

# THE STATE OF POVERTY



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## CONGRESSIONAL MIDTERM REPORT



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**E**veryone knows what the wind and rain did to Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi, but few have noticed what apathy and indifference has done to America's 51st state ...

**STATE OF POVERTY:**

*America's*

*Undeclared Disaster Area*

3,000,000 CHILDREN • 14,300,000 WOMEN • 3,500,000 HOMELESS  
• 3,500,000 SENIORS AGE 65 AND OVER • 8,000,000 REPORTING  
A DISABILITY • 1,100,00 WHO HAVE MOVED DOWN FROM THE  
MIDDLE CLASS • 3,000,000 CHILDREN • 14,300,000 WOMEN •  
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Dear Friends and Partners:

**T**HE STATE OF POVERTY is America's most populous state. It has 37 million people—more than one out of every ten Americans, and three million more than the next largest state, California. Over one-third of those who live in the State of Poverty are children; in fact, four times as many children live in the State of Poverty as in Illinois.

Poverty exists in every American community in every state. Yet often it is the only state without representation. Who should be held accountable for the economic conditions that we see in the State of Poverty? Who should be responsible for identifying the investments needed to improve the lives of low-wage workers, advance families toward economic security, and create communities of opportunity?

We all have work to do to eliminate the State of Poverty. Charity and the private sector alone cannot narrow the widening gap between the rich and the poor. We need leadership from national policymakers who recognize that they represent not only the geographic states

of America but also American citizens living in the State of Poverty. Every member of Congress should be responsible for how they respond to the needs of low-income Americans.

Advocates and others sharing ideas, strategies, and information to optimize their limited resources can serve more low-income people better. As the communications clearinghouse for such advocates in the poverty law and social justice community, the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law promotes the best practices and policies to end poverty in America.

The Shriver Center is developing a yardstick against which we can measure the effectiveness of members of Congress on issues of poverty and economic fairness. We hope that you can use this *2006 Congressional Midterm Report* to evaluate how your congressional delegation is responding to the needs of low-income Americans in your community.

Sincerely,



Executive Director



## Our Issues

### TAX POLICY

This year both the House and the Senate of the U.S. Congress cut funding for health care, student loans, foster care, child support enforcement, and other vital programs. We are troubled by both chambers' willingness to finance tax breaks for the wealthiest taxpayers at the expense of low- and middle-income Americans. S.2020 and H.R.4297 did not pass on strict party-line votes. The bills' substantial majorities call into question many members' commitments to the needs of low-income people. Nowhere is this disregard for the needs of millions of Americans more apparent than in the repeal of the estate tax (H.R.5638).

### BUDGET POLICY

Current budget proposals—a visible record of America's priorities—do not reflect a concern for America's poor. The 2007 fiscal year budget resolutions cut too many programs for low-income people and used those cuts to fund tax breaks for the wealthy. Unlike the House, the Senate did pass additional funding for vital programs for low-income people (S.Amdt.3048). This successful bipartisan effort demonstrates that a supermajority of senators saw the federal budget as sorely inadequate for addressing the interests of low-income Americans.

### IMMIGRATION REFORM

More than one in four low-income children in the United States have immigrant parents. These parents are almost twice as likely to live in poverty. Comprehensive immigration reform would protect these families and ensure that both citizen and immigrant workers have the labor protections that we all deserve. The overwhelming majority of representatives voting for the draconian immigration legislation is evidence that many members ignore the notion that a path to citizenship can be a path out of poverty (H.R.4437). While the Senate version was less harsh and more comprehensive, the Shriver Center still has serious concerns about certain provisions.

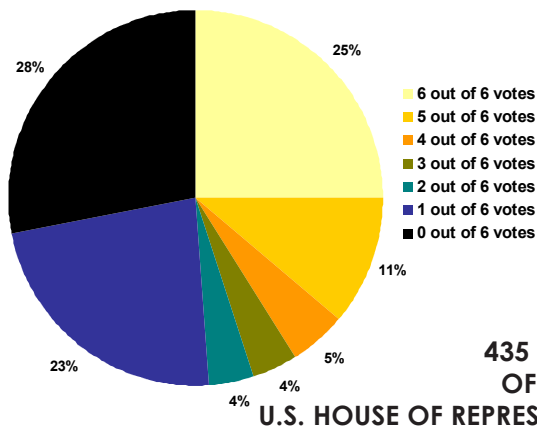
### FAIR WAGES

Anyone who works a full-time job should not be in poverty. But, for the ninth year in a row, Congress has refused to make work pay by not raising the minimum wage. To promote a "work first" mentality for antipoverty programs, while being complicit with standards that all but guarantee that a job will not be a bridge out of poverty, is irresponsible. Fifty-two senators voted for an amendment to increase the minimum wage, but procedural obstacles stymied this majority. We are hopeful that American workers will receive their much-needed and long-delayed raise.

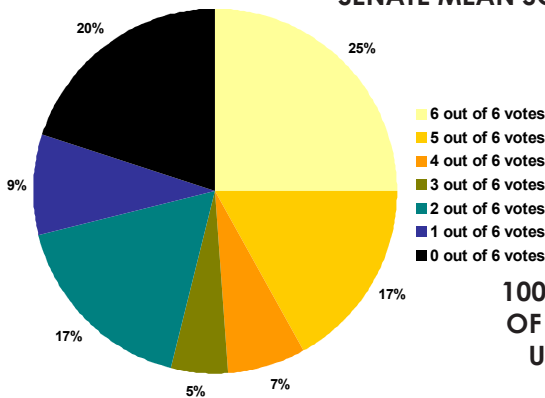
# Our Scoring

We based final scores on whether a member voted with or against the Shriver Center. A score, expressed as a percentage, is how often a member's vote agrees with the Shriver Center's position on certain bills. If a member did not vote on one or two of such bills, we considered that a vote "against" the interests of low-income Americans. Members of Congress who missed voting on three or more of such bills were recorded as incomplete. While we recognize a number of valid reasons for absences, we are confident that members who share our values would be present to champion issues of importance on the floor.

