

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

AFGHANISTAN WITHDRAWAL
Voting 356-65, the House on Wednesday defeated a measure, H Con Res 248, to bring U.S. troops home from Afghanistan by Dec. 31 under the 1973 War Powers Act. The law requires presidents to end combat operations after 90 days unless Congress authorizes the deployment. Opponents of withdrawal argued that the U.S. action in Afghanistan is legal under the "use of force" resolution enacted Sept. 18, 2001.

A "yes" vote backed withdrawal from Afghanistan.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Davis D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

JUDGE PORTEOUS IMPEACHMENT

The House on Thursday approved, 423-0, an article of impeachment, H Res 1031, charging that U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Porteous of the Eastern District of Louisiana lied under oath to the FBI and Senate during his confirmation process in 1994 to become a federal judge. The House unanimously approved three other articles against Porteous, including charges that as a state judge he repeatedly accepted payments from those whose cases he handled. The impeachment now moves to a Senate trial. If convicted, Porteous, 63, would become the eighth federal judge to be impeached and convicted.

A "yes" vote was to impeach Porteous.

	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"/>

ERIC MASSA INVESTIGATION

Voting 402-1, the House on Thursday ordered its ethics committee to investigate the Democratic leadership's handling of allegations against former Rep. Eric Massa, D-N.Y. Massa resigned March 8 after reports of misconduct such as his groping of male members of his staff. In part, the investigation will examine whether Democratic leaders were slow in responding to complaints about Massa's behavior. This vote occurred on H Res 1164, which as a privileged resolution was not debatable.

A "yes" vote backed the investigation.

	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"/>

BANKRUPTCY JUDGES

Voting 345-5, the House on Friday sent the Senate a bill, HR 4506, establishing 13 new bankruptcy judgeships and converting 22 temporary bankruptcy judgeships to permanent status. The expansion is designed to help courts in 25 federal judicial districts cope with a sharp rise in the number and complexity of business and personal bankruptcy filings.

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>