

## 1977 Americans for Constitutional Action Index, House

### 1. Economic Stimulus Appropriations

Passage of the bill appropriating \$23.3 billion for a bevy of federal programs, including for provisions of President Carter's stimulus program, such as public works financing and \$632.5 million in anti-recession funds.

Passed 281-126: D 237-31; R 44-95, 3/15/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

### 2. Additional Unemployment Compensation Extension

Passage of the bill extending through March 1978 13 weeks of supplemental unemployment insurance to provide a maximum of 52 weeks of benefits in states and localities suffering from high unemployment.

Passed 327-63: D 235-21; R 92-42, 3/21/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### 3. Common Site Picketing Bill

Passage of the bill legalizing common site picketing, allowing unions on strike against one contractor to apply that strike to other contractors involved in a construction site and form a collective bargaining committee.

Defeated 205-217: D 191-88; R 14-129, 3/23/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### 4. Require Congress to Vote on Reorganization Plans

Rep. Robert Walker (R-Penn.) amendment, requiring Congress vote on reorganization plans as opposed to plans going into effect unless disapproved of by Congress after 60 days.

Defeated 86-329: D 25-249; R 61-80, 3/29/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### 5. Debt Collection Protection

Passage of the bill providing for protections from certain debt collector agency

practices claimed to be unfair to consumers.

Passed 199-198: D 158-105; R 41-93, 4/4/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **6. Increase Defense Budget Authority**

Rep. Omar Burluson (D-Tex.) amendment, increasing the defense budget by \$3 billion and outlays by \$2 billion.

Defeated 176-233: D 61-211; R 115-22, 5/5/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **7. Federal Employees' Political Rights Act**

Passage of the Clay (D-Mo.) bill scaling back the Hatch Act, providing for greater allowances for political participation by Federal employees.

Passed 244-164: D 222-47; R 22-117, 6/7/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

## **8. Veteran Discharge Upgrades**

Rep. Robin Beard (R-Tenn.) amendment prohibiting the use of Veterans Administration funds for benefitting individuals whose discharge statuses were upgraded by the President's special discharge program put into effect by the Department of Defense on April 5, 1977 as a means of "burying the hatchet" regarding the Vietnam War. Critics held that numerous people discharged for incompetence would be upgraded as well and eligible for benefits.

Passed 273-115: D 143-126; R 130-9, 6/15/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Carter - Nay

## **9. Reduce Funds for Health, Education, and Aging**

Rep. Robert Michel (R-Ill.) amendment, reducing Labor-HEW appropriations for 11 categories by \$563.5 million.

Rejected 72-334: D 19-250; R 53-84, 6/16/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **10. Prohibit Federal Funds for Busing**

Rep. Ron Mottl (D-Ohio) amendment, prohibiting busing to any school other than the school nearest to the students' homes.

Adopted 225-157: D 121-135; R 104-22, 6/16/77

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **11. Reduce Funds for Food Stamps to \$5 Billion**

Rep. John Rousselot (R-Calif.) amendment, reducing funds for the food stamp program to \$5 billion.

Rejected 154-261: D 44-232; R 110-29, 6/21/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **12. No Direct or Indirect Assistance to Uganda, Cambodia, Laos, or Vietnam**

Rep. Bill Young (R-Fla.) amendment, prohibiting funds in the Foreign Aid Appropriations bill from being used directly or indirectly for Uganda, Cambodia, Laos, or Vietnam.

Passed 295-115: D 162-107; R 133-8, 6/22/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **13. Legal Services Corporation Extension**

Passage of the bill extending the Legal Services Corporation for two years and authorizing \$538.7 million for fiscal 1978-1979.

Passed 267-103: D 202-38; R 65-65, 6/27/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **14. Block Pay Increase for Federal Officials**

Rep. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) amendment, prohibiting funds in the Legislative Branch Appropriations for a 29% pay increase for high-level Federal officials, which started on March 1, 1977.

