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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 Cut Seniors Programs I

The Senate voted on a motion by Sen. Cruz, R-TX, to the Extension of Continuing Appropriations Act to extend current government funding levels for one year. The result would be funding cuts to key seniors' programs such as nutrition and health care assistance programs. The motion failed 32-58. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 7463, Roll Call 66, February 29, 2024.

2 Cut Census Funding

The Senate voted on an amendment by Sen. Hagerty, R-TN, to the Consolidated Appropriations Act to place a restriction on funds relating to the decennial census. Underfunding the Census Bureau would decrease the agency's ability to properly apportion congressional districts and federal programs based on population. The amendment failed 45-51. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S. Amdt. 1634 to H.R. 4366, Roll Call 83, March 8, 2024.

3 Restrict Worker Rights

The Senate voted on a Congressional Disapproval Resolution regarding a NLRB Joint Employer Status rule on employer-employee relations. The rule establishes a new standard for determining whether two employers simultaneously employ workers, which allows workers to exercise their right to bargain for better wages and benefits. The resolution passed 50-48. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.J. Res 98, Roll Call 122, April 10, 2024.

4 Cut Seniors Programs II

The Senate voted on a motion to proceed to debate on a federal budget that would severely decrease federal agency funding introduced by Sen. Paul, R-KY. This proposed budget would make long term cuts to agency budgets, which would lead to severe funding cuts to critical programs such as Meals on Wheels. The motion failed 39-56. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S. Con Res 41, Roll Call 252, September 25, 2024.

5 McFerran Confirmation

The Senate voted to invoke cloture to confirm Lauren McGarity McFerran to continue to serve as Chair of the National Labor Relations Board for a five-year term expiring in December, 2029. The agency enforces labor relations disputes including representation elections that can lead to higher worker wages and benefits. The cloture motion failed 49-50. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. PN 1789, Roll Call 320, December 11, 2024.

6 Debate WEP/GPO Repeal

The Senate voted on the motion to debate H.R. 82, the Social Security Fairness Act, introduced by Rep. Graves, R-LA. The legislation repeals the unfair Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO), two Social Security law provisions that unjustly deprive 2.8 million retired and disabled Americans of the Social Security retirement and disability benefits they have earned. The motion passed 73-27. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. Cloture on Motion to Proceed to H.R. 82, Roll Call 326, Dec. 18, 2024.

7 Temporary WEP Repeal

The Senate voted on an amendment by Sen. Cruz, R-TX, to the Social Security Fairness Act to phase in a new funding formula for determining benefit amounts under the Windfall Elimination Provision only. The amendment gave no GPO relief. The amendment would temporarily raise benefits for one million people affected by WEP while cutting benefits in later years. The amendment failed 32-64. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S. Amdt. 3360 to H.R. 82, Roll Call 335, Dec. 20, 2024.

8 Delay WEP/GPO Repeal

The Senate voted on an amendment by Sen. Crapo, R-ID, to the Social Security Fairness Act to delay the repeal of the WEP and GPO until additional changes are made to offset any impacts on the actuarial balance of the Social Security Trust Funds. The amendment failed 34-62. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S. Amdt. 3331 to H.R. 82, Roll Call 336, Dec. 20, 2024.

9 WEP/GPO Budget Waiver

The Senate voted on a motion to waive budgetary rules with respect to the measure. This vote was an obligatory procedural motion to waive related budget rules because of the legislation's cost, which was not offset. The motion passed 66-30. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. Senate motion to H.R. 82, Roll Call 337, Dec. 20, 2024.

10 WEP/GPO Repeal Passage

The Senate voted to pass the Social Security Fairness Act, introduced by Rep. Graves, R-LA. The WEP and GPO affect 2.8 million public service retirees – including teachers, law enforcement officers, and government employees – who receive a public pension or are a spouse or survivor of a Social Security beneficiary who worked for a period of time in a job not covered by the Social Security program. The bill passed 76-20. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 82, Roll Call 338, Dec. 21, 2024.

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 Restrict Worker Rights

The House voted on a Congressional Disapproval Resolution regarding a NLRB Joint Employer Status rule on employer-employee relations. The rule establishes a new standard for determining whether two employers simultaneously employ workers, which allows workers to exercise their right to bargain for better wages and benefits. The resolution passed 206-177. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.J. Res 98, Roll Call 10, January 12, 2024.

2 Social Security Fraud

The House voted on the Consequences for Social Security Act, introduced by Rep. McClintock, R-CA. The bill mandates that undocumented immigrants, who by law, are not eligible for Social Security benefits, to be deported if found to have committed Social Security fraud. The bill is an unnecessary restatement of current law. The bill passed 272-155. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 6678, Roll Call 27, January 31, 2024.

3 Weaken Drug Negotiation

The House voted on the Protecting Health Care for All Patients Act, introduced by Rep. McMorris Rogers, R-WA. The bill weakens the Inflation Reduction Act's drug price negotiations and the Affordable Care Act by interfering with the ability of public programs to negotiate for lower drug prices, structure drug formularies, and implement value-based payment programs. The bill passed 211-208. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 485, Roll Call 40, February 7, 2024.

