

# SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

November 1, 2009

## How your lawmakers voted

Here's how local members of Congress voted on major issues during the week ending Friday. (NV means "did not vote.")

### House

#### INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Voting 247-178, the House on Thursday approved the conference report on a bill, HR 2996, to appropriate \$32.2 billion for the Interior Department and other agencies in fiscal 2010. The figure is nearly 17 percent above 2009 outlays, with most of the increase allocated to restoring the Great Lakes, helping communities provide clean drinking water, suppressing wildfires, addressing climate change and funding programs for American Indians. In part, the bill provides \$10.3 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency, including \$3.6 billion for drinking-water and sewage-treatment grants; \$6.7 billion for American Indian and Alaska Native programs; \$3.5 billion for preventing and fighting wildfires; \$2.8 billion for the U.S. Forest Service; and \$2.7 billion for the National Park Service.

A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Davis D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan Hunter R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Voting 389-32, the House on Thursday passed a bill, HR 3854, to raise to \$3 million from \$2 million the cap on federally guaranteed loans made by banks in the Small Business Administration's main lending program. Taxpayers would back up to 90 percent of each "Section 7(a)" loan. The SBA has many criteria for determining whether a business is small enough to qualify for its programs. Manufacturing and mining companies, for example, are defined as "small" if they have under 500 employees, and retail and construction companies qualify if they have annual sales in the range of \$30 million to \$40 million.

A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Bilbray	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Filner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>