

# Did Your Members of Congress Protect Children?



**The 2006 Children's Defense Fund Action Council®  
Nonpartisan Congressional Scorecard**

## Each Day in the Life of America's Children

<b>1</b>	mother dies in childbirth.
<b>4</b>	children are killed by abuse or neglect.
<b>5</b>	children or teens commit suicide.
<b>8</b>	children or teens are killed by firearms.
<b>33</b>	children or teens die from accidents.
<b>77</b>	babies die before their first birthdays.
<b>192</b>	children are arrested for violent crimes.
<b>383</b>	children are arrested for drug abuse.
<b>906</b>	babies are born at low birthweight.
<b>1,153</b>	babies are born to teen mothers.
<b>1,672</b>	public school students are corporally punished.*
<b>1,879</b>	babies are born without health insurance.
<b>2,261</b>	high school students drop out.*
<b>2,383</b>	children are confirmed as abused or neglected.
<b>2,411</b>	babies are born into poverty.
<b>2,494</b>	babies are born to mothers who are not high school graduates.
<b>4,017</b>	babies are born to unmarried mothers.
<b>4,302</b>	children are arrested.
<b>17,132</b>	public school students are suspended.*

\* Based on calculations per school day (180 days of seven hours each).

## **O God, Forgive and Transform Our Rich Nation®**

*O God, forgive and transform our rich nation where small babies and children suffer from preventable diseases and sickness quite legally.*

*Forgive and transform our rich nation where small children suffer from hunger quite legally.*

*Forgive and transform our rich nation where toddlers and school children die from guns sold quite legally.*

*Forgive and transform our rich nation that lets children be the poorest group of citizens quite legally.*

*Forgive and transform our rich nation that lets the rich continue to get more at the expense of the poor quite legally.*

*Forgive and transform our rich nation that thinks security rests in missiles and bombs rather than in mothers and in babies.*

*Forgive and transform our rich nation for not giving You sufficient thanks by giving to others their daily bread.*

*Help us never to confuse what is quite legal with what is just and right in Your sight.*

*Help us as leaders and citizens to stand up in 2007 for all Your children and give them the anchor of faith, the rudder of hope, the sails of health care and education, and the paddles of family and community to navigate the tumultuous sea of life and land safely on the shore of adulthood.*



**IT'S HARD TO TIGHTEN YOUR BELT  
WHEN YOU'RE WEARING DIAPERS.**



*Why are there 13 million poor children in the richest nation on earth? Every dollar invested in a poor child now will save many more dollars later. It's an investment that not only will make us a kinder, gentler nation, but also a richer one.*

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*Tomorrow is now.*

— Eleanor Roosevelt

*Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.*

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

*We have all heard the saying, "As the twig is bent the tree inclines." This maxim is especially true for the minds and bodies of our children. The physical and mental health of the child prepares the way for the physical and mental health of the adult. Our future as a Nation lies in the healthy development of our children. That development must be fostered from the earliest stages so that our twigs and saplings will grow into straight and strong trees.*

— Ronald Reagan

*We are guilty of many errors and many faults but our worst crime is abandoning the children, neglecting the fountain of life. Many of the things we need can wait. The child cannot. Right now is the time his bones are being formed, his blood is being made, and his senses are being developed. To him we cannot answer "Tomorrow." His name is "Today."*

— Gabriela Mistral

# Preface

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## **Congress Failed to Protect Children and the Poor in 2006 While Splurging on Tax Breaks for the Richest Americans**

The 109<sup>th</sup> Congress met for less time on the people's business than any Congress in half a century. Not since the infamous "Do Nothing Congress" of 1948—so named by President Harry Truman—has Congress chosen to convene to do the people's work for so few days. At a time when our country and children face critical issues, the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress failed to address them. The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress must reverse this course.

In the United States, a child is neglected and abused every 36 seconds, is born into poverty every 36 seconds, is born without health insurance every 46 seconds, and is killed by a gun almost every three hours. Almost 13 million children live in poverty—6.6 million in extreme poverty. Child poverty increased by 1.3 million between 2000–2005. A majority of these children live in working households. More than nine million children are uninsured and millions more are underinsured, denied the critical health and mental health care benefits all children need and get in all other industrialized nations. Despite the urgent needs of our most vulnerable children, in 2006, Congress failed to:

- Maintain health coverage for all children currently eligible for the State Children's Health Insurance Program, help the 9 million uninsured children, or adequately respond to the needs of Katrina children who are still suffering;
- Increase funding to maintain and expand quality services for children in the Head Start program;
- Restore cuts in child care funding and provide the needed increase to help low-income families work;
- Increase funding for education and special education programs; and
- Raise the minimum wage to help millions of Americans struggling to keep a roof over their heads, food on their tables and meet their families' health care needs.

They did find time to give new tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans, recklessly adding to the national debt.

Our national budget defines our national values, priorities and choices. The 109<sup>th</sup> Congress said children, the poor and low- and moderate-income working families were less important than the privileged and powerful special interests. The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress needs to reset our nation's moral and social compass and make more just choices for children, the poor and the vulnerable.

We thank the 26 Senators and 98 House Members who stood up for children and scored 100 percent in their votes for children and the additional 15 Senators and 75 House Members who scored 80 percent or better. We urge the 23 Senators and 7 House Members who scored **zero percent** and the additional 24 Senators and 115 House Members who scored less than 20 percent to do much better. And we hope all voters will hold them accountable.

*We believe that with the hopes and aspirations of our children as our compass, our future is bright.*

— Speaker Nancy Pelosi, January 19, 2007

*We all should agree, irrespective of political party, that every child must have access to health care.*

— Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME), December 15, 2006

*We should reach across party lines to agree on universal health care for children.*

— Rep. Rahm Emanuel (D-IL) and Bruce Reed (Democratic Leadership Council), December 30, 2006

*Hurricane Katrina was a natural disaster, compounded by a manmade disaster. It is now 18 months past time to get our response right. The response to Katrina is one of the great moral challenges facing our nation.*

— Speaker Nancy Pelosi, January 19, 2007

## **The 110th Congress: Hope for Children and Promises to Keep**

When the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress convened January 4, 2007, the first woman Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, a mother and grandmother, announced: “For all of America’s children, the House will be in order.” The new leadership indicated Congressional Members would be expected to work five days a week, take far fewer recesses and not be a “Do Nothing Congress.” The Children’s Defense Fund Action Council applauds such promises and will work with leaders of both parties to make them a reality.

## **Ensure All Children Health Coverage in 2007: An Urgent and Achievable Goal**

Congress has the responsibility and opportunity to address the critical national need for comprehensive health and mental health coverage for every child in America and to guarantee *all* children all medically necessary services. More than nine million children are uninsured in our country, millions more are underinsured, and millions are at risk of joining the ranks of the uninsured. In the ten years since passage of the bipartisan State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and through the Children’s Medicaid program, a number of states have extended health coverage to uninsured children. But much more needs to be done **now** to ensure **all** children access to the vital health and mental health coverage they need, building on and accelerating best practices and progress in a number of states. Millions of children are eligible for coverage but are not enrolled in existing programs because of bureaucratic barriers that make it difficult to obtain or keep coverage. Other children are excluded from programs or go uninsured when their parents change jobs. Almost 90 percent of uninsured children live in working households. Still others do not get the health services they need because program benefits, which vary from state to state, are limited in their state. In many areas, health providers are in short supply. As a result, disparities in eligibility and services leave millions of children inadequately served.

God did not create two classes of children and neither should the United States of America. A child’s chance to live, be healthy, learn and develop to his or her full potential should not depend on the lottery of geography or birth.

