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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

STOLEN NUCLEAR MATERIALS

Voting 397-10, the House on Thursday sent President Barack Obama a bill, HR 730, designed to improve international cooperation in locating stolen nuclear radiological materials. The measure calls upon the administration to negotiate "nuclear forensics" agreements under which countries would do a better job of policing "loose nukes" and sharing sensitive information. The bill also seeks to bolster Department of Homeland Security programs against terrorists' dirty bombs or conventional nuclear weapons. Rep. Yvette Clarke, D-N.Y., said: "The deterrent effect of a robust nuclear-forensics capability should not be underestimated. Certainly, if terrorists know that we can pinpoint their role in creating a bomb. they are bound to have second thoughts. Unfortunately, today, the U.S. must rely on forensic expertise and technology developed during the Cold War to address both nuclear weapons and the emerging threat of a radiological dirty bomb."

Another supporter, Rep. Peter

King, R-N.Y., said the bill is about protecting the American people "in a way which certainly transcends Republican or Democrat lines or liberal-conservative lines. It is an issue that should galvanize all Americans."

No opponent spoke against the bill. A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

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Brian Bilbray R			
Susan Davis D			
Bob Filner D			
Duncan D. Hunter R			
Darrell Issa R			

EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

Voting 411-1, the House on Thursday expressed its condolences to and solidarity with Haiti after the island nation's cataclysmic earthquake nine days earlier. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, cast the single vote against H Res 1021.

A "yes" vote	was	to	adopt	the
resolution.				

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Brian Bilbray R			
Susan Davis D			
Bob Filner D			
Duncan D. Hunter R			
Darrell Issa R			