*What percentage of the House voted with us?*  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MEAN SCORE: 45%**



*What percentage of the Senate voted with us?*  
**SENATE MEAN SCORE: 53%**



# Our Hope

The State of Poverty is full of challenges that federal government initiatives, such as the fair use of tax dollars and a law to raise the minimum wage, can address. Without significant congressional leadership, we will not see progressive change that benefits all Americans. Yet, during the first half of 2006, many members of the 109th Congress still seemed to be in denial about poverty and to continue a long retreat from government-backed efforts to deal with economic unfairness.

Nearly one year after Katrina and the nation's public discussion about poverty and abandoned communities, we hope that Congress will find the will to create antipoverty strategies and make the investments needed to serve the poorest among us and not just America's economic aristocracy.

\*Due to three incomplete scores, House percentages are based on 432 members.

## Senate Bills

S.2020

### **TAX RELIEF EXTENSION ACT OF 2005** (FULL PASSAGE IN 2006)

Passed by a 64-33 vote

November 18, 2005

**SUMMARY:** This bill would extend a series of tax cuts—including the college tuition deduction and the state and local sales tax deduction in states without income taxes—set to expire between 2005 and 2010. It would extend through 2006 protections for middle-class taxpayers from alternative-minimum tax liability and provide \$7 billion in tax incentives to encourage reconstruction along the hurricane-damaged Gulf Coast and a new tax deduction for charitable giving by taxpayers who do not itemize.

#### **SHRIVER POSITION: NO**

The Shriver Center believes that while the tax cuts in this legislation may sound appealing, the legislation is in fact a double-edged sword aimed at ordinary Americans. Like the House version of this bill, more than three-quarters of the gains from the major provisions in the Senate bill would go to people with incomes over \$100,000 a year. What is worse, those funds are coming from programs that address the needs of low-income Americans. The Senate version was less extreme than the House version because it did not extend capital gains and dividend tax cuts. Nevertheless, the Senate version called for drastic funding cuts in health care, student loans, foster care funding, child support enforcement, and other programs.

S.2320

### **LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Passed by a 68-31 vote

March 7, 2006

**SUMMARY:** Among its other provisions this bill amends the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 to allocate \$1 billion to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). It reallocates \$250 million of emergency funds to the funding for LIHEAP allotments to states, insular areas, and Indian tribes, and for energy crises.

#### **SHRIVER POSITION: YES**

The Shriver Center recognizes that rising energy costs place an undue burden on low-income families. Too many families are forced to choose between heating their homes and meeting other basic human needs. This bill addresses that problem by allocating \$1 billion to LIHEAP for the 2006 fiscal year; this increases access to this program.

S.Amdt.3048

## **SPECTER-HARKIN AMENDMENT**

*Amends Budget Resolution (S.Con.Res.83)*

Agreed to by a 73-27 vote

March 16, 2006

**SUMMARY:** This amendment to the 2007 fiscal year Senate budget (S.Con.Res.83) increases the advance appropriations allowance in order to fund health, education, training, and other low-income programs from \$23,158,000,000 to \$30,158,000,000.

### **SHRIVER POSITION: YES**

The Shriver Center supports this measure, which added seven billion dollars in domestic discretionary funding for health, education, training, and other low-income programs. The bipartisan victory illustrates many members' concern that the current budget proposals reflect an unwillingness to face the needs of America's poor.

S.Con.Res.83

## **2007 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Adopted by a 51-49 vote

March 16, 2006

**SUMMARY:** The concurrent resolution would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next five years. The resolution would allow up to approximately \$878 billion in discretionary spending for fiscal year 2007.

### **SHRIVER POSITION: NO**

The Shriver Center opposes this resolution because it promotes misguided priorities by cutting necessary programs to fund unnecessary and expensive tax cuts. In some ways the Senate plan does address the needs of low-income families who are struggling to maintain affordable health care. This budget includes funding to continue Transitional Medical Assistance for families moving off welfare and increases funding to compensate for a shortfall in funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program in 2007. Despite this inclusion, the budget resolution cuts too many programs for low-income people, uses those cuts to fund tax breaks for the wealthy, and increases the deficit.

S.Amdt.4106

## **KENNEDY AMENDMENT**

*Amends the Comprehensive Immigration Act of 2006 (S.2611)*

**Rejected by a 57-40 vote**

**May 23, 2006**

**SUMMARY:** This amendment to the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006 would enhance the enforcement of labor protections for United States workers and guest workers.

### **SHRIVER POSITION: NO**

The Shriver Center supports the amendment, but the Senate vote recorded was a motion to table the amendment. The Shriver Center supports the provisions in the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act (S. 2611) that put millions of immigrants on a reasonable path to U.S. citizenship. However, because of our deep reservations about some provisions for summary deportations without due process as well as restrictive English-only requirements, we oppose the bill as a whole. Nevertheless, we applaud the members of the Senate who recognized that a path to citizenship could be a path out of poverty. The Kennedy amendment ensures that undocumented immigrant workers would be afforded basic labor law protections, to the benefit of all American workers. The Shriver Center strongly supports any legislation, like this amendment, that would strengthen the enforcement of the labor protections that both citizen and immigrant workers deserve.

S.Amdt.4322

## **FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE**

*Amends the National Defense Authorization Act (S.2766)*

**Rejected by 52-46 vote**

**June 21, 2006**

**SUMMARY:** This amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for the 2007 fiscal year (S.2766) amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the federal minimum wage. The federal minimum wage would increase in three increments to \$7.25 an hour within two years.

### **SHRIVER POSITION: YES**

The Shriver Center believes that any American who works a full day, a full week, and a full year should not be in poverty. Yet an American on the federal minimum wage who works 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year, will earn less than \$11,000, which is \$5,000 less than what is needed to lift a family of three out of poverty. The proposed amendment was a necessary step in addressing the needs of Americans who work hard every day and yet cannot leave the State of Poverty.

