

1963 Americans for Constitutional Action Index, Senate

1. No Aid for Mass Transit

Sen. Frank Lausche (D-Ohio) amendment to the Mass Transportation Act, deleting all federal aid for mass transit.

Rejected 41-57: D 14-51; R 27-6, 4/3/63.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

2. Mass Transportation Act

Passage of the bill authorizing federal aid for the construction of mass transit to the tune of \$375 million over three years and providing for expanded worker's rights for mass transit workers.

Passed 52-41: D 46-17; R 6-24, 4/4/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

3. Youth Employment Act

Passage of the bill establishing the Youth Conservation Corps to provide additional employment for American youth.

Passed 50-34: D 43-14; R 7-20, 4/10/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

4. Cut Funding for Accelerated Public Works

Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.) amendment to the supplemental appropriations bill, reducing from \$450 million to \$250 million funds for the Accelerated Public Works program.

Rejected 26-60: D 5-53; R 21-7, 5/1/63.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

5. Feed Grains Bill

Passage of the bill authorizing a feed grains acreage diversion program like the one in effect since 1961.

Passed 45-35: D 42-7; R 3-28, 5/16/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

6. Debt Limit Increase

Passage of the bill raising the debt ceiling from \$305 billion to \$307 billion for the rest of fiscal year 1963.

Passed 60-24: D 45-11; R 15-13, 5/28/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

7. Reduce Funds for Interior Department

Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) motion to recommit the Interior Department Appropriations bill, reducing funds by \$49,399,300, thereby maintaining the level of appropriations for fiscal 1963.

Rejected 22-56: D 5-46; R 17-10, 5/28/63.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

8. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

Passage of the bill authorizing \$20 million over two years for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Passed 59-14: D 41-5; R 18-9, 6/17/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

9. Area Redevelopment Act

Passage of the bill reauthorizing the Area Redevelopment Act and increasing funds by \$455.5 million. This measure's failure to pass the House would be one of the few legislative failures of the Kennedy Administration in 1963.

Passed 65-30: D 53-9; R 12-21, 6/26/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

10. Kill Commercial Fishery Research and Development Bill

Sen. Norris Cotton (R-N.H.) motion to recommit the bill authorizing a five-year program of matching grants in aid to states for commercial fishery research without instructions, thereby killing the bill for the session.

Rejected 21-52: D 4-43; R 17-9, 7/22/63.

Yea = +, Nay = -

11. Kill Flood Control and Power Projects Bill

Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) motion to recommit without instructions and thus kill the bill for the session authorizing \$609,547,000 for increased authorizations for river basin projects and for flood control and power projects in 10 Southern states, 9 Midwest states, 6 Western, and 3 Eastern states.

Rejected 25-64: D 3-54; R 22-10, 7/30/63.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

12. Cut Labor-HEW Funds

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) amendment, reducing all funds for the Departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare and similar agencies in fiscal year 1964 to either the requested figure, House figure, or Senate figure, whichever was lowest.

Rejected 26-58: D 13-41; R 13-17, 8/7/63.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

13. National Service Corps

Passage of the bill granting for two years \$15 million for volunteer public service projects.

Passed 47-44: D 44-16; R 3-28, 8/14/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

14. Manpower Training Bill

Passage of the bill expanding the youth training program and creating a new literacy training program under the Manpower Development and Training Act, authorizing \$100 million over the next two years for them.

Passed 41-26: D 32-16; R 9-10, 9/6/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

15. Medical Education Aid Bill

Passage of the bill authorizing a program of loans to medical, dental, and osteopathic students over a six-year period as well as funds for construction and revitalization of medical, dental, and osteopathic schools over a three-year period.

Passed 71-9: D 49-5; R 22-4, 9/12/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

16. Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty

Ratification of the treaty with the USSR banning above-ground nuclear testing.

Ratified 80-19: D 55-11; R 25-8, 9/24/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

17. Raise Interest Rate on Loans from REA

Sen. Frank Lausche (D-Ohio) motion to suspend the rules so he could propose an amendment increasing from 2% to 3% the interest rate on loans issued by the Rural Electrification Administration.

