

## **1973 Americans for Constitutional Action Basis for Index, House**

### **1. Rural Environmental Assistance Bill**

Passage of the bill requiring the agriculture secretary to spend the total amount appropriated by Congress - \$225 million in fiscal 1973 - for the rural environmental assistance program.

Passed 251-142: D 199-20; R 52-122, 2/7/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **2. Conservative Substitute for Rehabilitation Act**

Rep. Earl Landgrebe (R-Ind.) amendment to the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, restricting the bill to a three year extension of the current grants program to the states for vocational rehabilitation services instead of the expansion proponents of the bill called for.

Rejected 165-213: D 39-168; R 126-45, 3/8/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Nixon - Yea

### **3. Conservative Substitute for Older Americans Act**

Rep. Earl Landgrebe (R-Ind.) amendment to the Older Americans Act authorizing \$501 million in grants for fiscal 1973-74 for states and regional programs of assistance for senior citizens and to reduce the federal share of grants for certain social service over three years. This was instead of an open-ended authorization after 1974.

Rejected 168-229: D 38-181; R 130-48, 3/13/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **4. Public Works and Economic Development Act**

Passage of the bill extending the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 for one year, through fiscal 1974, and authorizing a total of \$1.2 billion, including \$800 million for public works grants; \$50 million for technical assistance and research; \$50 million for growth centers and economic development districts, and \$152.5 million for regional action planning commission programs.

Passed 278-108: D 207-11; R 71-97, 3/15/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **5. House Internal Security Committee Funds**

Adoption of the resolution providing \$475,000 in expenses for the Internal

Security Committee for the first session of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Congress.

Adopted 289-101: D 125-90; R 164-11, 3/22/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **6. Rural Water-Sewer Grants Veto Override**

Passage over the President's veto of the bill requiring the secretary of agriculture to spend the entire amount appropriated by Congress each fiscal year for water and sewer grants to rural communities.

Veto sustained 225-189: D 201-28; R 24-161, 4/10/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

## **7. Extend Price and Wage Controls**

Passage of the bill extending the President's authority to control wages and prices for one year to April 30, 1974, from April 30, 1973.

Passed 293-114: D 141-83; R 152-31, 4/16/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Yea

## **8. Table Reconsideration of the Rules for the Emergency Employment Act**

Rep. Harold Gross (R-Iowa) motion to table his own motion to reconsider the rule providing for House floor consideration of the bill to extend the Emergency Employment Act for two years at a cost of \$4.5 billion

Passed 183-173: D 39-155; R 144-18, 4/18/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **9. Permit Private Purchase, Sale, and Ownership of Gold**

Rep. Phil Crane (R-Ill.) amendment to the Dollar Devaluation bill, permitting the private purchase, sale and ownership of gold by U.S. citizens after Dec. 31, 1973, instead of at a date to be determined by the President.

Rejected 162-162: D 67-103; R 95-59, 5/29/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **10. Minimum Wage Conservative Substitute Bill**

Rep. John Erlenborn (R-Ill.) amendment in the form of a substitute bill, increasing the hourly minimum wage for most non-farm workers under the act to \$1.90 on enactment, then to \$2.10 in 1974 and to \$2.20 in 1975; to increase the minimum wage for farm workers to \$1.50 upon enactment, to \$1.70 in 1974, to \$1.85 in 1975 and to \$2.00 in 1976; and to permit the employment of full-time students and youth under 18 at \$1.60 (\$1.30 if farm labor) or 80% of the applicable minimum wage, whichever is higher, for a 180-day period. This

was instead of the committee amendment increasing the minimum hourly wage for most non-farm workers to \$2 this year and \$2.20 on July 1, 1974 and extending coverage to about 6 million additional workers.

Rejected 199-218: D 50-181; R 149-37, 6/6/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Nixon - Yea

### **11. Make Community Representation in Criminal Justice Planning Organizations Voluntary**

Rep. William Keating (R-Ohio) amendment to make optional rather than mandatory the inclusion of representatives of citizen, professional and community organizations in state and regional criminal justice and law enforcement planning units.