## **SCHIP Funding Reauthorization: The Opportunity to Finish the Job of Covering All Children**

As SCHIP funding comes up for reauthorization in 2007, the time is ripe for the next smart, logical and necessary step to guarantee *all* children in America coverage for all medically necessary services regardless of the state in which they live, building on the enormous successes of and lessons learned from Children’s Medicaid and SCHIP. Children’s coverage under Medicaid and SCHIP programs should be consolidated into one unified and simplified program that expands eligibility for coverage to help low- and moderate-income families now ineligible for either program. By building on the best features of the existing Medicaid and SCHIP programs for children and streamlining enrollment, we can create one simpler system that decreases the current costly and ever changing bureaucratic barriers; that reduces chronic parental stress;

that truly meets the health care needs of children just as Medicare has served elderly Americans for more than 40 years; and that helps level the playing field for all children from birth. *No child should have to wait 65 years to get health coverage in America.*

Some in Congress claim we cannot afford the critical, long overdue and cost effective investment in covering all of our children. Nonsense. The U.S. GDP in 2006 was \$13.3 trillion. We have the highest per capita health spending of any nation and rank first in health technology. We don't lack money; we lack the political and moral will to protect our children. An annual investment of \$26.1 billion over and above the current investment in children's health would cover the more than nine million uninsured children and pregnant women and create a more equitable and effective children's health insurance system for all children and would be:

- Less than 3 ½ months of the cost of war in Iraq
- 16 days of military spending in 2007
- 5 months of the 2001–2004 tax cuts to the richest 1 percent in 2007 (with average incomes of more than \$1 million)
- 3 months of the 2001–2004 tax cuts to the richest 1 percent in 2011 (if the cuts are made permanent)
- 5 ½ months of an estate tax repeal
- 25 days of spending on Medicare prescription drug benefits in 2007

*Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hope of its children."*

— Dwight David Eisenhower

No parent should have to wage a war against wrongful denial of Medicaid or SCHIP benefits for four months while his 13-year-old son wages a battle against cancerous tumors on his kidneys. No mother should have to frantically seek help for her seriously depressed child after she was erroneously denied coverage and was unable to afford prescribed medication. And no single family should have children of different ages with different benefits—one eligible for guaranteed comprehensive benefits under Medicaid and the other eligible for non-guaranteed and less comprehensive SCHIP benefits with different bureaucratic barriers. The need for national comprehensive health coverage for all children is most acutely illustrated by the tens of thousands of children traumatized by Hurricane Katrina who are still scattered across more than 40 states but are unable to access needed health and mental health care because of bureaucratic barriers and disparate services available throughout those states.

**Children cannot wait.** It is long past time for our nation to commit to protecting the equally valuable life and health of every child. The goal of providing health coverage for all children is attainable now. Children's health is not an election or a partisan issue—it's a moral and survival issue for every child.

Our nation does not know how to extricate itself from the Iraq and Afghanistan quagmires, stop nuclear proliferation in Iran and North Korea, or bring a stable peace to the festering Middle East. But we do know how to and can solve the urgent problem of uninsured children in our country right now. A child has only one childhood and it is today. It is time for the federal government to take a more active leadership and partnership role with states assuring health coverage for all children as it does with senior citizens. Our children's future—our nation's future—depends now more than ever on what we do in the present.

Every voter must urge their Senators and Representatives to take the smart, right and moral action for children in 2007. Tell your elected officials that you will hold them accountable and will be watching to ensure that this year children are *truly* the priority they deserve to be.

# How the CDF Action Council Compiles This Congressional Scorecard

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**T**he 2006 Children's Defense Fund Action Council® Nonpartisan Congressional Scorecard scores ten Senate and ten House votes that directly impact the lives of children. Our national budget defines our national priorities and tells us what we truly treasure. Most of the Senate and House votes included federal budget, appropriations or tax bills. Members not voting and votes cast as "present" are scored as votes against children. Members who served only part of a term are scored only on votes cast while in office. In three cases, Members were in office for only a very short time and only before or after the votes counted for the Scorecard were cast. They are excluded from the table.

State delegation scores are calculated by adding each state's Senators' and Representatives' votes for the CDF Action Council® position and dividing by the number of votes scored. Information on how a Representative or Senator voted on each selected bill comes from CQ.com, an automated Internet legislative database, and is based on the *Congressional Quarterly's* record of the votes. These votes are also checked against the House and Senate roll call votes to ensure they are consistent.

We hope this Nonpartisan Congressional Scorecard will serve as an important educational tool as you review the actions of your Members of Congress and make decisions about who you will elect to Congress in the future. Judge for yourself how well your Senators' and Representatives' votes and actions matched their rhetoric about protecting children. We encourage you to call, write and visit your Senators and Representatives in Washington, D.C., and in their district offices. To find out who represents you in Congress, go to the CDF Action Council® Web site at [www.cdfactioncouncil.org](http://www.cdfactioncouncil.org). You can sign up for Action Alerts to learn when Congress is making critical decisions for children and to let them know your views by going to [www.cdfactioncouncil.org](http://www.cdfactioncouncil.org) and clicking on the "Act Now for Children" button.

This annual Nonpartisan Congressional Scorecard is part of the CDF Action Council's public education, ongoing policy analysis and advocacy for children. It should not be taken as an endorsement of any candidate for public office.

# Best and Worst U.S. Senators for Children

**The average Senate score for children was 48 percent. There were 26 Senators who scored 100 percent and 23 Senators who scored 0 percent.**

## The Best Senators for Children Scored 100 Percent

Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-HI)	100%	Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA)	100%
Sen. Evan Bayh (D-IN)	100%	Sen. John Kerry (D-MA)	100%
Sen. Joseph Biden (D-DE)	100%	Sen. Herbert Kohl (D-WI)	100%
Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA)	100%	Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)	100%
Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R-RI)	100%	Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT)	100%
Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND)	100%	Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI)	100%
Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-CT)	100%	Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)	100%
Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND)	100%	Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)	100%
Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)	100%	Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL)	100%
Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI)	100%	Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)	100%
Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)	100%	Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV)	100%
Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI)	100%	Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D-MD)	100%
Sen. James Jeffords (I-VT)	100%	Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)	100%

## The Worst Senators for Children Scored 0 Percent

Sen. Wayne Allard (R-CO)	0%	Sen. Judd Gregg (R-NH)	0%
Sen. George Allen (R-VA)	0%	Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK)	0%
Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond (R-MO)	0%	Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA)	0%
Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS)	0%	Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ)	0%
Sen. Jim Bunning (R-KY)	0%	Sen. Mel Martinez (R-FL)	0%
Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)	0%	Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)	0%
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)	0%	Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL)	0%
Sen. Larry Craig (R-ID)	0%	Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)	0%
Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)	0%	Sen. John Sununu (R-NH)	0%
Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC)	0%	Sen. Craig Thomas (R-WY)	0%
Sen. Michael Enzi (R-WY)	0%	Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)	0%
Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)	0%		

# Best and Worst U.S. Representatives for Children

**The average House of Representatives score for children was 56 percent. There were 98 Representatives who scored 100 percent and 7 Representatives who scored 0 percent.**

## The Best Representatives for Children Scored 100 Percent

Rep. Thomas H. Allen (D-ME)	100%	Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH)	100%
Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA)	100%	Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)	100%
Rep. Timothy H. Bishop (D-NY)	100%	Rep. Dale E. Kildee (D-MI)	100%
Rep. Robert A. Brady (D-PA)	100%	Rep. Carolyn C. Kilpatrick (D-MI)	100%
Rep. G. K. Butterfield (D-NC)	100%	Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich (D-OH)	100%
Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA)	100%	Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA)	100%
Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD)	100%	Rep. Sander M. Levin (D-MI)	100%
Rep. Russ Carnahan (D-MO)	100%	Rep. Daniel Lipinski (D-IL)	100%
Rep. Julia Carson (D-IN)	100%	Rep. Nita M. Lowey (D-NY)	100%
Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO)	100%	Rep. Stephen F. Lynch (D-MA)	100%
Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC)	100%	Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA)	100%
Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-NY)	100%	Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)	100%
Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD)	100%	Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN)	100%
Rep. Artur Davis (D-AL)	100%	Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA)	100%
Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)	100%	Rep. James P. McGovern (D-MA)	100%
Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT)	100%	Rep. Michael R. McNulty (D-NY)	100%
Rep. Norman D. Dicks (D-WA)	100%	Rep. Kendrick B. Meek (D-FL)	100%
Rep. John D. Dingell (D-MI)	100%	Rep. Michael H. Michaud (D-ME)	100%
Rep. Rahm Emanuel (D-IL)	100%	Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA)	100%
Rep. Eliot L. Engel (D-NY)	100%	Rep. Brad Miller (D-NC)	100%
Rep. Anna G. Eshoo (D-CA)	100%	Rep. Gwen S. Moore (D-WI)	100%
Rep. Bob Etheridge (D-NC)	100%	Rep. John P. Murtha (D-PA)	100%
Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA)	100%	Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)	100%
Rep. Chaka Fattah (D-PA)	100%	Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-CA)	100%
Rep. Charles A. Gonzalez (D-TX)	100%	Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-MA)	100%
Rep. Al Green (D-TX)	100%	Rep. John W. Olver (D-MA)	100%
Rep. Gene Green (D-TX)	100%	Rep. Solomon P. Ortiz (D-TX)	100%
Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ)	100%	Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ)	100%
Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL)	100%	Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ)	100%
Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA)	100%	Rep. Ed Pastor (D-AZ)	100%
Rep. Brian M. Higgins (D-NY)	100%	Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)	100%
Rep. Maurice D. Hinchey (D-NY)	100%	Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND)	100%
Rep. Rush D. Holt (D-NJ)	100%	Rep. David E. Price (D-NC)	100%
Rep. Michael M. Honda (D-CA)	100%	Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)	100%
Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD)	100%	Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-TX)	100%
Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY)	100%	Rep. Steven R. Rothman (D-NJ)	100%
Rep. Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. (D-IL)	100%	Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)	100%
Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)	100%	Rep. Martin Olav Sabo (D-MN)	100%

