

## HOW THEY VOTED

Here's how area members of Congress voted on major issues in the week ending Nov. 16. NV means "did not vote."

## HOUSE

### U.S. trade with Russia

Voting 365-43, the House on Nov. 16 sent the Senate a bill (HR 6156) to establish permanent, normal U.S. trade relations with Russia and Moldova under World Trade Organization rules that promote free trade and provide a forum for resolving disputes. The bill repeals the 1974 Jackson-Vanik Act, a Cold War law that levied U.S. trade penalties on the Soviet Union and Russia over their restricting the emigration of Jewish dissidents and other citizens. But the bill imposes new sanctions, such as U.S. visa and banking restrictions, on individual Russians linked by the State Department to human-rights abuses and corruption. In part, this provision targets those implicated in the torture and murder three years ago of Sergei Magnitsky, a lawyer and whistle-blower who was imprisoned after exposing tax fraud by high-ranking Russian officials.

James McGovern, D-Mass., said the bill "sends a message to human-rights violators in Russia (and) those who are guilty of corruption that there's a consequence. And even if that consequence is not bringing you to justice within Russia, the United States will make sure that there are visa bans and that assets are frozen."

Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., said "The biggest export under the WTO for the past 15 years has been American jobs. How is that going to change by binding us one more non-market, essentially dictatorial economy with a corrupt regime? How is that going to work any differently than it has worked with China? It won't. This is a recipe for more jobs loss."

A yes vote was to pass the bill.

Yes No NV

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

## SENATE

### Hunting, fishing, conservation

Voting 84-12, the Senate on Nov. 15 began debate on the Sportsmen's Act, a bill (S 3525) to expand hunting and fishing on federal land, bolster land conservation, protect wildlife habitat, fund the construction of shooting ranges on public property and take several other steps to enhance outdoor recreation in the U.S. Debate

on the bill will resume next week.

In part, the bill dedicates at least 1.5 percent of the Land and Water Conservation Fund to land purchases and right-of-way acquisitions that would expand sportsmen's access to public lands; allows states to divert a portion of federal wildlife-restoration aid to land purchases for building public target ranges; permits the importation of polar bear parts from hunts in Canada; establishes a National Fish Habitat Board; and allows individuals to carry bows or crossbows across national parks for the purpose of hunting on adjacent property.

Sponsor Jon Tester, D-Mont., said his bill is backed by nearly 50 organizations "ranging from the Nature Conservancy (and) the National Wildlife Federation to the NRA. It earned their endorsement because it includes responsible provisions that are important to sportsmen and women across America."

Mike Lee, R-Utah, said "We have an enormous amount of (federal) land in this country" some of which "is just sitting there not doing anything. I think some of that land could be sold and some of that money could be used to fund our programs — programs

that are cash strapped, along with everything else in this country right now."

A yes vote was to advance the bill.

Yes No NV

Barbara Boxer D     
Dianne Feinstein D

### Cybersecurity filibuster

Voting 51-47, the Senate on Nov. 14 failed to reach 60 votes needed to end a Republican filibuster of a bill (S 3414) setting up a voluntary system by which major companies would harden their computer systems against cyberattacks and share information about cyberthreats with other firms and the government. FBI Director Robert Mueller told Congress the possibility of cyberattacks is rivaling terrorist threats as the top danger to the U.S. But the U.S. Chamber of Commerce objects to the bill as over-regulation of private-sector operations.

Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., said Hurricane Sandy's recent destruction of the New Jersey shore and parts of New York City shows "exactly the kind of dislocation and suffering that would occur if an enemy cyberattacked America's electric power system. It is why we need to at least vote to take this bill up now. Time is not on our side."

Yes No NV

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