Adopted 227-162: D 63-151; R 164-11, 6/18/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **12. Restrictions on Lobbying by Poverty Lawyers**

Rep. Albert Quie (R-Minn.) amendment extending restrictions on lobbying by poverty lawyers working in the legal services program to include efforts to influence administrative decisions by federal, state or local government agencies.

Adopted 200-181: D 67-144; R 133-37, 6/21/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **13. Postpone Prohibition on Military Activities in Cambodia and Laos**

Rep. George Mahon (D-Tex.) motion to amend the Senate amendment to postpone until after Sep. 1, 1973 the prohibition against using any of the funds in the bill or funds in any previously enacted appropriations bill from being used to carry on military activities in or over Cambodia and Laos.

Rejected 204-204: D 57-167; R 147-37, 6/25/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **14. Cut 1974 Labor-HEW Appropriations**

Rep. Robert Michel (R-Ill.) motion to recommit the bill with instructions to report it back with an amendment deleting a total of \$631,624,000 from 26 programs covered in the bill.

Rejected 186-219: D 25-195; R 161-24, 6/26/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **15. Prohibit Use of Commodity Credit Corporation Funds for USSR and China Sales**

Rep. Steven Symms (R-Idaho) amendment prohibiting the use of Commodity Credit Corporation funds to finance or guarantee the sale of wheat or feed grains to the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China.

Rejected 139-264: D 71-149; R 68-115, 7/10/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Nixon - Nay

### **16. Prohibit Food Stamps for Strikers**

Rep. William Dickinson (R-Ala.) amendment to the Farm Program Extension, prohibiting the issuance food stamps to strikers and their families.

Adopted 213-203: D 53-178; R 160-25, 7/19/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **17. Recommit the Impoundment Control Bill**

Rep. John Anderson (R-Ill.) motion to recommit the bill to the Rules Committee with instructions that it be reported back with an amendment to require enactment of a concurrent resolution by both houses of Congress to disapprove of presidential impoundments.

Rejected 208-212: D 29-206; R 179-6, 7/25/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **18. Foreign Aid Bill**

Passage of the bill authorizing for fiscal 1974 \$978.9 million for foreign economic assistance, \$632 million for Indochina postwar reconstruction, \$1.15 billion for foreign military assistance and credit sales, and to authorize for fiscal 1975, \$821 million for foreign economic assistance.

Passed 188-183: D 119-94; R 69-89, 7/26/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **19. Reduce Funds for Defense Procurement**

Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wis.) amendment to reduce the funds authorized in the bill by \$949.7 million by establishing a defense procurement spending ceiling of \$20.45 billion - equal to the 1973 fiscal appropriation of \$19.5 billion modified by a 4.5% inflation adjustment.

Adopted 242-163: D 160-63; R 82-100, 7/31/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **20. Restrict Alaskan Pipeline**

Rep. John Dingell Jr. (D-Mich.) amendment to prohibit the granting of rights-of-way or permits across any area of the National Park System, the

National Wildlife Refuge System or the National Wilderness System unless the secretary of the interior found that granting such rights-of-way or permits would not interfere with the uses for which such areas were intended and were in the public interest.

Rejected 160-261: D 120-113; R 40-148, 8/2/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **21. Minimum Wage Veto Override**

Passage of the bill, over the President's veto, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage under that act and to expand the coverage of that act.

Veto sustained 259-164: D 208-29; R 51-135, 9/19/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

## **22. Delete Subsidies for Urban Mass Transit**

Rep. Chalmers Wylie (R-Ohio) amendment to the Urban Mass Transit bill, deleting grants to state and local agencies for urban mass transit operating subsidies.

Rejected 205-210: D 57-175; R 148-35, 10/3/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Nixon - Yea

## **23. Reduce Temporary Debt Ceiling Level**

Rep. Steven Symms (R-Idaho) amendment to the bill raising the debt ceiling, reducing the temporary federal debt ceiling to \$475.7 billion from \$478 billion.

Adopted 263-147: D 150-75; R 113-72, 11/7/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **24. Railroad Bailout Bill**

Passage of the bill authorizing \$421.5 million plus \$1 billion in federal loan guarantees to reorganize the six bankrupt railroads in the Northeast into one profitable corporation.