# Best and Worst U.S. Representatives for Children

## The Best Representatives for Children Scored 100 Percent (continued)

Rep. Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA)	100%	Rep. John F. Tierney (D-MA)	100%
Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA)	100%	Rep. Tom Udall (D-NM)	100%
Rep. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	100%	Rep. Chris Van Hollen, Jr. (D-MD)	100%
Rep. Janice D. Schakowsky (D-IL)	100%	Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY)	100%
Rep. Robert C. Scott (D-VA)	100%	Rep. Peter J. Visclosky (D-IN)	100%
Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA)	100%	Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)	100%
Rep. Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D-NY)	100%	Rep. Melvin L. Watt (D-NC)	100%
Rep. Hilda L. Solis (D-CA)	100%	Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-CA)	100%
Rep. John M. Spratt, Jr. (D-SC)	100%	Rep. Anthony D. Weiner (D-NY)	100%
Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher (D-CA)	100%	Rep. Robert Wexler (D-FL)	100%
Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS)	100%	Rep. Lynn C. Woolsey (D-CA)	100%

## The Worst Representatives for Children Scored 0 Percent

Rep. Brian P. Bilbray (R-CA)	0%	Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA)	0%
Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ)	0%	Rep. John B. Shadegg (R-AZ)	0%
Rep. J. Dennis Hastert (R-IL)	0%	Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL)	0%
Rep. Joel Hefley (R-CO)	0%		



# Best and Worst State Congressional Delegations for Children

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## Best State Delegations for Children

State	State Delegation Average	Rank
North Dakota	100%	1
Vermont	100%	1
Massachusetts	94%	3
Rhode Island	90%	4
Hawaii	85%	5
Maryland	83%	6
Maine	80%	7
New York	80%	7
Delaware	77%	9
Washington	74%	10

## Worst State Delegations for Children

State	State Delegation Average	Rank
Kansas	32%	41
Nebraska	30%	42
Arizona	29%	43
Kentucky	29%	43
Utah	20%	45
Oklahoma	19%	46
Idaho	18%	47
New Hampshire	15%	48
Alaska	13%	49
Wyoming	7%	50

# State Delegation Scores and Rankings

## State Delegation Rankings for Children

State	State Delegation Average	Rank
North Dakota	100%	1
Vermont	100%	1
Massachusetts	94%	3
Rhode Island	90%	4
Hawaii	85%	5
Maryland	83%	6
Maine	80%	7
New York	80%	7
Delaware	77%	9
Washington	74%	10
Arkansas	70%	11
Connecticut	70%	11
West Virginia	70%	11
Oregon	69%	14
California	67%	15
New Jersey	66%	16
Minnesota	65%	17
Wisconsin	65%	17
Michigan	59%	19
Illinois	58%	20
South Dakota	57%	21
New Mexico	56%	22
Pennsylvania	53%	23
North Carolina	52%	24
Ohio	49%	25
Colorado	48%	26
Iowa	47%	27
Missouri	46%	28
Texas	45%	29
Nevada	44%	30
Indiana	43%	31
Mississippi	43%	31
Georgia	41%	33
Tennessee	39%	34
Florida	39%	34
South Carolina	38%	36
Virginia	38%	36
Louisiana	36%	38
Montana	33%	39

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# State Delegation Scores and Rankings

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## State Delegation Rankings for Children (continued)

State	State Delegation Average	Rank
Alabama	33%	39
Kansas	32%	41
Nebraska	30%	42
Arizona	29%	43
Kentucky	29%	43
Utah	20%	45
Oklahoma	19%	46
Idaho	18%	47
New Hampshire	15%	48
Alaska	13%	49
Wyoming	7%	50



## How Member Voted

- + Member voted with the CDF Action Council position.
- Member voted against the CDF Action Council position.
- A** Member did not vote or voted “present.” These are counted as votes against the CDF Action Council position.
- I** Ineligible to vote because not in Congress at the time.

### Key Senate 2006 Children’s Votes

- 1 Senate’s Tax Cuts for the Wealthy
- 2 Congress’s Tax Cuts for the Wealthy
- 3 Paying for Tax Cuts
- 4 Increasing Education Funding
- 5 Increasing Education and Health Care Funding
- 6 Helping with Heating Costs
- 7 FY 2007 Budget Resolution
- 8 Estate Tax Repeal
- 9 Increasing the Minimum Wage
- 10 Minimum Wage and Estate Tax Reduction

### Key House of Representatives 2006 Children’s Votes

- 1 Final FY 2006 Budget
- 2 Congress’s Tax Cuts for the Wealthy
- 3 FY 2007 Budget Resolution
- 4 Helping with Heating Costs
- 5 Increasing Nutrition Funding
- 6 Loan Forgiveness for Mental Health Professionals
- 7 Increasing Low-Income Housing Funding
- 8 Presidential Authority to Withhold Critical Funding
- 9 Estate Tax Reduction
- 10 Minimum Wage and Estate Tax Reduction

# Congressional Members' Scores by State Delegation

## ALABAMA

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Jeff Sessions (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Robert Aderholt (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
Rep. Spencer Bachus (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Jo Bonner (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Robert "Bud" Cramer, Jr. (D)	60%	+	-	+	A	+	+	+	+	-	-
Rep. Artur Davis (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Terry Everett (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Michael D. Rogers (R)	40%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>33%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>39</b>									

## ALASKA

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Ted Stevens (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Don Young (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>13%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>49</b>									

## ARIZONA

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Jon Kyl (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. John McCain (R)	10%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Jeff Flake (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Rep. Trent Franks (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. J. D. Hayworth (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Jim Kolbe (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Ed Pastor (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Rick Renzi (R)	40%	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. John B. Shadegg (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>29%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>43</b>									

## ARKANSAS

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Blanche L. Lincoln (D)	<b>70%</b>	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Sen. Mark Pryor (D)	<b>80%</b>	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Marion Berry (D)	<b>80%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Rep. John Boozman (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Mike Ross (D)	<b>70%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Vic Snyder (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+
<b>State Delegation Average: 70%</b>											
<b>State Rank: 11</b>											

## CALIFORNIA

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D)	<b>90%</b>	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Joe Baca (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A
Rep. Xavier Becerra (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Howard L. Berman (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+
Rep. Brian P. Bilbray (R)	<b>0%</b>							-	-	-	-
Rep. Mary Bono (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Ken Calvert (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. John Campbell (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Lois Capps (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Dennis A. Cardoza (D)	<b>70%</b>	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Rep. Jim Costa (D)	<b>80%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Rep. Susan Davis (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. John T. Doolittle (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Rep. David Dreier (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Anna G. Eshoo (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Sam Farr (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Bob Filner (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Rep. Elton Gallegly (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Jane Harman (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Wally Herger (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Michael M. Honda (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Duncan Hunter (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Darrell Issa (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	A	+	-	-	-
Rep. Tom Lantos (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Barbara Lee (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Jerry Lewis (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+