## House Bills

H.R.4297

### **TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2005** *(Full Passage in 2006)*

Passed by a 234-197 vote

December 8, 2005

**SUMMARY:** This bill would extend for two years a series of tax cuts set to expire between 2005 and 2010. The taxes include the research and development tax credit, the state and local sales tax deduction in states without income taxes, the work opportunity tax credit, the welfare-to-work credit, and the capital gains dividends tax. The bill would also extend through 2006 college tuition deduction and exemptions from the alternative minimum tax for middle-class taxpayers and include a new tax deduction for charitable giving by taxpayers who do not itemize.

#### **SHRIVER POSITION: NO**

The Shriver Center opposed this bill because it reduced funding for necessary programs that assist low-income Americans, it uses that money to fund unnecessary tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans, and it does nothing to reduce the deficit. It extends capital gains and dividend tax cuts that disproportionately benefit the highest-income taxpayers. Budget analysis reveals that 40 percent of these tax cuts would serve only millionaires.

H.R.4437

### **BORDER PROTECTION ACT OF 2005**

Passed by a 239-182 vote

December 16, 2005

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill would tighten border security and increase enforcement of immigration laws. It would designate unlawful presence, in addition to illegal migration, as a criminal, rather than a civil, offense. It also would increase penalties for a variety of immigration-related crimes. It would create a mandatory program under which all employers would have to verify employees' work eligibility with the federal government. As amended, it would require the construction of security fencing, including lights and cameras, along certain ports of entry along the U.S.-Mexico border.

#### **SHRIVER POSITION: NO**

The Shriver Center finds any policy that exploits unfounded fear at the expense of protecting vulnerable families and low-wage workers to be unacceptable. More than one in four low-income children in the United States have an immigrant parent. Also, noncitizens are almost twice as likely to live in poverty. Effective immigration policy would reduce the family immigration backlog, protect workers' rights, and provide a path to citizenship.

H.R.4793

## **LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

Passed by a 287-128 vote

March 16, 2006

**SUMMARY:** Among its other provisions this bill amends the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 to allocate \$1 billion to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). It reallocates \$250 million of emergency funds to the funding for LIHEAP allotments to states, insular areas, and Indian tribes, and for energy crises.

### **SHRIVER POSITION: YES**

The Shriver Center understands that rising home energy costs lead many to make painful sacrifices as energy prices reach an all-time high. Following the Senate's lead, the House responded to the needs of low-income families and elderly citizens with fixed incomes. By allocating \$1 billion for energy assistance as well as allowing low-income Americans to use the program more than once, Congress enabled increased access to this vital program.

H.Amdt.830

## **CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS AND PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS SUBSTITUTE**

Failed by a 131-294 vote

May 17, 2006

**SUMMARY:** This amendment is a budget substitute for the 2007 fiscal year budget resolution (H.Con.Res.376) that would balance the budget in 2011, assuming a savings of almost \$25 billion on interest on the national debt; fund essential social services especially education, health care, and reconstruction of the Gulf Coast and national security needs particularly providing support for the troops in Iraq, increasing the Army's active duty personnel, maintaining current National Guard Strength, and funding Navy Shipbuilding, as well as funding port security and veterans programs and benefits; and establish a Pay-As-You-Go point of order in the House.

### **SHRIVER POSITION: YES**

The Shriver Center supports this budget alternative because it addresses the needs of low-income women, seniors, and children. The House budget included damaging provisions that harmed low-income Americans. However, the Congressional Black Caucus Substitute offers an alternative plan that would restore funding to vital social programs including small-business and minority- and women-owned business development in urban and rural areas and would increase funding for food and nutrition programs such as Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

H.Con.Res.376

## **2007 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Passed by a 218-210 vote

May 18, 2006

**SUMMARY:** The concurrent resolution would allow up to \$872.8 billion in discretionary spending for the 2007 fiscal year 2007, plus \$50 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. It would call for mandatory spending cuts of \$6.8 billion over five years and tax cuts totaling \$228 billion over five years. Defense spending would increase by 7 percent over the 2006 fiscal year, to \$460.2 billion, and nondefense spending would remain at \$419.4 billion. It also would allow for a nondefense emergency discretionary reserve fund of \$6.5 billion and create a deficit-neutral reserve fund of \$3.1 billion for labor, health, education, and other domestic programs if offsetting savings can be achieved elsewhere.

### **SHRIVER POSITION: NO**

The Shriver Center opposed the House budget plan because it contained numerous cuts and changes that will prove extremely harmful to low- and moderate-income Americans. The plan would cut funding of discretionary programs by \$10.3 billion for the 2007 fiscal year and by \$167 billion over five years. Entitlement programs would be cut by \$5.1 billion over five years. The tax cuts, totaling \$228 billion over five years, exacerbate the risks and the burdens for low-income Americans.

H.R.5638

## **PERMANENT ESTATE TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2006**

Passed by a 269-156 vote

June 22, 2006

**SUMMARY:** This bill would permanently reduce the estate tax. The bill would increase the amount of income exempt from the estate tax to \$5 million for individuals and \$10 million for couples. Beginning in 2010, it would reduce the estate tax rate, making it equal to the capital gains rate for assets up to \$25 million and twice the capital gains rate for assets valued at \$25 million or more.

### **SHRIVER POSITION: NO**

The Shriver Center opposes any bill that reduces or repeals the estate tax and forces average Americans to bear that cost. Although labeled a “compromise” bill, the House plan to repeal the estate tax is a very large tax cut that will only deepen our fiscal crisis. In the end, a greater share of taxes would be shifted from millionaires to working Americans. Some estimates say that the House proposal, by exempting the first \$5 million of an individual’s estate from taxes, would increase deficits by more than three-quarters of a trillion dollars over its first full decade. This loss of revenue threatens the funding of vital human service programs for the working poor and middle-income Americans.

