

HOW THEY VOTED

Here's how area members of the House voted on major issues in the week ending July 15. NV means "did not vote."

HOUSE

National flood insurance

Voting 406-22, the House on July 12 passed a bill (HR 1309) to renew the taxpayer-subsidized National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) through 2016 and start key reforms. The bill authorizes the program to add \$3 billion in new debt to the \$17.8 billion it already owes the Treasury. The program insures about 5.6 million residential and commercial properties located in flood plains in 22,000 communities.

This bill phases in reforms such as reducing taxpayer subsidies of premiums, raising from 10 percent to 20 percent the cap on premium increases, indexing coverage limits to inflation, basing rates more on actuarial tables, and improving the accuracy of the flood maps that determine whether properties must obtain the federal insurance. Now awaiting Senate action, the bill also attempts to expand the private market for flood insurance.

A yes vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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

Flood insurance repeal

Voting 38-384, the House on July 12 defeated an amendment to HR 1309 (above) that sought to repeal the National Flood Insurance Program and clear the way for states and private insurers to provide the high-risk coverage to flood-prone areas. A yes vote was to end the National Flood Insurance Program.

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

Energy-efficient bulbs

Voting 233-193, the House on July 12 failed to reach a two-thirds majority needed to repeal new standards designed to increase the energy efficiency of light bulbs by 30 percent. The standards are fostering bulbs such as compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) and light-emitting diodes (LEDs) that cost more than traditional bulbs but which are expected to save households \$100 a year on average. The standards will take effect next year under an energy law signed by President George W. Bush in 2007.

A yes vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Susan Davis D

Bob Filner D

Duncan Hunter R

Darrell Issa R

Clean Water Act

Voting 239-184, the House on July 13 passed a bill (HR 2018) shifting power to administer certain sections of the Clean Water Act to the states. In part, the bill would strip the federal Environmental Protection Agency of authority to veto Army Corps of Engineers wetlands policies without state concurrence; bar the EPA from issuing new water-quality standards in certain instances without the approval of the affected state and give states more leeway to issue clean-water permits without federal interference. Backers said the bill would set a proper balance between federal and state powers, while critics said it was written to help polluters such as mountaintop mining and factory farming.

A yes vote was to pass the bill.

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

Duncan Hunter R

Darrell Issa R

Advanced energy research

The House on July 14 voted 214-213, to increase funding for the Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency from \$100 million to \$179.6 million in fiscal 2012. This would restore the agency's budget to its 2011 level. Created in 2009, the agency, in concert with universities and corporations, fosters basic research and new technologies aimed at establishing U.S. superiority in the field of energy. The amendment was added to a \$31 billion energy appropriations bill (HR 2354) for fiscal 2012, which was later passed. The added funding was offset by cuts in the department's administrative budget.

A yes vote backed the amendment.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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