

# ADATODAY

1987 ADA VOTING RECORD

## EVERY REASON FOR OPTIMISM

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For the fortieth consecutive year Americans for Democratic Action, Inc. presents its 1987 ADA Voting Record. Inside you will find our comprehensive report detailing how each member voted on the crucial issues facing our nation, during the 1st session of the 100th Congress.

**Overwhelming early victories brought high expectations.** Following six arduous and defensive years dealing with the Reagan administration and its Republican-led Senate, liberals looked forward to 1987, particularly when taking into account the new Democratic majority in the Senate. The assault against the poor, working people, the elderly, minorities, and the environment, it was hoped, would end with an emboldened Democratic Congress, along with a lame duck President, weakened by the Iran-Contra scandal. It seemed as if it would be up to the Congress to identify the domestic programs that needed focus. With Ollie North fired, some even said the President no longer had a foreign policy.

**Dramatic early veto overrides on Clean Water and Highway/Mass Transit seemed to reinforce the high expectations.** In the end there were more roll call losses by Reagan in 1987 than at any other time in his presidency—by any president in the past 35 years.

**What started with a bang, however, soon turned into petty partisan battles.** Irrelevant hearings stalled the progress made early in the session. On some issues the Democrats could go it alone, but they soon found that the Republican minority was a feisty group that could prevent closure and

throw endless obstacles in the way of positive legislation, particularly in the area of the budget. The dynamics of Congress vs. the President, Democrats vs. Republicans, with everyone pointing their finger at everyone else finally came to a boiling point during the confirmation process surrounding Reagan's choice to fill retiring Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell's seat.

**The defeat of Robert Bork restored our faith in the Senate hearing process, and, also, made great theater.** While the fruits of victory over the past seven years had more often than not ripened in a defensive posture, none was ever sweeter than the dramatically decisive rejection by the Senate of Robert Bork. The highest of priorities, presidential prestige being put on the line, and a long sought-after dream of the fanatical right could not overtake

the coalition of conscience that banded together to prevent this conservative ideologue from turning back decades of civil, women's and labor rights.

**Bork was not the only bright spot in an otherwise petulant session:**

- *Catastrophic Health Insurance*, which will provide a sustenance of care through the Medicare program, passed.
- Over the strenuous objections of the administration, which itself makes the strongest case for a strong ethics in government law, the *Independent Counsel* statute was extended for an additional 5 years.
- *Trade Reform* legislation was finally brought to center stage with strong language attempting to combat foreign countries' unfair trade practices.
- Though it took a Black Monday and the announcement of an upcoming Summit - the President finally agreed to negotiate and talk compromise with Congress on a *budget deficit-reduction plan*, and an *ABM Treaty* interpretation.
- Comprehensive and emergency relief for our nation's *homeless* passed.
- *Japanese-Americans* who were interned during World War II were finally voted long-overdue reparations.

Time after time, vote after vote, the Congress (many times including more than half the Senate Republicans) rejected the administration's position on crucial issues such as the Fairness Doctrine [though vetoed late in the session], SALT II, and nuclear testing.

**While there were some setbacks, the stage seems set for even greater gains in 1988.** Additional

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### ADA ALL STARS—100%

#### HOUSE

Joseph Brennan (ME)  
Peter De Fazio (OR)  
Ronald Dellums (CA)  
Don Edwards (CA)  
Lane Evans (IL)  
Barney Frank (MA)  
Robert Garcia (NY)  
Charles Hayes (IL)  
James Jontz (IN)  
Robert Kastenmeier (WI)  
Kweli Mfume (MD)  
David Obey (WI)  
Major Owens (NY)  
Martin Olav Sabo (MN)  
Gus Savage (IL)  
Gerry Studds (MA)  
Bruce Vento (MN)  
Alan Wheat (MO)  
Pat Williams (MT)

#### SENATE

Howard Mezenbaum (OH)  
Barbara Mikulski (MD)  
Ronald Rieggle, Jr. (MI)  
Paul Sarbanes (MD)