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### SCORE

#### House Votes

#### CDF Action Council Position

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Dan Lungren (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Doris Matsui (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. George Miller (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	A	+	+
Rep. Gary G. Miller (R)	20%	A	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Devin Nunes (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Richard Pombo (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. George Radanovich (R)	10%	-	-	-	A	+	-	A	-	-	-
Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Edward R. Royce (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Linda Sánchez (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Adam Schiff (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Rep. Brad Sherman (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Hilda L. Solis (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	A
Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. William M. Thomas (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	-	-	-
Rep. Mike Thompson (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Rep. Maxine Waters (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	A	+
Rep. Diane E. Watson (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+
Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Lynn C. Woolsey (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

**State Delegation Average: 67%**

**State Rank: 15**

## COLORADO

### SCORE

#### Senate Votes

#### CDF Action Council Position

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Wayne Allard (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Ken Salazar (D)	90%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

#### House Votes

#### CDF Action Council Position

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Bob Beauprez (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Diana DeGette (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Joel Hefley (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Marilyn Musgrave (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. John T. Salazar (D)	70%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	A
Rep. Thomas G. Tancredo (R)	20%	-	-	-	A	-	+	-	-	-	+
Rep. Mark Udall (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+

**State Delegation Average: 48%**

**State Rank: 26**

## CONNECTICUT

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Christopher Dodd (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Nancy L. Johnson (R)	40%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. John B. Larson (D)	80%	+	+	A	+	A	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Christopher Shays (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	A	-
Rep. Rob Simmons (R)	60%	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>70%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>11</b>									

## DELAWARE

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Joseph Biden Jr. (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Thomas Carper (D)	90%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Michael Castle (R)	40%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>77%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>9</b>									

## FLORIDA

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Mel Martinez (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Bill Nelson (D)	60%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Michael Bilirakis (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	A
Rep. F. Allen Boyd, Jr. (D)	70%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Corrine Brown (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Ginny Brown-Waite (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	A	-	-	-	-
Rep. Ander Crenshaw (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Jim Davis (D)	60%	+	+	+	+	A	A	+	A	A	+
Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Tom Feeney (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Rep. Mark Foley (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Katherine Harris (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Alcee Hastings (D)	90%	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+

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### SCORE

#### House Votes

#### CDF Action Council Position

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Ric Keller (R)	40%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Connie Mack (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+
Rep. Kendrick B. Meek (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. John L. Mica (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Jeff Miller (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	A	-	-	-	-
Rep. Adam H. Putnam (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. E. Clay Shaw, Jr. (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Cliff Stearns (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Dave Weldon (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Robert Wexler (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. C. W. Bill Young (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-

**State Delegation Average: 39%**

**State Rank: 34**

## GEORGIA

### SCORE

#### Senate Votes

#### CDF Action Council Position

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Johnny Isakson (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### House Votes

#### CDF Action Council Position

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. John Barrow (D)	60%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Sanford Bishop, Jr. (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Rep. Nathan Deal (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	A
Rep. Phil Gingrey (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Jack Kingston (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Rep. John Lewis (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A
Rep. John Linder (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	A
Rep. Jim Marshall (D)	60%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A
Rep. Charles Norwood (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Tom Price (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. David Scott (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Rep. Lynn A. Westmoreland (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-

**State Delegation Average: 41%**

**State Rank: 33**

## HAWAII

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. Daniel Akaka (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Daniel Inouye (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D)	<b>80%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Rep. Ed Case (D)	<b>60%</b>	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>85%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>5</b>									

## IDAHO

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. Larry Craig (R)	<b>0%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Mike Crapo (R)	<b>0%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. C. L. "Butch" Otter (R)	<b>40%</b>	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
Rep. Michael K. Simpson (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>18%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>47</b>									

## ILLINOIS

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. Richard J. Durbin (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Barack Obama (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Melissa L. Bean (D)	<b>50%</b>	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Judy Biggert (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Jerry F. Costello (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Rep. Danny K. Davis (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Rahm Emanuel (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Lane Evans (D)	<b>10%</b>	+	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Rep. Luis V. Guterrez (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. J. Dennis Hastert (R)	<b>0%</b>	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	-	-	-
Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	-	-	-
Rep. Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Timothy V. Johnson (R)	<b>50%</b>	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Mark S. Kirk (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Ray LaHood (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Daniel Lipinski (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Donald A. Manzullo (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	A	-	-	-

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### SCORE

#### House Votes

CDF Action Council Position	SCORE	1 Nay	2 Nay	3 Nay	4 Yea	5 Yea	6 Yea	7 Yea	8 Nay	9 Nay	10 Nay
Rep. Bobby L. Rush (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Rep. Janice D. Schakowsky (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. John Shimkus (R)	20%	-	-	-	A	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Jerry Weller (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-

**State Delegation Average: 58%**

**State Rank: 20**

## INDIANA

### SCORE

#### Senate Votes

CDF Action Council Position	SCORE	1 Nay	2 Nay	3 Yea	4 Yea	5 Yea	6 Yea	7 Nay	8 Nay	9 Yea	10 Nay
Sen. Evan Bayh (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Richard Lugar (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-

#### House Votes

CDF Action Council Position	SCORE	1 Nay	2 Nay	3 Nay	4 Yea	5 Yea	6 Yea	7 Yea	8 Nay	9 Nay	10 Nay
Rep. Dan Burton (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Steve Buyer (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	+	-	A
Rep. Julia M. Carson (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Chris Chocola (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. John N. Hostettler (R)	30%	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Rep. Mike Pence (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Rep. Mike Sodrel (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Mark Souder (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Peter J. Visclosky (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

**State Delegation Average: 43%**

**State Rank: 31**

## IOWA

### SCORE

#### Senate Votes

CDF Action Council Position	SCORE	1 Nay	2 Nay	3 Yea	4 Yea	5 Yea	6 Yea	7 Nay	8 Nay	9 Yea	10 Nay
Sen. Charles Grassley (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Tom Harkin (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

#### House Votes

CDF Action Council Position	SCORE	1 Nay	2 Nay	3 Nay	4 Yea	5 Yea	6 Yea	7 Yea	8 Nay	9 Nay	10 Nay
Rep. Leonard L. Boswell (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Rep. Steve King (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Rep. Tom Latham (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. James A. Leach (R)	60%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Jim Nussle (R)	40%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-

**State Delegation Average: 47%**

**State Rank: 27**

## KANSAS

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. Sam Brownback (R)	<b>0%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Pat Roberts (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Dennis Moore (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Rep. Jerry Moran (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Jim Ryun (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Todd Tiahrt (R)	<b>40%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>32%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>41</b>									

## KENTUCKY

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. Jim Bunning (R)	<b>0%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Mitch McConnell (R)	<b>0%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Ben Chandler (D)	<b>70%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Geoff Davis (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Ron Lewis (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Anne M. Northup (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	A
Rep. Harold Rogers (R)	<b>40%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-
Rep. Edward Whitfield (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>29%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>43</b>									

## LOUISIANA

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. Mary Landrieu (D)	<b>80%</b>	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Sen. David Vitter (R)	<b>0%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Rodney Alexander (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Richard H. Baker (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	A
Rep. Charles W. Boustany, Jr. (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. William J. Jefferson (D)	<b>60%</b>	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	A	-	-
Rep. Bobby Jindal (R)	<b>40%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Jim McCrery (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Charlie Melancon (D)	<b>60%</b>	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>36%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>38</b>									

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## MAINE

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. Susan M. Collins (R)	<b>60%</b>	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Sen. Olympia Snowe (R)	<b>60%</b>	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Thomas H. Allen (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Michael H. Michaud (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>80%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>7</b>									

## MARYLAND

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R)	<b>40%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Elijah Cummings (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	A	+	-	-	-
Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. C. A. "Dutch" Ruppberger (D)	<b>80%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	-	+
Rep. Chris Van Hollen, Jr. (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Albert R. Wynn (D)	<b>80%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>83%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>6</b>									

