June 14, 2009

# How your lawmakers voted

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

### House

### CAR, TRUCK YOUCHERS

Voting 298-119, the House on Tuesday passed HR 2751, a bill enabiling consumers to trade their car or truck for a government voucher worth \$3,500 to \$4,500 to be used to help buy or lease a new, more fuel-efficient vehicle - foreign or domestic. The exact value of the voucher would depend on the new vehicle's fuel efficiency. The government would destroy the tradedin vehicles. Congressional auditors predicted the bill would spur 600,000 vehicle sales and leases. The bill is now before the Senate. A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

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### FOREIGN-AFFAIRS BUDGET

Voting 235-187, the House on Wednesday authorized HR 2410, a \$40.6 billion, two-year foreign-affairs budget that would fund Department of State and Peace Corps operating expenses, a major expansion of the Foreign Service and a broad range of U.S. nonmilitary policies and programs overseas. In part, the bill adds 1,500 diplomats and staff members to the Foreign Service and stations 300 additional Foreign Service personnel in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The bill also increases the number of Americans studying abroad, expands programs that bring foreign youths to the United States for high school or coilege, funds international broadcasting programs and bolsters Radio Free Asia, authorizes \$654 million to bring the United States current in its United Nations dues, and requires that gay partners of U.S. diplomats receive benefits equal to those of diplomats'

A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

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## **DISPUTE OVER IRAN**

Voting 250-174, the House on Wednesday defeated a Republican motion to scrap the entire foreignaffairs bill, HR 2410, and replace it with a measure using international economic sanctions to block foreign investments and deliveries of re--fined-oil products that help sustain tran's nuclear programs.

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## AFGHANISTAN DOCUMENTARY

Voting 254-178, the House on Wednesday refused to block dissemination in the United States of a Voice of America documentary that depicts how Afghanistan's poppy and heroin industry fuels its economy and provides the Taliban with financial support. The underlying bill, HR 2410, walves the 1948 Smith-Mundt law so that the federally produced "A Fateful Harvest" can be shown to U.S. audiences. The law originally was intended to keep federal officials from airing Cold War propaganda domestically. A "yes" vote backed the amend-

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### **TOBACCO REGULATION**

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Voting 307-97, the House on Friday gave final congressional approval to HR 1256, a bill faunching Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco products, with the cost to be paid by fees on tobacco manufacturers and importers. The bill empowers the FDA to regulate cigarette ingredients, require public disclosure of those ingredients, Ifmit cigarette advertising, require health warnings to cover at least half of each side of a cigarette package and put the burden on manufacturers to verify health

A "yes" vote was to send the bill to President Barack Obama.

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## AID TO PAKISTAN

Voting 234-185, the House on Thursday authorized \$10.5 billion in U.S. economic and military aid to Pakistan through 2014. HR 1886 puts the State Department in charge of the funding and sets benchmarks for Pakistan to meet. The bill provides \$6 billion to bolster Pakistan's civilian institutions and economy, \$2.9 billion for counterinsurgency efforts and \$1.6 biltion in general military aid. The bill, now awaiting Senate action, signals growing U.S. concern over the stability of Pakistan and its nuclear arsenal.

A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

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## **GOP ALTERNATIVE**

Voting 246-173, the House on Thursday defeated a Republican alternative to HR 1886 that differed mainly by putting the Defense Department in charge of implementing

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#### **PAKISTAN BENCHMARKS**

Voting 245-164, the House on Thursday defeated a Republican motion to strip HR 1886 of its conditions on military aid to Pakistan. Those benchmarks link the aid to Pakistan's progress in areas such as turning back the Taliban offensive and securing its nuclear arsenal. The bill places no benchmarks on its \$6 billion in nonmilitary aid. A "yes" vote backed the GOP mo-

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