Passed 306-82: D 196-20; R 110-62, 11/8/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **25. Ban Allocation of Petroleum for Busing**

Rep. John Dingell Jr. (D-Mich.) amendment to the National Energy Emergency Act, banning the allocation of petroleum for busing of students to schools farther than the school nearest to their homes.

Adopted 221-192: D 104-128; R 117-64, 12/13/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **26. Postpone Changes in Vehicle Emission Standards to 1977**

Rep. James Hastings (R-N.Y.) amendment to the National Energy Emergency Act, extending through the 1977-model year the interim federal vehicle emission standards for the 1975-model year.

Adopted 199-180: D 69-142; R 130-38, 12/13/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Nixon - Yea

## **27. Foreign Operations Appropriations, Fiscal 1974**

Adoption of the conference report on the bill to appropriate \$5,780,434,000 in fiscal 1974 for foreign economic and military assistance, and to provide for the transfer of \$44 million in previously appropriated Transportation Department funds to initiate a program to reorganize rail services in the Northeast and Midwest.

Adopted 216-149: D 137-64; R 79-85, 12/20/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **Analysis**

Republican Score: 24/27 - 89%

Democratic Score: 2/27 - 7%

President Nixon Score: 8/10 - 80%

## **1973 Americans for Constitutional Action Basis for Index, Senate**

### **1. Airport Subsidies**

Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Ind.) amendment declaring the sense of Congress that no funds for airport development should be impounded.

Adopted 50-30: D 44-2; R 6-27; I 0-1, 2/5/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **2. Rural Electrification Subsidies**

Passage of the bill requiring the administrator of the Rural Electrification

Administration to spend the entire sum appropriated by Congress each fiscal year for 2% direct loans to rural electric and telephone cooperatives.

Passed 69-20: D 48-1; R 20-18; C 0-1; I 1-0, 2/21/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **3. End Nonpermanent Programs of REAP**

Sen. Henry Bellmon (R-Okla.) amendment, terminating nonpermanent programs of the Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP) including assistance to farmers for lime and fertilizer.

Rejected 25-59: D 1-45; R 22-14; C 1-0; I 1-0, 3/1/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **4. Federal Water-Sewer Subsidies**

Passage of the bill requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to spend the entire amount appropriated by Congress for water and sewage grants to rural communities.

Passed 66-22: D 49-0; R 17-20; C 0-1; I 0-1, 3/22/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **5. Public Health Subsidies**

Passage of the bill extending funding through fiscal 1974 expiring programs under the Public Health Service Act, the Community Mental Health Centers Act, and the Developmental Disability Services and Facilities Construction Act. Funding would have otherwise expired on June 30, 1973.

Passed 72-19: D 50-1; R 21-17; C 0-1; I 1-0, 3/27/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **6. Override Veto on Rehabilitation Act**

Passage, over President Nixon's veto, of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, spending \$2.6 billion over three years for extending federal grant programs to the states for vocational rehabilitation and expanding aid to the disabled.

Veto sustained 60-36: D 50-4; R 10-30; C 0-1; I 0-1, 4/3/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **7. Reduce Budget Increase on Arts Funding**

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) amendment, increasing funding for the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities by \$120 million through fiscal year 1976 instead of \$400 million.

Rejected 30-61: D 19-32; R 9-29; C 1-0; I 1-0, 5/2/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **8. Postcard Voter Registration**

Passage of the bill establishing a system of postcard voter registration to be administered by the newly created Voter Registration Administration.

Passed 57-37: D 45-7; R 12-28; C 0-1; I 0-1, 5/9/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **9. No Funds for Military Operations over Cambodia and Laos**

Sen. Thomas Eagleton (D-Mo.) amendment, blocking funding for supporting combat activities over Cambodia and Laos.

Passed 63-19: D 42-3; R 20-15; C 0-1; I 1-0, 5/31/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **10. Interest Rate Equivalence on Foreign Aid**

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) amendment, mandating that the interest rate on long-term credit sales to underdeveloped communist nations authorized by the bill be the equivalent to the rate the U.S. government had to pay on the money it borrowed.

Rejected 39-52: D 17-35; R 20-17; C 1-0; I 1-0, 6/7/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **11. State Rather Than Federal Authority on Land-Use Policy**

Sen. J. Bennett Johnston (D-La.) amendment, authorizing the States, rather than the Secretary of the Interior, to designate areas of vital environmental concern.