## MASSACHUSETTS

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. Edward Kennedy (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. John Kerry (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Michael Capuano (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. William Delahunt (D)	<b>80%</b>	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Rep. Barney Frank (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Stephen F. Lynch (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Edward J. Markey (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. James P. McGovern (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Martin Meehan (D)	<b>80%</b>	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	A
Rep. Richard E. Neal (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. John W. Olver (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. John F. Tierney (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>94%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>3</b>									

## MICHIGAN

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Carl Levin (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D)	90%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Dave Camp (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	-	A	+	+	+	+
Rep. John Dingell (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-
Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Dale E. Kildee (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Carolyn C. Kilpatrick (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Joseph Knollenberg (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Sander M. Levin (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter (R)	40%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Candice S. Miller (R)	20%	-	-	-	+	+	-	A	-	-	-
Rep. Michael J. Rogers (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Joe Schwarz (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Bart Stupak (D)	90%	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Fred Upton (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>59%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>19</b>									

## MINNESOTA

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Norm Coleman (R)	50%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Sen. Mark Dayton (D)	90%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Gil Gutknecht (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Mark R. Kennedy (R)	40%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. John Kline (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Betty McCollum (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. James Oberstar (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Collin C. Peterson (D)	70%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Rep. Jim Ramstad (R)	60%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Martin Olav Sabo (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>65%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>17</b>									

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## MISSISSIPPI

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Thad Cochran (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Trent Lott (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Charles "Chip" Pickering, Jr. (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Gene Taylor (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Roger Wicker (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>43%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>31</b>									

## MISSOURI

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. James Talent (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. W. Todd Akin (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Roy Blunt (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Russ Carnahan (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. William Lacy Clay (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	-	+
Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Jo Ann H. Emerson (R)	40%	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
Rep. Sam Graves (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Kenny C. Hulshof (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Ike Skelton (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>46%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>28</b>									

## MONTANA

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Max Baucus (D)	70%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	A
Sen. Conrad Burns (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Dennis Rehberg (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>33%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>39</b>									

## NEBRASKA

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. Chuck Hagel (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Ben Nelson (D)	60%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
<b>House Votes</b>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Tom Osborne (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Lee Terry (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>30%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>42</b>									

## NEVADA

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. John Ensign (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Sen. Harry Reid (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>House Votes</b>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Shelley Berkley (D)	70%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	A	-
Rep. James A. Gibbons (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Jon C. Porter (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>44%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>30</b>									

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. Judd Gregg (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. John Sununu (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>House Votes</b>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Charles F. Bass (R)	20%	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Jeb Bradley (R)	40%	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>15%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>48</b>									

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## NEW JERSEY

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Robert Menendez (D)	90%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Robert E. Andrews (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Rep. Michael Ferguson (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Scott Garrett (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Rep. Rush D. Holt (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Donald M. Payne (D)	70%	+	+	+	+	A	+	A	+	+	A
Rep. Steven R. Rothman (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Jim Saxton (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Christopher H. Smith (R)	50%	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>66%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>16</b>									

## NEW MEXICO

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D)	90%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Pete Domenici (R)	10%	A	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Steve Pearce (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Tom Udall (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Heather A. Wilson (R)	60%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>56%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>22</b>									

## NEW YORK

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D)	90%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Charles Schumer (D)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Gary L. Ackerman (D)	90%	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Timothy H. Bishop (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R)	50%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	A
Rep. Joseph Crowley (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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## NEW YORK (continued)

		SCORE									
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Eliot L. Engel (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Vito Fossella (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Brian M. Higgins (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Maurice Hinchey (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Steve Israel (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Sue W. Kelly (R)	40%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Peter T. King (R)	40%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Randy Kuhl (R)	40%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Nita M. Lowey (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. John M. McHugh (R)	60%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Michael R. McNulty (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Gregory W. Meeks (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+
Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Major R. Owens (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	A	+	+
Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Thomas M. Reynolds (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. José E. Serrano (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	A	+
Rep. Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. John E. Sweeney (R)	50%	+	-	+	A	+	+	-	+	-	-
Rep. Edolphus Towns (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. James T. Walsh (R)	40%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-
Rep. Anthony D. Weiner (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>80%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>7</b>									

## NORTH CAROLINA

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Richard Burr (R)	10%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Elizabeth Dole (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. G. K. Butterfield (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Howard Coble (R)	20%	-	-	-	A	+	+	-	-	-	A
Rep. Bob Etheridge (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Virginia Foxx (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Robin Hayes (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Walter B. Jones, Jr. (R)	70%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	A
Rep. Patrick McHenry (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Rep. Mike McIntyre (D)	60%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-

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### SCORE

#### House Votes

CDF Action Council Position	SCORE	1 Nay	2 Nay	3 Nay	4 Yea	5 Yea	6 Yea	7 Yea	8 Nay	9 Nay	10 Nay
Rep. Brad Miller (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Sue Wilkins Myrick (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. David E. Price (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Charles H. Taylor (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Melvin L. Watt (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

**State Delegation Average: 52%**

**State Rank: 24**

## NORTH DAKOTA

### SCORE

#### Senate Votes

CDF Action Council Position	SCORE	1 Nay	2 Nay	3 Yea	4 Yea	5 Yea	6 Yea	7 Nay	8 Nay	9 Yea	10 Nay
Sen. Kent Conrad (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Byron Dorgan (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

#### House Votes

CDF Action Council Position	SCORE	1 Nay	2 Nay	3 Nay	4 Yea	5 Yea	6 Yea	7 Yea	8 Nay	9 Nay	10 Nay
Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

**State Delegation Average: 100%**

**State Rank: 1**

## OHIO

### SCORE

#### Senate Votes

CDF Action Council Position	SCORE	1 Nay	2 Nay	3 Yea	4 Yea	5 Yea	6 Yea	7 Nay	8 Nay	9 Yea	10 Nay
Sen. Mike DeWine (R)	50%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Sen. George Voinovich (R)	60%	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+

#### House Votes

CDF Action Council Position	SCORE	1 Nay	2 Nay	3 Nay	4 Yea	5 Yea	6 Yea	7 Yea	8 Nay	9 Nay	10 Nay
Rep. John Boehner (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Sherrod Brown (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Rep. Steve Chabot (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Paul E. Gillmor (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. David L. Hobson (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Steven C. LaTourette (R)	50%	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Robert Ney (R)	40%	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Michael G. Oxley (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	A	-	A
Rep. Deborah Pryce (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Ralph Regula (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Tim Ryan (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Rep. Jean Schmidt (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Ted Strickland (D)	70%	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	+	-
Rep. Patrick J. Tiberi (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Michael R. Turner (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-

**State Delegation Average: 49%**

**State Rank: 25**

## OKLAHOMA

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Tom Coburn (R)	10%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. James Inhofe (R)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Dan Boren (D)	50%	+	-	+	A	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Tom Cole (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Ernest Istook, Jr. (R)	10%	A	-	-	A	+	A	-	-	-	A
Rep. Frank D. Lucas (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. John Sullivan (R)	20%	-	-	-	A	+	+	-	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>19%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>46</b>									

## OREGON

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Gordon Smith (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Ron Wyden (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D)	80%	A	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Peter A. DeFazio (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Rep. Darlene Hooley (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Rep. Greg Walden (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. David Wu (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>69%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>14</b>									

## PENNSYLVANIA

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Rick Santorum (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Arlen Specter (R)	30%	-	A	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Robert A. Brady (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Charles W. Dent (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Michael F. Doyle (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Phil English (R)	40%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Chaka Fattah (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick (R)	50%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Jim Gerlach (R)	60%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Melissa A. Hart (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Tim Holden (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

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### SCORE

House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Paul E. Kanjorski (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Timothy F. Murphy (R)	<b>40%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. John P. Murtha (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. John E. Peterson (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Joseph R. Pitts (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	A	A	-
Rep. Todd R. Platts (R)	<b>40%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Allyson Y. Schwartz (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Rep. Don Sherwood (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Bill Shuster (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Curt Weldon (R)	<b>40%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>53%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>23</b>									

## RHODE ISLAND

### SCORE

Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Jack Reed (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy (D)	<b>70%</b>	+	A	A	+	A	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. James R. Langevin (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>90%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>4</b>									