# THE SENATE

## Votes

- 1** S.2020, Tax Relief Extension Act of 2005
- 2** S.2320, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- 3** S.Amdt.3048, Specter-Harkin Amendment
- 4** S.Con.Res.83, 2007 Fiscal Year Budget Resolution
- 5** S.Amdt.4106, Kennedy Amendment
- 6** S.Amdt.4322, Federal Minimum Wage Increase

- **VOTED WITH OUR POSITION**
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- **DID NOT VOTE**

SENATOR	PARTY	1	2	3	4	5	6	PERCENTAGE
<b>ALABAMA</b>								
Jeff Sessions	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
Richard C. Shelby	R	-	□	□	□	-	□	0
<b>ALASKA</b>								
Lisa Murkowski	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	33
Ted Stevens	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	33
<b>ARIZONA</b>								
Jon Kyl	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
John McCain	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
<b>ARKANSAS</b>								
Blanche L. Lincoln	D	□	●	●	●	●	●	83
Mark L. Pryor	D	□	●	●	●	●	●	83
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>								
Barbara Boxer	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
Dianne Feinstein	D	□	●	●	●	●	●	83
<b>COLORADO</b>								
Wayne Allard	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
Ken Salazar	D	□	●	●	●	●	●	83
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>								
Christopher J. Dodd	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
Joseph I. Lieberman	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
<b>DELAWARE</b>								
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
Thomas R. Carper	D	□	●	●	●	●	●	83
<b>FLORIDA</b>								
Mel Martinez	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
Bill Nelson	D	□	●	●	●	●	●	83
<b>GEORGIA</b>								
Saxby Chambliss	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
Johnny Isakson	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
<b>HAWAII</b>								
Daniel K. Akaka	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
Daniel K. Inouye	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100

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IDAHO								
Larry E. Craig	R	●	□	□	□	□	□	<b>17</b>
Mike Crapo	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	<b>0</b>

ILLINOIS								
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Richard Durbin	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>
Barack Obama	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>

INDIANA								
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Evan Bayh	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>
Richard G. Lugar	R	□	●	●	□	●	□	<b>50</b>

IOWA								
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Chuck Grassley	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>
Tom Harkin	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>

KANSAS								
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Sam Brownback	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	<b>0</b>
Pat Roberts	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	<b>17</b>

KENTUCKY								
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Jim Bunning	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	<b>0</b>
Mitch McConnell	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	<b>17</b>

LOUISIANA								
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Mary L. Landrieu	D	□	●	●	□	●	●	<b>67</b>
David Vitter	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	<b>0</b>

MAINE								
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Susan M. Collins	R	□	●	●	●	●	□	<b>67</b>
Olympia J. Snowe	R	□	●	●	□	●	□	<b>50</b>

MARYLAND								
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Barbara A. Mikulski	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>
Paul S. Sarbanes	D	●	●	●	●	●	-	<b>83</b>

MASSACHUSETTS								
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Edward M. Kennedy	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>
John F. Kerry	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>

MICHIGAN								
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Carl Levin	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>
Debbie Stabenow	D	□	●	●	●	●	●	<b>83</b>

MINNESOTA								
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Norm Coleman	R	□	●	●	●	●	□	<b>67</b>
Mark Dayton	D	□	●	●	●	●	●	<b>83</b>

MISSISSIPPI								
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Thad Cochran	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>
Trent Lott	R	-	□	●	□	□	□	<b>17</b>

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<b>MISSOURI</b>								
Christopher S. Bond	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	<b>0</b>
James M. Talent	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>

<b>MONTANA</b>								
Max Baucus	D	□	●	●	●	●	□	<b>67</b>
Conrad Burns	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>

<b>NEBRASKA</b>								
Chuck Hagel	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>
Benjamin E. Nelson	D	□	●	●	●	●	□	<b>67</b>

<b>NEVADA</b>								
John Ensign	R	□	□	□	●	□	□	<b>17</b>
Harry Reid	D	●	●	●	●	●	□	<b>83</b>

<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>								
Judd Gregg	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	<b>17</b>
John E. Sununu	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	<b>17</b>

<b>NEW JERSEY</b>								
Frank R. Lautenberg	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>
Robert Menendez	D	◆	●	●	●	●	●	<b>83</b>

<b>NEW MEXICO</b>								
Jeff Bingaman	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>
Pete V. Domenici	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>

<b>NEW YORK</b>								
Hillary Rodham Clinton	D	□	●	●	●	●	●	<b>83</b>
Charles E. Schumer	D	□	●	●	●	●	●	<b>83</b>

<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>								
Richard Burr	R	●	●	□	□	□	□	<b>33</b>
Elizabeth Dole	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>

<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>								
Kent Conrad	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>
Byron L. Dorgan	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>

<b>OHIO</b>								
Mike DeWine	R	□	●	●	●	●	□	<b>67</b>
George V. Voinovich	R	●	●	●	□	□	□	<b>50</b>

<b>OKLAHOMA</b>								
Tom Coburn	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	<b>0</b>
James M. Inhofe	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	<b>0</b>

<b>OREGON</b>								
Gordon H. Smith	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>
Ron Wyden	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>

- 1** S.2020, Tax Relief Extension Act of 2005
- 2** S.2320, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- 3** S.Amdt.3048, Specter-Harkin Amendment
- 4** S.Con.Res.83, 2007 Fiscal Year Budget Resolution
- 5** S.Amdt.4106, Kennedy Amendment
- 6** S.Amdt.4322, Federal Minimum Wage Increase

- **VOTED WITH OUR POSITION**
- **VOTED AGAINST OUR POSITION**
- **DID NOT VOTE**

SENATOR	PARTY	1	2	3	4	5	6	PERCENTAGE
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<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>								
Rick Santorum	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>
Arlen Specter	R	□	●	●	□	●	□	<b>50</b>

<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>								
Lincoln Chafee	R	●	●	●	●	●	□	<b>83</b>
Jack Reed	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>

<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>								
Jim DeMint	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	<b>0</b>
Lindsey Graham	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	<b>0</b>

<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>								
Tim Johnson	D	□	●	●	●	●	●	<b>83</b>
John Thune	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>

<b>TENNESSEE</b>								
Lamar Alexander	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>
William H. Frist	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>

<b>TEXAS</b>								
John Cornyn	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	<b>0</b>
Kay Bailey Hutchison	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	<b>17</b>

<b>UTAH</b>								
Robert F. Bennett	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>
Orrin G. Hatch	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	<b>33</b>

<b>VERMONT</b>								
James M. Jeffords	I	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>
Patrick J. Leahy	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>

