

# UNITED STATES SENATE

## NTEU Voting Record -- 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1st Session (2015)

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### **Senate Vote 1 – HR 240: Fiscal 2015 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations - Cloture**

March 2, 2015 - McConnell, (R-KY) motion to invoke cloture (thus limiting debate) on the motion agree to the House request to go to conference, thus delaying passage of a clean bill that would provide \$47.8 billion in fiscal 2015 for the Homeland Security Department and related activities.

Motion rejected 47-43. **NTEU Position: NO**

**Note:** Three-fifths of the total Senate (60) is required to invoke cloture.

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### **Senate Vote 2 - HR 240: Fiscal 2015 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations - Motion to Table**

March 2, 2015 - Cochran, (R-MS) motion to table (kill) the House message to request a conference on the bill and instead support the clean Senate bill that would prevent a shutdown of DHS and provide \$47.8 billion in fiscal 2015 for DHS and related activities.

Motion agreed to 58-31. **NTEU Position: YES**

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### **Senate Vote 3 - S Con Res 11: Fiscal 2016 Budget Resolution - Equal Pay**

March 24, 2015 - Mikulski, (D-MD) amendment that would allow for legislation related to equal pay policies, including allowing for punitive damages.

Rejected 45-54. **NTEU Position: YES**

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### **Senate Vote 4 – S Con Res 11: Fiscal 2016 Budget Resolution - CFPB**

March 26, 2015 – Merkley (D-OR) amendment to ensure the authority and budget autonomy of the NTEU represented Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, protecting pay and benefits at this agency.

Rejected 46-54. **NTEU Position: YES**

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### **Senate Vote 5 - S Con Res 11: Fiscal 2016 Budget Resolution - Sequestration Revision**

March 25, 2015 - Murray, (D-WA) amendment that would increase funding above sequester levels by \$148 billion in fiscal years 2016 and 2017. It also would allow for legislation that would revise or repeal sequestration.

Rejected 46-53. **NTEU Position: YES**

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### **Senate Vote 6 - S Con Res 11: Fiscal 2016 Budget Resolution/6% Additional Pension Contribution - Adoption**

March 26/27, 2015 - Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next 10 years. It would require that federal employees have an additional 6% deducted from their paychecks to pay for their pension with no change in the pension benefit – essentially a 6% pay cut. It also continues the budget caps under the Budget

Control Act and would direct the Senate Finance Committee and the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee to come up with at least \$1 billion each in deficit reduction over a 10-year period.

Adopted 52-46. **NTEU Position: NO**

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**Senate Vote 7 - S Con Res 11: Fiscal 2016 Budget Resolution – Attack on Medicare**

April 15, 2015 - Stabenow, (D-MI) motion to instruct conferees to insist that the conference report include language that would prevent turning Medicare into a voucher program nor to use other schemes to reduce guaranteed benefits, or increase out of pocket expenses.

Motion rejected 45-52. **NTEU Position: YES**

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**Senate Vote 8 - S Con Res 11: Fiscal 2016 Budget Resolution - Conference Report**

May 5, 2015 - Adoption of the conference report on the concurrent resolution that would continue the sequestration level budget caps under the Budget Control Act.

Adopted 51-48. **NTEU Position: NO**

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**Senate Vote 9 - HR 1314: Spending Cap and Debt Limit Increase - Motion to Concur**

October 30, 2015 - Motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would suspend the debt limit until March 15, 2017 and increase the discretionary spending cap for fiscal 2016 by \$50 billion and for fiscal 2017 by \$30 billion, with the increases split equally between defense and non-defense spending. It would prevent an estimated 52 percent premium increase for certain Medicare beneficiaries and instead provide for a lower increase, and would make changes to keep the Social Security disability insurance trust solvent until 2022.

Motion agreed to 64-35. **NTEU Position: YES**

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**Senate Vote 10 - HR 2029: Fiscal 2016 Omnibus Appropriations and Tax Extenders - Motion to Concur**

December 18, 2015 - McConnell, (R-KY) motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide \$1.15 trillion in discretionary appropriations in fiscal 2016 for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2016 spending bills. Included in that total are modest but needed increases for the NTEU represented IRS (\$290 million) and FDA (\$132 million). The measure would also make permanent more than a dozen expired or expiring tax provisions, including a \$255/month commuter transit allowance. The measure would also delay the so-called "Cadillac tax" under the 2010 health care law and mandate ten years of credit monitoring for victims of the OPM data breach.

Motion agreed to 65-33. **NTEU Position: YES**

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	Percent Agreed:	When Voting	All Votes	Agreed/ Cast	1 N	2 Y	3 Y	4 Y	5 Y	6 N	7 Y	8 N	9 Y	10 Y
<b>Texas</b>														
	Cornyn (R)	30%	30%	3/10	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
	Cruz (R)	29%	20%	2/7	-	-	X	X	-	+	X	+	-	-
<b>Utah</b>														
	Hatch (R)	30%	30%	3/10	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
	Lee, M. (R)	0%	0%	0 / 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Vermont</b>														
	Leahy (D)	100%	100%	10/10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Sanders (I)	90%	90%	9/10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>Virginia</b>														
	Kaine (D)	100%	100%	10/10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Warner (D)	100%	100%	10/10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Washington</b>														
	Cantwell (D)	100%	100%	10/10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Murray (D)	100%	100%	10/10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>West Virginia</b>														
	Capito (R)	30%	30%	3/10	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
	Manchin (D)	90%	90%	9/10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>Wisconsin</b>														
	Baldwin (D)	100%	100%	10/10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Johnson, R. (R)	20%	20%	2/10	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>Wyoming</b>														
	Barrasso (R)	20%	20%	2/10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
	Enzi (R)	0%	0%	0 / 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

+	Member's yea/nay vote agrees with NTEU position	(+)	Member's announced/paired position agrees with NTEU position
-	Member's yea/nay vote disagrees with NTEU position	(-)	Member's announced/paired position disagrees with NTEU position
X	Member did not cast a yea/nay vote or officially declare a position	I	Member was ineligible to vote