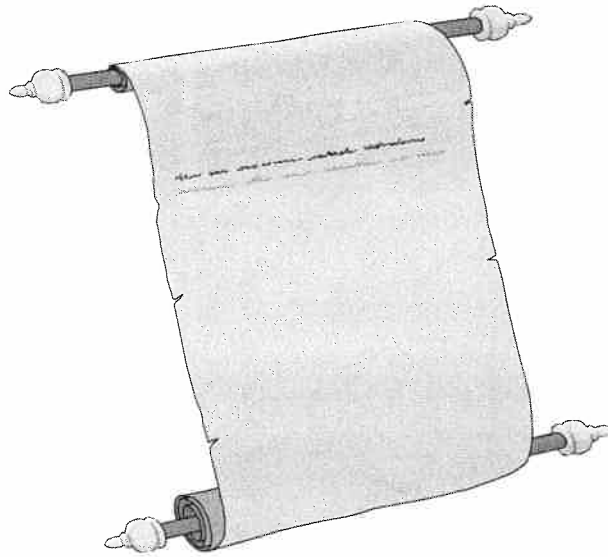


# AFL-CIO



105<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS

# 1997 FINAL SENATE VOTING RECORD

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## 1997 Final Senate Vote Descriptions

**1. Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment** — Today, a booming stock market--from which many working families are shut out--and painful budget cuts in welfare and other federal programs that help poor and working families have combined to balance the federal budget. If the boom turns into a bust and federal revenue plummets, Congress and the president will have many options to fight a recession. That wouldn't be true if an amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring a balanced budget had become law. The AFL-CIO opposed S.J. Res. 1 because if a recession occurs, the amendment's terms would require cuts in vital worker safety net programs such as unemployment insurance, food stamps and even Social Security and Medicare in order to balance the budget. It could also mean an increase in state and local taxes because those jurisdictions would be forced to make up for lost federal help to maintain vital programs. The balanced budget amendment failed March 4 by a 66-34 vote (a two-thirds majority was needed). **Y=W, N=R** (DEM: 11-34; REP: 55-0)

**2. Comp Time and 40-Hour Week** — At the start of the 105th Congress, anti-worker lawmakers renewed their attack on working families again with one of the first bills of the session. S. 4 would allow employers to pay workers in compensatory time off instead of cash for overtime hours. While the bill called for voluntary agreements between employees and employers, employers held the upper hand and penalties for violating the voluntary provisions were toothless. Additionally, many working families count on overtime to balance the family budget. The bill also allotted an 80-hour work period before any worker could earn overtime, established a program that allowed employers to provide only one hour off for each hour of overtime instead of an hour and a half and even allowed bosses to dock the pay of salaried workers for taking time off during the day for things such as dental and doctor's appointments. Worker-friendly lawmakers staged a filibuster against the bill and defeated a cloture motion that would have killed the filibuster June 4 by a 51-47 vote (60 votes are needed for cloture). **Y=W, N=R** (DEM: 0-44; REP: 51-3)

**3. Medicare/Eligibility Age** — The budget reconciliation bill (S. 947) called for raising the eligibility age for Medicare from 65 to 67. Such a move would dramatically increase the number of older Americans without health insurance, including many older workers whose employers have reduced or eliminated health care coverage. It would hike the cost of retiree health care coverage and employers would shift more costs to their retirees or drop coverage altogether. The AFL-CIO backed a procedural rule that would have stripped the Medicare language from the bill, but on June 24 the Senate voted 62-38 to waive that rule. **Y=W, N=R** (DEM: 12-33; REP: 50-5)

**4. Medicare/Means Testing** — A provision in the budget reconciliation bill called for means testing on Medicare deductibles. That would penalize the sick and elderly and raise little money. An amendment to eliminate means testing was offered, but the Senate voted to table, or kill, the amendment June 24 by a 70-30 vote. **Y=W, N=R** (DEM: 21-24; REP: 49-6)

**5. Tax Cuts for the Wealthy** — The Senate's tax reconciliation bill (H.R. 2015--it carried the House bill number) contained big tax breaks for wealthy individuals and corporations--such as capital gains and estate tax reductions--but few meaningful reductions for working families. The Senate passed the bill June 27 by an 80-18 vote. **Y=W, N=R** (DEM: 29-14; REP: 51-4)

**6. Education** — While school vouchers might allow a privileged few access to quality education, they would undermine the public education system that is designed to aid all children. Public education must be improved and the AFL-CIO and the Teachers have fought hard to raise standards and improve student achievement. But school vouchers would drain funds from public education and stymie efforts to make public schools better. The Senate staged a filibuster over an amendment to the FY 1998 District of Columbia appropriations bill calling for a school voucher system in the nation's capital. A cloture motion to end the filibuster was defeated 58-41 (60 votes were needed) Sept. 30. **Y=W, N=R** (DEM: 4-40; REP: 54-1)

