

HOUSE VOTES

1 Health Care Reform I

The House passed health care reform legislation, which contained several pro-retiree provisions. Included among them were the elimination of co-pays and deductibles for preventive care screens and an annual wellness checkup beginning in 2011. The bill also included the closing of the Part D doughnut hole coverage gap, the phasing out of overpayments to Medicare Advantage insurance companies, and incentives for employers to maintain early retiree health care coverage. The bill passed 219-212. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 3590, Roll Call No. 165, March 21, 2010.

2 Health Care Reform II

The House passed a package of budget reconciliation provisions to the health care reform legislation. The legislation was a companion bill to health care reform that enabled the enactment of health care reform. The bill passed 220-211. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 4872, Roll Call No. 167, March 21, 2010.

3 Wall Street Reform

The House passed the conference report to curb abuses in the finance service industry. Including in the reforms are provisions to develop educational materials and training to reduce the fraudulent marketing of financial products to seniors. The conference report passed 237-192. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 4173, Roll Call No. 413, June 30, 2010.

4 Generic Drugs

The House passed a funding bill that included a provision to prohibit brand name drug companies from entering into “pay-for-delay” agreements with generic drug companies. Under such arrangements, brand name companies could delay the introduction of generic drugs into the marketplace, which costs consumers and taxpayers billions yearly in unnecessary drug costs. The bill passed 239-182. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 4899, Roll Call No. 430, July 1, 2010.

5 Stop Senior Fraud

The House passed a bill introduced by Rep. Baldwin, D-WI, that authorized more than \$150 million over five years for the Federal Trade Commission and Justice Department to conduct consumer education and outreach programs regarding fraud targeting senior citizens. The bill passed 335-81. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 3040, Roll Call No. 487, July 29, 2010.

6 Senior Housing

The House included \$825 million in funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs to be used for the rehabilitation and construction of new housing for low income seniors. There are long waiting lists for seniors who need affordable housing. The bill passed 251-167. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 5850, Roll Call No. 499, July 29, 2010.

7 Medicaid Funding

The House passed legislation which provided \$16.1 billion in funding for the operation of state Medicaid programs. The most common Medicaid recipient is a nursing home resident, which makes the program vital to older Americans. The bill passed 247-161. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 1586, Roll Call No. 518, August 10, 2010.

8 \$250 Stimulus Payment

The House debated a bill, introduced by Rep. Pomeroy, D-ND, that would provide a \$250 payment to Social Security recipients and other retirees in 2011 since there was no cost of living increase under in 2010. The bill failed 254-153. Two-thirds of members present and voting are required under the House's suspension calendar rules. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 5987, Roll Call No. 611, December 8, 2010.

9 Food Safety Reform

The House passed a bill introduced by Rep. Sutton, D-OH, giving the Food and Drug Administration authority to directly recall tainted products, rather than waiting on voluntary cooperation from manufacturers. Food safety recalls have become more frequent and have affected more seniors in recent years. The bill passed 215-144. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 2751, Roll Call No. 661, December 21, 2010.

10 Retiree Programs Funding

The House passed an appropriations bill that contains several key retiree program provisions. Included were \$5.1 billion for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), on which many seniors rely. The bill passed 193-165. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 3082, Roll Call No. 662, December 21, 2010.