Rejected 181-241: D 91-190; R 90-51, 6/29/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **15. National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act**

Passage of the bill providing \$500 million to establish a bank making loans for consumer cooperatives and \$250 million for a Self-Help Development Fund to assist inner-city residents to start cooperatives.

Passed 199-198: D 169-90; R 30-108, 7/14/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Nay

## **16. Conservation and Insulation for Existing Residential Buildings**

Energy committee amendment, requiring states or the Federal Energy Administration to provide information for residential customers on qualified home insulation installers and for financing arrangements for public utilities to provide home insulation services.

Adopted 217-205: D 211-67; R 6-138, 8/2/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **17. Natural Gas Deregulation**

Rep. Clarence Brown (R-Ohio) amendment to the National Energy Policy bill, extending the Emergency Natural Gas Act of 1977 for three years while ending federal price controls on new onshore natural gas retroactive to April 20, 1977, and on new offshore natural gas starting April 20, 1982.

Rejected 199-217: D 72-210; R 127-17, 8/3/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Carter - Nay

## **18. Delete Funds for the B-1 Bomber**

Rep. Joseph P. Addabbo (D-N.Y.) amendment, instead of postponing the production of five B-1 Bombers, deleting funds for them.

Adopted 202-199: D 169-96; R 33-103, 9/8/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

## **19. Incremental Minimum Wage Raise**

Rep. John Erlenborn (R-Ill.) amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act Amendments, providing for an increase from \$2.30 an hour to \$2.65 in 1978, \$2.85 in 1979, and \$3.05 in 1980.

Adopted 223-193: D 97-178; R 126-15, 9/15/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Carter - Nay

## **20. Food and Agriculture Act Conference Report**

Adoption of the conference report on the bill extending and increasing price supports for wheat, feed grains, cotton, and rice for four years, and extends the food stamp program for four years.

Adopted 283-107: D 219-36; R 64-71, 9/16/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **21. Increase Space for Congressional Offices**

Adoption of the resolution increasing rental allowance effective January 3, 1978, for district office space for representatives from 1500 square feet to 2500 square feet.

Adopted 215-193: D 186-90; R 29-103, 9/20/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **22. Prohibit Funding for Neutron Bombs**

Rep. Ted Weiss (D-N.Y.) amendment, blocking Energy Research and Development funds for the military from going to the production of neutron bombs.

Rejected 109-297: D 99-176; R 10-121, 9/29/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Nay

## **23. Extend Wage-Price Council**

Passage of the bill extending the authority of the Council of Wage and Price Stability until September 30, 1979.

Passed 251-145: D 206-54; R 45-91, 10/3/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **24. Debt Limit Increase**

Adoption of the rule concurring in the Senate amendments to raise the temporary debt limit to \$752 billion through March 31, 1978.

Adopted 223-194: D 201-74; R 22-120, 10/4/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **25. Labor Law Revisions**

Adoption of the rule providing for House consideration of the bill requiring unions have equal time to management in addressing employees on issues regarding union representation, that government contracts are automatically denied to firms that willfully or repeatedly engage in instances of violations of labor law, and increasing penalties for violators of labor laws.

Adopted 291-128: D 258-19; R 33-109, 10/4/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **26. Foreign Aid Appropriations**

Adoption of the conference report of the bill appropriating \$6,772,654,000 for foreign aid in fiscal 1978. President Carter had requested \$7,601,461,136.

Adopted 229-195: D 190-89; R 39-106, 10/18/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **27. Social Security Financing**

Passage of the bill increasing Social Security payroll taxes ahead of schedule, increasing the taxable wage base for employers and employees starting in 1978, and increasing employer and employee rates starting in 1981.

Passed 275-146: D 235-46; R 40-100, 10/27/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **1978 Americans for Constitutional Action Index, House**

### **1. Outer Continental Shelf Legislation Substitute**

Rep. John Breaux (D-La.) amendment, keeping existing bidding systems at a minimum of 50% of the time, provide sharing of Federal offshore revenues with coastal states, and restrict government intervention in exploratory drilling.