4 Create Inaccurate Census

The House voted on the Equal Representation Act, introduced by Rep. Edwards, R-NC. The bill requires the Census Bureau to include a citizenship question on all future censuses and prohibits all non-citizens from being counted. The bill violates the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The bill passed 206-202. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 7109, Roll Call 193, May 8, 2024.

5 Freeze Government Funding

The House voted on a Continuing Resolution to maintain government funding and avoid a shutdown, introduced by Rep. Higgins, R-LA. The resolution extends and freezes current government funding three months into 2025, leading to programmatic cuts in HHS programs that serve seniors and the already understaffed Social Security Administration. The bill failed 202-220. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 9494, Roll Call 431, Sept. 18, 2024.

6 Protect Retirement Advice

The House voted on the Protecting Americans' Investments from Woke Policies Act, introduced by Rep. Allen, R-GA. The legislation undermines retirement professionals' ability to make investment decisions on behalf of their clients. The bill passed 217-206. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 5339, Roll Call 427, Sept. 18, 2024.

7 WEP/GPO Repeal Passage

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8 Cut Retiree Benefits

The House voted on the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act, introduced by Rep. Arrington, R-TX. The legislation would expose nearly half a million new workers to WEP benefit cuts, and would not address the reduced GPO benefits of spouses and survivors. The bill failed 175-225. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 5342, Roll Call 457, Nov. 12, 2024.

9 Suppress Non-Profits

The House voted on the Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act, introduced by Rep. Tenney, R-NY. The legislation would allow the Secretary of the Treasury to strip a 501(c) organization of its non-profit status. The bill would expand the sweeping powers of the executive branch to go after any perceived political enemy. The bill passed 219-184. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 9495, Roll Call 477, Nov. 21, 2024.

10 Weaken Rulemaking

The House voted on the Midnight Rules Relief Act, introduced by Rep. Biggs, R-AZ. The legislation makes it easier to disapprove of regulations under the Congressional Review Act by allowing a single disapproval measure to cover multiple executive branch rules and get expedited consideration in the Senate. This legislation could be used to repeal the Biden Administration's policies that protect Americans from financial scams, harmful pollutants, and worker protections. The bill passed 210-201. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 115, Roll Call 509, Dec. 17, 2024.

Senate Votes

	1. Cut Seniors Programs I	2. Cut Census Funding	3. Restrict Worker Rights	4. Cut Seniors Programs II	5. McFerran Confirmation	6. Debate WEP/GPO Repeal	7. Temporary WEP Repeal	8. Delay WEP/GPO Repeal	9. WEP/GPO Budget Waiver	10. WEP/GPO Repeal Passage	Pro-Retiree Score '24	Lifetime Score
Alliance Position	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	%	%
Cornyn (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	20	8

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Alliance Position	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	%	%
Cruz (R)	✗	?	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	8

House Votes

		1. Restrict Worker Rights	2. Social Security Fraud	3. Weaken Drug Negotiation	4. Create Inaccurate Census	5. Freeze Government Funding	6. Protect Retirement Advice	7. WEP/GPO Repeal Passage	8. Cut Retiree Benefits	9. Suppress Non-Profits	10. Weaken Rulemaking	Pro-Retiree Score '24	Lifetime Score
	Alliance Position	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	%	%
1	Moran (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	0
2	Crenshaw (R)	?	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	5
3	Self (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	10	10
4	Fallon (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	10	3
5	Gooden (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	10	5
6	Ellzey (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	10	6
7	Fletcher (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100
8	Luttrell (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	10	5
9	Green, A (D)	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100
10	McCaul (R)	✗	✗	✗	?	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	22	11
11	Pfluger (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	10	3
12	Granger (R)	?	✗	✗	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	0	7
13	Jackson, R (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	10	3
14	Weber (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	10	4
15	De La Cruz (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	10	10
16	Escobar (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100
17	Sessions (R)	✗	✗	✗	?	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	11	6
18	Jackson Lee (D)	✓	✓	✓	?	O	O	O	O	O	O	100	100
19	Arrington (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	3

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	Alliance Position	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	%	%
20	Castro (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100
21	Roy (R)	?	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	2
22	Nehls (R)	?	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	?	✗	13	5
23	Gonzales (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	10	10
24	Van Duyne (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10	3
25	Williams, R (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	10	4
26	Burgess (R)	✗	✗	✗	?	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	11	9
27	Cloud (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	10	6
28	Cuellar (D)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	50	80
29	Garcia, S (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100
30	Crockett (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100
31	Carter, J (R)	✗	✗	?	?	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	13	6
32	Allred (D)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	80	97
33	Veasey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	98
34	Gonzalez (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	80	94
35	Casar (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100
36	Babin (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	10	6
37	Doggett (D)	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	89	98
38	Hunt (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10	10

How To Read This Record

Democrat (D) Republican (R) Independent (I)

- ✓ Voted With Alliance Policy
- ✗ Voted Against Alliance Policy
- S Speaker Did Not Vote
- P Present
- ? Did Not Vote
- O Not Eligible Member
- + Announced For
- – Announced Against
- **AL** At-Large

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