

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

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How your lawmakers voted

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

HOUSE

MEDICARE DOCTOR PAYMENTS
Voting 243-183, the House on Thursday passed a bill, HR 3961, that would avert a 21 percent cut next year in Medicare payments to doctors. The bill was opposed mainly because its cost of \$210 billion over 10 years would be deficit spending. The bill would permanently change the Medicare formula for paying doctors. It would increase payments by nearly \$20 billion per year over 10 years and cause slight annual increases in Medicare premiums.

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 D. 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"/>

GOP MEDICARE PLAN

Voting 252-177, the House on Thursday defeated a Republican motion to restructure HR 3961 (above) as a two-year rather than permanent fix of Medicare's system for paying doctors. The motion also identified a revenue source to pay for the proposed two-year remedy.

A "yes" vote backed the motion.

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

CRUISE-SHIP SAFETY

Voting 416-4, the House on Tuesday sent the Senate a bill, HR 3360, to address sexual assaults and other crimes on cruise vessels carrying American passengers.

The bill requires cruise-ship operators to promptly report crimes to the FBI and Coast Guard, publish crime data online, establish procedures to assist victims and have at least one crew member trained to investigate crime scenes. Operators also would be required to limit crew access to passenger cabins and publish information for contacting U.S. embassies and consulates in countries on the cruise itinerary. The bill would cover the 125 to 150 vessels that visit U.S. ports.

A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 D. Hunter R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>