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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 114th Congress in furtherance of a rational immigration system. Like their counterparts in the House, Senate Republican leaders did little to advance any meaningful immigration reforms despite controlling both chambers. Nevertheless, we have chosen several immigration-related votes to present a picture of each Senator's position. 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).

H.R. 240 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act

H.R. 240 was the 2015 fiscal year funding bill through which Congress appropriated money to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its agencies, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Funding is used to pay for the salaries and expenses of all DHS employees, as well as all programs implemented by the department. This bill also contained language to defund President Obama's executive amnesty programs that were announced in November 2014.

Senate Vote 51, DHS Appropriations, Executive Amnesty | February 3, 2015—Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) moved to invoke cloture (end debate) on H.R. 240. The motion to invoke cloture, which needed 60 votes to pass, was rejected 51-48. **FAIR supported the motion to invoke cloture.**

Senate Vote 52, DHS Appropriations, Executive Amnesty | February 4, 2015—Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) moved to invoke cloture (end debate) on H.R. 240. The motion to invoke cloture was rejected 53-47. **FAIR supported the motion to invoke cloture.**

Senate Vote 53, DHS Appropriations, Defunding Executive Amnesty | February 5, 2015—Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) moved to invoke cloture (end debate) on H.R. 240. The motion to invoke cloture was rejected 52-47. **FAIR supported the motion to invoke cloture.**

Senate Vote 57, DHS Appropriations, Defunding Executive Amnesty | February 23, 2015—Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) moved to invoke cloture (end debate) on H.R. 240. The motion to invoke cloture was rejected 47-46. **FAIR supported the motion to invoke cloture.**

Nomination of Loretta Lynch for Attorney General

In November 2014, President Obama nominated former U.S. District Attorney Loretta Lynch to replace the outgoing Eric Holder as U.S. Attorney General. Lynch had publicly offered support for the president's executive amnesty programs, calling them "legal and constitutional." In her January confirmation hearing, she claimed that illegal aliens have the "right" to work "regardless of how they came here"—taking a position that is currently illegal in the United States. Finally, Lynch refused to identify any limitation of prosecutorial discretion, suggesting that she would be a willing participant in President Obama's unconstitutional amnesty scheme. Nevertheless, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the nomination of Lynch with a 12-8 vote to send her nomination to the full Senate, where a simple majority vote was needed for confirmation.

Senate Vote 164, Lynch Nomination, Cloture Vote | April 23, 2015—Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) moved to invoke cloture (end debate) on the nomination of Lynch to be Attorney General. The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to 66-34. **FAIR opposed the motion to invoke cloture.**

Senate Vote 165, Lynch Nomination, Final Passage | April 23, 2015—Final vote to confirm Lynch as Attorney General. The nomination was confirmed 56-43. **FAIR opposed the nomination of Lynch.**

S. 2146 Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans Act

Senate Vote 280, Interior Enforcement | October 20, 2015—Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) moved to invoke cloture (end debate) on S. 2146, a bill that targeted sanctuary cities—State and local jurisdictions with policies that obstruct immigration enforcement. Specifically, the bill would have denied certain Federal funds to jurisdictions that refuse to share information about criminal aliens with the Federal government or refuse to recognize ICE detainer requests. The bill also would have increased penalties for certain previously removed illegal aliens who reenter the country unlawfully. The motion to invoke cloture was rejected 54-45. **FAIR supported the motion to invoke cloture.**

S. 3100 Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act

Senate Vote 119, Interior Enforcement | July 6, 2016—Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) moved to invoke cloture (end debate) on S. 3100, a bill that targeted sanctuary cities—State and local jurisdictions with policies that obstruct immigration enforcement. Specifically, the bill would have denied certain Federal funds to jurisdictions that refuse to share information about criminal aliens with

the Federal government or refuse to recognize ICE detainer requests. The motion to invoke cloture, which needed 60 votes to pass, was rejected 53-44. **FAIR supported the motion to invoke cloture.**



	H.R. 240 VOTE 51 CLOTURE	H.R. 240 VOTE 52 CLOTURE RECONSIDER	H.R. 240 VOTE 53 CLOTURE	H.R. 240 VOTE 57 CLOTURE	PN4 VOTE 164 LYNCH CLOTURE	PN4 VOTE 165 LYNCH CONFIRMATION	S. 2146 VOTE 280 CLOTURE	S. 3100 VOTE 119 CLOTURE
ALABAMA								
Richard Shelby (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jeff Sessions (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ALASKA								
Lisa Murkowski (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dan Sullivan (R)	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+
ARIZONA								
John McCain (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jeff Flake (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
ARKANSAS								
Tom Cotton (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
John Boozman (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
CALIFORNIA								
Dianne Feinstein (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barbara Boxer (D)	-	-	NV	-	-	-	-	-
COLORADO								
Cory Gardner (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Michael Bennet (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONNECTICUT								
Richard Blumenthal (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Murphy (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DELAWARE								
Tom Carper (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Coons (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FLORIDA								
Bill Nelson (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marco Rubio (R)	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+
GEORGIA								
David Perdue (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Johnny Isakson (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HAWAII								
Brian Schatz (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mazie Hirono (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IDAHO								
Mike Crapo (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jim Risch (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

ILLINOIS								
Dick Durbin (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mark Kirk (R)	NV	+	+	NV	-	-	-	-
INDIANA								
Dan Coats (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Joe Donnelly (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
IOWA								
Chuck Grassley (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Joni Ernst (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
KANSAS								
Pat Roberts (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Jerry Moran (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
KENTUCKY								
Mitch McConnell (R)	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+
Rand Paul (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
LOUISIANA								
David Vitter (R)	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+
Bill Cassidy (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
MAINE								
Susan Collins (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Angus King (I)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARYLAND								
Barbara Mikulski (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ben Cardin (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MASSACHUSETTS								
Elizabeth Warren (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ed Markey (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MICHIGAN								
Gary Peters (D)	-	-	-	NV	-	-	-	-
Debbie Stabenow (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINNESOTA								
Amy Klobuchar (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Al Franken (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISSISSIPPI								
Thad Cochran (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Roger Wicker (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
MISSOURI								
Claire McCaskill (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roy Blunt (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
MONTANA								
Steve Daines (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
John Tester (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEBRASKA								
Ben Sasse (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Deb Fischer (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

NEVADA

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

NEW JERSEY

Bob Menendez (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cory Booker (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

NEW MEXICO

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

NEW YORK

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

NORTH CAROLINA

Richard Burr (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Thom Tillis (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

NORTH DAKOTA

John Hoeven (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Heidi Heitkamp (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

OHIO

Sherrod Brown (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NV
Rob Portman (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

OKLAHOMA

Jim Inhofe (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
James Lankford (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

OREGON

Ron Wyden (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Merkley (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PENNSYLVANIA

Bob Casey (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pat Toomey (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

RHODE ISLAND

Jack Reed (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sheldon Whitehouse (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SOUTH CAROLINA

Lindsey Graham (R)	+	+	+	NV	-	-	NV	NV
Tim Scott (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

SOUTH DAKOTA

Mike Rounds (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
John Thune (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

TENNESSEE

Lamar Alexander (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Bob Corker (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

TEXAS								
John Cornyn (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Ted Cruz (R)	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+
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								
Shelley Moore Capito (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Joe Manchin (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
WISCONSIN								
Ron Johnson (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Tammy Baldwin (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WYOMING								
Mike Enzi (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
John Barrasso (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+