

1961 Americans for Constitutional Action Basis for Index, House

1. Enlarge House Rules Committee

Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) proposed to enlarge the Rules Committee to 15, increasing Democrats by two and Republicans by one, the intent to weaken the power of the conservatives on the committee led by chairman Howard W. Smith (D-Va).

Passed 217-212: D 195-64; R 22-148, 1/31/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

2. Emergency Feed Grains Program

Passage of the bill providing for a rise in price supports for feed grains, payments in cash and kind for farmers who agree to cut acreage of corn and grain sorghums by 30% and loss of eligibility for price supports for farmers who did not participate in the acreage reduction plan.

Passed 209-202: D 205-41; R 4-161, 3/9/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

3. Conservative Substitute for Fair Labor Standards Amendments

Reps. William Ayres (R-Ohio) and Alvin Kitchin (D-N.C.) amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act Amendments, cutting down the minimum wage increase, deleting overtime coverage for additional workers, and reducing the number of additional workers covered.

Passed 216-203: D 74-177; R 142-26, 3/24/61.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

4. Area Redevelopment Act

Passage of the bill authorizing \$394 million in federal loans and grants for redevelopment areas.

Passed 251-167: D 208-42; R 43-125, 3/29/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

5. Cut Water Pollution Funding

Rep. William Cramer (R-Fla.) motion to recommit the Water Pollution Control Act Amendments, reducing annual authorization to \$75 million, the overall limit to \$750 million, and requiring that after June 30, 1964 states match any funding exceeding \$50 million annually.

Defeated 165-256: D 21-232; R 144-24, 5/3/61.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

6. Establish Office of International Travel and Tourism

Passed 305-104: D 223-17; R 82-87, 5/17/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

7. Housing Act of 1961

Passage of the bill authorizing \$4.88 billion in housing programs over four years.

Passed 229-176: D 203-40; R 26-136, 6/28/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

8. Restore Funds for Public Power

Rep. Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.) motioned to table the Van Zandt (R-Penn.) motion to instruct House conferees not to agree to a Senate

amendment authorizing \$95 million to add generating facilities to the Hanford, Wash., plutonium-producing reactor.

Defeated 164-235: D 156-80; R 8-155, 8/8/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

9. Subsidy Program for Small Lead and Zinc Mines

Passage of the bill providing for \$2,450,000 for subsidies for small producers of lead and zinc.

Passed 196-172: D 169-49; R 27-123, 8/24/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +

10. Consider Administration Education Bill

Rep. F. Edward Hebert (D-La.) motion to consider the Emergency Educational Aid Act of 1961, the Kennedy Administration's program passed by the Senate.

Rejected 170-242: D 164-72; R 6-160, 8/30/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

11. Limit Juvenile Delinquency Test Programs to Washington D.C.

Rep. Robert Griffin (R-Mich.) amendment to the bill authorizing \$10 million annually for three years for conducting pilot projects and training personnel for controlling juvenile delinquency, limiting all pilot demonstration programs to the District of Columbia.

Defeated 187-217: D 55-188; R 132-29, 8/30/61.

12. Delete Public Power Projects from Public Works Bill

Rep. Ben Jensen (R-Iowa) motion to recommit the public works appropriations bill, reducing by \$4.225 million the appropriation for construction of transmission lines in connection with the Upper Colorado River Basin Project and prohibiting construction by the Federal Government of lines connecting the three major hydroelectric power plants in the project with their major markets.

Rejected 182-225: D 41-202; R 141-23, 9/13/61.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

Analysis

Republican Score: 12/12 - 100%

Democratic Score: 0/12 - 0%

Kennedy Score: 0/10 - 0%

1961 Americans for Constitutional Action Basis for Index, Senate

1. Emergency Feed Grains Program

Passage of the bill providing for a rise in price supports for feed grains, payments in cash and kind for farmers who agree to cut acreage of corn and grain sorghums by 30% and loss of eligibility for price supports for farmers who did not participate in the acreage reduction plan.

Passed 52-26; D 41-8; R 11-18, 3/10/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

2. Area Redevelopment Act

Passage of the bill authorizing \$394 million in federal loans and grants for redevelopment areas.

Passed 63-27: D 48-11; R 15-16, 3/15/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Nay

3. Federal Grants for Educational Television

Passage of the bill authorizing a five-year program of federal grants to the states for the construction or improvement of educational television facilities, with each state limited to \$1 million in grants.

Passed 67-13: D 48-7; R 19-6, 3/21/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +

4. Restrict Coverage of Fair Labor Standards Act

Sen. Mike Monroney (D-Okla.) amendment to limit coverage of retail, service, gas-station, laundry and construction workers to interstate businesses, reducing coverage from approximately 4 million additional workers to 2.5 million.

Rejected 39-56: D 20-43; R 19-13, 4/19/61.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

5. Fair Labor Standards Act Amendments of 1961

Passage of the bill raising the minimum wage for 23.9 million workers already covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act from \$1 an hour to \$1.15 an hour for the first two years, and to \$1.25 an hour after, and extends coverage to approximately \$4 million workers.

