

1957 Americans for Constitutional Action Index, House

1. Cut Public Assistance Grants

Rep. Henderson Lanham (D-Ga.) amendment, cutting by \$2 million grants for state and local administration of public assistance grants.

Passed 205-168: D 52-147, R 153-21, 2/5/57.

Yea = +, Nay = -

2. Cut Funds for Sewage Construction

Rep. O.C. Fisher (D-Tex.) amendment, deleting \$50 million in grants for sewage plant construction by states.

Defeated 185-231: D 35-186, R 150-45, 4/4/57.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Nay

3. Delete Funds for Administration Soil Bank Program

Rep. Burr Harrison (D-Va.) amendment, prohibit use of funds for a soil bank acreage reserve program on 1958 crops.

Passed 192-187: D 154-46, R 38-141, 5/15/57.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Nay

4. Funds for Federal Flood Insurance Program

Rep. Edward Boland (D-Mass.) motion to concur in the Senate amendment providing funds to start the federal flood insurance program.

Defeated 186-218: D 127-89, R 59-129, 6/18/57.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Yea

5. Delete Requirement Subjecting Privatizations in Military Public Works to Congressional Approval

Rep. Les Arends (R-Ill.) amendment, deleting the requirement that the Secretary of Defense notify Congress of transfers of military public works projects to private industry and subject these transfers to Congressional approval.

Defeated 183-230: D 16-207, R 167-23, 7/10/57.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Yea

6. Delete Creation of Development Loan Fund

Rep. Lawrence Smith (R-Wis.) motion to recommit the Mutual Security Act of 1957 with instructions to delete the Development Loan Fund.

Defeated 181-227: D 103-110, R 78-117, 7/19/57.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Nay

7. Cut Funds for Tennessee Valley Authority

Rep. John Taber (R-N.Y.) motion to recommit the 1958 Fiscal Supplemental Appropriation bill, reducing TVA funds.

Defeated 158-244: D 2-219, R 156-25, 8/7/57.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Nay

8. Delete Requirement that AEC Construct Nuclear Reactors

Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R-N.Y.) amendment to the Atomic Energy Commission Appropriations, deleting the requirement that the Atomic Energy Commission construct nuclear reactors and to provide for the construction

of a demonstration reactor.

Passed 213-185: D 50-165, R 163-20, 8/9/57.

Yea = +, Nay = -

9. Restore Mutual Security Funds

Rep. Walter Judd (R-Minn.) motion to recommit the Mutual Security Fiscal 1958 Appropriations, restoring funds cut by Congress.

Rejected 129-254: D 43-171, R 86-83, 8/15/57.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Yea

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1. Delete Four River and Harbor Projects, Reduce 14 Others

Rep. J. Harry McGregor (R-Ohio) motion to recommit the River and Harbor and Flood Control Acts of 1958, deleting four projects and reducing federal costs on 14 others.

Rejected 167-254: D 1-212, R 166-22, 3/11/58.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Yea

2. Prevent Reductions in Price Supports for Farm Commodities

Passage of the Senate-passed bill preventing reductions in price supports for farm commodities except tobacco below 1957 level.

Passed 211-172: D 167-31, R 44-141, 3/20/58.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Nay

3. Administration Unemployment Compensation Bill

Rep. A.S. Herlong (D-Fla.) amendment, substituting the Eisenhower Administration's proposals on unemployment compensation for the more generous committee bill backed by Democratic leaders.

Passed 223-165: D 60-148, R 163-17, 5/1/58.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Yea

4. Open Rule for Debate on Omnibus Farm Bill

This bill was the second effort to pass legislation preventing reductions in agricultural price supports.

Rejected 171-214: D 150-52, R 21-162, 6/26/58.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Nay

5. Anti-Preemption Bill

Passage of the bill prohibiting courts from ruling that federal law nullifies state law in the same field unless specified by Congress.

Passed 241-155: D 101-109, R 140-46, 7/17/58.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Nay

6. Open Rule for Loans for Agricultural Marketing Facilities

Adopt open rule for debate on the bill providing government loans to build wholesale marketing facilities for perishable agricultural products.

Rejected 164-211: D 150-49, R 14-162, 7/24/58.

Yea = -, Nay = +

7. Increase Loan Fund for Public Buildings

Motion to consider the bill increasing loan fund to municipalities for

building public facilities.

Rejected 173-187, D 151-36, R 22-151, 8/1/58.

Yea = -, Nay = +

8. Agricultural Act of 1958

Passage, under suspension of the rules (2/3's vote required), of the third effort to prevent reductions in agricultural price supports.

Defeated 210-186, D 172-38, R 38-148, 8/6/58.

Yea = -, Nay = +

9. Defeat Area Redevelopment Act

Rep. Edgar Hiestand (R-Calif.) motion to recommit and thus kill the bill providing federal grants and loans for aiding areas suffering chronic unemployment.

