

How your lawmakers voted

Votes for the week ending
November 18, 2011

HOUSE

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Duncan D. Hunter	619-448-5201 or 202-225-5672
Darrell Issa	760-599-5000 or 202-225-3906
<u>Susan Davis</u>	619-280-5353 or 202-225-2040
Bob Filner	619-442-5693 or 202-225-8045

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Concealed, Loaded Handguns: Members voted, 272-154, to make it easier for persons to carry concealed, loaded handguns in their out-of-state travel. A yes vote was to pass a bill (HR 822) allowing the "concealed-carry" law of one's home state to preempt any stricter laws they encounter in other states.

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Terrorists, Sex Offenders, Stalkers: Members refused, 161-263, to amend HR 822 (above) to prohibit terrorists, stalkers, pedophiles, perpetrators of domestic violence and certain other unsavory individuals from receiving authority to carry concealed handguns across state lines. A yes vote backed the prohibition.

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States' Rights v. Gun Rights: Members refused, 140-283, to preserve reciprocity agreements by which 40 states allow residents of other states to carry concealed handguns if they meet the host state's requirements in areas such as firearms training. A yes vote was to protect states' rights that the national standard in HR 822 (above) would weaken or void.

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Hiring Jobless Veterans: Members approved, 422-0, employer tax credits of \$9,600 per person for hiring disabled veterans and lesser credits for hiring other veterans. A yes vote was to send President Obama a bill (HR 674) that also repeals a law withholding 3 percent from some government contracts as a credit against any taxes owed the IRS.

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Fiscal 2012 Budget: Members passed, 298-121, a bipartisan bill (HR 2112) that combines three regular appropriations bills for fiscal 2012 totaling \$182 billion with stopgap funding through Dec. 16 for the remaining agencies of the federal government. A yes vote was to send the Senate a bill that takes a timeout from ongoing fiscal warfare between the parties.

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Collective Bargaining: Members passed, 239-167, the rule for debating a bill blocking a National Labor Relations Board proposal to quicken the pace of union-organizing elections. A yes vote was to advance a bill delaying voting on whether to unionize for at least 35 days to give employers more time to talk with their workers. (HR 3094)

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Balanced Federal Budget: Members failed, 261-165, to reach a two-thirds majority needed to pass a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget unless three-fifths majorities in both chambers vote to waive the standard. A yes vote was to send the amendment (HJ Res 2) to the Senate.

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