Rejected 187-211: D 74-192; R 113-19, 1/26/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Carter - Nay

## **2. Consumer Protection Agency**

Passage of the bill establishing an independent agency of the Office of Consumer Representation, representing consumers before Federal agencies and courts.

Defeated 189-227: D 172-101; R 17-126, 2/8/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

## **3. Rescind Funds for B-1 Bombers**

Rep. George Mahon (D-Tex.) motion for the House to recede and concur with the Senate in its rescinding of \$462 million for production of three B-1 bombers.

Adopted 234-182: D 204-76; R 30-106, 2/22/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

## **4. Restrict Postal Service Subsidies**

Rep. Paul Simon (D-Ill.) amendment, prohibiting the United States Postal Service from subsidizing the rates of parcel delivery service.

Adopted 292-112: D 165-98; R 127-14, 4/5/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **5. Emergency Farm Bill**

Adoption of the conference report of the bill providing for a one year flexible parity program, which includes graduated land diversion and target prices for wheat, corn, and cotton, and raising loan rates for these commodities beginning October 1, 1979, including retroactive payments for 1978 crops.

Rejected 150-268: D 80-193; R 70-75, 4/12/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Nay

## **6. Increase the Defense Budget**

Rep. Samuel Stratton (D-N.Y.) amendment, increasing the defense budget from \$127.4 billion to \$129.8 billion.

Rejected 142-262: D 71-195; R 71-67, 5/3/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **7. Reduce Domestic Budget Authority**

Rep. Joseph Fisher (D-Va.) amendment cutting budget authority by \$8 billion and outlays by \$7 billion.

Rejected 195-203: D 73-188; R 122-15, 5/9/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **8. Reduce Spending for Department of HEW**

Rep. John Ashbrook (R-Ohio) amendment reducing budget authority by \$3.15 billion for Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Rejected 192-205: D 65-193; R 127-12, 5/10/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **9. States' Rights Substitute for Alaska Lands Bill**

Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) amendment, removing five million acres from additions to the parks of the United States, refuges, and forests, instead permitting Alaska to choose the land.

Rejected 141-251: D 52-208; R 89-43, 5/18/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Carter - Nay

### **10. Maintain a Minimum of 26,000 Troops in South Korea**

Rep. Samuel Stratton (D-N.Y.) amendment to the Defense Procurement Authorization bill, prohibiting the use of any funds to limit U.S. troops in South Korea below 26,000.

Rejected 142-247: D 51-201; R 91-46, 5/24/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Carter - Nay

### **11. Funding for Bureau of ATF, Firearm Regulations**

Rep. Robert McClory (R-Ill.) amendment, restoring \$4.2 million for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and deleting language prohibiting funds for carrying out firearm regulations.



Rejected 80-314: D 70-186; R 10-128, 6/7/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **12. Keep OSHA Funding at 1978 Level**

Rep. Steve Symms (R-Idaho) amendment, cutting funds for the Occupational Safety and Hazard Administration from \$167,474,000 to \$139,070,000, a cut of \$28.4 million, which is the fiscal 1978 spending level.

Adopted 201-179: D 99-145; R 102-34, 6/7/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **13. No Quotas Based on Race, Creed, or Sex**

Rep. Robert Walker (R-Penn.) amendment, prohibiting funds in the Labor-HEW Appropriations from being used to implement quotas based on race, creed, or sex on hiring, promotions, or admissions.

Adopted 232-177: D 120-146; R 112-31, 6/13/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **14. 2% Reduction in Housing and Urban Development Spending**

Rep. Clarence Miller (R-Ohio) motion to recommit the HUD-Independent Agency Appropriations for fiscal 1979, reducing appropriations by 2% except for funds mandated by law.

