

# **Congressional Voting Report | 109th Congress** U.S. SENATE

FAIR's Congressional Voting Report is designed to help you understand a U.S. senator's support for immigration measures to strengthen or weaken immigration control during the 109th Congress. We have chosen votes of fourteen immigration-related bills as the benchmarks for assessing stances. Where a member voted on a bill that FAIR supports, you will see a green plus sign (+). Where a member voted for a bill that FAIR opposes, you will see a red minus sign (-). Where a member did not vote, you will see (NV).

#### **LEGEND**

- Voted with FAIR
- Voted Against FAIR
- NV Did Not Vote

### H.R. 1268: Fiscal Year 2005 Department of Homeland Security Supplemental Appropriations

#### Senate Vote 105, Border Security Funding

April 20, 2005 — Byrd (W-VA) amendment #516 that would increase funding for immigration and customs enforcement at the Department of Homeland Security by \$389.6 million. The amendment would also provide for the hiring of additional border patrol agents and fund the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles along the southwest U.S.-Mexico border. Adopted 65–34. **FAIR supports this amendment.** 

#### S. 2611: Immigration Overhaul

#### Senate Vote 123, Temporary Worker Program

May 16, 2006 — Specter (R-PA) motion to table Dorgan (D-ND) amendment #4017 to S 2611. Amendment #4017 would prohibit aliens who are currently outside the United States from participating in the H-2C guestworker visa program, effectively eliminating the H-2C program as a way to bring in new foreign workers. Motion to table agreed to 69–28. **FAIR opposes the motion to table.** 

#### Senate Vote 124, Temporary Worker Program

May 16, 2006 — Specter (R-PA) motion to table Bingaman (D-NM) amendment #3981. Amendment #3981 would eliminate the automatic annual increase of H-2C visas provided for under S2611 and cap the number to 200,000 during any fiscal year. Motion to table rejected 18–79. Amendment #3981 was subsequently adopted on a voice vote. **FAIR opposes the motion to table.** 

#### Senate Vote 126, Construction of Strategic Border Fencing and Vehicle Barriers

May 17, 2006 — Sessions (R-AL) amendment #3979 to S 2611 would require the Department of Homeland Security to construct approximately 390 miles of fencing and improve technology and vehicle barriers installed along the southwest border of the United States. Adopted 83–16. **FAIR supports this amendment.** 

#### Senate Vote 127, Amnesty for Illegal Aliens

May 17, 2006 — Vitter (R-LA) amendment #3963 to S 2611 would strike the title of the bill that grants amnesty to illegal aliens. Rejected 33–66. **FAIR supports this amendment.** 

#### Senate Vote 130, Social Security

May 18, 2006 — Specter motion to table Ensign amendment #3985 to S2611. Amendment #3985 would prevent illegal aliens who receive amnesty under S2611 from receiving social security benefits for work performed illegally. Motion to table adopted 50–49. **FAIR opposes** the motion to table.

#### Senate Vote 135, Temporary Worker Program

May 18, 2006 — McCain (R-AZ) motion to table the Kyl (R-AZ) amendment #3969. Amendment #3969 would strike provisions from the bill that provide H-2C guest workers a direct path to citizenship. It would instead require these guest workers to leave the country once their visas expire. Motion agreed to 58–35. **FAIR opposes the motion to table.** 

#### Senate Vote 137, National Guard Border Activities

May 22, 2006 — Ensign (R-NV) amendment #4076 would authorize any state governor, with approval from the secretary of Defense, to order units or personnel of that state's National Guard to spend annual training duty engaged in border security activities in states along the U.S.-Mexico border. Adopted 83–10. **FAIR supports this amendment.** 

#### Senate Vote 145, Motion to Waive

May 24, 2006 — Specter (R-PA) motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to the Allard (R-CO) budget point of order. Senator Allard raised a budget point of order, arguing that the legislation could not be considered under the Budget Act because the bill would increase direct spending beyond \$5 billion per decade. Senator Specter moved to waive application of the Budget Act to S2611. Motion to waive agreed to 67–31. **FAIR opposes the motion to waive.** 

#### Senate Vote 150, Temporary Workers

May 24, 2006 — Dorgan (D-ND) amendment #4095 proposed establishing a sunset for the H-2C visa program 5 years after the date of enactment. The amendment would have permitted aliens entering the H-2C visa program during the first five years to renew their visas as permitted under the language of the bill. Rejected 48–49. **FAIR supports this amendment.** 

#### Senate Vote 152, Green Card Caps

May 25, 2006 — Bingaman (D-NM) amendment #4131 would limit the total number of aliens granted employment-based permanent residence status to 650,000 per fiscal year. The cap would apply to workers' spouses and children. As brought to the floor, S 2611 would have exempted family members from the employment-based visa cap. Adopted 51–47. **FAIR supports this amendment.** 

#### Senate Vote 156, Manager's Amendment

May 25, 2006 — Specter (R-PA) amendment #4188 was the final amendment to S 2611, proposing many technical and substantive changes to the bill. These included incorporation of the "Securing Knowledge, Leadership, and Innovation Act", otherwise known as the SKIL bill, which would greatly increase the number of H-1B visas among other things. The manager's amendment also added language requiring the U.S. government to consult with Mexico before building fencing along the border. Adopted 56–41. **FAIR opposes this amendment**.