<b>VIRGINIA</b>								
George Allen	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	<b>17</b>
John Warner	R	□	●	●	□	●	□	<b>50</b>

<b>WASHINGTON</b>								
Maria Cantwell	D	□	●	●	●	●	●	<b>83</b>
Patty Murray	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>

<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>								
Robert C. Byrd	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>
John D. Rockefeller, IV	D	●	●	●	●	-	-	<b>67</b>

<b>WISCONSIN</b>								
Russell D. Feingold	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>100</b>
Herb Kohl	D	●	●	●	●	●	□	<b>83</b>

<b>WYOMING</b>								
Michael B. Enzi	R	□	□	□	□	□	-	<b>0</b>
Craig Thomas	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	<b>0</b>

# THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Votes

- 1** H.R.4297, Tax Relief Act of 2005
- 2** H.R.4437, Border Protection Act of 2005
- 3** H.R.4793, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- 4** H.Amdt.830, Congressional Black Caucus Substitute
- 5** H.Con.Res.376, 2007 Fiscal Year Budget Resolution
- 6** H.R.5638, Permanent Estate Tax Relief Act of 2006

- **VOTED WITH OUR POSITION**
- **VOTED AGAINST OUR POSITION**
- **DID NOT VOTE**

DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	1	2	3	4	5	6	PERCENTAGE
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### ALABAMA

1	Jo Bonner	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
2	Terry Everett	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
3	Mike Rogers	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
4	Robert B. Aderholt	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
5	Robert E. "Bud" Cramer	D	□	□	-	□	●	□	17
6	Spencer Bachus	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
7	Artur Davis	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100

### ALASKA

	Don Young	R	□	-	□	□	□	□	0
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### ARIZONA

1	Rick Renzi	R	□	□	□	□	●	□	17
2	Trent Franks	R	-	□	□	□	□	□	0
3	John B. Shadegg	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
4	Ed Pastor	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
5	J.D. Hayworth	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	17
6	Jeff Flake	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
7	Raul M. Grijalva	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
8	Jim Kolbe	R	□	-	□	□	□	□	0

### ARKANSAS

1	Marion Berry	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50
2	Vic Snyder	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
3	John Boozman	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
4	Mike Ross	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50

### CALIFORNIA

1	Mike Thompson	D	●	●	●	□	●	□	67
2	Wally Herger	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
3	Daniel E. Lungren	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
4	John T. Doolittle	R	□	□	□	□	□	●	17
5	Doris O. Matsui	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
6	Lynn C. Woolsey	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
7	George Miller	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
8	Nancy Pelosi	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
9	Barbara Lee	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
10	Ellen O. Tauscher	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
11	Richard W. Pombo	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
12	Tom Lantos	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100

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- 4** H.Amdt. 830, Congressional Black Caucus Substitute
- 5** H.Con.Res. 376, 2007 Fiscal Year Budget Resolution
- 6** H.R. 5638, Permanent Estate Tax Relief Act of 2006

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DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	1	2	3	4	5	6	PERCENTAGE
13	Fortney Pete Stark	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
14	Anna G. Eshoo	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
15	Michael M. Honda	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
16	Zoe Lofgren	D	●	●	-	●	●	●	83
17	Sam Farr	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
18	Dennis A. Cardoza	D	●	●	●	-	●	□	67
19	George Radanovich	R	□	●	-	□	□	□	17
20	Jim Costa	D	●	●	●	□	●	□	67
21	Devin Nunes	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	17
22	William M. Thomas	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	17
23	Lois Capps	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
24	Elton Gallegly	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
25	Howard P. "Buck" McKeon	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
26	David Dreier	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
27	Brad Sherman	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
28	Howard L. Berman	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
29	Adam B. Schiff	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
30	Henry A. Waxman	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
31	Xavier Becerra	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
32	Hilda L. Solis	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
33	Diane E. Watson	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
34	Lucille Roybal-Allard	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
35	Maxine Waters	D	●	●	●	●	●	-	83
36	Jane Harman	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
37	Juanita Millender-McDonald	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
38	Grace F. Napolitano	D	●	-	●	●	●	●	83
39	Linda T. Sanchez	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
40	Edward R. Royce	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
41	Jerry Lewis	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
42	Gary G. Miller	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
43	Joe Baca	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
44	Ken Calvert	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
45	Mary Bono	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
46	Dana Rohrabacher	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
47	Loretta Sanchez	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
48	John Campbell	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
49	Darrell E. Issa	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
50	Brian P. Bilbray ♦	R	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	□	INCOMPLETE
51	Bob Filner	D	●	●	●	●	●	□	83
52	Duncan Hunter	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
53	Susan A. Davis	D	●	●	-	□	●	●	67

## COLORADO

1	Diana DeGette	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
2	Mark Udall	D	●	□	●	□	●	●	67
3	John T. Salazar	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50
4	Marilyn N. Musgrave	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
5	Joel Hefley	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
6	Thomas G. Tancredo	R	□	□	-	□	□	□	0
7	Bob Beauprez	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

♦ On June 6, 2006, Bilbray won a special election to represent California's 50th congressional district.

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<b>6</b>	H.R. 5638, Permanent Estate Tax Relief Act of 2006

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## CONNECTICUT

1	John B. Larson	D	●	●	●	-	-	●	67
2	Rob Simmons	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
3	Rosa L. DeLauro	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
4	Christopher Shays	R	□	□	□	□	□	-	0
5	Nancy L. Johnson	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

## DELAWARE

	Michael N. Castle	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
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## FLORIDA

1	Jeff Miller	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
2	Allen Boyd	D	●	●	●	□	●	□	67
3	Corrine Brown	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
4	Ander Crenshaw	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
5	Ginny Brown-Waite	R	-	□	□	□	□	□	0
6	Cliff Stearns	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
7	John L. Mica	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
8	Ric Keller	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
9	Michael Bilirakis	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
10	C.W. Bill Young	R	□	-	□	□	□	□	0
11	Jim Davis	D	●	●	●	●	●	-	83
12	Adam H. Putnam	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
13	Katherine Harris	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
14	Connie Mack	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
15	Dave Weldon	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
16	Mark Foley	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
17	Kendrick B. Meek	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
18	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	17
19	Robert Wexler	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
20	Debbie Wasserman Schultz	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
21	Lincoln Diaz-Balart	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	17
22	E. Clay Shaw	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
23	Alcee L. Hastings	D	●	●	-	●	●	●	83
24	Tom Feeney	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
25	Mario Diaz-Balart	R	□	-	□	□	□	□	0