FROM AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION

## SENATE FOREIGN & MILITARY POLICY VOTES

### 1. STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE—S 1174

Motion to table [kill] Proxmire (D-WI)-Johnston (D-LA) amendment to Defense Authorization bill to cut "Star Wars" budget from \$4.5 to \$3.7 billion. Vice President Bush broke the tie vote in favor of higher spending. PASSED 50-50 [N = +] 9/22/87

### 2. CHEMICAL WEAPONS—S 1174

Motion to table [kill] Hatfield (R-OR) amendment to prohibit the expenditure of funds for the final assembly of lethal binary chemical weapons. PASSED 53-44 [N = +] 9/24/87

### 3. ASAT MORATORIUM—S 1174

Motion to table [kill] Kerry (D-MA) amendment to bar anti-satellite weapons tests against objects in space, as long as the USSR maintains its moratorium on such tests. PASSED 51-47 [N = +] 9/22/87

### 4. ABM TREATY—S 1174

Motion to table [kill] Warner (R-VA) amendment to strike Nunn (D-GA)-Levin (D-MI) language supporting limited development & testing of SDI, in accordance with strict, traditional interpretation of 1972 ABM Treaty. PASSED 58-38 [Y = +] 9/17/87

### 5. SALT II TREATY—S 1174

Motion to table [kill] Bumpers (D-AR) amendment to limit the operational deployment of certain strategic offensive nuclear weapons in accordance with the SALT II Treaty. REJECTED 44-55 [N = +] 10/1/87

### 6. NUCLEAR TESTING—S 1174

Motion to table [kill] Hatfield (R-Or)-Kennedy (D-MA) amendment to prohibit nuclear testing above one kiloton as long as USSR remains under such a limit. PASSED 61-36 [N = +] 9/24/87

### 7. CONTRA AID—HJRes 175

Vote on attempt to cut off debate considering imposition of a moratorium on U.S. assistance to Contras until there has been a full and adequate accounting of previous aid. (60 votes needed.) REJECTED 54-46 [Y = +] 3/25/87

## SENATE DOMESTIC & SOCIAL POLICY VOTES

### 8. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS—HR 2470

Wallop (R-WY)-Helms (R-NC) amendment to Medicare Catastrophic Loss Prevention Act to provide benefits on voluntary basis. REJECTED 18-77 [N = +] 10/27/87

### 9. BORK NOMINATION

Confirmation vote on Robert H. Bork's nomination to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. REJECTED 42-58 [N = +] 10/23/87

### 10. NUCLEAR WASTE—HR 2700

Reid (D-NV) amendment to require consideration of public health and safety when locating a nuclear waste repository. REJECTED 37-56 [Y = +] 11/22/87

### 11. ABORTION RIGHTS—HR 2713

Motion to table [kill] Nickles (R-OK) amendment to prohibit the use of D.C. funds to perform abortion except to save the life of the mother. PASSED 60-39 [Y = +] 9/30/87

### 12. AIDS & DC HOME RULE—HR 2713

Motion to table [kill] Helms (R-NC) amendment to repeal prohibition of discrimination provision contained in D.C. Insurance Act which barred insurers from using HIV status as a factor in determining insurance coverage. REJECTED 44-55 [Y = +] 9/30/87

### 13. PLASTIC HANDGUNS—HR 2616

Motion to table Metzenbaum (D-OH)-Thurmond (R-SC) amendment to prohibit hard-to-detect plastic firearms. PASSED 47-42 [N = +] 12/4/87

### 14. INDEPENDENT COUNSEL—HR 2939

Hatch (R-UT) amendment to reauthorize Independent Counsel statute one year instead of five. REJECTED 23-72 [N = +] 11/3/87

### 15. FAIRNESS DOCTRINE—S 742

Vote to clarify Congressional intent concerning, and to codify, certain requirements of 1934 Communications Act ensuring that broadcasters afford reasonable opportunity for discussion of conflicting views on issues of public importance. Later vetoed by President Reagan. PASSED 59-31 [Y = +] 4/21/87