Rejected 38-59: D 10-44; R 26-15; C 1-0; I 1-0, 6/20/73.



Yea = +, Nay = -

## **12. Retain U.S. Military Grant Assistance Programs**

Sen. Hugh Scott (R-Penn.) amendment, deleting language in the foreign military aid bill gradually ending U.S. military grant assistance programs by June 30, 1977.

Adopted 48-44: D 10-40; R 36-4; C 1-0; I 1-0, 6/26/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Nixon - Yea

## **13. Public Financing of Presidential Candidates**

Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) amendment, placing all presidential campaign contributions designated by Federal taxpayers on their income tax returns to one campaign fund to be used by all presidential candidates, rather than permitting taxpayers to designate recipients.

Adopted 61-31: D 46-5; R 15-24; C 0-1; I 0-1, 6/27/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

## **14. Trans-Alaska Pipeline Delay**

Sen. Walter Mondale (D-Minn.) amendment, postponing granting of rights-of-way across federal lands for a pipeline route until negotiations with the Canadian government about a route through Canada and an eight-month comparative study of routes through Canada and Alaska occurs.

Rejected 29-61: D 24-26; R 5-34; I 0-1, 7/13/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

## **15. Minimum Wage Substitute**

Sen. Peter Dominick (R-Col.) amendment, reduces the increase of the minimum wage with less coverage.

Rejected 40-57: D 9-44; R 29-13; C 1-0; I 1-0, 7/18/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Nixon - Yea

## **16. Kill Salary Freeze Amendment**

Sen. Gale McGee (D-Wyo.) motion to table the Allen (D-Ala.) amendment,

freezing the salaries of members of Congress, the Cabinet, and federal judiciary as long as wage and price controls continue.

Rejected 40-53: D 20-31; R 19-21; C 1-0; I 0-1, 7/25/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **17. Railroad Subsidies**

Passage of the bill authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to spend up to \$210 million to enter into service contracts or acquire railroad facilities.

Passed 59-30: D 32-18; R 27-10; C 0-1; I 0-1, 7/27/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **18. Permit Food Stamps for Strikers**

Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) motion to table the Helms (R-N.C.) amendment, prohibiting the issuance of food stamps to strikers and their families if their being on strike is the reason for them being on food stamps.

Passed 58-34: D 40-11; R 18-21; C 0-1; I 0-1, 7/31/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **19. Mass Transit Subsidies**

Passage of the bill authorizing for fiscal year 1974-75 \$800 million in subsidies to states and localities for urban mass transit.

Passed 53-33: D 38-8; R 15-23; C 0-1; I 0-1, 9/10/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **20. Cut Funds for Trident Submarine**

Sen. Thomas McIntyre (D-N.H.) amendment, cutting \$885 million for the procurement and development of the Trident submarine.

Rejected 47-49: D 36-19; R 10-29; C 0-1; I 1-0, 9/27/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **21. Delete Funds for the SAM-D Missile**

Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) amendment, deleting funds for the SAM-D missile

program.

Rejected 34-56: D 31-21; R 3-33; C 0-1; I 0-1, 9/27/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

## **22. Strip Mining Prohibition**

Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) amendment prohibiting coal surface mining on lands where the federal government owns the mineral rights but not surface rights.

Adopted 53-33: D 40-7; R 13-24; C 0-1; I 0-1, 10/8/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **23. Kill Limits on School Busing**

Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) motion to table the Helms (R-N.C.) amendment, which would have limited transportation for students enrolled in public schools, and requiring that students walk to school where possible and to be transported no further than the school nearest their home.

Passed 48-39: D 34-15; R 14-22; C 0-1; I 0-1, 11/19/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **24. Kill Balanced Budget Proposal**

Sen. Russell Long (D-La.) motion to table the Helms (R-N.C.) amendment, requiring that beginning in fiscal year 1975 that the federal funds budget, except for trust fund revenues and expenditures, must be balanced.

Passed 46-42: D 37-13; R 9-27; C 0-1; I 0-1, 11/29/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **25. Kill Prohibition on Food Stamps for Strikers**

Sen. Russell Long (D-La.) motion to table the Helms (R-N.C.) amendment, excluding strikers from eligibility for food stamps.

