

How your lawmakers voted

Here's how local members of Congress voted on major issues in the week ending Friday. NV means "did not vote."

House

COAST GUARD BUDGET

Voting 385-11, the House on Friday passed HR 3619, a bill authorizing \$10 billion for the Coast Guard in fiscal 2010, about two-thirds of which would fund core missions such as conducting searches and rescues, combating drug smugglers and defending the U.S. coast against terrorist threats. The bill, which increases Coast Guard personnel by 1,500 positions to a force of 47,000, awaits Senate action.

The bill also requires the 125 to 150 cruise ships that enter U.S. ports to do a better job of preventing or responding to sexual assaults on passengers. Cruise operators would be required to report alleged crimes to the FBI and Coast Guard, publish crime data online, establish procedures to assist victims and have at least one crew member trained to investigate crime scenes. A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	■	□	□
Susan Davis D	■	□	□
Bob Filner D	■	□	□
Duncan Hunter R	■	□	□
Darrell Issa R	■	□	□

SOLAR ENERGY

Voting 310-106, the House on Thursday authorized \$2.18 billion between fiscal 2011 and 2015 for Department of Energy programs to develop solar-energy technologies. HR 3585 establishes a long-term partnership among the federal government, the private sector and universities to develop and market solar technologies, in the same way that federal funds and policies have been used to nurture the U.S. semiconductor industry in recent decades.

A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	■	□	□
Susan Davis D	■	□	□
Bob Filner D	■	□	□
Duncan Hunter R	□	■	□
Darrell Issa R	□	■	□

Senate

MEDICARE DOCTOR PAYMENTS

Voting 53-47, the Senate on Wednesday failed to reach the 60 votes needed to advance S 1776, a bill that would avert a 21 percent cut next year in Medicare payments to doctors and 5 percent cuts in following years. The bill was opposed mainly because its cost of \$247 billion over 10 years would be added to the national debt. The bill also

sought to permanently change the formula for calculating Medicare payments to doctors.

A "yes" vote was to advance the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Barbara Boxer D	■	□	□
Dianne Feinstein D	■	□	□

2010 MILITARY BUDGET

Voting 68-29, the Senate on Thursday sent President Barack Obama the final version of a \$680 billion defense budget for fiscal 2010 that includes \$130 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and \$27.9 billion for military health care. HR 2647 was opposed mainly over its expansion of the federal hate-crimes law to cover offenses based on sexual orientation, gender or disability. The bill recommends a 3.4 percent military pay raise, increases active-duty personnel by 40,200 troops to 1.41 million, caps procurement of F-22 Raptor fighter jets and ends the over-budget VH-71 White House helicopter program.

The bill makes changes requested by Obama in rules for trying terrorist suspects before military commissions, adding due-process protections in areas such as the admissibility of coerced testimony, hearsay evidence and exculpatory evidence.

A "yes" vote was to adopt the conference report.

	Yes	No	NV
Barbara Boxer D	■	□	□
Dianne Feinstein D	■	□	□

HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

Voting 79-19, the Senate on Tuesday sent President Barack Obama the conference report on a \$44.1 billion Department of Homeland Security budget for fiscal 2010. HR 2892 funds agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Transportation Security Administration and Coast Guard. The bill prevents Guantanamo Bay prisoners from being transferred to U.S. soil except for court proceedings and bars the release of photos and videos showing U.S. mistreatment of prisoners overseas since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

The bill appropriates \$16 billion for combating illegal immigration, including \$800 million for physical and electronic fencing on the U.S.-Mexico border and funding for 41,000 Border Patrol and customs agents and 33,400 detention beds. A "yes" vote was to approve the conference report.

	Yes	No	NV
Barbara Boxer D	■	□	□
Dianne Feinstein D	■	□	□