Defeated 170-188: D 54-139, R 116-49, 8/15/58.

Yea = +, Nay = -

10. Kennedy-Ives Labor Bill

Passage, under suspension of the rules (2/3's vote required), of the Kennedy-Ives Labor bill, which provides modest reforms for unions as opposed to major anti-corruption reforms and blocks on secondary boycotts.

Defeated 190-198: D 149-61, R 141-37, 8/18/58.

Yea = -, Nay = +

11. Food Stamp Bill

Passage, under suspension of the rules (2/3's vote required), of the bill establishing a two-year food stamp program using surplus farm commodities for needy families.

Defeated 196-187: D 169-37, R 27-150, 8/18/58.

Yea = -, Nay = +

12. Kill Minerals Subsidies

Rep. Wayne Hays (D-Ohio) motion to strike the enacting clause of the bill providing for supports for certain metals.

Rejected 171-174: D 66-124, R 105-50, 8/21/58.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Nay

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1. Delete Direct Loan Program for Veterans Housing

Rep. Charles Teague (R-Calif.) motion to recommit the Veterans Housing Bill, deleting the section providing \$300 million for a direct loan program.

Rejected 123-277: D 2-257; R 121-20, 2/4/59.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Yea

2. Cut Funding for Airport Construction

Rep. James C. Davis (D-Ga.) motion to recommit the Federal Airport Construction Act, cutting authorizations for fiscal years 1961 and 1962 by \$32.3 million and for fiscal year 1963 by \$32.4 million.

Rejected 194-214: D 57-209; R 137-5, 3/19/59.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Yea

3. Increase Treasury and Congressional Oversight of TVA

Rep. Gordon Scherer (R-Ohio) motion to recommit the Tennessee Valley Authority financing bill, adding provisions increasing control of executive agencies and Congress over issuing bonds.

Rejected 182-231: D 41-227, R 141-4, 5/7/59.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Yea

4. Require Annual Appropriations for Housing

Rep. Albert Thomas (D-Texas) amendment to the Housing Act of 1959, making additional funds available only upon Congressional approval on an annual basis.

Passed 222-201: D 80-194; R 142-7, 5/21/59.

Yea = +, Nay = -

5. Delete Public Housing and Cut Funding for Housing

Rep. Clarence Kilburn (R-N.Y.) motion to recommit the Housing Act of 1959, substituting the Herlong (D-Fla.) bill, which provides for no public housing and cuts total authorization to \$1.3 billion.

Rejected 189-234: D 60-215; R 129-19, 5/21/59.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Yea

6. Require States to Match Federal Grants for Water Pollution

Rep. William Cramer (R-Fla.) motion to recommit the Water Pollution Control Act Amendments with instructions that require the states, starting in fiscal year 1963, to match Federal grants.

Rejected 156-240: D 29-227; R 127-13, 6/9/59.

Yea = +, Nay = -

7. Cut Public Works Funds by 5%

Rep. John Taber (R-N.Y.) motion to recommit the Public Works appropriations, reducing by 5% each construction item costing \$5 million or more.

Rejected 149-251: D 25-233; R 124-18, 6/9/59.

Yea = +, Nay = -

8. Reduce Wheat Controls

Rep. Page Belcher (R-Okla.) motion to recommit the bill controlling the price of wheat by repealing the 15-acre exemption from controls, eliminate the 30-acre limitation for wheat grown on-the-farm use, and permit all wheat farmers to vote in a referendum.

Rejected 141-224: D 28-211; R 113-13, 6/12/59.

Yea = +, Nay = -

9. Wheat Price Control Bill

Passage of the bill providing for a new wheat pricing program.

Rejected 202-214: D 195-71; R 7-143, 6/18/59.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Nay

10. Anti-Preemption Bill

Passage of the bill permitting Federal courts to strike down state laws

under the Federal preemption doctrine only if Congress had specified its intention to preempt the field of legislation involved or if a state and a Federal law were in irreconcilable conflict, and to permit state enforcement of anti-subversive laws.

Passed 225-192: D 111-162; R 114-30, 6/24/59.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Nay

11. Concur in the TVA Amendments

Motion to adopt the Senate amendments to the Tennessee Valley Authority Revenue Bond Bill. Had this motion failed, Republicans would have attempted to amend the Senate bill to bring TVA's budget more under presidential control.

Passed 244-166: D 239-26; R 5-140, 7/23/59.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Nay

12. Landrum-Griffin Labor Bill

Adoption of the Landrum (D-Ga.)-Griffin (R-Mich.) substitute to the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, providing for curbs on secondary boycotts and organizational and recognition picketing, and giving states authority to handle "no man's land" disputes.