Rejected 156-222: D 55-189; R 101-33, 6/19/78.

### **15. Reduce Food Stamp Program Spending**

Rep. Steve Symms (R-Idaho) amendment, cutting food stamp program spending by \$290.2 million.

Rejected 194-201: D 74-187; R 120-14, 6/22/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **16. Amtrak Subsidy Bill**

Passage of the bill providing a Federal subsidy of \$755,250,000 for Amtrak for fiscal 1979, as well as requiring approval by both houses of Congress for a new route system recommended by the transportation secretary and barring

alterations in existing routes before October 1, 1979.

Passed 204-89: D 151-42; R 53-47, 6/23/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **17. Prohibit Duplication of Educational Services Offered by Government**

Rep. Dale Kildee (D-Mich.) amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act extension, disallowing duplication by community education programs of services provided by other government agencies unless the commissioner of education determined that collaboration existed between such programs and government agencies.

Adopted 197-195: D 191-67; R 6-128, 7/13/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **18. Block Consideration of Public Financing of House Campaigns**

Rep. Bernice F. Sisk (D-Calif.) motion to end debate on the adoption of the rule providing for floor consideration of the bill authorizing the Federal Election Commission for fiscal 1979, this blocked a House vote on public financing of elections to the House of Representatives.

Passed 213-196: D 107-166; R 106-30, 7/19/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **19. New York City Bailout**

Adoption of the conference report of the bill providing up to \$1.65 billion in Federal loan guarantees to New York City.

Adopted 244-157: D 203-62; R 41-95, 7/25/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

### **20. Block Indirect Aid to Uganda, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam**

Rep. Bill Young (R-Fla.) amendment to the Foreign Aid Appropriations bill for fiscal 1979, prohibiting indirect U.S. aid to Uganda, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam.

Rejected 198-203: D 97-168; R 101-35, 8/3/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Carter - Nay

## **21. National Consumer Cooperative Bank Conference Report**

Adoption of the conference report of the bill establishing a national consumer cooperative bank. Authorized is \$300 million over fiscal 1979-83 for the bank's capitalization, \$75 million in fiscal 1979-81 for technical assistance, and \$4 million for fiscal 1979, and as necessary sums for fiscal 1980-81.

Adopted 236-164: D 201-68; R 35-96, 8/9/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **22. Limit CETA Salaries**

Rep. Dave Obey (D-Wis.) amendment to the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, limiting maximum CETA wages to \$10,000 annually in low wage areas and \$12,000 in high wage areas, and to set the average CETA worker wage at \$7,000, adjusted per the consumer price index.

Adopted 230-175: D 114-152; R 116-23, 8/9/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **23. Prohibit Foreign Aid to Panama**

Rep. George Hansen (R-Idaho) amendment, prohibiting funds for assistance, guarantees, or insurance in or for Panama in the Foreign Aid Appropriations bill.

Rejected 172-202: D 85-163; R 87-39, 8/14/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Carter - Nay

## **24. Foreign Aid Appropriations**

Passage of the bill providing \$7,174,634,653 for foreign aid programs. President Carter had requested \$8,444,320,919.

Passed 223-167: D 166-93; R 57-74, 8/14/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **25. Equal Rights Amendment Deadline Extension**

Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.) motion to end debate and adopt the rule

considering the bill extending the deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment by 39 months and permitting for passage by simple majority vote.

Passed 243-171: D 200-71; R 43-100, 8/15/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **26. Balanced Budget**

Rep. John Rousselot (R-Calif.) substitute amendment to the resolution providing for binding budget levels, providing for \$519 billion in budget authority, outlays at \$464.1 billion, and revenues at \$464.1 billion, thus a balanced budget.

Rejected 153-235: D 53-198; R 100-37, 8/16/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **27. Supplemental Appropriations**

Adoption of the conference report of the bill appropriating \$6,808,778,686 in additional funds for fiscal 1978 operations of the Federal government, including \$3.2 billion for pay raises for employees. President Carter had requested \$7,168,446,986.