**7. Fast Track** — One of the biggest AFL-CIO grassroots campaigns ever helped derail Fast Track trade legislation last year. Hundreds of rallies around the nation, 800,000 phone calls and 750,000 postcards let Congress know trade deals must include tough worker and environmental protections. While S. 1269 had sanctions for nations that violate property rights, human and work rights were not protected. Under Fast Track, Congress couldn't vote to improve a trade treaty, just to approve or disapprove the entire deal. Fast Track was heavily backed by business with \$5.5 million in television and radio ads in 104 congressional districts. But in the Senate, Fast Track opponents staged a filibuster against a motion to bring the bill to floor. However, the Senate voted to kill the filibuster 69-31 on Nov. 4. **Y=W, N=R** (DEM: 26-19; REP: 43-12)

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June 8, 1998

Session of Congress:	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	TOTAL		LIFETIME		1997	LIFETIME
Record Vote (Roll) No.:	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	VOTES 1997		TOTAL		RIGHT	RIGHT
	4	3	2	3	0	0	2	R	W	R	W	%	%
AFL-CIO Vote No.:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7						
<b>Alabama</b>													
SESSIONS (R-AL)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	0	7	0	0
SHELBY (R-AL)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	6	64	46	14	58
<b>Alaska</b>													
MURKOWSKI (R-AK)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	47	162	0	22
STEVENS (R-AK)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	6	151	216	14	41
<b>Arizona</b>													
KYL (R-AZ)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	0	26	0	0
MCCAIN (R-AZ)	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	6	16	95	14	14
<b>Arkansas</b>													
BUMPERS (D-AR)	R	R	R	W	R	R	W	5	2	226	104	71	68
HUTCHINSON, TIM (R-AR)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	0	7	0	0
<b>California</b>													
BOXER (D-CA)	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	6	1	42	3	86	93
FEINSTEIN (D-CA)	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	4	3	38	7	57	84
<b>Colorado</b>													
ALLARD (R-CO)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	0	7	0	0
CAMPBELL (R-CO)	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	2	5	24	18	29	57
<b>Connecticut</b>													
DODD (D-CT)	R	R	R	W	W	R	W	4	3	193	20	57	91
LIEBERMAN (D-CT)	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	2	5	70	17	29	80
<b>Delaware</b>													
BIDEN (D-DE)	W	R	R	R	W	R	W	4	3	272	59	57	82
ROTH (R-DE)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	74	300	0	20
<b>Florida</b>													
GRAHAM, BOB (D-FL)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	2	5	85	27	29	76
MACK (R-FL)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	10	76	0	12
<b>Georgia</b>													
CLELAND (D-GA)	W	R	R	R	W	R	W	4	3	4	3	57	57
COVERDELL (R-GA)	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	2	5	2	43	29	4
<b>Hawaii</b>													
AKAKA (D-HI)	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	5	2	69	7	71	91
INOUYE (D-HI)	R	R	R	R	A	R	W	5	1	340	38	83	90
<b>Idaho</b>													
CRAIG (R-ID)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	8	61	0	12
KEMPTHORNE (R-ID)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	2	43	0	4
<b>Illinois</b>													
DURBIN (D-IL)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	7	0	100	100
MOSELEY-BRAUN (D-IL)	W	R	R	R	W	R	R	5	2	36	9	71	80
<b>Indiana</b>													
COATS (R-IN)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	14	73	0	16
LUGAR (R-IN)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	28	265	0	10
<b>Iowa</b>													
GRASSLEY (R-IA)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	33	187	0	15
HARKIN (D-IA)	W	R	R	W	R	R	R	5	2	127	17	71	88
<b>Kansas</b>													
BROWNBACK (R-KS)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	0	7	0	0
ROBERTS (R-KS)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	0	7	0	0
<b>Kentucky</b>													
FORD (D-KY)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	263	71	100	79
MCCONNELL (R-KY)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	20	125	0	14