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### SCORE

Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Jim DeMint (R)	<b>0%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Lindsey Graham (R)	<b>0%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. J. Gresham Barrett (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+
Rep. Henry E. Brown, Jr. (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. James Clyburn (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Bob Inglis (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. John M. Spratt, Jr. (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Joe Wilson (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>38%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>36</b>									

## SOUTH DAKOTA

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. Tim Johnson (D)	<b>90%</b>	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. John R. Thune (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Stephanie Herseth (D)	<b>70%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>57%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>21</b>									

## TENNESSEE

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. Lamar Alexander (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Bill Frist (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Jim Cooper (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Rep. Lincoln Davis (D)	<b>60%</b>	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr. (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	A	+	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Harold E. Ford, Jr. (D)	<b>60%</b>	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Bart Gordon (D)	<b>60%</b>	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. William L. Jenkins (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. John S. Tanner (D)	<b>60%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Zach Wamp (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>39%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>34</b>									

## TEXAS

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. John Cornyn (R)	<b>0%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Joe Barton (R)	<b>40%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+
Rep. Henry Bonilla (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+
Rep. Kevin P. Brady (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+
Rep. Michael C. Burgess (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. John R. Carter (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Mike Conaway (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Henry Cuellar (D)	<b>60%</b>	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-

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### SCORE

#### House Votes

#### CDF Action Council Position

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. John A. Culberson (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+
Rep. Tom DeLay (R)	33%	-	-	-	+	+	-				
Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	A	+	+
Rep. Chet Edwards (D)	70%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Louie Gohmert (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	A
Rep. Charles A. Gonzalez (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Kay Granger (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	A
Rep. Al Green (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Gene Green (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Ralph M. Hall (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+
Rep. Sam Johnson (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	A	A	-
Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Kenny Marchant (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Michael McCaul (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Solomon P. Ortiz (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Ron E. Paul (R)	50%	+	-	A	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
Rep. Ted Poe (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Pete Sessions (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	-	-	-
Rep. Lamar S. Smith (R)	30%	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. William "Mac" Thornberry (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+

**State Delegation Average: 45%**

**State Rank: 29**

## UTAH

### SCORE

#### Senate Votes

#### CDF Action Council Position

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Robert Bennett (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Orrin Hatch (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-

#### House Votes

#### CDF Action Council Position

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Rob Bishop (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
Rep. Chris Cannon (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	A	-	-	-
Rep. Jim Matheson (D)	50%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-

**State Delegation Average: 20%**

**State Rank: 45**

## VERMONT

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. James Jeffords (I)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Patrick Leahy (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Bernie Sanders (I)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>State Delegation Average: 100%</b>											
<b>State Rank: 1</b>											

## VIRGINIA

		SCORE									
<b>Senate Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Sen. George Allen (R)	<b>0%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. John W. Warner (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
<b>House Votes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CDF Action Council Position</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Rep. Rick Boucher (D)	<b>80%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Rep. Eric Cantor (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	A	-	-	-	+
Rep. Jo Ann S. Davis (R)	<b>40%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	A
Rep. Tom Davis (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Thelma D. Drake (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. J. Randy Forbes (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Virgil H. Goode, Jr. (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. James P. Moran (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Robert C. Scott (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Frank R. Wolf (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average: 38%</b>											
<b>State Rank: 36</b>											

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## WASHINGTON

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Maria Cantwell (D)	<b>90%</b>	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Patty Murray (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Brian Baird (D)	<b>80%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	A
Rep. Norman D. Dicks (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Doc Hastings (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Jay Inslee (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Rep. Rick Larsen (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Rep. Jim McDermott (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Cathy McMorris (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	A	+	+	-	-	-	-
Rep. Dave Reichert (R)	<b>40%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Adam Smith (D)	<b>80%</b>	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>74%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>10</b>									

## WEST VIRGINIA

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV (D)	<b>60%</b>	-	A	+	+	+	+	+	A	A	+
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Shelly Moore Capito (R)	<b>40%</b>	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Alan B. Mollohan (D)	<b>80%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Rep. Nick J. Rahall II (D)	<b>80%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>70%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>11</b>									

## WISCONSIN

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Russ Feingold (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Herbert Kohl (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Mark Green (R)	<b>30%</b>	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. Ron Kind (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Gwen S. Moore (D)	<b>100%</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. David R. Obey (D)	<b>90%</b>	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Thomas E. Petri (R)	<b>10%</b>	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Paul D. Ryan (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>65%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>17</b>									

## WYOMING

		SCORE									
Senate Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Yea	Nay
Sen. Michael Enzi (R)	<b>0%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Craig Thomas (R)	<b>0%</b>	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Votes		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CDF Action Council Position		Nay	Nay	Nay	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Nay	Nay	Nay
Rep. Barbara Cubin (R)	<b>20%</b>	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
<b>State Delegation Average:</b>		<b>7%</b>									
<b>State Rank:</b>		<b>50</b>									

A key to the tabulated votes above can be found on page 11 of the Scorecard. Descriptions of the votes begin on page 34.

# Key Senate 2006 Children's Votes

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## 1. Senate's Tax Cuts for the Wealthy, H.R. 4297

[RCV<sup>1</sup> #S. 10, Tax Reconciliation – Senate Passage]

Passed 66-31 (R 49-4; D 17-26; I 0-1) on February 2, 2006

**Vote Description:** The Senate approved an additional \$70 billion in tax breaks that mostly benefit higher income households and increased the federal deficit. The bill included provisions exempting certain households with incomes between \$100,000 and \$500,000 from paying the Alternative Minimum Tax.

**CDF Action Council Position: No.** The Senate's \$70 billion tax cut widened the gap between rich and poor and eliminated revenues needed for crucial children and family investments, which the Senate had cut earlier by \$39 billion. In addition, it enabled passage of the fiscal year 2006 Tax Reconciliation bill, which finalized these tax cuts for the wealthy. Seventy billion dollars would guarantee funding to cover all uninsured children for almost five years.

## 2. Congress's Tax Cuts for the Wealthy, H.R. 4297

[RCV #S. 118, Tax Reconciliation – Senate Passage of Conference Report]

Passed 54-44 (R 51-3; D 3-40; I 0-1) on May 11, 2006

**Vote Description:** The Senate adopted the conference report for the fiscal year 2006 Tax Reconciliation bill with \$70 billion in tax cuts over five years including reducing tax rates on capital gains and dividends. Nearly half of these tax cuts will go to households with annual incomes over \$1 million.

**CDF Action Council Position: No.** The Urban Institute-Brookings Tax Policy Center says this bill will provide **no** tax cut for almost 70 percent of American households, an average tax cut of \$20 for middle-income households, and an average tax cut of \$42,000 for millionaires. At a time of war and increasing numbers of uninsured and poor children, this vote hurt children.

## 3. Paying for Wealthy Americans' Tax Cuts, S. Con. Res. 83

[RCV #S. 38, Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Resolution – PAYGO Rules]

Rejected 50-50 (R 5-50; D 44-0; I 1-0) on March 14, 2006

**Vote Description:** Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND) offered an amendment to the fiscal year 2007 federal budget plan to require that proposed tax cuts, which often go to wealthy individuals and corporations, and any spending increases be paid for and not added to the federal budget deficit. Under this legislation, tax cuts and spending increases that are not paid for would require approval of 60 of the 100 Senate Members rather than a simple majority.

**CDF Action Council Position: Yes.** It is unjust to approve tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans that are not paid for and that add billions of dollars to our children's debt burden.

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<sup>1</sup> "RCV" stands for "Roll Call Vote."

#### 4. Increasing Education Funding, S. Con. Res. 83

[RCV #S. 39, Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Resolution – Education Funding]  
Rejected 50-50 (R 5-50; D 44-0; I 1-0) on March 14, 2006

**Vote Description:** Senators Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Susan Collins (R-ME) and Robert Menendez (D-NJ) offered an amendment to increase funding in the fiscal year 2007 federal budget plan by \$6.3 billion to restore funding for education programs and to increase the maximum amount of a Pell Grant offset by the elimination of selected corporate tax cuts.

**CDF Action Council Position: Yes.** This amendment would have ensured many educational opportunities by restoring funding for elementary and secondary education and increasing investments in student aid programs to help youth pursue higher education. The Senate's rejection of this amendment hurt children.