#### Senate Vote 157, Immigration Overhaul

May 25, 2006 — Passage of the bill that would overhaul U.S. immigration policies and offer amnesty for most illegal aliens living in the United States. This legislation would subdivide illegal aliens into three groups based on how long they have been in the country. Illegal aliens in the country for more than five years would be granted amnesty based on one set of requirements; those here between two and five years would be granted amnesty based on another set of requirements; and those here for less than two years would not be given an opportunity to obtain amnesty under the legislation. On top of granting amnesty, S 2611 would create a new guest worker program (H-2C) that would admit an additional 200,000 foreign nationals a year and provide these aliens with a direct path to citizenship. S 2611 would also authorize states to offer in-state tuition to illegal aliens (DREAM Act) and create a new agricultural guest worker program (AgJOBS) that gives participants a direct path to citizenship. Finally, S 2611 would authorize increased border security and enforcement provisions, including a requirement for businesses to electronically verify documents of all prospective employees through an electronic system managed by the Department of Homeland Security. Passed 62-36. **FAIR opposes this bill**.

#### H.R. 6061: Secure Fence Act

#### Senate Vote 262

September 29, 2006 — Passage of the bill that would require the construction of approximately 700 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border. The bill also requires the Department of Homeland Security to establish operational control over the borders of the United States by implementing: (1) systematic border surveillance through more effective use of personnel and technology, such as unmanned aerial vehicles, ground-based sensors, satellites, radar coverage, and cameras; and (2) physical infrastructure enhancements to prevent unlawful border entry and facilitate border access by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, such as additional checkpoints, all weather access roads, and vehicle barriers. Adopted 80–19. FAIR supports this bill.



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ALABAMA														
Sessions, Jeff (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Shelby, Richard C. (R)	_	_	_	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ALASKA														
Murkowski, Lisa A. (R)	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	+
Stevens, Ted (R)	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	+
ARIZONA														
Kyl, Jon L. (R)	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McCain, John (R)	-	_	-	+	_	_	_	NV	_	_	_	_	-	+
ARKANSAS														
Lincoln, Blanche (D)	+	_	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	_	+	+	_	+
Pryor, Mark (D)	+	_	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	_	+	+	_	+
CALIFORNIA														
Boxer, Barbara (D)	+	+	+	+	_	_	NV	+	_	+	+	Р	_	+
Feinstein, Dianne (D)	+	+	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	+	+	_	_	+

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COLORADO														
Allard, Wayne A. (R)	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Salazar, Ken (D)	+	_	_	+	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	NV	NV	_
CONNECTICUT														
Dodd, Christopher J. (D)	+	+	+	-	_	_	_	+	_	+	+	_	_	+
Lieberman, Joseph I. (D)	+	_	_	-	_	_	_	+	_	_	-	_	_	_
DELAWARE														
Biden, Joseph R. (D)	+	_	+	+	_	_	_	NV	_	+	+	_	_	+
Carper, Thomas R. (D)	+	_	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	_	+	_	_	+
FLORIDA														
Martinez, Mel (R)	_	_	_	+	_	_	NV	+	_	_	-	_	_	+
Nelson, Bill (D)	+	_	+	+	_	+	_	+	_	+	+	_	_	+
GEORGIA														
Chambliss, Saxby (R)	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Isakson, Johnny (R)	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HAWAII														
Akaka, Daniel K. (D)	+	-	+	-	_	_	_	+	-	_	-	_	-	-
Inouye, Daniel K. (D)	+	+	+	-	_	_	_	+	_	_	-	_	_	_
IDAHO														
Craig, Larry (R)	+	_	+	+	_	+	_	+	_	_	+	_	_	+
Crapo, Michael D. (R)	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	+	+	+

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ILLINOIS	700	720	121	720	, , ,	700	700	707	7.70	700	702	700	707	202
Durbin, Richard J. (D)	+	+	+	_	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	_	_	_
Obama, Barack (D)	+	+	+	_	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	_	_	+
INDIANA														
Bayh, B. Evan (D)	+	+	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	+	+	_	_	+
Lugar, Richard G. (R)	_		_	+	_	_		+	_		_	_	_	+
IOWA														
Grassley, Charles E. (R)	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Harkin, Tom (D)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
KANSAS														
Brownback, Sam (R)	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	+
Roberts, Pat (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
KENTUCKY														
Bunning, Jim (R)	+	_	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
McConnell, Mitch (R)	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
LOUISIANA														
Vitter, David (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Landrieu, Mary L. (D)	+	_	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	_	_	+
MAINE														
Collins, Susan M. (R)	-	_	+	+	_	+	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	+
Snowe, Olympia J. (R)	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+

