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FAIR's Congressional Voting Report is designed to help you understand the positions that each U.S. Senator has taken on immigration measures during the 113th Congress in furtherance of a rational immigration system. Although the 113th Congress saw fewer bills passed than any other Congress in recent history, the Senate did consider a mass guest worker amnesty bill during its first session in 2013. By contrast, during the second session in 2014, the Senate avoided the issue almost entirely. Where a Senator voted with FAIR's position on an amendment or bill, you will see a green plus sign (+). Where a Senator voted against FAIR's position, you will see a red minus sign (-). Where a Senator did not vote, you will see (NV). During any period that a Senator was not present in office, you will see (NP).

FIRST SESSION, January to December 2013

S.Amdt. 614 to S.Con.Res. 8

Amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

Senate Vote 77, Illegal Immigration | March 23, 2013—Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) amendment S.Amdt. 614 to S.Con.Res. 8 (a temporary funding measure) that prohibits illegal aliens or amnestied aliens from qualifying for federally subsidized healthcare. The amendment was rejected 43-56. **FAIR supported S.Amdt. 614.**

S. 744

Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act

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The Schumer-Rubio “comprehensive” immigration reform bill, while purporting to increase border security and other immigration enforcement, creates wide-ranging amnesty programs and massively expands foreign guest worker programs, endangering jobs in every sector of the American economy. Although hundreds of amendments were filed, only a few amendments received floor votes because Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) used a procedural move known as “filling the amendment tree” to prevent the full Senate from debating most of them. The list that follows represents votes on the key amendments that did reach the floor, as well as those on critical procedural moves leading up to the final passage.

Senate Vote 148, Border Security | June 13, 2013—Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) moved to table Sen. Chuck Grassley's (R-IA) amendment S.Amdt. 1195 that prohibits the granting of amnesty (known as “registered provisional immigrant” status) to illegal aliens under S. 744 until the Secretary of Homeland Security maintains effective control of the borders for six months. The motion to table was agreed to 57-43, effectively killing the amendment. **FAIR opposed the motion to table the amendment.**

Senate Vote 151, Border Security | June 18, 2013—Sen. John Thune (R-SD) amendment S.Amdt. 1197 that requires construction of 350 miles of reinforced, double-layered fencing along the Southern border (namely half of the number initially required by the Secure Fence Act) as a precondition to

illegal aliens receiving provisional legal status under S. 744. It also prohibits illegal aliens granted this provisional status from then applying for green cards until the remaining half of the fence is built. The amendment was rejected 39-54. **FAIR supported S.Amdt. 1197.**

Senate Vote 152, Border Security | June 18, 2013—Sen. David Vitter (R-LA) amendment S.Amdt. 1228 that prohibits illegal aliens from getting any legal status until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies that the biometric entry-exit system known as US-VISIT is fully implemented at every land, sea, and air port of entry, and Congress passes a joint resolution stating that such entry-exit system is sufficiently implemented. The amendment was rejected 36-58. **FAIR supported S.Amdt. 1228**

Senate Vote 163, Comprehensive Immigration Reform | June 26, 2013—Sen. Pat Leahy (D-VT) amendment S.Amdt. 1183 to include the “border surge” deal reached by [Senators Bob Corker \(R-TN\) and John Hoeven \(R-ND\)](#) that in reality does little to improve border security, and also includes provisions that seriously undermine immigration enforcement. The amendment passed 69-29. **FAIR opposed S.Amdt. 1183.**

Senate Vote 167, Comprehensive Immigration Reform | June 27, 2013—Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) moved to invoke cloture (end debate) on S. 744. The motion was agreed to 68-32. **FAIR opposed the motion to invoke cloture.**

Senate Vote 168, Comprehensive Immigration Reform | June 27, 2013—Final passage of S. 744. The bill passed 68-32. **FAIR opposed S. 744.**

Nomination of Alejandro Mayorkas for Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security

In June 2013, President Obama nominated U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director Alejandro Mayorkas to be deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Obama nominated Mayorkas for the number two position at DHS despite the Inspector General’s ongoing investigation of him for impropriety relating to the EB-5 investor visa program. Not only was Mayorkas under investigation by the Inspector General’s office when nominated, the low morale at USCIS and accusations of rubberstamping immigration benefits applications raised additional questions about his qualifications. Still Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) insisted on scheduling a vote before the Inspector General concluded his investigation.