Adopted 198-191: D 174-78; R 24-113, 8/17/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **1977 Americans for Constitutional Action Index, Senate**

### **1. Table Resolution Expressing Opposition to Pardoning Vietnam War Draft Resisters and Evaders**

Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-W.V.) motion to table the Allen (D-Ala.) resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in opposition to President Carter's pardon for draft resisters and evaders.

Tabled 48-46: D 38-19; R 10-26; I 0-1, 1/25/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

### **2. Warnke Nomination**

Confirm Paul Warnke as chief negotiator for the Strategic Arms Limitation talks with the USSR. Warnke had advised Senator George McGovern's 1972 campaign on defense issues and had advocated a reduction of military funds by one-third. This pick was a clear sign of continuation of detente.

Confirmed 58-40: D 48-12; R 10-28, 3/9/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

### **3. Table Repeal of Recent Pay Raises for Members of Congress and the Federal Government**

Sen. Russell Long (D-La.) motion to table Division II of the Bartlett (R-Okla.) amendment, repealing the pay raise of February 20th, 1977, for members of Congress, executive branch officers, and federal judges.

Tabled 53-41: D 37-22; R 16-19, 3/30/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **4. Economic Stimulus Appropriations**

Passage of the bill spending \$20,395,984,000 for numerous federal programs, including parts of President Carter's economic stimulus plan. The total was a reduction from the \$23,793,849,000 from what Carter asked Congress for.

Passed 63-15: D 45-2; R 18-13, 5/2/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **5. Increase Housing Assistance Funds**

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) amendment, increasing funds for low-income housing programs by \$6.2 billion.

Adopted 57-39: D 45-15; R 12-24, 5/4/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **6. Retain Purchase Requirement for Food Stamps**

Sen. Carl Curtis (R-Neb.) amendment, keeping the requirement for food stamp recipients to pay for part of the cost of food stamps.

Rejected 31-64: D 9-49; R 22-15, 5/24/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Carter - Nay

### **7. Delete Community Reinvestment Section of Housing Bill**

Sen. Robert B. Morgan (D-N.C.) amendment, striking Title IV from the housing bill, which encourages financial institutions to invest in urban service areas.

Rejected 31-40: D 15-32; R 16-8, 6/6/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **8. Cut Labor-HEW Appropriations**

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) amendment to the Labor-HEW Appropriations bill, reducing the budget by \$1.8 billion, and providing for no more for each item than the Carter Administration requested.

Rejected 32-62: D 14-44; R 18-18, 6/28/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **9. Prohibit Race and Sex Quotas in Education**

Sens. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) amendment to the Labor-HEW Appropriations, prohibiting funds to enforce sex or race-based goals, quotas, or other numerical requirements in hiring or admissions.

Rejected 31-64: D 10-49; R 21-15, 6/28/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **10. Restore Prohibition on Funds for Busing**

Sen. Thomas Eagleton (D-Mo.) motion to table the Brooke (R-Mass.) amendment, which had deleted prohibitions on the use of federal funds for busing only as part of school pairing, clustering, or restructuring plans.

Passed 47-43: D 26-29; R 21-14, 6/28/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **11. Economic Impact Statements for OSHA Regulations**

Sen. James McClure (R-Idaho) amendment, requiring the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to prepare economic impact statements for any regulations promulgated.

Rejected 41-47: D 14-42; R 27-5, 6/28/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **12. Weaken Absolute Prohibition on Funding for "Enhanced Radiation" Warheads**

Sen. John C. Stennis (D-Miss.) amendment to the Public Works-ERDA Appropriations, prohibit funds for "enhanced radiation" warheads until an arms control impact statement was filed by the Executive Branch and the President certified their vitality to national security. This was as opposed to the Hatfield (R-Ore.) amendment, which had an absolute prohibition on the use of any funds for the warheads.

