### HOW THEY VOTED

Here's how area members of the House voted on major issues in the week ending June 3. The Senate was in recess. NV means "did not vote."

#### HOUSE

#### Debt-limit increase

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Voting 97 for and 318 against, the House on May 31 defeated a bill (HR 1954) to raise the national-debt limit by \$2.406 trillion to \$16.7 trillion. The Treasury is expected to soon reach the current limit of \$14.294 trillion. Republicans sponsored this bill but voted unanimously against it, saying their purpose was to show that any new borrowing authority must be joined with comparable spending cuts. They alerted Wall Street to their strategy to ensure that the bill's defeat would not rattle markets. Democrats called the strategy fiscally reckless. A yes vote was to pass the bill.

Yes No NV

Brian Bilbray R □ ■ □
Susan Davis D □ ■ □

Bob Filner D

Duncan Hunter R

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Darrell Issa R □ ■ □

# Homeland Security budget

Voting 231 for 188 against, the House on June 2 approved a \$40.6 billion Department of Homeland Security budget for fiscal 2012, down \$1.1 billion or 2.6 percent from 2011. The bill (HR 2017) funds agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Border Patrol, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Transportation Security Administration and Coast Guard. The first of the fiscal 2012 appropriations bills to pass the House, the measure reflects deep spending cuts fostered by the Republicans' 2012 budget plan. The bill amply funds many front-line security activities and disaster relief while cutting areas such as port and mass-transit security, airport screeners, information technology and security grants to local police departments. A yes vote was to pass the bill.

Yes No NV

Brian Bilbray R ■ □ □
Susan Davis D □ ■ □

Bob Filner D 

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# Firefighters' funds

The House on June 1 voted. 333 for and 87 against, to add \$320 million to HR 2017 (above) for anti-terrorism grants used by local fire departments to fund equipment purchases and recruit and train personnel. The added spending would be offset by cuts in the Department of Homeland Security's administrative budget. The amendment would set funding for firefighters' programs at \$670 million for the budget year, reversing cuts fostered by the House Republicans' 2012 budget plan. A yes vote

backed the amendment.

Yes No NV

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Susan Davis D ■ □ □

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### Mass-transit security

Voting 187 for and 234 against, the House on June 2 defeated a motion by Democrats to set aside \$75 million in HR 2017 (above) in dedicated funding to protect intercity and commuter rail lines and bus services from terrorist attacks. Although amply funded in previous homeland-security budgets, these transportation modes face deep cuts fostered by the GOP budget plan passed in April. Under this amendment, the \$75 million was to have been shifted to transportation-security grants from the budget of the National Bio and Agro-Defense facility in Manhattan, Kan. A yes vote backed the motion.

Yes No NV

### War Powers Act

Voting 148 for and 265 against, the House on June 3 defeated the tougher of two pending challenges to President Barack Obama's addition of U.S. forces to the NATO-led air war over Libya. The measure (H Con Res 51) sought to end the action in 15 days under the 1973 War Powers Act, which authorizes presidents to deploy forces for up to 60 days without congressional approval. Obama on March 19 ordered U.S. forces to join the U.N., NATO and Arab League effort to bolster Libyan rebels against the regime of Col. Muammar Qaddafi. A yes vote backed withdrawal within 15 days of enactment.

Yes No NV

Darrell Issa R □ ■ □

### GOP Libya plan

Voting 268 for and 145 against, the House on June 3 adopted the softer of two resolutions before it concerning U.S. military actions over Libya. Introduced by Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, the essentially nonbinding measure (H Res 92) gives the president 14 days to justify the deployment but states no consequences if he fails to do so. A yes vote backed the GOP resolution.

Yes No NV

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