Passed 56-32: D 38-11; R 18-19; C 0-1; I 0-1, 11/29/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **26. Kill Public Financing of Campaigns**

Sen. Hugh Scott (R-Penn.) motion for the Senate to recede and concur in House amendments to the bill increasing the debt ceiling, which had the effect of killing public financing of presidential campaigns.

Passed 48-36: D 15-30; R 31-6; C 1-0; I 1-0, 12/3/73.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Nixon - Yea

### **27. Kill Busing Limitation to Emergency Energy Bill**

Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) motion to table the Helms (R-N.C.) amendment, which would have permitted the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to encourage limitations to school busing.

Passed 47-46: D 31-17; R 15-26; C 0-1; I 0-1, 12/10/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **28. Prohibit Importation of Rhodesian Chrome**

Passage of the bill prohibiting the importation of Rhodesian chrome ore. The UN had in an unprecedented action sanctioned Rhodesia in 1966 for its formation of a republic to maintain white minority rule. The alternative for importation of chrome ore, however, was the USSR.

Passed 54-37: D 37-13; R 17-22; C 0-1; I 0-1, 12/18/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **29. Table Buckley Amendment**

Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) motion to table the Buckley (C-N.Y.) amendment, deregulating prices of newly introduced natural gas to the market or was being sold after existing contracts had expired, providing that no existing contracts could be renegotiated before they were due to expire.

Passed 45-43: D 39-12; R 6-29; C 0-1; I 0-1, 12/19/73.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **Analysis**

Republican Score: 24/29 - 83%

Democratic Score: 2/29 - 7%

President Nixon Score: 15/15 - 100%

## **1974 Americans for Constitutional Action Basis for Index, House**

### **1. International Development Association Bill**

Passage of the bill authorizing \$1.5 billion for the IDA.

Defeated 155-248: D 108-118; R 47-130, 1/23/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Yea

### **2. National Energy Emergency Act**

Passage of the bill granting the President authority to impose gasoline rationing and price controls on domestic crude oil previously exempted.

Passed 258-151: D 179-52; R 79-99, 2/27/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **3. Fund House Committee on Internal Security**

Adoption of the resolution authorizing \$475,000 for the House Internal Security Committee in fiscal 1975.

Adopted 247-86: D 106-77; R 141-9, 4/1/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **4. Consumer Protection Agency Conservative Substitute**

Rep. Clarence Brown Jr. (R-Ohio) amendment to the Consumer Protection Agency bill, providing for a substitute restricting the CPA's access to other federal agencies' information, to limit its authority to seek judicial review of agency decisions and to delete its indirect subpoena power.

Rejected 176-223: D 41-184; R 135-39, 4/3/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **5. Recommit Legal Services Corporation**

Rep. John Ashbrook (R-Ohio) motion to recommit the bill establishing the Legal Services Corporation, an independent corporation providing legal services for the poor, with instructions to eliminate the corporation's authority to make grants and contracts for outside research on legal questions affecting the poor.

Rejected 183-190: D 52-155; R 131-35, 5/16/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **6. Limit Defense Spending**

Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wis.) amendment reducing the total authorization in the defense spending bill by \$733.1 million to \$21.9 billion by setting a ceiling equivalent to the fiscal 1974 congressionally approved procurement appropriations, plus a 7.4% adjustment for inflation.

Rejected 185-209: D 133-89; R 52-120, 5/22/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **7. Consider Land Use Bill**

Adoption of the rule providing for House floor consideration of the bill to provide for federal grants to the States to help them draft comprehensive land use plans under guidelines established by the act.

Defeated 204-211: D 158-75; R 46-136, 6/11/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **8. Phase in Postal Subsidies**

Passage of the bill amending the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 to continue annual subsidies for most second, third, and fourth class mail for longer periods than had originally been authorized.

Passed 277-129: D 176-49; R 101-80, 6/19/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

## **9. Restrict Food Stamps for College Students**

Rep. John Anderson (R-Ill.) amendment to the Agricultural, Environmental, and Consumer Protection appropriations, making all college students who are claimed as tax dependents by their parents ineligible for food stamps.