#### 5. Increasing Education and Health Care Funding, S. Con. Res. 83

[RCV #S. 58, Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Resolution – Health and Education Programs]  
Passed 73-27 (R 28-27; D 44-0; I 1-0) on March 16, 2006

**Vote Description:** Senators Arlen Specter (R-PA) and Thomas Harkin (D-IA) offered an amendment to increase the budget by \$7 billion in fiscal year 2007 for health, education and training and for low-income programs that have suffered deep cuts since 2005.

**CDF Action Council Position: Yes.** This amendment would have added funding for critical programs children need to succeed in school and helped restore funding continually chipped away. Passing this amendment was a vote for children.

#### 6. Helping Low-Income Families Afford High Heating Costs, S. Con. Res. 83

[RCV #S. 57, Fiscal Year Budget Resolution — LIHEAP]  
Passed 51-49 (R 6-49; D 44-0; I 1-0) on March 16, 2006

**Vote Description:** Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) offered an amendment to the fiscal year 2007 budget to increase the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program's (LIHEAP) funding by \$3.3 billion and help low-income families, the elderly and persons with disabilities pay heating bills.

**CDF Action Council Position: Yes.** A vote to help about five million very poor households pay winter heating bills was a vote for children in 2006, which saw the highest one-year jump in home heating prices in three decades. Poor and vulnerable families should not have to choose between heating their homes, paying rent, having enough food, and meeting other basic needs.

#### 7. Approval of Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Resolution, S. Con. Res. 83

[RCV #S. 74, Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Resolution – Adoption of Budget Resolution]  
Passed 51-49 (R 50-5; D 1-43; I 0-1) on March 16, 2006

**Vote Description:** The Senate adopted a fiscal year 2007 budget that cut \$123 billion over five years in domestic discretionary programs and made additional cuts in guaranteed funding programs like Medicaid and foster care. While the budget increased domestic discretionary funding by \$1.6 billion above the current services baseline, most of the increase was for "homeland security."

**CDF Action Council Position: No.** The budget plan increased the difficulty of meeting children's current needs and ignored huge unmet needs. Programs like Head Start, child abuse prevention and treatment, child care assistance, student loans and others became vulnerable to funding cuts.

## 8. Estate Tax Repeal, H.R. 8

[RCV #S. 164, Estate Tax Permanent Repeal – Cloture]  
Rejected 57-41 (R 53-2; D 4-38; I 0-1) on June 8, 2006

**Vote Description:** The Senate rejected a motion to end debate on and bring to a vote a bill to permanently repeal the estate tax on multi-million dollar estates beginning in 2010.

**CDF Action Council Position: No.** Permanent repeal of the estate tax would benefit a small minority of Americans with estates with a net worth exceeding \$2 million. In its first full year of implementation, the bill would cost about \$58 billion dollars—enough to guarantee two years of health and mental health coverage to the nine million children who are currently uninsured and improve their access to doctors and other health providers. The Senate protected children when it refused to end debate on such an unjust tax giveaway.

## 9. Increasing the Minimum Wage, S. 2766 amendment no. 4322

[RCV #S. 179, Fiscal Year 2007 Defense Authorization – Minimum Wage]  
Rejected 52-46 (R 8-46; D 43-0; I 1-0) on June 21, 2006. [Although the amendment received a majority of “yes” votes, the Senate agreed by unanimous consent to raise the requirement for adoption of this amendment to 60 votes.]

**Vote Description:** Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) offered an amendment to the fiscal year 2007 Defense Authorization bill to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour phased in over 26 months. Congress has not increased the minimum wage for workers for almost ten years while raising its own pay eight times.

**CDF Action Council Position: Yes.** In 2005, more than 70 percent of poor children lived in working households but a full-time minimum-wage employee’s salary of \$10,712 a year (for a family of three), is \$5,888 below the 2006 federal poverty level. The minimum wage has not been increased for nearly a decade, during which time the cost of living increased 26 percent. The Senate hurt children when it rejected this amendment to help lift children from poverty.

## 10. Holding Minimum Wage Increases Hostage to Powerful Interests, H.R. 5970

[RCV #S. 229, Fiscal Year 2007 Tax Package – Cloture (Minimum Wage and Estate Tax Provisions)]  
Rejected 56-42 (R 52-3; D 4-38; I 0-1) on August 3, 2006

**Vote Description:** The Senate rejected a motion to end debate on and bring to a vote a bill to link a reduction in the estate tax for heirs of multi-millionaires and billionaires to a three-year \$2.10 increase in the minimum wage.

**CDF Action Council Position: No.** This Senate bill tied a long overdue \$2.10 increase in the minimum wage to a bill that would reduce the estate tax by \$750 billion over ten years. A raise for minimum wage workers should not be held hostage to tax cuts for multi-million dollar estates. The proposed estate tax giveaway is unconscionable when nine million children are uninsured, 13 million are poor, millions of children are hungry, homeless and poorly educated and Katrina’s children languish without desperately needed help. The Senate protected children when it refused to end debate on this fiscally irresponsible tax policy to benefit the richest Americans.

# Key House of Representatives 2006 Children's Votes

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## 1. Final Budget Vote, S. 1932, H. Res. 653

[RCV #H. 4, Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Reconciliation – Adoption]  
Passed 216-214 (R 216-13; D 0-200; I 0-1) on February 1, 2006

**Vote Description:** The House approved the fiscal year 2006 federal budget conference report requiring cuts of \$38.8 billion over five years and making many harmful policy changes in a range of programs for children. It cut billions of dollars from federal student loan programs, child support enforcement, and Medicaid and jeopardized the ability of grandparents and other relatives to care for related children.

**CDF Action Council Position: No.** The House hurt children by passing this legislation with deep cuts in health care, child support, child care, foster care and student loans and with dangerous changes to children's Medicaid protections, putting millions of children receiving Medicaid at risk of losing currently guaranteed health and mental health treatment.

## 2. Tax Cuts for the Wealthy, H.R. 4297

[RCV #H. 135, Tax Reconciliation – Conference Report]  
Passed 244-185 (R 229-2; D 15-182; I 0-1) on May 10, 2006

**Vote Description:** The House adopted the conference report for the fiscal year 2006 Tax Reconciliation bill that included \$70 billion in tax cuts over five years including reduced tax rates on capital gains and dividends that benefited the wealthy. Nearly half of these tax benefits will go to households with annual incomes over \$1 million.

**CDF Action Council Position: No.** The Urban Institute-Brookings Tax Policy Center reports this bill gives **no** tax cut for almost 70 percent of households, an average tax cut of \$20 for middle-income households, and an average tax cut of \$42,000 for millionaires. During war time, in the aftermath of Katrina and with increasing numbers of poor and uninsured children, this vote hurt children.

## 3. Approval of 2007 Budget Resolution, H. Con. Res. 376

[RCV #H. 158, Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Resolution – Adoption]  
Passed 218-210 (R 218-12; D 0-197; I 0-1) on May 18, 2006

**Vote Description:** The House adopted a federal budget plan for fiscal year 2007 with cuts of \$172.1 billion over five years in domestic discretionary programs and guaranteed funding programs like Medicaid to help offset hundreds of billions of tax cuts for the wealthy and defense spending increases. For fiscal year 2007, \$10.3 billion would be cut from current services levels for programs like Head Start, child abuse prevention and a range of education investments.

**CDF Action Council Position: No.** The fiscal year 2007 budget plan would force deep cuts in a range of programs for children and families, while increasing the federal deficit by more than \$200 billion over the next five years. The plan requires the majority of cuts to come from guaranteed investments that help children and poor families, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, Supplemental Security Income Program and the federal foster care program. The House hurt children when it passed this unjust federal budget.

#### 4. Helping Low-Income Families Afford High Heating Costs, S. 2320

[RCV #H. 66, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – Passage]

Passed 287-128 (R 93-128; D 193-0; I 1-0) on March 16, 2006

**Vote Description:** Representative Joe Barton (R-TX) made a motion to suspend the rules and pass a bill to shift \$1 billion for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) from the 2007 federal budget to the 2006 federal budget to help poor families pay high winter heating bills.

