

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

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How your lawmakers voted

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

House

2010 FOREIGN-AFFAIRS BUDGET

Voting 318-106, the House on Thursday approved a \$48.8 billion foreign-affairs budget, HR 3081, for fiscal 2010 that provides \$9.6 billion to operate the State Department and the U.S. Agency for Development while funding the hiring of more than 1,300 Foreign Service officers for duty mainly in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The bill also provides \$7.8 billion for global health programs, \$2.1 billion for U.N. peacekeeping and \$1.6 billion for refugee assistance, along with \$2.7 billion in foreign aid to Afghanistan, \$2.2 billion to Israel, \$1.2 billion to Egypt, \$1.5 billion to Pakistan, \$513 million to Jordan and \$483 million to Iraq.

A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

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

AGRICULTURE SPENDING CUT

Voting 248-185, the House on Thursday rejected a proposed 5 percent, across-the-board cut in fiscal 2010 appropriations, HR 2997, to fund agriculture and food programs, rural development and agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The amendment would have trimmed \$1.1 billion from the bill's \$20.5 billion in discretionary spending. The bill was later passed.

A "yes" vote backed the amendment.

| | Yes | No | NV |
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| Bilbray | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Davis | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Filner | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hunter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issa | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Voting 292-135, the House on Thursday refused to freeze the 2010 Food and Drug Administration budget at its 2009 level. The amendment to HR 2997 sought to block a proposed 11 percent, or \$373 million, increase in FDA spending for the budget year that begins in October.

A "yes" vote was to freeze the FDA budget at the 2009 level.

| | Yes | No | NV |
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| Bilbray | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Davis | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Filner | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hunter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issa | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |