

HOUSE VOTES

The following is a list of ten key votes selected as representative of the votes of critical importance to retirees taken by the U.S. House of Representatives:

1 Health Care Repeal

Representative Price, R-GA, introduced legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The bill repeals the individual and employer mandates, the Medicaid expansion and tax subsidies that help 50-64 year old seniors purchase health insurance on the exchanges. Repeal would result in more than 20 million people losing health insurance. The bill passed 240-181. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 3762, Roll Call No. 6, January 6, 2016.

2 Health Care Override

The House voted to override President Obama's veto of the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The bill repeals the individual and employer mandates, the Medicaid expansion and tax subsidies that help 50-64 year olds purchase health insurance on the exchanges. Repeal would result in more than 20 million people losing health insurance. The override failed 241-186. A two-thirds vote is needed to override a veto. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 3762, Roll Call No. 53, February 2, 2016.

3 Fiduciary Rule Repeal

Representative Roe, R-TN, introduced legislation to repeal the Department of Labor Fiduciary Rule, which requires that financial advisers put the interest of their clients ahead of their own. Working and middle class Americans lose \$17 billion a year in retirement savings due to advice that favors the adviser's, not the client's, interests. The bill passed 284-183. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.J.Res. 88, Roll Call No. 176, April 28, 2016.

4 Freeze Domestic Spending

Representative Byrne, R-AL, introduced a resolution for the consideration of the Defense authorization bill. The bill redirects \$18 billion of Overseas Contingency Operations. The legislation provides increased funding for defense programs without comparable increases in domestic spending. The resolution passed 234-181. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.J.Res. 732, Roll Call No. 197, May 17, 2016.

5 Inadequate Zika Funding

Representative Hal Rogers, R-KY, introduced a spending bill, which includes funding against the Zika virus. However, the proposed funding was insufficient and took funds away from other health programs. The bill cut \$543 million in unused funds from health care implementation, \$107 million from Ebola funds, and \$100 million in funds for the Health and Human Services Department. The Zika virus attacks can be devastating for the elderly and individuals with a compromised immune system. The bill passed 241-184. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 5243, Roll Call No. 207, May 18, 2016.

6 Cut Emergency Phone

Representative Austin, R-GA, introduced a bill that would end federal distribution of subsidies for mobile phone and wireless broadband to low-income consumers. The Lifeline program is an important tool that helps many low-income seniors to have access to essential communications services. The bill passed 207-143. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 5525, Roll Call No. 334, June 21, 2016.

7 Fiduciary Rule Override

The House voted to override President Obama's veto of the H.J.Res. 88, which blocks the implementation of the Department of Labor Fiduciary Rule. This rule requires that financial advisers put the interest of their clients ahead of their own. Working and middle class Americans lose \$17 billion a year in retirement savings due to advice that favors the adviser's, not the client's, interests. The override failed 239-180. A two-thirds vote is required. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.J.Res. 88, Roll Call No. 338, June 22, 2016.

8 Lower Water Standards

The House voted on the conference report on a spending bill. While the conference report provided more Zika virus funding, it requires cuts in Ebola funding and exempts pesticide spraying from Clean Water Act standards. The bill jeopardizes public health by contaminating water supplies, putting older Americans at higher health risks. The conference report passed 239-171. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 2577, Roll Call No. 342, June 23, 2016.

9 Skewed Tax Breaks

Representative Lynn Jenkins, R-KS, introduced legislation that increases the amount individuals can put in Flexible Spending Accounts. To pay for it, the bill requires low-income and middle class Americans who received health subsidies to make higher repayments if they received more than their initial determination. The bill funds tax breaks for higher income Americans while increasing taxes to lower-income and middle class families. The bill passed 243-164. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 1270, Roll Call No. 351, July 6, 2016.

10 Destabilizing Insurance

Representative Burgess, R-TX, introduced a resolution for the consideration of H.R. 954, which would exempt from the individual mandate individuals whose Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) was terminated. These individuals already have other means of obtaining coverage. Exempting them would destabilize the health care exchanges. The bill passed 243-177. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.Res. 893, Roll Call No. 559, September 27, 2016.