Adopted 43-42: D 22-33; R 21-9, 7/1/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **13. Delete Funding for B-1 Bombers**

Sen. John C. Stennis (D-Miss.) amendment to the Defense Department Appropriations bill, striking \$1.466 billion for the production of five B-1 Bombers.

Adopted 59-36: D 48-12; R 11-24, 7/18/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

## **14. End Debate on Campaign Finance Bill**

Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W.V.) motion to invoke cloture and thus end debate on the bill permitting public financing of Senate general election campaigns.

Defeated 52-46: D 48-13; R 4-33, 8/2/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

## **15. Retain Compulsory Labor Union Dues for Political Purposes**

Sen. Howard Cannon (D-Nev.) motion to table the Helms (R-N.C.) amendment, barring the use of union dues collected under compulsory union contracts for political purposes.

Tabled 67-25: D 55-1; R 12-24, 8/3/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **16. Permit Indirect Assistance to Uganda, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam**

Adoption of the Senate committee amendment deleting an amendment adopted by the House prohibiting any funds in the Foreign Aid Appropriations bill for indirect assistance to Uganda, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. This includes funds through international lending institutions.

Adopted 47-29: D 38-12; R 9-17, 8/5/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

## **17. Increase Agricultural Spending**

Sen. Herman Talmadge (D-Ga.) amendment increasing budget outlays for agriculture spending by \$700 million, to a total of \$6.3 billion.

Adopted 64-27: D 40-16; R 24-11, 9/8/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **18. Allow Acquisition of Coal and Uranium Resources by Major Oil and Gas Producers**

Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.) motion to table the Kennedy (D-N.Y.) amendment prohibiting acquisition of coal and uranium resources by major oil and gas producers.

Tabled 62-30: D 28-30; R 34-0, 9/8/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **19. Budget Resolution**

Adoption of the resolution setting the fiscal 1978 budget to revenues of \$394.8 billion, a budget authority of \$501.4 billion, and outlays of \$459.9 billion. This constitutes a deficit of \$65.1 billion.

Adopted 63-21: D 47-8; R 17-13, 9/9/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **20. Exempt Civilian Technicians from Prohibition on Unionizing in the Military**

Sen. James Abourezk (D-S.D.) amendment, exempting civilian technicians from a prohibition on union membership in the reserve and National Guard.



Rejected 34-43: D 23-24; R 11-19, 9/16/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **21. Debt Limit Increase**

Passage of the bill raising the temporary debt limit from \$700 billion to \$752 billion through March 21, 1978.

Passed 58-30: D 41-12; R 17-18, 9/30/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **22. Natural Gas Deregulation**

Sens. James B. Pearson (R-Kan.) and Lloyd Bentsen (D-Tex.) proposed an amendment ending Federal price controls for natural gas found onshore, retroactive to January 1, 1977, and end controls on offshore gas after December 31, 1982 with certain protections in place for homeowners, schools, and hospitals.

Adopted 50-46: D 16-43; R 34-3, 10/4/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Carter - Nay

### **23. Kill Aid for Utility Rate Reform**

Sen. J. Bennett Johnston (D-La.) motion to table the Brooke (R-Mass.) amendment to expand Federal programs to assist states in reforming utility rate setting procedures.

Tabled 59-37: D 33-25; R 26-12, 10/6/77.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **24. Minimum Wage Increase**

Passage of the bill increasing the minimum wage from \$2.30 an hour to \$2.65 an hour starting January 1, 1978, \$2.90 an hour starting January 1, 1979, and \$3.40 an hour starting January 1, 1981, and to expand wage and overtime coverage.

Passed 63-24: D 47-7; R 16-17, 10/7/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

## **25. Legal Services Corporation Extension**

Passage of the bill extending the Legal Services Corporation for three years, providing \$205 million in fiscal 1978, provide as necessary sums for fiscal 1979-80, and lessen restrictions on LSC lawyers.

