLAY (D)	CARNAHAN (D)	LUETKEMEYER (R)	AKIN (R)	EMERSON (R)	COSTELLO (D)	SHIMKUS (R)
NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES

Abortion Coverage: Voting 240-194, members amended HR 3962 (above) to bar the bill's public option from funding abortions and prohibit people with premiums subsidized by taxpayers from buying private policies that contain abortion coverage. A yes vote was to approve the amendment.

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CLAY (D)	CARNAHAN (D)	LUETKEMEYER (R)	AKIN (R)	EMERSON (R)	COSTELLO (D)	SHIMKUS (R)
NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Jobless checks: Voting 403-12, members sent President Barack Obama a bill providing 20 more weeks of jobless checks for those losing current allotments in states with at least 8.5 percent unemployment. A yes vote was to pass a bill (HR 3548) that provides 14 more weeks in the other states.

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CLAY (D)	CARNAHAN (D)	LUETKEMEYER (R)	AKIN (R)	EMERSON (R)	COSTELLO (D)	SHIMKUS (R)
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Credit-card rules: Members passed, 331-92, a bill giving credit-card firms a tighter deadline for starting pro-consumer policies that Congress enacted in May. Under the bill, policies originally required by Feb. 22, 2010, now must be in place by Dec. 1. A yes vote was to pass HR 3639.

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YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES

Federal Reserve: Members defeated, 171-253, a GOP bid to allow the Federal Reserve to veto the Dec. 1 deadline in HR 3639 (above) and keep Feb. 22, 2010, as the date for starting credit-card reforms. The Fed oversees credit cards under terms set by Congress. A yes vote backed the bid.

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CLAY (D)	CARNAHAN (D)	LUETKEMEYER (R)	AKIN (R)	EMERSON (R)	COSTELLO (D)	SHIMKUS (R)
NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES

Chemical-plant security: Members passed, 230-193, a bill to permanently extend chemical-plant security rules that are set to expire next October and broaden those rules to also cover sewage and drinking-water plants. A yes vote was to pass HR 2868 over arguments that it was being unduly rushed.

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CLAY (D)	CARNAHAN (D)	LUETKEMEYER (R)	AKIN (R)	EMERSON (R)	COSTELLO (D)	SHIMKUS (R)
YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO

Israel, United Nations: Members denounced, 344-36, a United Nations charge that Israel committed war crimes by killing many civilians during war in Gaza last winter. The report to the U.N. Human Rights Council also charges Hamas with war crimes. A yes vote backed H Res 867.

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CLAY (D)	CARNAHAN (D)	LUETKEMEYER (R)	AKIN (R)	EMERSON (R)	COSTELLO (D)	SHIMKUS (R)
NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

KEY SENATE VOTES FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 2009

MISSOURI		Jobless checks: Senators approved, 98-0, 20 more weeks of jobless checks for those losing allotments in states with at least 8.5 percent unemployment. A yes vote was to pass a bill (HR 3548) that allows 14 more weeks in the other states and extends the \$8,000 homebuyers' tax credit.
BOND (R)	YES	
MCCASKILL (D)	---	
ILLINOIS		
BURRIS (D)	YES	
DURBIN (D)	YES	

MISSOURI		Justice Department budget: Voting 71-28, senators sent to conference with the House a bill (HR 2847) appropriating about \$64 billion for the fiscal 2010 budgets of the Justice and Commerce departments, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and several other agencies.
BOND (R)	YES	
MCCASKILL (D)	NO	
ILLINOIS		
BURRIS (D)	YES	
DURBIN (D)	YES	

MISSOURI		9/11 trials: Senators tabled, 54-45, an amendment to HR 2847 (above) to bar the prosecution of 9/11 terrorism suspects in U.S. civilian courts. Sponsors said they should be tried instead before military commissions. A yes vote was to kill the measure in order to keep all prosecutorial options open.
BOND (R)	NO	
MCCASKILL (D)	YES	
ILLINOIS		
BURRIS (D)	YES	
DURBIN (D)	YES	

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