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1998 ADA VOTING RECORD

U. S. House of Representatives

105th Congress, 2nd Session 1998

VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. H. Res. 341. Robert K. Dornan Election Challenge. Solomon (R-NY) motion to table a Gephardt (D-MO) privileged resolution to dismiss the complaint by former Rep. Robert K. Dornan (R-CA) contesting the election of Loretta Sanchez (D-CA). Motion agreed to 214-189. Jan. 28, 1998. (N=+)
2. H. R. 2846. National Education Testing Curbs. Passage of the bill to prohibit the use of federal education funds for any federally-sponsored national test in reading, math, or any or granting preferential treatment to any person or group in admissions based in whole or in part on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin. Rejected 171-249. May 6, 1998. (N=+)
3. H. R. 856. Puerto Rico Political Status - Language. Burton (R-IN) amendment to the Solomon (R-NY) amendment to treat Puerto Rico the same as the states and recognize the primary role of English in national affairs, but not preclude the use of other languages in government functions when appropriate. The Solomon amendment would have established English as the official language of the United States, and that, if Puerto Rico chooses statehood, English would be the sole official language of all federal government activities in Puerto Rico. Adopted 238-182. March 4, 1998. (Y=+)
4. H. R. 3246. Labor Union Organizing Curbs. Passage of a bill to permit employers to refuse to hire, or fire, those who seek employment primarily to organize workers to join a union. Passed 202-200. March 26, 1998. (N=+)
5. H. R. 2400. Surface Transportation Reauthorization - Affirmative Action. Roukema (R-NJ) amendment to end the Transportation Department's program that sets a goal of providing at least 10 percent of transportation contracts to small businesses owned by women and minorities, replacing it with a program to encourage affirmative action, but discouraging preferential treatment in federal transportation contracts. Rejected 194-225. April 1, 1998. (N=+)
6. H. R. 6. Higher Education Act Reauthorization - Preferential Treatment. Riggs (R-CA) amendment to prohibit any public institution of higher education that participates in any Higher Education Act program from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to any person or group in admissions based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin. Rejected 171-249. May 6, 1998. (N=+)
7. H. R. 3534. Civil Rights Requirements. Becerra (D-CA) amendment to permit points of order against provisions which remove or make less stringent legal requirements established to protect civil rights. Rejected 180-231. May 19, 1998. (Y=+)
8. H. R. 2646. Education Savings Accounts. Adoption of the conference report on the bill to permit individuals to set aside up to \$2,000 a year in a tax-sheltered savings account that could be used to pay for educational expenses. Adopted 225-197. June 18, 1998. (N=+)
9. H. R. 1122. Abortion Procedure Ban - Veto Override. Passage, over President Clinton's Oct. 10, 1997 veto of the bill to ban certain late-term abortions. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (286 in this case) is required to override a veto. Passed 296-132. July 23, 1998. (N=+)
10. H. R. 4194. FY 1999 VA-HUD Appropriations - EPA Fund Limitation Clarification. Waxman (D-CA) amendment to clarify that certain bill provisions and committee report language restricting various EPA and Council on Environmental Quality actions do not apply "where such activities are authorized by law." Rejected 176-243. July 23, 1998. (Y=+)
11. H. R. 4194. FY 1999 VA-HUD Appropriations - San Francisco's Unmarried Domestic Partner Ordinance. Riggs (R-CA) amendment to prohibit any funds in the bill from being used to implement the San Francisco ordinance which requires that private companies and organizations contracting with or receiving grants from the city provide health care benefits to unmarried domestic partners of employees. Adopted 214-212. July 29, 1998. (N=+)
12. H. R. 4276. FY 1999 Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations - Census Statistical Sampling. Mollohan (D-WV)

amendment to strike the bill's restrictions on funding for the 2000 Census which would allow the Census Bureau to continue to plan, test and prepare to statistical sampling methods. Rejected 201-227. Aug. 5, 1998. (Y=+)

13. H. R. 4276. FY 1999 Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations - Funding to Implement Congressional Action Regarding International Agreement. McIntosh (R-IN) amendment to prohibit funding for a committee to implement a 1997 agreement between the U.S., Russia, Kazakhstan, the Ukraine and Belarus on the Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Treaty. Adopted 240-188. Aug. 5, 1998. (N=+)

14. H. R. 2183. Campaign Finance Reform - Soft Money Ban. Passage of the bill to ban soft money contributions, raise aggregate contribution limits and prohibit House candidates from spending more than \$50,000 in personal funds. The text of the bill is the Shays-Meehan substitute adopted by the House on Aug. 3, 1998. Passed 252-179. Aug. 6, 1998. (Y=+)

15. H. R. 4380. FY 1999 District of Columbia Appropriations - Education "Vouchers". Arney (R-TX) amendment to establish a program to provide education scholarships ("vouchers") to an estimated 2,000 poor public school students in the District of Columbia. Adopted 214-208. Aug. 6, 1998. (N=+) ("Vouchers" were dropped in the final omnibus bill.)

16. H. R. 4569. FY 1999 Foreign Operations Appropriations - School of the Americas Funding. Kennedy (D-MA) amendment to bar any funds from being made available for programs at the U.S. Army School of the Americas located at Fort Benning, Georgia. Rejected 201-212. Sept. 17, 1998. (Y=+)

17. H. R. 4578. Social Security Trust Fund Surplus. Rangel (D-NY) substitute amendment to transfer 100 percent of any Social Security Trust Fund surpluses to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be held in trust for the Social Security system. Rejected 210-216. Sept. 25, 1998. (Y=+)

18. H. R. 2621. Fast Track Trade Authority. Passage of the bill to allow expedited negotiation and implementation of trade agreements between the executive branch and foreign countries. Rejected 180-243. Sept. 25, 1998. (N=+)

19. H. R. 4579. Tax Cuts - Democratic Substitute. Rangel (D-NY) substitute amendment that included all of the tax cuts in the underlying bill but prohibited most from taking effect until Congress enacts legislation to ensure the long-term solvency of the Social Security system. Rejected 197-227. Sept. 26, 1998. (Y=+)

20. H. Res. 581. Open Impeachment Inquiry. Adoption of the resolution to authorize the Judiciary Committee to conduct an inquiry into whether sufficient grounds exist to impeach President Clinton. Adopted 258-176. Oct. 8, 1998. (N=+)

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