## GEORGIA

1	Jack Kingston	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
2	Sanford D. Bishop	D	●	●	●	●	●	□	83
3	Jim Marshall	D	□	□	●	□	●	□	33
4	Cynthia McKinney	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
5	John Lewis	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
6	Tom Price	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
7	John Linder	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
8	Lynn A. Westmoreland	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
9	Charlie Norwood	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
10	Nathan Deal	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
11	Phil Gingrey	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0

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12	John Barrow	D	□	□	●	□	●	□	33
13	David Scott	D	●	●	●	●	●	□	83

## HAWAII

1	Neil Abercrombie	D	●	●	●	●	●	□	83
2	Ed Case	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50

## IDAHO

1	C.L. "Butch" Otter	R	□	□	□	□	●	□	17
2	Michael K. Simpson	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0

## ILLINOIS

1	Bobby L. Rush	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
2	Jesse L. Jackson	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
3	Daniel Lipinski	D	●	□	●	□	●	●	67
4	Luis V. Gutierrez	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
5	Rahm Emanuel	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
6	Henry J. Hyde	R	□	-	□	□	□	□	0
7	Danny K. Davis	D	●	●	-	●	●	●	83
8	Melissa L. Bean	D	□	□	●	□	●	□	33
9	Janice D. Schakowsky	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
10	Mark Steven Kirk	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
11	Jerry Weller	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
12	Jerry F. Costello	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50
13	Judy Biggert	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
14	Dennis J. Hastert	R	□	□	S	S	□	□	0
15	Timothy V. Johnson	R	□	□	●	□	●	□	33
16	Donald A. Manzullo	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
17	Lane Evans ♦	D	●	●	♦	♦	♦	♦	INCOMPLETE
18	Ray LaHood	R	□	-	□	□	□	□	0
19	John Shimkus	R	□	□	-	□	□	□	0

## INDIANA

1	Peter J. Visclosky	D	●	□	●	●	●	●	83
2	Chris Chocola	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
3	Mark E. Souder	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	17
4	Steve Buyer	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
5	Dan Burton	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
6	Mike Pence	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
7	Julia Carson	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
8	John N. Hostettler	R	□	□	□	□	●	□	17
9	Michael E. Sodrel	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0

## IOWA

1	Jim Nussle	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
2	James A. Leach	R	●	●	●	□	□	□	50
3	Leonard L. Boswell	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50
4	Tom Latham	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
5	Steve King	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0

♦ Lane Evans has been on extended medical leave. On March 28, 2006, Evans announced he planned to retire at the end of the 109th Congress due to his illness.

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<b>KANSAS</b>									
1	Jerry Moran	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
2	Jim Ryun	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
3	Dennis Moore	D	●	□	●	□	●	●	67
4	Todd Tiahrt	R	□	□	□	□	□	●	17

<b>KENTUCKY</b>									
1	Ed Whitfield	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
2	Ron Lewis	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
3	Anne M. Northup	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
4	Geoff Davis	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
5	Harold Rogers	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
6	Ben Chandler	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50

<b>LOUISIANA</b>									
1	Bobby Jindal	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
2	William J. Jefferson	D	●	●	●	●	●	□	83
3	Charlie Melancon	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50
4	Jim McCrery	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
5	Rodney Alexander	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
6	Richard H. Baker	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
7	Charles W. Boustany	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0

<b>MAINE</b>									
1	Thomas H. Allen	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
2	Michael H. Michaud	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83

<b>MARYLAND</b>									
1	Wayne T. Gilchrest	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
2	C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger	D	●	●	●	●	●	□	83
3	Benjamin L. Cardin	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
4	Albert Russell Wynn	D	●	●	●	●	●	□	83
5	Steny H. Hoyer	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
6	Roscoe G. Bartlett	R	□	●	●	□	●	□	50
7	Elijah E. Cummings	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
8	Chris Van Hollen	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100

<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>									
1	John W. Olver	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
2	Richard E. Neal	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
3	James P. McGovern	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
4	Barney Frank	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
5	Martin T. Meehan	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
6	John F. Tierney	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
7	Edward J. Markey	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
8	Micheal E. Capuano	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
9	Stephen F. Lynch	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
10	William D. Delahunt	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100

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<b>MICHIGAN</b>									
1	Bart Stupak	D	●	●	●	-	-	●	67
2	Peter Hoekstra	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
3	Vernon J. Ehlers	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
4	Dave Camp	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
5	Dale E. Kildee	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
6	Fred Upton	R	●	□	●	□	□	□	33
7	John J.H. "Joe" Schwarz	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
8	Mike Rogers	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
9	Joe Knollenberg	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
10	Candice S. Miller	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
11	Thaddeus G. McCotter	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
12	Sander M. Levin	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
13	Carolyn C. Kilpatrick	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
14	John Conyers	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
15	John D. Dingell	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100

<b>MINNESOTA</b>									
1	Gil Gutknecht	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
2	John Kline	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
3	Jim Ramstad	R	□	□	●	□	●	□	33
4	Betty McCollum	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
5	Martin Olav Sabo	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
6	Mark R. Kennedy	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
7	Collin C. Peterson	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50
8	James L. Oberstar	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100

<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>									
1	Roger F. Wicker	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
2	Bennie G. Thompson	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
3	Charles W. "Chip" Pickering	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
4	Gene Taylor	D	●	□	●	□	●	●	67

<b>MISSOURI</b>									
1	William Lacy Clay	D	●	●	●	-	●	□	67
2	W. Todd Akin	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
3	Russ Carnahan	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
4	Ike Skelton	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50
5	Emanuel Cleaver	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
6	Sam Graves	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
7	Roy Blunt	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
8	Jo Ann Emerson	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
9	Kenny C. Hulshof	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