Adopted 195-123: D 68-115; R 127-8, 6/21/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **10. International Development Association Bill**

Passage of the bill authorizing U.S. participation in and a contribution of \$1.5 billion to the International Development Association and to permit U.S. citizens to own, buy, or sell gold effective Dec. 31, 1974.

Passed 225-140: D 131-74; R 94-66, 7/2/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Yea

## **11. Concur with Senate Amendments to the LSC Bill**

Rep. Carl Perkins (D-Ky.) motion to agree to the Senate amendments to the

House version of the Legal Services Corporation bill, with an amendment substituting all of the provisions of the conference version of the bill except those allowing the corporation to fund outside poverty law research.

Passed 265-136: D 179-44; R 86-92, 7/16/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **12. Education Act Amendments/Busing Compromise**

Adoption of the conference report of the bill extending and amending the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and related education programs and to declare that students should not be bused beyond the school next closest to their homes, but allowing the courts to order more extensive busing to protect the civil rights of individuals as guaranteed under the Constitution.

Adopted 323-83: D 187-36; R 136-47, 7/31/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **13. Consider Campaign Finance Bill**

Rep. John Young (D-Tex.) motion to order the previous question and ending debate and the possibility of amendments on the rule providing for considering the bill publicly financing presidential campaigns and imposing political contribution and campaign spending limits.

Passed 219-190: D 218-9; R 1-181, 8/7/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **14. Federal Election Campaign Act**

Passage of the bill providing for public financing of presidential campaigns, imposing campaign spending and contribution limits, and establishing a board of supervisors to oversee and administer the law.

Passed 355-48: D 219-3; R 136-45, 8/8/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **15. Anti-Communist Amendment, Export-Import Bank**

Rep. Richard Ichord (D-Mo.) amendment to the Export-Import Bank extension, permitting the House or the Senate to disapprove Export-Import Bank financing of exports to a communist nation by adopting a resolution within 30 days after the bank reported the transaction to Congress.

Rejected 178-215: D 86-127; R 92-88, 8/21/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **Analysis**

Republican Score: 11/15 - 73%

Democratic Score: 2/15 - 13%

President Nixon Score: 3/5 - 60%

## **1974 Americans for Constitutional Action Basis for Index, Senate**

### **1. Legal Services Corporation**

Passage of the bill authorizing \$261.5 million in fiscal 1974-76 to establish an independent corporation providing legal services for the poor.

Passed 69-17: D 46-4; R 23-13, 1/31/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **2. Ratify Genocide Treaty**

Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) motion to invoke cloture and end debate on ratification of the International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Defeated 55-38: D 37-15; R 18-23, 2/6/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **3. Kill National Energy Emergency Act**

Sen. Paul Fannin (R-Ariz.) motion to recommit to conference the bill granting the President authority to impose rationing and conservation measures and ease clean air standards and directing him to reduce and control the price of domestic crude oil that had been exempted from controls by law or by the Cost of Living Council.

Defeated 38-60: D 10-47; R 28-13, 2/19/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Nixon - Yea

### **4. Increase Minimum Wage**

Passage of the bill raising the hourly minimum wage for most non-farm workers from \$1.60 to \$2.00 one month after enactment and to \$2.20 12 months later, to extend new minimum wage coverage to approximately 6.7 million workers and to repeal several minimum wage and overtime exemptions.

Passed 69-22: D 51-6; R 18-16, 3/7/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **5. Reinstate Federal Death Penalty**



Passage of the bill establishing new standards and procedures for the imposition of the death penalty.

Passed 54-33: D 26-25; R 28-8, 3/13/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Nixon - Yea

## **6. Balanced Budget Amendment to Budget Reform Bill**

Sen. Harry Byrd Jr. (Ind.-Va.) amendment to require that, starting in 1976, the entire federal budget, including trust funds, be balanced between outlays and revenues.

Rejected 35-52: D 15-36; R 20-16, 3/21/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **7. Kill Campaign Finance Reform**

Sen. James Allen (D-Ala.) motion to recommit, and thus kill, the bill publicly financing federal election campaigns.