Passed 77-15: D 53-5; R 24-10, 10/12/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **26. Foreign Aid Appropriations**

Adoption of the conference report of the bill providing \$6,772,654,000 in foreign aid in fiscal 1978.

Adopted 53-33: D 40-14; R 13-19, 10/19/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **27. Defeat Republican Substitute for Social Security Financing Bill**

Sen. Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.) motion to table the Curtis (R-Neb.) substitute amendment for the Social Security Financing bill, which raises the Social Security tax above the recommendations of the Senate Finance Committee and increases the wage base the same for employers and employees at the level recommended for employees, as opposed to the committee proposal for \$75,000 as of 1985 for employers and \$33,900 as of 1987 for employees. Vice President Mondale cast his first tie-breaking vote to kill the Curtis Amendment.

Tabled 42-41: D 39-12; R 2-29, 11/4/77.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **1978 Americans for Constitutional Action Index, Senate**

### **1. Broader Jurisdiction for Obscenity Prosecutions**

Sen. James B. Allen (D-Ala.) motion to table the committee amendment to the Criminal Code Reform bill, allowing obscenity prosecutions only in the district in which the material was distribute or in which the offense occurred.

Defeated 38-49: D 17-39; R 21-10, 1/26/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **2. Redwood National Park Expansion**

Passage of the bill adding 48,000 acres to Redwood National Park, creates a 30,000 acre protection zone and appropriates \$359 million for acquiring the land.

Passed 74-20: D 56-2; R 18-18, 1/31/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **3. Rescind Funds for B-1 Bombers**

Sen. John C. Stennis (D-Miss.) motion, reaffirming the rescinding of \$462 million for the production of two additional B-1 Bombers.

Adopted 58-37: D 45-13; R 13-24, 2/1/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

### **4. Panama Canal Neutrality Treaty**

Ratification of the Panama Canal Neutrality Treaty, which guarantees that the canal will always be neutral and open to vessels of all nations.

Ratified 68-32: D 52-10; R 16-22, 3/16/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

### **5. Table Property Protection Amendment to the Panama Canal Treaty**

Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) motion to table the Hatch (R-Utah) amendment, requiring the House to authorize disposal of all U.S. property before the Panama Canal Treaty takes effect.

Tabled 58-37: D 45-12; R 13-25, 4/5/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

### **6. Emergency Farm Bill**

Adoption of the conference report of the bill providing a one-year flexible parity program targeted at wheat, corn, and cotton, and raising loan rates for them starting October 1, 1979, with retroactive payments for 1978.

Adopted 49-41: D 28-26; R 21-15, 4/10/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Nay

### **7. Panama Canal Treaty**

Ratification of the treaty providing for the transfer of the Panama Canal to Panama on December 31, 1999.

Ratified 68-32: D 52-10; R 16-22, 4/18/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

### **8. Reduce HEW Department Funding**

Sen. Harry Byrd (I-Va.) amendment, cutting budget authority for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare by \$5.6 billion to make up for funds they admitted to misspending.

Rejected 28-48: D 11-35; R 17-13, 4/24/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **9. Reduce Total Budget Authority**

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) amendment, reducing total budget authority from \$566.1 billion to \$540 billion.

Rejected 33-57: D 19-38; R 14-19, 4/25/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **10. Balanced Budget**

Sen. Carl Curtis (R-Neb.) motion to recommit the resolution for fiscal 1979 budget targets, reporting the measure back with a balanced budget.

Rejected 19-72: D 7-51; R 12-21, 4/25/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **11. Disapprove Sale of Jet Fighters to Middle Eastern Nations**

Resolution disapproving of President Carter's sale of \$4.5 billion in jet fighters to Egypt, Israel, and Saudi Arabia.