<b>MONTANA</b>									
	Dennis R. Rehberg	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0

<b>NEBRASKA</b>									
1	Jeff Fortenberry	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

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2	Lee Terry	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
3	Tom Osborne	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

## NEVADA

1	Shelley Berkley	D	●	●	●	□	●	-	67
2	Jim Gibbons	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
3	Jon C. Porter	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

1	Jeb Bradley	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
2	Charles F. Bass	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

## NEW JERSEY

1	Robert E. Andrews	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
2	Frank A. LoBiondo	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
3	Jim Saxton	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
4	Christopher H. Smith	R	□	●	●	□	□	□	33
5	Scott Garrett	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
6	Frank Pallone	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
7	Mike Ferguson	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
8	Bill Pascrell	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
9	Steven R. Rothman	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
10	Donald M. Payne	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
11	Rodney P. Frelinghuysen	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
12	Rush D. Holt	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
13	Robert Menendez ♦	D	●	●	♦	♦	♦	♦	INCOMPLETE

## NEW MEXICO

1	Heather Wilson	R	□	●	●	□	●	□	50
2	Stevan Pearce	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	17
3	Tom Udall	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83

## NEW YORK

1	Timothy H. Bishop	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
2	Steve Israel	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
3	Peter T. King	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
4	Carolyn McCarthy	D	●	-	●	●	●	●	83
5	Gary L. Ackerman	D	●	●	-	●	●	●	83
6	Gregory W. Meeks	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
7	Joseph Crowley	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
8	Jerrold Nadler	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
9	Anthony D. Weiner	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
10	Edolphus Towns	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
11	Major R. Owens	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
12	Nydia M. Velazquez	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
13	Vito J. Fossella	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
14	Carolyn B. Maloney	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
15	Charles B. Rangel	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100

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16	Jose E. Serrano	D	●	●	●	●	●	-	83
17	Eliot L. Engel	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
18	Nita M. Lowey	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
19	Sue W. Kelly	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
20	John E. Sweeney	R	□	□	-	□	●	□	17
21	Michael R. McNulty	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
22	Maurice D. Hinchey	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
23	John M. McHugh	R	□	□	●	□	●	□	33
24	Sherwood Boehlert	R	●	□	●	□	□	□	33
25	James T. Walsh	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
26	Thomas M. Reynolds *1	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
27	Brian Higgins	D	●	□	●	●	●	●	83
28	Louise Mcintosh Slaughter	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
29	John R. "Randy" Kuhl	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

## NORTH CAROLINA

1	G.K. Butterfield	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
2	Bob Etheridge	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
3	Walter B. Jones	R	□	□	●	□	●	□	33
4	David E. Price	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
5	Virginia Foxx	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
6	Howard Coble	R	□	□	-	□	□	□	0
7	Mike McIntyre	D	□	□	●	□	●	□	33
8	Robin Hayes	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
9	Sue Wilkins Myrick	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
10	Patrick T. McHenry	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
11	Charles H. Taylor	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
12	Melvin L. Watt	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
13	Brad Miller	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100

## NORTH DAKOTA

Earl Pomeroy      D    ●    □    ●    □    ●    ●    67

## OHIO

1	Steve Chabot	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
2	Jean Schmidt	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
3	Michael R. Turner	R	□	●	●	-	□	□	33
4	Michael G. Oxley	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
5	Paul E. Gillmor	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
6	Ted Strickland	D	●	□	●	□	●	●	67
7	David L. Hobson	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	17
8	John A. Boehner	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	17
9	Marcy Kaptur	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
10	Dennis J. Kucinich	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
11	Stephanie Tubbs Jones	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
12	Patrick J. Tiberi	R	□	●	□	□	□	□	17
13	Sherrod Brown	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
14	Steven C. LaTourette	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
15	Deborah Pryce	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

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16	Ralph Regula	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
17	Tim Ryan	D	●	●	●	●	●	□	83
18	Robert W. Ney	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

## OKLAHOMA

1	John Sullivan	R	□	□	-	□	□	□	0
2	Dan Boren	D	□	□	-	□	●	□	17
3	Frank D. Lucas	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
4	Tom Cole	R	□	-	□	□	□	□	0
5	Ernest J. Istook	R	□	-	-	□	□	□	0

## OREGON

1	David Wu	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
2	Greg Walden	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
3	Earl Blumenuer	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
4	Peter A. DeFazio	D	●	□	●	●	●	●	83
5	Darlene Hooley	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83

## PENNSYLVANIA

1	Robert A. Brady	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
2	Chaka Fattah	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
3	Phil English	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
4	Melissa A. Hart	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
5	John E. Peterson	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
6	Jim Gerlach	R	□	□	●	□	●	□	33
7	Curt Weldon	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
8	Michael G. Fitzpatrick	R	□	□	●	□	●	□	33
9	Bill Shuster	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
10	Don Sherwood	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
11	Paul E. Kanjorski	D	●	□	●	□	●	●	67
12	John P. Murtha	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
13	Allyson Y. Schwartz	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
14	Michael F. Doyle	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
15	Charles W. Dent	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
16	Joseph R. Pitts	R	□	□	□	□	□	-	0
17	Tim Holden	D	●	□	●	□	●	●	67
18	Tim Murphy	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
19	Todd Russell Platts	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

## RHODE ISLAND

1	Patrick J. Kennedy	D	●	●	●	-	-	●	67
2	James R. Langevin	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83

## SOUTH CAROLINA

1	Henry E. Brown	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
2	Joe Wilson	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
3	J. Gresham Barrett	R	□	-	□	□	□	□	0
4	Bob Inglis	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

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5	John M. Spratt	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
6	James E. Clyburn	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Stephanie Herseth      D      ●      □      ●      □      ●      □      50

## TENNESSEE

1	William L. Jenkins	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
2	John J. Duncan	R	□	□	-	□	□	□	0
3	Zach Wamp	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
4	Lincoln Davis	D	□	□	●	□	●	□	33
5	Jim Cooper	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
6	Bart Gordon	D	□	□	●	□	●	□	33
7	Marsha Blackburn	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
8	John S. Tanner	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50
9	Harold E. Ford	D	●	□	●	●	●	□	67