Rejected 17-57: D 2-48; R 15-9, 9/26/63.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

18. Fishing Vessel Subsidies

Passage of the bill authorizing a five-year extension of the fishing vessel subsidy program, \$10 million provided annually.

Passed 57-14: D 44-6; R 13-8, 10/2/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +

19. Water Pollution Control Grants

Passage of the bill authorizing \$20 million annually for three years for grants to states and municipalities for controlling and limiting water pollution.

Passed 69-11: D 56-2; R 13-9, 10/16/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

20. College Aid Bill

Passage of the bill authorizing a five-year, \$1.895 million program of grants and loans for construction and improvement public and private college facilities, with an emphasis on science, engineering, and libraries.

Passed 60-19: D 41-11; R 19-8, 10/21/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

21. Raise Interest Rates on Foreign Loans

Sen. Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska) amendment to the foreign aid bill, raising interest rates on foreign loans to 1.25 percent higher than the borrowing rate the U.S. Treasury pays.

Rejected 30-44: D 17-29; R 13-15, 11/8/63.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Kennedy - Nay

22. Foreign Assistance Act of 1963

Passage of the bill providing \$3,702,365,000 for fiscal 1964 and adding restrictions to foreign aid.

Passed 63-17: D 43-10; R 20-7, 11/15/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

23. Debt Limit Increase

Passage of the bill raising the debt limit from \$309 billion to \$315 billion through June 29, 1964.

Passed 50-26: D 39-13; R 11-13, 11/21/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

24. Library Services Act

Passage of the bill extending aid to library services and increasing to \$25 million annual grants for library services and to \$20 million annually for construction of public libraries.

Passed 89-7: D 64-1; R 25-6, 11/26/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy - Yea

25. Permit Guarantees of Private Credit to Communist Nations

Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) motion to table the bill prohibiting the Export-Import Bank and any other agency of the U.S. government from guaranteeing private credit for any purpose for Communist nations. Had the bill been passed, wheat sales to the USSR and Hungary would have been canceled.

Passed 57-35: D 48-11; R 9-24, 11/26/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy & Johnson - Yea

26. Ex-Im Bank Guarantees of Private Credit to Communist Nations

Sen. John Pastore (D-R.I.) motion to adopt a Senate Appropriations Committee amendment, deleting a House-passed amendment preventing the Export-Import Bank from issuing guarantees of private credit for sales to Communist nations.

Had this amendment not been adopted, wheat sales to the USSR and Hungary would have been canceled.

Adopted 52-32: D 44-16; R 8-16, 12/19/63.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Kennedy & Johnson - Yea

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1. Inter-American Development Bank Bill

Passage of the bill authorizing \$461,760,000 in contributions to the Inter-American Development Bank.

Passed 45-24: D 30-16; R 15-8, 1/14/64.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Johnson - Yea

2. International Development Association Bill

Passage of the bill authorizing \$312 million for contributions to the International Development Association.

Passed 38-31: D 28-16; R 10-15, 1/20/64.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Johnson - Yea

3. Condition Tax Cuts on Spending Restriction

Sen. John McClellan (D-Ark.) amendment to the Revenue Act of 1964, conditioning tax reductions on the administrative budget spending of the federal government not exceeding \$100 billion in any fiscal year. Should spending exceed \$100 billion in any fiscal year, the tax reductions are reversed.

Rejected 34-61: D 13-53; R 21-8, 2/7/64.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Johnson - Nay

4. Revenue Act of 1964

Passage of the bill reducing personal and corporate income tax liabilities by \$11.9 billion over two years, reducing personal rates from a range of 20-91% to a range of 14-70%, and reducing the corporate income tax rate from 52% to 48% with no spending restrictions.

Passed 77-21: D 56-11; R 21-10, 2/7/64.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Johnson - Yea

5. No Ex-Im Bank Guarantees of Private Credit to Communist Nations

Sen. John Tower (R-Tex.) amendment to the Johnson Administration's Wheat-Cotton bill, prohibiting the Export-Import Bank or any other government agency from extending private credit to Communist nations for the purchase of agricultural commodities and requiring that at minimum 50% of any American agricultural commodity sold to Communist nations be carried in U.S. flagships.