16. ELDERLY HOUSING—S 825  
Reid (D-NV) amendment to reduce for the elderly the contribution required under Section 8 rental property from 30% to 25%. REJECTED 43-55 [Y = +] 3/31/87

### 17. GRAMM-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS—HJRes 324

Vote on conference report to affirm G-R-H limits and provide constitutional authority to Executive Branch. PASSED 64-34 [N = +] 9/23/87

### 18. TRADE—S 1420

Packwood (R-OR) amendment to weaken provisions that establish a mechanism for reducing the trade deficit with countries who, as a result of unfair trade practices have an excessive trade imbalance with the United States. REJECTED 41-55 [N = +] 7/7/87

### 19. PLANT CLOSING NOTIFICATION—S 1420

Quayle (R-IN) amendment to strike from the Trade bill plant closing protection language which sought to provide 60-day advanced notification of plant closings and mass layoffs. REJECTED 40-60 [N = +] 7/9/87

### 20. SERVICE CONTRACT ACT—S 1174

Dixon (D-IL) motion to table [kill] Gramm (R-TX) amendment which sought to raise threshold for federal contracts covered by prevailing-wage protections of the Service Contract Act, from \$2,500 to \$1 million, thereby eliminating almost 90% of current government contracts covering mostly minority and female employees in low-wage occupations. PASSED 67-30 [Y = +] 9/29/87 ■

## HOUSE FOREIGN & MILITARY POLICY VOTES

### 1. STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE—HR 1748

Dellums (D-CA) amendment to authorize \$1.2 billion for basic research on missile defense technology and terminate SDI. REJECTED 105-307 [Y = +] 5/12/87

### 2. CHEMICAL WEAPONS—HR 1748

Fascell (D-FL) amendment to prohibit funding for the final assembly of binary chemical weapons. REJECTED 191-230 [Y = +] 5/19/87

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**3. TRIDENT II MISSILES—  
HR 1748**

Weiss (D-NY) amendment to prohibit funds for the Trident II and to transfer \$2.3 billion authorization to C-4 missile program.

REJECTED 94-330 [Y = +] 5/13/87

**4. ABM TREATY—HR 1748**

Hunter (R-CA) amendment to strike language prohibiting SDI funding for systems that violate the ABM Treaty.

REJECTED 159-262 [N = +] 5/6/87

**5. SALT II TREATY—HR 1748**

Broomfield (R-MI) amendment to require Presidential affirmation of the USSR abiding by SALT II before the US would comply.

REJECTED 189-231 [N = +] 5/6/87

**6. NUCLEAR TESTING—HR 1748**

Broomfield (R-MI) amendment to permit nuclear testing if President determined that limiting such testing would interfere with weapon development and improvement.

REJECTED 201-220 [N = +] 5/19/87

**7. CONTRA AID—HJRes 175**

Vote to impose a moratorium on US aid for Nicaraguan resistance until there has been a full and adequate accounting of previous assistance.

PASSED 230-196 [Y = +] 3/11/87

**8. UNITED NATIONS  
FUNDING—HR 3100**

Solomon (R-NY) amendment to foreign aid authorization to cut U.S. contribution to international organizations of the United Nations.

REJECTED 190-229 [N = +] 11/19/87

**HOUSE DOMESTIC &  
SOCIAL POLICY VOTES**

**9. CATASTROPHIC HEALTH  
CARE—HR 2470**

Michel (R-IL) substitute to Medicare Catastrophic Protection Act that sought to reduce and eliminate home and hospital benefits, cut the number of days of nursing care, and set up an income-related prescription drug program.

REJECTED 190-242 [N = +] 7/22/87

**10. HOMELESS—HR 558**

Vote to provide emergency assistance for the homeless, with special emphasis on families and children.

PASSED 264-121 [Y = +] 3/5/87

**11. WELFARE REFORM—  
HR 1720**

Vote on a rule to limit the number of weakening amendments to the Family Welfare Reform Act which sought to establish comprehensive education and training programs and provide child and medical care subsidies.