## TEXAS

1	Louie Gohmert	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
2	Ted Poe	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
3	Sam Johnson	R	□	□	□	□	□	-	0
4	Ralph M. Hall	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
5	Jeb Hensarling	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
6	Joe Barton	R	□	-	●	□	□	□	17
7	John Abney Culberson	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
8	Kevin Brady	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
9	Al Green	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
10	Michael T. McCaul	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
11	K. Michael Conaway	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
12	Kay Granger	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
13	Mac Thornberry	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
14	Ron Paul	R	□	□	□	□	-	□	0
15	Ruben Hinojosa	D	●	●	●	●	●	□	83
16	Silvestre Reyes	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
17	Chet Edwards	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50
18	Sheila Jackson-Lee	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
19	Randy Neugebauer	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
20	Charles A. Gonzalez	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
21	Lamar S. Smith	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
22	Tom DeLay ♦	R	□	□	●	□	□	♦	17
23	Henry Bonilla	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
24	Kenny Marchant	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
25	Lloyd Doggett	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
26	Michael C. Burgess	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
27	Solomon P. Ortiz	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
28	Henry Cuellar	D	□	●	●	●	●	□	67
29	Gene Green	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
30	Eddie Bernice Johnson	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
31	John R. Carter	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
32	Pete Sessions	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0

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<b>UTAH</b>									
1	Rob Bishop	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
2	Jim Matheson	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50
3	Chris Cannon	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0

<b>VERMONT</b>									
	Bernard Sanders	I	●	●	●	●	●	●	100

<b>VIRGINIA</b>									
1	Jo Ann Davis	R	□	-	●	□	□	□	17
2	Thelma D. Drake	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
3	Robert C. Scott	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
4	J. Randy Forbes	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
5	Virgil H. Goode	R	□	□	□	□	●	□	17
6	Bob Goodlatte	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
7	Eric Cantor	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
8	James P. Moran	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
9	Rick Boucher	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50
10	Frank R. Wolf	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
11	Tom Davis	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

<b>WASHINGTON</b>									
1	Jay Inslee	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
2	Rick Larsen	D	●	□	●	□	●	□	50
3	Brian Baird	D	●	●	●	□	●	□	67
4	Doc Hastings	R	-	●	□	□	□	□	17
5	Cathy McMorris	R	□	□	-	□	□	□	0
6	Norman D. Dicks	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
7	Jim McDermott	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
8	David G. Reichert	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
9	Adam Smith	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83

<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>									
1	Alan B. Mollohan	D	●	●	●	□	●	□	67
2	Shelley Moore Capito	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
3	Nick J. Rahall	D	●	●	●	●	●	□	83

<b>WISCONSIN</b>									
1	Paul Ryan	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
2	Tammy Baldwin	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
3	Ron Kind	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
4	Gwen Moore	D	●	●	●	●	●	●	100
5	F. James Sensenbrenner	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0
6	Thomas E. Petri	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17
7	David R. Obey	D	●	●	●	□	●	●	83
8	Mark Green	R	□	□	●	□	□	□	17

<b>WYOMING</b>									
	Barbara Cubin	R	□	□	□	□	□	□	0

## The Senate

### **S.2020**

#### **Tax Relief Extension Act of 2005**

SHRIVER POSITION: NO

Sponsor: Chuck E. Grassley (R-IA)

Co-Sponsors: None

### **S.2320**

#### **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program**

SHRIVER POSITION: YES

Sponsor:

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John E. Sununu (R-NH)

### **S.Amdt.3048**

#### **Specter-Harkin Amendment**

SHRIVER POSITION: YES

Sponsor:

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Co-sponsors:

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### **S.Con.Res.83**

#### **2007 Fiscal Year Budget Resolution**

SHRIVER POSITION: NO

Sponsor:

Judd Gregg (R-NH)

Co-Sponsors: None

### **S.Amdt.4106**

#### **Kennedy Amendment**

SHRIVER POSITION: NO

Sponsor:

Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA)

Co-Sponsor: Joseph I. Lieberman (D-CT)

### **S.Amdt.4322**

#### **Federal Minimum Wage Increase**

SHRIVER POSITION: YES

Sponsor:

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## The House of Representatives

### **H.R.4297**

#### **Tax Relief Act of 2005**

Sponsor: William M. Thomas (CA-22)

Co-Sponsors: None

### **H.R.4437**

#### **Border Protection Act of 2005**

Sponsor: James F. Sensenbrenner, Jr. (WI-5)

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Lamar Smith (TX-21)

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### **H.R.4793**

#### **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program**

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Robert Wexler (FL-19)

**H.Amdt.830**  
**Congressional Black**  
**Caucus Substitute**

Sponsor: Melvin L. Watt

Co-Sponsors: None

**H.Con.Res.376**  
**2007 Fiscal Year**  
**Budget Resolution**

Sponsor: Jim Nussle (IA-1)

Co-Sponsors: None

**H.R.5638**  
**Permanent Estate Tax**  
**Relief Act of 2006**

Sponsor: William M. Thomas (CA-22)

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**The time for bold action has come.**

# THE STATE OF POVERTY

*Population:*  
**37 MILLION**

NUMBER OF CHILDREN **13.0 MILLION**

*That's four times the number of children in Illinois*

NUMBER OF SENIORS  
65 AND OVER **3.5 MILLION**

*That's the same as the entire population of Oklahoma*

NUMBER OF WOMEN **14.3 MILLION**

*That's the entire population of Wisconsin, Indiana, and Iowa combined*

NUMBER REPORTING  
A DISABILITY **8.0 MILLION**

*That's a population larger than the state of Massachusetts*

NUMBER WHO MOVED DOWN  
FROM THE MIDDLE CLASS **1.1 MILLION**

*This year's increase is equivalent to the population of Rhode Island*

NUMBER OF HOMELESS **3.5 MILLION**

*That's twice the population of Nebraska*





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