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*A Special Report on Legislation
Vital to American Retirees*

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This past year the Alliance was very active in winning needed changes for retirees. The Alliance's advocacy was critical in enacting monumental legislation, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), into law. Alliance members spoke emphatically at news conferences, town hall meetings, lobbying visits with their Member of Congress and Senators, and engaged in social media advocacy to help move the IRA across the finish line.

The Inflation Reduction Act will require Medicare to negotiate lower prices for some of the highest priced prescription drugs. It caps insulin out of pocket costs at \$35 per month for Medicare beneficiaries, makes all recommended adult vaccines free for Medicare beneficiaries and in two years will put a cap on out of pocket drug spending at \$2,000 per year for those enrolled in Medicare.

In 2023, the Alliance for Retired Americans will continue to work hard to assist and protect older Americans. We successfully expanded our member outreach in 2022, and we will utilize this augmented resource to call on Congress and the administration to ensure the needs of retirees remains a top policy priority.

The Alliance will continue to advocate to expand Medicare to include hearing, dental, and vision benefits, while also working to ensure that the Inflation Reduction Act is not undercut or repealed. We will continue our pension advocacy so that earned benefits will always be there and continue our defending of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other critical social programs for seniors from attempts to eviscerate these essential programs.

This Voting Record reflects how committed our elected representatives are to retirees and older Americans. Use it to educate yourself on where your elected representatives stand. Get active today and help create an America that protects the health and economic security of seniors, strengthens families and builds safe and thriving communities.

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Robert Roach, Jr.

President

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Joseph Peters, Jr.

Secretary-Treasurer

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Richard J. Fiesta

Executive Director

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

The number before each name indicates Congressional District.

100% Best Score Possible

On Senate Votes 1 and 5, Senator Schumer voted with the Alliance position then changed his vote to preserve parliamentary options for a later vote.

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 Voting Rights

The Senate voted on a motion to debate the House-passed Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, introduced by Rep. Beyer, D-VA. The bill would expand voter registration, voting access and limit the removal of voters from voter rolls. This bill also increases access to vote by mail and early voting, and restores provisions of the Voting Rights Act. The motion failed 51-49. Sixty votes are needed to proceed. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 5746, Roll Call 9, January 19, 2022.

2 Defund Vaccine Mandate

The Senate voted on an amendment to a spending bill by Senator Mike Lee, R-UT, to prohibit federal funding to implement the COVID-19 vaccine mandate. COVID vaccines help protect Americans, particularly older Americans, who are the most susceptible to serious illness or death. The amendment was rejected 46-47. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S. Amdt. 4929 to H.R. 6617, Roll Call 61, February 17, 2022.

3 Postal Service Reform

The Senate voted on the House passed Postal Service Reform Act, introduced by Rep. Maloney, D-NY. The bill is critical to retirees since older Americans rely more heavily on the postal service for at-home delivery of medications and election ballots. The bill passed 79-19. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 3076, Roll Call 71, March 8, 2022.

4 Government Funding

The Senate voted on the FY 22 appropriations bill to fund the government. The spending bill provides critical funding increases in many areas including dementia and Alzheimer's research, the Administration for Community Living and the Social Security Administration. The bill passed 68-31. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 2471, Roll Call 78, March 10, 2022.

5 Veterans Health Care I

The Senate voted on a motion to debate the Honoring Our PACT Act, introduced by Senator Kaine, D-VA. The bill expands VA health care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. The motion failed 55-42. Sixty votes are needed to proceed. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S. 3373, Roll Call 272, July 27, 2022.

6 Veterans Health Care II

The Senate voted on final passage of the Honoring Our PACT Act. The bill expands VA health care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. The bill passed 86-11. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S. 3373, Roll Call 280, August 2, 2022.

7 Inflation Reduction Act

The Senate voted on a motion to proceed to the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Among several benefits changes, the bill allows Medicare to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices. The motion passed 51-50. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 5376, Roll Call 287, August 6, 2022.

8 Insulin Price Caps

Senator Lindsay Graham, R-SC, moved to strike the language containing \$35 monthly insulin caps for people with private insurance plans. The amendment failed 57-43. Sixty votes are needed to keep the caps in the bill. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S. Amdt. 5194 to H.R. 5376, Roll Call 314, August 7, 2022.

9 Medicare Drug Negotiation

The Senate voted on passage of the Inflation Reduction Act. The bill allows Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices, caps annual prescription drug expenditures for Medicare beneficiaries at \$2,000, caps insulin prices at \$35 per month, and provides free vaccines for Medicare Part D beneficiaries. The bill passed 51-50. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 5376, Roll Call 325, August 7, 2022.

10 Government Funding

The Senate voted on the omnibus FY 23 Consolidated Appropriations Act to fund the government. The spending bill increases funding for the Social Security Administration, the Administration for Community Living and Senior Nutrition Programs. It also includes a \$25 million increase in NLRB funding. The measure passed 68-29. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 2617, Roll Call 421, December 22, 2022.