Passed 65-28: D 51-11; R 14-17, 4/20/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

6. Battle Act Amendments

Passage of the bill granting President Kennedy discretionary authority to provide economic or financial aid to countries other than the Soviet Union or Communist-held areas in the Far East.

Passed 43-36: D 36-18; R 7-18, 5/11/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

7. Education Aid Bill

Passage of the bill authorizing \$2,550,000,000 in grants to the states to be used for operation, maintenance and construction of public schools and for teachers' salaries.

Passed 49-34: D 41-12; R 8-22, 5/25/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

8. Cut Public Housing

Sen. Homer Capehart (R-Ind.) amendment, reducing public housing units authorized from 100,000 to 37,000.

Rejected 34-58: D 11-48; R 23-10, 6/8/61.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

9. Housing Act of 1961

Passage of the bill authorizing \$6.1 billion in housing programs.

Passed 64-25: D 52-8; R 12-17, 6/12/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

10. Delete Construction of Public Power Generating Facilities

Sen. Bourke Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) amendment to the Atomic Energy Commission authorization, deleting \$95 million for construction of electric generating facilities for the new plutonium producing reactor at Hanford, Wash.

Rejected 36-54: D 11-48; R 25-6, 7/18/61.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

11. Delete Extension of 1961 Feed Grains Program

Sen. John Williams (R-Del.) amendment, eliminating a one-year extension of the 1961 feed grains program.

Rejected 36-59: D 10-51; R 26-8, 7/26/61.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

12. Cut National Institutes of Health Appropriation

Sen. Prescott Bush (R-Conn.) amendment, reducing the \$835,670,000 appropriation for the National Institutes of Health by \$140,606,000.

Rejected 39-53: D 11-49; R 28-4, 8/2/61.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Yea

13. Annual Appropriation for the Development Loan Fund

Sen. Harry Byrd (D-Va.) amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, requiring annual appropriations for the Development Loan Fund.

Rejected 39-56: D 16-46; R 23-10, 8/11/61.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

14. Reduce Borrowing Authority for Foreign Aid

Sen. Frank Lausche (D-Ohio) amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, reducing borrowing authorization for fiscal 1962 from \$1.187 billion to \$900 million and from \$900 million to \$600 million in fiscal 1963-66.

Rejected 46-46: D 20-40; R 26-6, 8/15/61.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

15. Anti-Communist Amendment, Foreign Aid

Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, prohibiting assistance to countries exporting arms and strategic materials to Soviet-controlled countries.

Rejected 43-45: D 17-40; R 26-5, 8/18/61.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

16. Manpower Development and Training Act of 1961

Passage of the bill authorizing \$655 million for a four-year program to train unemployed workers.

Passed 60-31: D 44-14; R 16-17, 8/23/61.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

17. Delete Granting Attorney General Powers for Civil Rights Cases

Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) motion to table (kill) the Javits (R-N.Y.) amendment authorizing the Attorney General to bring civil suits for injunctions to prevent individuals from being deprived of any civil right.

Agreed to 47-42: D 33-27; R 14-15, 8/30/61.

Yea = +, Nay = -

18. Recommit Arms Control and Disarmament Agency Bill

Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) motion to recommit the bill establishing a U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency for World Peace and Security to the Armed Services Committee for study, with instructions to report the bill back by Feb. 1, 1962.

Rejected 33-54: D 13-44; R 20-10, 9/8/61.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

Analysis

Republican Score: 16/18 - 89%

Democratic Score: 1/18 - 6%

President Kennedy Score: 1/16 - 6%

1962 Americans for Constitutional Action Basis for Index, House

1. College Academic Facilities Act

Passage of the bill authorizing a five-year, \$1.5 billion program of federal grants and loans to public and private colleges for construction of academic facilities.

Passed 319-80: D 201-36; R 118-44, 1/30/62.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

2. Disapprove Creation of Urban Affairs and Housing Department

Disapprove President Kennedy's Reorganization Plan No. 1, creating an Urban Affairs and Housing Department by elevation of the Housing and Home Finance Agency to the Cabinet level.

Disapproved 264-150: D 111-137; R 153-13, 2/21/62.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

3. Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962

Passage of the bill authorizing \$262,357,000 for a two-year program to train unemployed workers.

Passed 354-62: D 209-40; R 145-22, 2/28/62.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

4. Federal Grants for Educational Television

Passage of the bill authorizing \$25,520,000 in matching grants to the states for plans for educational television transmission facilities.

Passed 339-68: D 218-22; R 121-46, 3/7/62.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

5. Increase Public Debt Limit

Passage of the bill increasing temporarily the public debt limit to \$308 billion beginning July 1, 1962 with provisions for gradual reduction to a limit of \$300 billion by June 30, 1963.

Passed 211-192: D 202-39; R 9-153, 6/14/62.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

6. Defeat Food and Agriculture Act of 1962

Rep. Paul Findley (R-Ill.) motion to recommit (kill) the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962, which provided a system of supply-management controls for wheat, corn and other feed grains.