Rejected 36-53: D 14-46; R 22-7, 3/6/64.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Johnson - Nay

6. Wheat-Cotton Bill

Passage of the bill authorizing new commodity programs for cotton and wheat in 1964-65, including a subsidy to domestic cotton textile mills and providing price supports.

Passed 53-35: D 48-14; R 5-21, 3/6/64.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Johnson - Yea

7. Delete Prohibition on Employment Discrimination

Sen. Sam Ervin (D-N.C.) amendment to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, deleting Title VII, prohibiting employment discrimination based on race, sex, color, religion, and national origin.

Rejected 33-64: D 21-44; R 12-20, 6/9/64.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Johnson - Nay

8. Delete Prohibition on Discrimination in Public Accommodations

Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W.V.) amendment to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, deleting Title II, prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations based on race, color, religion, and national origin.

Rejected 23-63: D 18-38; R 5-25, 6/15/64.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Johnson - Nay

9. Civil Rights Act of 1964

Passage of the comprehensive anti-discrimination bill providing for, among other measures, prohibitions on discrimination based on race, sex, color, religion, and national origin in public accommodations, employment, and voting, and cuts off Federal funds for segregated schools.

Passed 73-27: D 46-21, R 27-6, 6/19/64.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Johnson - Yea

10. Raise Debt Limit

Passage of the bill raising the debt ceiling from \$315 billion to \$324 billion through June 30, 1965.

Passed 48-21: D 36-9; R 12-12, 6/26/64.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Johnson - Yea

11. Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964

Passage of the bill authorizing \$375 million over three years in an initial installment to revitalize urban mass transit facilities.

Passed 47-36: D 41-16; R 6-20, 6/30/64.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Johnson - Yea

12. Federal Pay Raise

Passage of the bill increasing the pay of 1.7 million career employees and the salaries of executive officers, federal legislators, and federal judges by \$556.8 million.

Passed 58-21: D 43-12; R 15-9, 7/2/64.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Johnson - Yea

13. Reduce Funding for Anti-Poverty Programs

Sen. Frank Lausche (D-Ohio) amendment reducing funds for Title I of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 from \$412.5 million to \$312.5 million.

Rejected 37-57: D 14-48; R 23-9, 7/23/64.

14. Economic Opportunity Act of 1964

Passage of the bill providing for \$947.2 million in fiscal year 1965 for numerous anti-poverty programs and projects.

Passed 61-34: D 51-12; R 23-9, 7/23/64.

Yea = -, Nay = +

15. Delete Housing Programs

Sen. John Tower (R-Tex.) amendment to the Housing Act of 1964, deleting two new programs and major changes to existing law.

Rejected 19-64: D 5-49; R 14-15, 7/31/64.

Yea = +, Nay = -

16. Restrict Foreign Aid Spending

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) amendment, reducing authorization for foreign aid from the Foreign Relations Committee approved \$3,466,700,000 to \$3,250,000,000.

Adopted 50-35: D 31-26; R 19-9, 8/11/64.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Johnson - Nay

17. Set Interest Rates for Foreign Aid Loans

Sen. Karl Mundt (R-S.D.) amendment, requiring loans for commercial enterprises be repaid at a rate of 1.75% higher than the rate borrowed at by the U.S. Treasury (3.63%), that other foreign aid loans are to be repaid at 2.5%, and requiring repayment of both within 25 years.

Adopted 50-38: D 26-32; R 24-6, 8/11/64.

Yea = +, Nay = -, Johnson - Nay

18. Medicare

Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) amendment to the Social Security Amendments of 1964, adding a program of medical care for those 65 and older to be financed by a raise in the Social Security tax and wage base as well as from general revenue. This provision ultimately did not become law in the 88th Congress.

Adopted 49-44: D 44-16; R 5-28, 9/2/64.

Yea = -, Nay = +, Johnson - Yea