**CDF Action Council Position: Yes.** A vote to help roughly five million poor households pay winter heating bills was a vote for children. In 2006 the largest one-year jump in home heating prices in three decades resulted in vulnerable families needing additional assistance to keep their homes warm and avoid having to choose between heating their homes, paying rent, having enough food and meeting other basic needs.

#### 5. Increased Funding for Nutrition Programs, H.R. 5384

[RCV #H. 193, Fiscal Year 2007 Agriculture Appropriations – Passage]

Passed 378-46 (R 206-24; D 171-22; I 1-0) on May 23, 2006

**Vote Description:** The House passed a bill to increase funding for programs that provide nutritious food, food vouchers and other nutrition services to low-income pregnant, postpartum women and young children at risk of hunger, including \$5.2 billion for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, \$118 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), and \$13.3 billion for other child nutrition programs. Funding for all these programs had been eliminated in the President's 2007 Budget proposal.

**CDF Action Council Position: Yes.** The House protected children by funding critical programs that help ensure vulnerable children receive enough food at home and school. The legislation protected and expanded WIC, which provides supplemental food for low-income pregnant and breastfeeding women, other new mothers up to one-year postpartum and very young children when food stamps do not provide enough to meet special dietary needs.

#### 6. Loan Forgiveness for Mental Health Professionals, H.R. 609

[RCV #H. 78, Higher Education Act Reauthorization – Mental Health Workers]

Passed 380-38 (R 186-38; D 193-0; I 1-0) on March 30, 2006

**Vote Description:** Representative Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) offered an amendment to the Higher Education Act Reauthorization to make child and adolescent mental health professionals eligible for loan forgiveness.

**CDF Action Council Position: Yes.** Six million children suffer from a major mental illness. There is a severe shortage of trained child and adolescent mental health care providers to serve them particularly in rural or suburban areas. These children often are unable to get core services, receive inappropriate services or are forced into costly institutional settings. The House protected children in taking this important step to address the mental health crisis facing so many children including Katrina's affected children.

#### 7. Increasing Low-Income Housing Funding, H.R. 5576

[RCV #H. 267, Fiscal Year 2007 Transportation-Treasury-Housing Appropriations – Housing Vouchers]

Passed 243-178 (R 47-175; D 195-3; I 1-0) on June 13, 2006

**Vote Description:** Representative Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) offered an amendment to the fiscal year 2007 Appropriations bill for housing and other programs to provide an additional \$70 million for low-income housing through the Section 8 voucher program to provide 10,000 families affordable housing.

**CDF Action Council Position: Yes.** Approximately 60 percent of Section 8 housing vouchers go to homeless families with children who use them to find subsidized housing in the private market. The House protected children by passing a bill to provide much needed financial assistance for low-income families seeking an affordable place to live and raise their children.

## 8. Presidential Authority to Withhold Critical Funding, H.R. 4890

[RCV #H. 317, Legislative Line-Item Rescission – Passage]

Passed 247-172 (R 212-15; D 35-156; I 0-1) on June 22, 2006

**Vote Description:** This bill would grant the President significantly greater authority to reduce or eliminate federal funding approved by Congress for a range of federal programs including those that support children and families. Currently, once Congress passes legislation, the President can either sign or veto the legislation in its entirety. This bill would allow the President to reject or modify specific provisions or adjust funding in certain types of legislation before he signs it.

**CDF Action Council Position: No.** This bill would breach the balance of power between the Legislative and Executive branches by significantly expanding the President’s authority to alter legislation approved by Congress. The President could, in effect, relegislate to his liking with just the stroke of a pen after Congress may have spent hours debating and compromising on the provisions of a bill. The House of Representatives hurt children when it voted to weaken a critical element of checks and balances in our government.

## 9. Reducing Taxes of Wealthy Estates, H.R. 5638

[RCV #H. 315, Estate Tax Reduction – Passage]

Passed 269-156 (R 226-2; D 43-153; I 0-1) on June 22, 2006

**Vote Description:** The House passed a bill to permanently reduce the estate tax on multi-million dollar estates, exempting from taxation individual estates valued up to \$5 million and family estates up to \$10 million. Beginning in 2010, the legislation would reduce tax rates for estates up to \$25 million.

**CDF Action Council Position: No.** Reducing taxes on multi-million dollar estates would drastically reduce federal revenues needed to support vulnerable children and families and meet other critical domestic needs. The House valued millionaires and billionaires over children and families who need health and mental health coverage, child care and living wages to escape poverty.

## 10. Holding Minimum Wage Increases Hostage to Powerful Interests, H.R. 5970

[RCV #H. 425, Tax Package – Passage]

Passed 230-180 (R 196-21; D 34-158; I 0-1) on July 29, 2006

**Vote Description:** The House passed a bill that linked an increase in the minimum wage of \$2.10 over three years to a reduction in the estate tax for heirs of multi-millionaires and billionaires.

**CDF Action Council Position: No.** This House bill tied a long overdue \$2.10 increase in the minimum wage to a bill that would reduce the estate tax by \$750 billion holding hostage a raise for minimum wage workers to benefit a small minority of the wealthiest Americans. The estate tax giveaway would increase the deficit and force more deep cuts in assistance for poor children and families including health care, child care and food programs and deny critical new child investments. The House hurt children when it approved this bill.

## Moments in America for All Children

<b>Every second</b>	a public school student is suspended.*
<b>Every 11 seconds</b>	a high school student drops out.*
<b>Every 15 seconds</b>	a public school student is corporally punished.*
<b>Every 20 seconds</b>	a child is arrested.
<b>Every 22 seconds</b>	a baby is born to an unmarried mother.
<b>Every 35 seconds</b>	a baby is born to a mother who is not a high school graduate.
<b>Every 36 seconds</b>	a baby is born into poverty.
<b>Every 36 seconds</b>	a child is confirmed as abused or neglected.
<b>Every 46 seconds</b>	a baby is born without health insurance.
<b>Every minute</b>	a baby is born to a teen mother.
<b>Every 2 minutes</b>	a baby is born at low birthweight.
<b>Every 4 minutes</b>	a child is arrested for drug abuse.
<b>Every 8 minutes</b>	a child is arrested for a violent crime.
<b>Every 19 minutes</b>	a baby dies before his first birthday.
<b>Every 3 hours</b>	a child or teen is killed by a firearm.
<b>Every 4 hours</b>	a child or teen commits suicide.
<b>Every 6 hours</b>	a child is killed by abuse or neglect.
<b>Every 18 hours</b>	a mother dies in childbirth.

\* Based on calculations per school day (180 days of seven hours each).

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## About the Children's Defense Fund Action Council

The Children's Defense Fund Action Council's Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a *Healthy Start*, a *Head Start*, a *Fair Start*, a *Safe Start* and a *Moral Start* in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

We seek to provide a strong, effective voice for all the children of America who cannot vote, lobby, or speak for themselves. We pay particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities. The CDF Action Council educates the nation about the needs of children and encourages preventive investments before they get sick or into trouble, drop out of school, or suffer family breakdown.

The CDF Action Council began in 1969 and is a private, nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. We have never taken government funds.

## The Mission of the Leave No Child Behind® Movement

As we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century, America's strength reflects our courage, our compassion, our hard work, our moral values, and our commitment to justice. Today, we can extend the American dream of our forefathers and foremothers to every child and family. We have the know-how, the experience, the tools, and the resources. And we have the responsibility as mothers, fathers, grandparents, and concerned and sensible people across the country.

We can build a nation where families have the support they need to make it at work and at home; where every child enters school ready to learn and leaves on the path to a productive future; where babies are likely to be born healthy, and sick children have the health care they need; where no child has to grow up in poverty; where all children are safe in their community and every child has a place to call home—and all Americans can proudly say "We Leave No Child Behind."

Our mission and vision in the months and years ahead is to do what it takes to meet the needs of children and their parents by building on the strengths and sense of fairness of the American people, learning from the best public and private ideas and successes, and moving forward to a renewed commitment to all our children.



*Children can't stand up for themselves, which makes them an easy mark for politicians when they're cutting back. Give children a voice—yours. Children can't vote, but you can.*



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