

# SENATE 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. Senate:*

## 1 Protecting Medicare and Medicaid

Senator Hirono, D-HI, offered an amendment to the FY 2017 Budget that would make a point of order against legislation that would cut Medicare and Medicaid. The amendment failed 49-47. Sixty votes are required for passage. A **YES** vote is a pro-retiree vote. S.Con.Res. 3, Roll Call No. 4, January 9, 2017.

## 2 Drug Reimportation

Senator Klobuchar, D-MN, offered an amendment to the FY 2017 Budget to allow Americans to reduce their prescription drug costs by importing drugs from Canada. The amendment failed 46-52. A **YES** vote is a pro-retiree vote. Roll Call No. 20, January 11, 2017.

## 3 HHS Secretary Confirmation

The Senate voted on the nomination of Representative Tom Price to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. Representative Price supported the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. He also supported privatizing Medicare. Representative Price was confirmed 52-47. A **NO** vote is a pro-retiree vote. PN 33, Roll Call No. 61, February 10, 2017.

## 4 Retirement Rule Repeal

The Senate voted on H.J.Res 67, which nullifies a rule issued by the Department of Labor to allow state and local governments to set up savings arrangement for non-governmental employees. The rule aimed to help private sector employees save for retirement. The resolution passed 50-49. A **NO** vote is a pro-retiree vote. H.J.Res. 67, Roll Call 99, March 30, 2017.

## 5 Health Care Repeal

The Senate voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act. This legislation repeals the individual and employer mandate and allows states to apply for waivers from the ACA regulations. It will leave 15 million Americans uninsured and will increase premiums by 20 percent. The bill failed 49-51. A **NO** vote is a pro-retiree vote. H.R. 1628, Roll Call No. 179, July 28, 2017.

## 6 Protecting Medicaid

Senator Sanders, I-VT, offered an amendment to the FY 2018 Budget to restore the \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. The measure would be paid for by reducing tax breaks for the wealthy. The amendment failed 47-51. A **YES** vote is a pro-retiree vote. H.Con. Res. 71, Roll Call No. 221, October 18, 2017.

## 7 Protecting Medicare

Senator Nelson, D-FL, offered an amendment to the FY 2018 Budget to restore the \$473 billion in Medicare cuts. The measure would be paid for by closing special interest tax loopholes. The amendment failed 47-51. A **YES** vote is a pro-retiree vote. H.Con.Res. 71, Roll Call No. 222, October 18, 2017.

## 8 Anti-Retiree Budget

Senator Enzi, R-WY, introduced the budget for FY 2018. This resolution cuts spending by \$5.1 trillion, including \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid and nearly \$500 billion in cuts to Medicare. It also contains instructions for tax reform. The resolution passed 51-49. A **NO** vote is a pro-retiree vote. H.Con. Res. 71, Roll Call No. 245, October 19, 2017.

## 9 Protecting Retiree Programs

Senator Sanders, I-VT, offered an amendment to the tax bill that creates a point of order against legislation that cuts Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid benefits. The amendment failed 46-54. A **YES** vote is a pro-retiree vote. H.R. 1, Roll Call No. 294, December 1, 2017.

## 10 Skewed Tax Cuts

Senator McConnell, R-KY, brought up the tax bill, which provides tax cuts to corporations and wealthy Americans. This legislation will increase the deficit by \$1.5 trillion, lead to 13 million Americans becoming uninsured and trigger PAYGO forcing \$450 billion cuts to Medicare. The bill passed 51-48. A **NO** vote is a pro-retiree vote, H.R.1, Roll Call No. 323, December 20, 2017.