Passed 229-201: D 95-184; R 134-17, 8/13/59.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Yea

13. Recommit Landrum-Griffin Labor Bill

Rep. Carroll Kearns (R-Penn.) motion to recommit and thus kill the Landrum-Griffin Act.

Rejected 149-279: D 141-137; R 8-142, 8/14/59.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Nay

14. Authorize Food Stamp Program

Rep. Leonor Sullivan (D-Mo.) amendment to authorize the establishment of a food stamp program.

Passed 232-127: D 210-28; R 22-99, 8/20/59.

Yea = -, Nay = +

15. Subsidy Program for Fishing Vessels

Passage of the bill authorizing a \$3 million, three-year program of construction subsidies covering up to one-third of the difference in construction costs between domestic and foreign shipyards.

Passed 272-108: D 225-23; R 47-85, 8/26/59.

Yea = -, Nay = +

16. Delete College Classroom Loans, Spread Housing Funds

Rep. Edgar Hiestand (R-Calif.) motion to recommit the Housing Act of 1959, spreading the \$550 urban renewal program over two years rather than one and deleting the \$50 million loan program for college classroom construction.

Rejected 156-231: D 41-215; R 115-16, 8/27/59.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Yea

17. Public Works Appropriations Veto Override

Passage, over the President's veto, of the bill authorizing 67 public works

projects not in the President's budget.

Veto sustained 274-138: D 263-6; R 11-132, 9/2/59.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Nay

18. Permit Increase in Interest Rate of Government Bonds

Rep. Richard Simpson (R-Penn.) motion to recommit the bill permitting an increase in the interest rate of government bonds to permit the issuance of securities at rates of interest over 4.25% should the President determine it to be in the national interest.

Rejected 134-255: D 3-252; R 131-3, 9/4/59.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Yea

19. Second Public Works Appropriations Veto Override

Passage, over the President's veto, of the bill providing for 67 projects not in the President's budget, but this time with a 2.5% cut in funds, which was not present in the first vetoed bill.

Veto overridden 280-121: D 260-5; R 20-116, 9/10/59.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Nay

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1. Water Pollution Veto Override

Passage, over the president's veto, of the bill increasing to \$90 million annually federal funding for sewage plant construction.

Veto sustained 249-157: D 234-27; R 15-130, 2/25/60.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Nay

2. Increase Funds for Urban Renewal and Slum Clearance

Rep. Sidney Yates (D-Ill.) amendment appropriating \$50 million for urban renewal and slum-clearance grants.

Rejected 158-187: D 139-77; R 19-110, 2/29/60.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Yea

3. Emergency Home Ownership Act

Passage of the Rains (D-Ala.) bill providing for an additional \$1 billion to enable the Federal National Mortgage Association to buy Federally insured home mortgages on new homes worth \$13,500 or less.

Passed 214-163: D 201-40; R 13-123, 4/28/60.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Nay

4. Area Redevelopment Act

Passage of the Area Redevelopment Act, appropriating \$251 million in Federal loans and grants to depressed areas and creating a new federal agency for the purpose.

Passed 202-184: D 179-69; R 23-115, 5/4/60.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Nay

5. School Construction Aid

Passage of the bill providing for matching Federal grants of \$325 million a year for four years for school construction. The bill also included an anti-segregation rider that had passed 218-181 (D 100-160; R 118-21),

which resulted in Southern Democrats unifying against it.
Passed 206-189: D 162-97; R 44-92, 5/26/59.

Yea = -, Nay = +

6. Subsidies for Lead and Zinc

Passage of the bill providing for subsidies for small lead and zinc producers, who had been hit hard by the recession.

Passed 197-192: D 173-70; R 24-122, 6/27/60.

Yea = -, Nay = +

7. International Development Association Funding

Passage of the bill providing for United States participation in the International Development Association and authorizing a U.S. subscription of \$320,290,000.

Passed 249-158: D 164-96; R 85-62, 6/29/60.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Yea

8. Conservative Substitute for Minimum Wage Increase

Rep. Alvin Kitchin (D-N.C.) substitute amendment for the Democratic minimum wage bill, extending \$1-an-hour wage protection but no overtime protection to employees of interstate retail chains and raising the hourly minimum for previously covered workers to \$1.15.

Passed 211-203: D 90-176; R 121-27, 6/30/60.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Eisenhower - Yea

9. NATO Citizens Commission

Passage of the resolution authorizing appointment jointly by Senate and House of a private citizen U.S. commission on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Adopted 289-103: D 197-53; R 92-50, 8/24/60.

Yea = -, Nay = +

10. Increase Mutual Security Funds

Rep. Gerald Ford (R-Mich.) amendment adding \$65 million for Mutual Security Program defense support.

Adopted 203-193: D 111-143; R 92-50, 8/31/60.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Eisenhower - Yea