SENATE VOTES

	Senate Votes											
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Alliance Position	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	%	%	
Alabama												
Shelby (R)	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	20	13	
Tuberville (R)	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	10	5	
Alaska												
Murkowski (R)	X	X	✓	✓	?	✓	X	✓	✓	56	20	
Sullivan (R)	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	30	14	
Arizona												
Sinema (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	95	
Kelly (D)	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100	
Arkansas												
Boozman (R)	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	40	15	
Cotton (R)	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	30	17	
California												
Feinstein (D)	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	95	
Padilla (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100	
Colorado												
Bennet (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	94	
Hickenlooper (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100	
Connecticut												
Blumenthal (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100	
Murphy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100	
Delaware												
Carper (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	85	
Coons (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	95	
Florida												
Rubio (R)	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	20	11	
Scott (R)	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	10	18	
Georgia												
Ossoff (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100	
Warnock (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100	
Hawaii												
Schatz (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100	
Hirono (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100	
Idaho												
Crapo (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	5	
Risch (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	5	
Illinois												
Durbin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Duckworth (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Indiana												
Young (R)	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	40	16	
Braun (R)	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	10	10	
Iowa												
Grassley (R)	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	40	12	
Ernst (R)	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	30	14	
Kansas												
Moran (R)	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50	11	
Marshall (R)	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	20	15	
Kentucky												
McConnell (R)	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	40	11	
Paul (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	11	
Louisiana												
Cassidy (R)	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	30	14	
Kennedy (R)	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	30	14	
Maine												
Collins (R)	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	60	43	
King (I)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	97	
Maryland												
Cardin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	99	
Van Hollen (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100	
Massachusetts												
Warren (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100	
Markey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100	
Michigan												
Stabenow (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	99	
Peters (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	99	
Minnesota												
Klobuchar (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	99	
Smith (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100	
Mississippi												
Wicker (R)	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	40	14	
Hyde-Smith (R)	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	30	17	

SENATE VOTES

! Voting Rights
2. Defund Vaccine Mandate
3. Postal Service Reform
4. Government Funding
5. Veterans' Health Care I
6. Veterans' Health Care II
7. Inflation Reduction Act
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Pro-Retiree Score '22
Lifetime Score

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Alliance Position Y N Y Y Y Y Y Y Y % %

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Missouri

Blunt (R) X X ✓ ✓ X ✓ X X ✓ 40 13
Hawley (R) X X ✓ X X ✓ X X X 30 28

Pennsylvania

Casey (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 97
Toomey (R) X X X X X X X X X 0 5

Montana

Tester (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 93
Daines (R) X X ✓ X X X X X X 20 9

Rhode Island

Reed (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 99
Whitehouse (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 99

Nebraska

Fischer (R) X X ✓ X X X X X X 20 9
Sasse (R) X X X X X X X X X 10 6

South Carolina

Graham (R) X ? ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ X X ✓ 56 14
Scott (R) X X X X X X X X X 10 6

Nevada

Cortez Masto (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 100
Rosen (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 100

South Dakota

Thune (R) X X ✓ ✓ X X X X X 40 13
Rounds (R) X X X X X X X X X 30 16

New Hampshire

Shaheen (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 97
Hassan (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 98

Tennessee

Blackburn (R) X X X X X X X X X 10 10
Hagerty (R) X X ? X X X X X X 11 11

New Jersey

Menendez (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 94
Booker (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 99

Texas

Cornyn (R) X X X X X X ? X X ✓ 22 8
Cruz (R) X X X X X X ✓ X X X 10 10

New Mexico

Heinrich (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 100
Luján (D) ✓ ? ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 100

Utah

Lee (R) X X X X X X X X X 0 8
Romney (R) X ? X X X X X X X 11 13

New York

Schumer (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 97
Gillibrand (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 97

Vermont

Leahy (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ? ? ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 99
Sanders (I) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 100

North Carolina

Burr (R) X ? ✓ X X X X X ? 25 9
Tillis (R) X X ✓ X X X X X X 10 12

Virginia

Warner (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 88
Kaine (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 98

North Dakota

Hoeven (R) X X ✓ X X X X X X 30 13
Cramer (R) X X ✓ X X X X X X 22 23

Washington

Murray (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 96
Cantwell (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 96

Ohio

Brown (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 100
Portman (R) X X ✓ ✓ X X X X X 40 17

West Virginia

Manchin (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ? ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 86
Capito (R) X X ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ X X X ✓ 50 20

Oklahoma

Inhofe (R) X ? ? X X X X X ? 29 7
Lankford (R) X X X X X X X X X 0 6

Wisconsin

Johnson (R) X X X X X X X X X 10 5
Baldwin (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 100

Oregon

Wyden (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 95
Merkley (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ? ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 100

Wyoming

Barrasso (R) X X ✓ ✓ X X X X X ? 33 6
Lummis (R) X X ✓ X X X X X X X 10 10

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 Voting Rights

The House voted on the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, introduced by Rep. Beyer, D-VA, to expand voter registration and voting access and limit the removal of voters from voter rolls. This bill increases access to vote by mail and early voting and restores provisions of the Voting Rights Act. The bill passed 220-203. A **YES** vote is a pro-retiree vote. H.R. 5746, Roll Call 9, January 13, 2022.

