

HOW THEY VOTED

Here's how area members of Congress voted on major issues in the week ending Sept. 23. NV means "did not vote."

HOUSE

Defeat of stopgap budget

Voting 195-230, the House on Sept. 21 defeated a bill (HR 2608) to fund federal operations through Nov. 18 and provide \$3.65 billion to help communities recover from this year's earthquake, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, storms and wildfires. The short-term budget is needed because Congress, with the new fiscal year just days away, had enacted none of the 12 appropriations bills that fund the government. The bill drew opposition from 182 Democrats who did not want to cut other programs to fund disaster relief and 48 conservative Republicans

who demanded deeper spending cuts.

A yes vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	■	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Susan Davis</u> D	<input type="checkbox"/>	■	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input type="checkbox"/>	■	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan Hunter R	■	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	■	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reversal on stopgap budget

Voting 219-203, the House on Sept. 23 reversed its vote of two days earlier (above) and passed a bill (HR 2608) to fund the entire government through Nov. 18 and provide \$3.65 billion in disaster aid. The reversal occurred because 24 conservative Republicans, most of them aligned with the tea party, switched positions at the urging of GOP leaders.

The bill was still disputed by

Democrats because about \$1 billion of the aid would be offset by cuts in a federal loan program that has been creating tens of thousands of jobs while increasing the energy efficiency of U.S. automobiles. Advocates said the cuts would affect only unobligated balances.

A yes vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	■	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Davis D	<input type="checkbox"/>	■	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input type="checkbox"/>	■	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan Hunter R	■	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	■	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>