Adopted 215-205: D 48-204; R 167-1, 6/21/62.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

7. Conservative Substitute for Trade Expansion Act

Rep. Noah Mason (R-Ill.) motion to recommit the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, substituting a one-year extension of the expiring Trade Agreements Act.

Defeated 171-253: D 44-210; R 127-43, 6/28/62.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

8. Block Public Power

Rep. James Van Zandt (R-Penn.) amendment to prohibit the AEC from contracting with a Washington state public utility group for the construction of an electric generating plant and the sale of byproduct steam at the AEC's Hanford, Wash., plutonium producing reactor.

Adopted 232-163: D 100-134; R 132-29, 7/17/62.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

9. Foreign Assistance Act of 1962

Adoption of the conference report of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1962, authorizing increases in foreign aid for fiscal 1963.

Passed 221-162: D 163-65; R 58-97, 7/24/62.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

10. Cut National Institutes of Health

Rep. Melvin Laird (R-Wis.) motion to recommit the Labor-HEW

Appropriations, insisting on House disagreement to Senate amendments increasing funds for the National Institutes of Health.

Defeated 173-214: D 40-188; R 133-26, 8/1/62.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Yea

11. Defeat Public Works Coordination and Acceleration Act

Rep. William Cramer (R-Fla.) motion to recommit (kill) the bill providing \$750,000,000 for a standby program for grants and loans for public works projects.

Defeated 192-221: D 44-202; R 148-19, 8/29/62.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

Analysis

Republican Score: 8/11 - 73%

Democratic Score: 0/11 - 0%

President Kennedy Score: 1/11 - 9%

1962 Americans for Constitutional Action Basis for Index, Senate

1. College Aid Bill

Passage of the bill authorizing a five-year, \$2.674 billion program of federal aid to higher education, including \$300 million annually in loans for classroom construction at public and private colleges, \$924 million for an estimated 215,500 four-year scholarships, and \$50 million

annually in matching grants for construction of public community colleges.

Passed 69-17: D 45-10; R 24-7, 2/6/62.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

2. **United Nations Loan Bill**

Passage of the bill authorizing President Kennedy to loan up to \$100 million to the UN and left the particulars of repayment to the President's discretion.

Passed 70-22: D 48-11; R 22-11, 4/5/62.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

3. **Food and Agriculture Act of 1962**

Passage of the bill providing for a system of supply-management controls for wheat, corn, and other feed grains.

Passed 42-38: D 41-8; R 1-30, 5/25/62.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

4. **Public Works Coordination and Acceleration Act**

Passage of the bill providing for \$750,000,000 for a standby program for grants and loans for public works projects.

Passed 44-32: D 39-8; R 5-24, 5/28/62.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

5. **Anti-Communist Amendment, Foreign Aid**

Sen. Norris Cotton (R-N.H.) amendment, barring aid to any nation which exported to the U.S.S.R. or any nation dominated or controlled by the U.S.S.R. any war implements or articles of strategic significance or articles found by the National Security Council to be contrary to U.S. security interests.

Rejected 40-45: D 12-40; R 28-5, 6/7/62.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

6. **Delete Subsidies for Lead and Zinc**

Sen. John Williams (R-Del.) amendment to delete \$2,450,000 for subsidies to small producers of lead and zinc.

Rejected 36-52: D 10-46; R 26-6, 6/12/62.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

7. **Cut Interior Department Funds**

Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) motion to recommit the Interior Department Appropriations bill with instructions to report the bill back to the Senate, cutting funds from \$922,560,820 to \$868,595,000.

Rejected 26-60: D 3-53; R 23-7, 6/12/62.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

8. **Raise Public Debt Limit**

Passage of the bill increasing temporarily the public debt limit to \$308 billion beginning July 1, 1962 with provisions for gradual reduction to a limit of \$300 billion by June 30, 1963.

Passed 55-34: D 43-14; R 12-20, 6/28/62.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

9. **Defeat Medicare**

Sen. Robert Kerr (D-Okla.) motion to table the Anderson (D-N.M.) amendment providing health insurance for most persons 65 and over, financed by an increase in the Social Security tax, a raise in the Social Security wage base and funds from the general revenues.

Tabled 52-48: D 21-43; R 31-5, 7/17/62.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

10. Foreign Assistance Act of 1962

Adoption of the conference report of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1962, authorizing increases in foreign aid for fiscal 1963.

Adopted 56-27: D 41-16; R 15-11, 7/20/62.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

11. Cut Labor-HEW Appropriations

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) amendment to reduce every item in the Departments of Labor, Health, Education, and Welfare Appropriations bill to the amount requested by President Kennedy, a cut of \$247 million.

Rejected 24-59: D 7-50; R 17-9, 7/20/62.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Yea

Analysis

Republican Score: 8/11 - 73%

Democratic Score: 0/11 - 0%

President Kennedy Score: 1/11 - 9%