2 Postal Service Reform

The House voted on the Postal Service Reform Act, introduced by Rep. Maloney, D-NY. The bill is critical to retirees since older Americans often rely on the postal service for at-home delivery of medications and election ballots. The bill passed 342-92. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 3076, Roll Call 38, February 8, 2022.

3 Veterans Health Care

The House voted on the Honoring Our PACT Act, introduced by Rep. Takano, D-CA. The bill expands VA health care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. The bill passed 256-174. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 3967, Roll Call 57, March 3, 2022.

4 Government Funding

The House voted on the FY 22 appropriations bill to fund the government. The spending bill provides critical funding increases in many areas including dementia and Alzheimer's research, the Administration for Community Living and the Social Security Administration. The measure passed 260-191. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 2471, Roll Call 66, March 9, 2022.

5 Pension Restoration

The House voted on a bill introduced by Rep. Kildee, D-MI, to restore the full vested monthly benefits for eligible participants of certain pension plans sponsored by Delphi Corporation. The legislation helps retirees already receiving benefits and ensures all beneficiaries will receive their full earned benefits. The bill passed 254-175. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 6929, Roll Call 396, July 27, 2022.

6 Medicare Drug Negotiation

The House voted on passage of the Inflation Reduction Act. The bill allows Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices, caps annual prescription drug expenditures for Medicare beneficiaries at \$2,000, caps insulin prices at \$35 per month, and provides free vaccines for Medicare Part D beneficiaries. The bill passed 220-207. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 5376, Roll Call 420, August 12, 2022.

7 Accurate Census Count

The House voted on the Ensure a Fair and Accurate Census Count Act, introduced by Rep. Maloney, D-NY. The measure strengthens the independence of the Census Bureau and puts safeguards in place to help protect it from partisan manipulation. The legislation ensures that any new questions added to a decennial census are vigorously researched and tested. The bill passed 220-208. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 8326, Roll Call 435, September 15, 2022.

8 Election Reform

In response to the events of January 6, 2021, the House voted on The Presidential Election Reform Act introduced by Rep. Lofgren, D-CA. The bill alters the 1887 Electoral Count Act and would raise the threshold needed for electoral objections by lawmakers to receive a vote and mandates that governors transmit state results to Congress. The legislation was part of the FY 23 omnibus appropriations bill, which passed 229-203. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 8873, Roll Call 449, September 21, 2022.

9 VA Employee Fairness

The House voted on a bill introduced by Rep. Takano, D-CA, to ensure that VA healthcare professionals who serve veterans have the same workplace rights granted to other VA clinicians and federal employees. The bill allows VA health staff to better serve veterans' health care needs. The bill passed 219-201. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 1948, Roll Call 530, December 15, 2022.

10 Government Funding

The House voted on the omnibus FY 23 Consolidated Appropriations Act to fund the government. The spending bill increases funding for the Social Security Administration, the Administration for Community Living and Senior Nutrition Programs. It also includes a \$25 million increase in NLRB funding. The measure passed 225-201. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 2617, Roll Call 549, December 23, 2022.

HOUSE VOTES

1. Voting Rights
2. Postal Service Reform
3. Veterans Health Care
4. Government Funding
5. Pension Restoration
6. Medicare Drug Negotiation
7. Accurate Census Count
8. Election Reform
9. VA Employee Fairness
10. Government Funding

Alaska

AL Peltola (D) 0 0 0 0 0 0 ✓ ✓ ? ✓ 100 100

Arizona

Arkansas

California

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Colorado

Connecticut

1 Larson (D) ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 100 99

HOUSE VOTES

Alliance Position	1. Voting Rights										2. Postal Service Reform		3. Veterans Health Care		4. Government Funding		5. Pension Restoration		6. Medicare Drug Negotiation		7. Accurate Census Count		8. Election Reform		9. VA Employee Fairness		10. Government Funding		Pro-Retiree Score '22		Lifetime Score			
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	%	%	%	%	
West Virginia																																		
1 McKinley (R)	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	?	?	25	19																					
2 Mooney (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	?	0	0	6																					
3 Miller (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	?	0	0	10																					
Wisconsin																																		
1 Steil (R)	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	?	10	10																						
2 Pocan (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100																						
3 Kind (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	90																						
Wyoming																																		
AL Cheney (R)	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	?	✓	✓	33	14																				

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