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MARYLAND														
Mikulski, Barbara A. (D)	+	_	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	_	+	_	_	+
Sarbanes, Paul S. (D)	+	+	+	_	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	_	_	_
MASSACHUSETTS														
Kennedy, Edward M. (D)	+	_	_	_	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	NV
Kerry, John F. (D)	+	_	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	_
MICHIGAN														
Levin, Carl (D)	+	+	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	_	_	_
Stabenow, Debbie (D)	+	+	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	_	+	+
MINNESOTA														
Coleman, Norm (R)	-	_	+	+	_	+	-	+	_	-	-	_	_	+
Dayton, Mark (D)	+	+	+	+	_	+	_	NV	_	-	_	_	_	+
MISSISSIPPI														
Cochran, Thad (R)	_	NV	NV	+	_	+	_	_	_	+	+	+	+	+
Lott, Trent (R)	_	NV	NV	+	+	+	NV	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+
MISSOURI														
Bond, Christopher S. (R)	_	_	-	+	+	+	+	-	_	+	+	-	+	+
Talent, Jim (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
MONTANA														
Baucus, Max (D)	+	+	+	+	+	_	_	+	_	_	+	_	_	+
Burns, Conrad (R)	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	_	+	+	+

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NEBRASKA	700	•	. = .		. = -									
Hagel, Chuck (R)	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	+
Nelson, E. Benjamin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
NEVADA														
Ensign, John (R)	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Reid, Harry (D)	+	_	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	_
NEW HAMPSHIRE														
Gregg, Judd (R)	+	_	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	_	+
Sununu, John E. (R)	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+
NEW JERSEY														
Menendez, Robert (D)	+	_	+	_	_	_	_	NV	_		_	_	_	
Lautenberg, Frank (D)	+	_	+	_	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	_
NEW MEXICO														
Bingaman, Jeff (D)	+	_	+	-	_	_	-	+	_	+	+	_	_	-
Domenici, Pete V. (R)	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	_	+
NEW YORK														
Clinton, Hillary Rodham (D)	+	+	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	_	_	+
Schumer, Charles E. (D)	+	+	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	_	_	+
NORTH CAROLINA														
Dole, Elizabeth (R)	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Burr, Richard (R)	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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Vote # ► NORTH DAKOTA	105	123	124	126	127	130	135	137	145	150	152	156	157	262
Conrad, Kent (D)	+	+	+	+	_	+	_	_	_	+	+	+	_	+
Dorgan, Byron L. (D)	+	+	+	+	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
OHIO	_	_	_	_			_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-
DeWine, Mike (R)	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	+
Voinovich, George V. (R)	_	_	+	+	_	_	_	_	_	_	+	_	_	+
OKLAHOMA														
Inhofe, James M. (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Coburn, Tom (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
OREGON														
Smith, Gordon H. (R)	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	+	_	_	_	+	_	+
Wyden, Ron (D)	+	+	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	+
PENNSYLVANIA														
Santorum, Richard J. (R)	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Specter, Arlen (R)	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	+
RHODE ISLAND														
Chafee, Lincoln D. (R)	-	_	_	+	_	_	-	+	_	-	_	_	_	_
Reed, John F. (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
SOUTH CAROLINA														
Graham, Lindsey O. (R)	_	_	_	+	_	_	NV	+	_	_	_	_	_	+
DeMint, Jim (R)	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	+	+	+

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SOUTH DAKOTA	700	725	127	120	121	730	733	137	145	730	102	730	101	202
Thune, John (R)	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Johnson, Tim P. (D)	+	_	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	+	+	_	_	+
TENNESSEE														
Alexander, Lamar (R)	_	_	+	+	_	+	_	+	_	_	+	+	+	+
Frist, Bill (R)	_	_	+	+	_	+	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	+
TEXAS														
Cornyn, John (R)	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hutchison, Kay Bailey (R)	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	+	+	+	+
UTAH														
Bennett, Robert F. (R)	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	_	_	_	_	_	_	+
Hatch, Orrin G. (R)	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	+	_	+	+	+
VERMONT														
Jeffords, James M. (I)	NV	_	+	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	+	_	_	-
Leahy, Patrick J. (D)	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VIRGINIA														
Allen, George F. (R)	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Warner, John William (R)	_	_	+	+	_	+	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	+
WASHINGTON														
Cantwell, Maria (D)	+	_	+	_	_	_	-	+	_	-	-	_	_	-
Murray, Patty (D)	+	_	+	_	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	_

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<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>														
Byrd, Robert C. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rockefeller, John (D)	+	NV	+											
WISCONSIN														
Feingold, Russ (D)	+	-	+	_	_	_	_	+	_	_	_	_	_	_
Kohl, Herbert H. (D)	+	_	+	+	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	_	_	+
WYOMING														
Enzi, Michael B. (R)	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	NV	NV	NV	NV	+	+	+
Thomas, Craig (R)	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	+	+	+