PASSED 213-206 [Y = +] 12/15/87

**12. JAPANESE-AMERICAN  
REDRESS—HR 442**

Vote on Civil Liberties Act of 1987 to formally apologize to Japanese-Americans interned during WWII, provide financial reparations, and establish an educational fund.

PASSED 243-141 [Y = +] 9/17/87

**13. HOUSING—HR 4**

Wylie (R-OH) substitute to housing reauthorization bill that sought to slash \$1.7 billion in federal housing assistance for low income housing programs, and shift badly needed construction funds to renovation of existing units.

REJECTED 179-246 [N = +] 6/10/87

**14. FAIRNESS DOCTRINE—  
HJRes 395**

Dingell (D-MI) amendment requiring radio and TV licensees to provide an opportunity for the expression of all sides of controversial issues. A court ruling had held that Congress had not codified the doctrine. (President Reagan later vetoed.)

PASSED 259-157 [Y = +] 12/3/87

**15. NUCLEAR POWER—HR 1414**

Eckart (D-OH) amendment to remove the limit on liability of the nuclear power industry.

REJECTED 119-300 [Y = +] 7/29/87

**16. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY—  
HR 162**

Jeffords (R-VT) amendment to weaken provisions of High Risk Occupational Disease Notification and Prevention Act which sought to establish system of notifying and medically monitoring high-risk workers.

REJECTED 191-234 [N = +] 10/14/87

**17. COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING—HR 1821**

Vote on amendment to National Labor Relations Act to restrict the practice of "double-breasting contracting" whereby construction companies with a union collective bargaining agreement set up and shift work to an alter-ego non-union entity.

PASSED 227-197 [Y = +] 6/17/87

**18. HATCH ACT REFORMS—  
HR 3400**

Vote to restore to Federal civilian employees the right to voluntarily participate in the political process, and protect them from improper solicitations.

PASSED 305-112 [Y = +] 11/17/87

**19. TRADE—HR 3**

Gephardt (D-MO) amendment establishing a mechanism for reducing the trade deficit with countries who, as a result of unfair trade practices, have an excessive trade imbalance with the U.S.

PASSED 218-214 [Y = +] 4/29/87

**20. SAFE HAVEN FOR  
REFUGEES—HR 618**

Moakley (D-MA) bill to suspend detention and deportation of displaced Salvadorans and Nicaraguans pending a GAO study on their condition.

PASSED 237-181 [Y = +] 7/28/87

**21. INDEPENDENT COUNSEL—  
HR 2939**

Shaw (R-FL) amendment to strike all improvements contained in Independent Counsel Statute, and have law extended only one rather than five years.

REJECTED 171-245 [N = +] 10/21/87

**22. AIDS TESTING—HR 558**

Dannemeyer (R-CA) amendment to Homeless Act to require recipient of outpatient health services to be tested for AIDS.

REJECTED 101-292 [N = +] 3/5/87

**23. ABORTION RIGHTS—  
HR 2713**

Dornan (R-CA) amendment to prohibit use of federal funds to perform abortions.

PASSED 191-181 [N = +] 6/26/87

**24. POLYGRAPH  
PROTECTION—HR 1212**

Young (R-FL) substitute to weaken Polygraph bill which sought to outlaw the use of lie detectors in the private-sector by sanctioning their use if employees were told it was voluntary and being done by a qualified examiner.

REJECTED 169-242 [N = +] 11/4/87

**25. GRAMM-RUDMAN-  
HOLLINGS—HJRes 324**

Vote on conference report extending G-R-H and providing a constitutionally valid triggering device.

PASSED 230-176 [N = +] 9/22/87 ■

**Every Reason** (Continued  
from P. 1)

Contra aid and SDI funding is threatened. The 2nd Session of the 100th Congress could turn from merely being rhetorical to truly historical if it finally addresses pay equity, family and medical leave, welfare reform, fair housing, civil rights restoration, supports the INF Treaty, and urges greater, more effective U.S. diplomatic efforts with respect to the Middle East and South Africa.

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	Democrats	77%		Democrats	76%
	Republicans	15%		Republicans	25%
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	Rep. Fresh.	13%		Rep. Fresh.	8%

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