Senate Vote 285, Mayorkas Nomination, Cloture Vote | December 19, 2013—Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) moved to invoke cloture (end debate) on the nomination of Mayorkas to be Deputy Secretary of DHS. The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to 55-45. Importantly, the cloture motion would have failed if Reid had not invoked the “nuclear option” which allowed a simple majority vote to defeat cloture rather than the 60 vote threshold normally required. **FAIR opposed the motion to invoke cloture.**

Senate Vote 286, Mayorkas Nomination, Final Passage | December 20, 2013—Final vote to confirm Mayorkas as DHS Deputy Secretary. The nomination was confirmed 54-41. **FAIR opposed the nomination of Mayorkas.**

SECOND SESSION, January to September 2014

S. 2648 (Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act 2014)
Motion to Waive All Applicable Budgetary Discipline

Senate Vote 252, Border Security, Illegal Immigration | July 31, 2014—Prior to the August recess, the Senate considered a supplemental funding bill to address the surge of unaccompanied alien minors unlawfully crossing the Southern border. The bill would have granted President Obama \$2.7 billion to deal with the border crisis but contained no policy changes. Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) raised a point of order that the bill violated the Budget Control Act because it contained discretionary spending that was not offset by reducing spending or raising additional revenue. However, Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) motioned to waive all points of order. The motion was rejected 50-44, meaning the bill was not passed. **FAIR opposed the motion to waive the budget point of order.**

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ALABAMA										
Shelby, Richard (R)	+	+	NV	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sessions, Jeff (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ALASKA										
Murkowski, Lisa (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Begich, Mark (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARIZONA										
McCain, John (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Flake, Jeff (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	NV	+
ARKANSAS										
Pryor, Mark (D)	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boozman, John (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
CALIFORNIA										
Feinstein, Dianne (D)	-	-	NV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boxer, Barbara (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COLORADO										
Udall, Mark (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bennet, Michael (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONNECTICUT										
Blumenthal, Richard (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Murphy, Chris (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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DELAWARE										
Carper, Tom (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coons, Chris (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FLORIDA										
Nelson, Bill (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rubio, Marco (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
GEORGIA										
Chambliss, Saxby (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Isakson, Johnny (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+
HAWAII										
Schatz, Brian (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NV
Hirono, Mazie (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IDAHO										
Crapo, Mike (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Risch, Jim (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ILLINOIS										
Durbin, Dick (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kirk, Mark (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
INDIANA										
Dan Coats (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Joe Donnelly (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IOWA										
Chuck Grassley (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tom Harkin (D)	-	-	NV	NV	-	-	-	-	-	NV
KANSAS										
Pat Roberts (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV
Jerry Moran (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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KENTUCKY										
Mitch McConnell (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rand Paul (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
LOUISIANA										
Mary Landrieu (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
David Vitter (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
MAINE										
Susan Collins (R)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Angus King (I)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARYLAND										
Barbara Mikulski (D)	-	-	NV	NV	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ben Cardin (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MASSACHUSETTS										
Elizabeth Warren (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mo Cowan (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NP	NP	NP
Ed Markey (D)	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	-	-	-
MICHIGAN										
Carl Levin (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debbie Stabenow (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINNESOTA										
Amy Klobuchar (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Al Franken (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISSISSIPPI										
Thad Cochran (R)	+	+	NV	NV	+	+	+	+	+	NV
Roger Wicker (R)	+	+	NV	NV	-	+	+	+	+	+

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MISSOURI

Claire McCaskill (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roy Blunt (R)	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+

MONTANA

Max Baucus (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NP
John Tester (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Walsh (D)	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	-

NEBRASKA

Mike Johanns (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+
Deb Fischer (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

NEVADA

Harry Reid (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NV	-
Dean Heller (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Jeanne Shaheen (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kelly Ayotte (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+

NEW JERSEY

Frank Lautenberg (D)	NV	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Bob Menendez (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Chiesa (R)	NP	+	+	+	-	-	-	NP	NP	NP
Cory Booker (D)	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	-	-	-

NEW MEXICO

Tom Udall (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Martin Heinrich (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

NEW YORK

Chuck Schumer (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kirsten Gillibrand (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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NORTH CAROLINA										
Richard Burr (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kay Hagan (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NV
NORTH DAKOTA										
John Hoeven (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
Heidi Heitkamp (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OHIO										
Sherrrod Brown (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rob Portman (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
OKLAHOMA										
Jim Inhofe (R)	+	+	NV	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tom Coburn (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
OREGON										
Ron Wyden (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Merkley (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PENNSYLVANIA										
Bob Casey Jr. (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pat Toomey (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
RHODE ISLAND										
Jack Reed (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sheldon Whitehouse (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SOUTH CAROLINA										
Lindsey Graham (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Tim Scott (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
SOUTH DAKOTA										
Tim Johnson (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Thune (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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TENNESSEE										
Lamar Alexander (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	NV	NV
Bob Corker (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
TEXAS										
John Cornyn (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ted Cruz (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
UTAH										
Orrin Hatch (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
Mike Lee (R)	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+
VERMONT										
Patrick Leahy (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bernie Sanders (I)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VIRGINIA										
Mark Warner (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Kaine (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WASHINGTON										
Patty Murray (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maria Cantwell (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEST VIRGINIA										
Jay Rockefeller (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joe Manchin (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
WISCONSIN										
Ron Johnson (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tammy Baldwin (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WYOMING										
Mike Enzi (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
John Barrasso (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+