Louisiana													
BREAUX (D-LA)	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	6	82	29	14	74
LANDRIEU (D-LA)	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	2	5	2	5	29	29
Maine													
COLLINS (R-ME)	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	1	6	14	14
SNOWE (R-ME)	W	W	R	R	W	W	R	3	4	8	18	43	31
Maryland													
MIKULSKI (D-MD)	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	6	1	99	9	86	92
SARBANES (D-MD)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	279	12	100	96
Massachusetts													
KENNEDY, EDWARD (D-MA)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	364	29	100	93
KERRY, JOHN (D-MA)	R	R	R	W	R	R	W	5	2	133	14	71	90
Michigan													
ABRAHAM (R-MI)	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	6	3	23	14	12
LEVIN, CARL (D-MI)	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	6	1	236	21	86	92
Minnesota													
GRAMS (R-MN)	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	6	2	24	14	8
WELLSTONE (D-MN)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	64	5	100	93
Mississippi													
COCHRAN (R-MS)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	37	213	0	15
LOTT (R-MS)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	10	76	0	12
Missouri													
ASHCROFT (R-MO)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	1	23	0	4
BOND (R-MO)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	21	83	0	20
Montana													
BAUCUS (D-MT)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	2	5	188	66	29	74
BURNS (R-MT)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	6	10	78	14	11
Nebraska													
HAGEL (R-NE)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	0	7	0	0
KERREY, BOB (D-NE)	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	3	4	66	18	43	79
Nevada													
BRYAN (D-NV)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	2	5	68	20	29	77
REID, HARRY (D-NV)	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	6	1	96	14	86	87
New Hampshire													
GREGG (R-NH)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	0	44	0	0
SMITH, ROBERT C. (R-NH)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	6	8	60	14	12
New Jersey													
LAUTENBERG (D-NJ)	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	5	2	157	17	71	90
TORRICELLI (D-NJ)	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	6	1	6	1	86	86
New Mexico													
BINGAMAN (D-NM)	R	R	R	W	W	R	W	4	3	142	32	57	82
DOMENICI (R-NM)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	75	274	0	21
New York													
D'AMATO (R-NY)	W	R	R	R	W	W	W	3	4	100	115	43	47
MOYNIHAN (D-NY)	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	2	5	260	29	29	90
North Carolina													
FAIRCLOTH (R-NC)	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	2	5	3	39	29	7
HELMS (R-NC)	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	6	33	297	14	10
North Dakota													
CONRAD (D-ND)	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	4	3	90	22	57	80
DORGAN (D-ND)	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	6	1	36	7	86	84
Ohio													
DEWINE (R-OH)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	3	23	0	12
GLENN (D-OH)	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	4	3	262	63	57	81
Oklahoma													
INHOFE (R-OK)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	6	2	25	14	7
NICKLES (R-OK)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	9	210	0	4
Oregon													
SMITH, GORDON (R-OR)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	0	7	0	0
WYDEN (D-OR)	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	5	2	11	3	71	79

Pennsylvania													
SANTORUM (R-PA)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	6	5	21	14	19
SPECTER (R-PA)	W	R	R	R	W	W	R	4	3	141	77	57	65
Rhode Island													
CHAFEE (R-RI)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	1	6	120	173	14	41
REED, JACK (D-RI)	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	6	0	100	100
South Carolina													
HOLLINGS (D-SC)	R	R	R	W	A	R	R	5	1	234	149	83	61
THURMOND (R-SC)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	6	55	408	14	12
South Dakota													
DASCHLE (D-SD)	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	5	2	92	19	71	83
JOHNSON (D-SD)	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	5	2	5	2	71	71
Tennessee													
FRIST (R-TN)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	0	26	0	0
THOMPSON (R-TN)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	1	25	0	4
Texas													
GRAMM, PHIL (R-TX)	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	6	7	137	14	5
HUTCHISON, KAY BAILEY (R-TX)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	1	40	0	2
Utah													
BENNETT (R-UT)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	0	44	0	0
HATCH (R-UT)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	34	255	0	12
Vermont													
JEFFORDS (R-VT)	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	34	48	0	41
LEAHY (D-VT)	R	R	R	R	W	A	W	4	2	281	49	67	85
Virginia													
ROBB (D-VA)	W	R	W	W	R	R	W	3	4	62	26	43	70
WARNER (R-VA)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	43	216	0	17
Washington													
GORTON (R-WA)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	15	72	0	17
MURRAY (D-WA)	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	5	2	40	4	71	91
West Virginia													
BYRD (D-WV)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	353	109	100	76
ROCKEFELLER (D-WV)	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	5	2	129	18	71	88
Wisconsin													
FEINGOLD (D-WI)	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	6	1	42	3	86	93
KOHL (D-WI)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	2	5	64	24	29	73
Wyoming													
ENZI (R-WY)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	6	1	6	14	14
THOMAS (R-WY)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	7	0	26	0	0

KEY: R = VOTED RIGHT  
W = VOTED WRONG  
A = ABSENT, DID NOT VOTE OR MAKE POSITION KNOWN  
S = SPEAKER  
I = NOT IN OFFICE