Rejected 35-53: D 11-38; R 24-15, 4/11/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **8. Campaign Finance Reform**

Passage of the bill providing full public financing of federal general election campaigns and partial public financing of primary campaigns for federal offices, establish ceilings on campaign contributions by individuals and organizations and on campaign spending by candidates, and provide criminal penalties for violations of provisions in the bill.

Passed 53-32: D 37-9; R 16-23, 4/11/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

## **9. Strike Federal Standards Provisions for No-Fault Auto Insurance**

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) amendment, striking Title III from the No-Fault Auto Insurance bill, which would impose more stringent insurance standards on states that failed to enact the no-fault provisions containing the minimum federal standards set forth in the bill.

Rejected 32-61: D 13-41; R 19-20, 5/1/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **10. Kill Extension of Cost of Living Council**

Sen. John Tower (R-Tex.) motion to table, and thus kill, the Muskie (D-Me.) amendment to continue the Cost of Living Council as an agency to monitor inflation and to give the President authority to use controls to enforce

agreements on acceptable price increases reached with industries when they were freed from controls.

Defeated 44-45: D 13-38; R 31-7, 5/1/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **11. Prohibit Requiring Medical Testing for Students Without Parental Consent**

Sen. James Buckley (C-N.Y.) amendment, prohibiting educational institutions from requiring its students to undergo “medical, psychological, or psychiatric examination, testing” without parental consent.

Rejected 40-43: D 16-33; R 24-10, 5/14/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **12. Table Anti-Busing Amendment**

Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) motion to table, and thus kill, the Gurney (R-Fla.) amendment to ban busing for desegregation purposes to any but the school closest or next closest to student’s home and to allow reopening of school desegregation orders to modify them.

Passed 47-46: D 33-20; R 14-26, 5/15/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **13. Table Amendment Prohibiting Food Stamps for Strikers**

Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) motion to table, and thus kill, the Helms (R-N.C.) amendment to prohibit food stamp benefits for workers who qualified for the program because of their participation in a labor strike (that by being on strike their income had been reduced to a level qualifying them for food stamps).

Agreed to 52-31: D 37-11; R 15-20, 5/21/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **14. International Development Association Authorization**

Passage of the bill authorizing \$1.5 billion in four \$375-million payments as the U.S. contribution to the fourth replenishment of the International Development Association.

Passed 55-27: D 31-16; R 24-11, 5/29/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Yea

### **15. Halt Funding of Counterforce Research Unless SALT Talks Fail**

Sen. Thomas McIntyre (D-N.H.) amendment halting the funding of counterforce research - to increase the accuracy and yield of strategic nuclear missiles -

until the President reported that the strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) had failed to achieve a controls agreement for MIRVs (multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicles).

Rejected 37-49: D 31-18; R 6-31, 6/10/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **16. End Debate on Humphrey Amendment to Debt Limit Extension**

Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) motion to invoke cloture (cut off debate) on the Humphrey (D-Minn.) amendment to repeal the percentage depletion allowance for oil and gas income and to cut personal income taxes by increase the personal exemption to \$800 from \$750, to provide an optional \$190 tax credit in lieu of the exemption and to refund part of Social Security payroll taxes to workers with children.

Defeated 48-50: D 37-20; R 11-30, 6/26/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Nixon - Nay

### **17. Prohibit Legal Services Corporation from In-House Legal Research**

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) motion for the Senate to agree to the House amendments to the Legal Services Corporation bill, and adding an amendment barring the corporation from undertaking any in-house research activities and from funding public interest or poverty law firms. (The House amendments did not prohibit in-house research activities.)

Defeated 36-41: D 12-42; R 22-19, 7/18/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **18. Recommit Education Bill, Include Anti-Busing Amendments**

Sen. James Allen (D-Ala.) motion to recommit the conference report of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Extension with instructions to recede and accept the House language regarding the busing of students for the purposes of desegregating public schools.

Defeated 41-56: D 19-39; R 22-17, 7/24/74.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Nixon - Yea

### **19. End Debate on Consumer Protection Agency**

Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) motion to invoke cloture (cut off debate) on the bill establishing an independent agency to represent consumers before other federal agencies and courts.

Defeated 64-34: D 44-12; R 20-22, 9/19/74.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **Analysis**

Republican Score: 15/19 - 79%

Democratic Score: 1/19 - 5%

President Nixon Score: 8/9 - 89%