Defeated 44-54: D 33-28; R 11-26, 5/15/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Nay

### **12. End Debate on Labor Reform Act**

Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-W.V.) motion to invoke cloture (end debate) on

the bill requiring unions have equal time to management in addressing employees on issues regarding union representation, that government contracts are automatically denied to firms that willfully or repeatedly engage in instances of violations of labor law, and increasing penalties for violators of labor laws. Invoking cloture requires 3/5's of the vote to pass.

Defeated 58-41: D 44-17; R 14-24, 6/14/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **13. Foreign Aid Bill**

Passage of the bill providing \$1,767,478,800 in foreign aid in fiscal 1979.

Passed 49-30: D 33-16; R 16-14, 6/26/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **14. Rescind Budget Cut to Bureau of ATF**

Sen. Lawton Chiles (D-Fla.) motion to table the McClure (R-Idaho) amendment, which reduces funding for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms to \$131.3 million, the House-passed appropriation.

Defeated 31-61: D 25-32; R 6-29, 6/27/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **15. Prohibit Government Corporation for Oil Shale Tech Testing**

Sen. Clifford P. Hansen (R-Wyo.) amendment, prohibiting forming a federally owned government corporation to test oil shale technologies.

Rejected 34-51: D 10-43; R 24-8, 6/27/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

### **16. New York City Bailout**

Passage of the bill authorizing up to \$1.5 billion in loan guarantees for New York City.

Passed 53-27: D 35-12; R 18-15, 6/29/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

### **17. National Consumer Cooperative Bank**

Adoption of the conference report of the bill establishing a national consumer cooperative bank. Authorized is \$300 million over fiscal 1979-83 for the bank's capitalization, \$75 million in fiscal 1979-81 for technical assistance, and \$4 million for fiscal 1979, and as necessary sums for fiscal 1980-81.

Passed 60-33: D 45-14; R 15-19, 7/13/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Carter - Yea

### **18. Set Policy on Ending Arms Sales Embargo for Turkey**

Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-W.V.) amendment to the Sparkman (D-Ala.) amendment, outlining U.S. policy on settling the dispute between Greece and Turkey on Cyprus as part of a repeal of the arms embargo against Turkey.

Adopted 57-42: D 30-32; R 27-10, 7/25/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Carter - Yea

### **19. Table State Authority on Health Planning**

Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) motion to table the Huddleston (D-Ky.) amendment, allowing the states to decide the extent to which certification of major medical equipment ought to apply to non-institutional providers of healthcare.

Passed 50-45: D 39-20; R 11-25, 7/27/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **20. Table Small Business Exemption from OSHA**

Sen. Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.) motion to table the Bartlett (R-Okla.) amendment on the Occupational Safety and Hazard Administration, exempting businesses with 10 or less employees and were in an occupational category that had an accident or injury rate of less than 7 per 100 full-time workers.

Rejected 42-51: D 33-23; R 9-28, 8/2/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

### **21. Reduce Funds of HUD, EPA, NASA, and NSF**

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) amendment, reducing by \$810 million funds for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the National Science Foundation.

Rejected 43-44: D 22-33; R 21-11, 8/7/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -

## **22. Increased Subsidies to Oil Refineries**

Ruling of the Senate as to whether Sen. J. Bennett Johnston's (D-La.) amendment requiring modifications of Energy Department plans to boost subsidies to certain oil refiners was germane.

Ruled germane 65-31: D 49-11; R 16-20, 8/9/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +

## **23. Cut Food Stamp Program**

Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) amendment reducing food stamp program funds by \$250 million.

Rejected 38-57: D 13-46; R 25-11, 8/10/78.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Carter - Nay

## **24. Table Busing Restrictions**

Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) motion to table the Roth (R-Del.) amendment, which limited court-ordered busing of students to situations in which there was a discriminatory purpose for segregated education and to delay federal busing orders for appeals unless the Supreme Court or an appellate court denied the delay.

Tabled 49-47: D 37-21; R 12-26, 8/23/78.

Yea = -, Nay = +