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Closing the Detention Facility at Guantanamo Bay
and Transferring Detainees to the United States*

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INTRODUCTION AND USER'S GUIDE

Introduction

The Center for Security Policy produced this two-volume *Interim Guantanamo Legislative Report* to provide, in detail, the policy positions of every Representative (House Volume) and Senator (Senate Volume) on the issue of closing Gitmo and transferring detainees into the United States. In compiling this Report, the Center has sought to provide a tool the American people can use in discussing with their elected representatives the future status of Gitmo and the detainees incarcerated there.

The Report was compiled by Center research assistants Adam Benjamin, Jordan Everett, Ryan Morgan and Alexander Zaczkiwicz. Ben Lerner, the Center's Director of Policy Operations, served as Editor. The information gathered in this Report was drawn from the Library of Congress's *Thomas* legislative website, websites of individual Senators and Representatives, and internet searches for public statements.

The Report in its present form represents our best effort to capture publicly available information outlining each Senator's and Representative's position on the status of Gitmo and its detainees. As such, the Center is releasing this document as an *interim* report, in full expectation that the Report will be augmented by additional information that later may be brought to the Center's attention by constituents, Capitol Hill staff, or other sources.

The Report is available on-line as a PDF document, along with separate reports for each of the fifty states. The Center will release an updated edition of the Report in September, 2009, and expects to make subsequent revisions to the Report to reflect newly introduced or co-sponsored bills, changed positions, or other developments.

How to Use this Report

A. The Report consists of four sections:

- 1) The **summary** section identifies legislators by name, party affiliation, and state, and also provides a list of legislation co-sponsored by the legislator in the 111th Congress, as well as summary assessments of the legislator's position on two questions: "Favors Closing Guantanamo?" and "Favors Bringing Detainees to the U.S?" .
- 2) The **questions** section lists questions that remain as to the legislator's position, based upon the Center's assessment of available information.
- 3) The **details** section provides brief summaries of bills co-sponsored by the legislator since 2004, as well as excerpts from and links to public statements made by the legislator. Where

votes occurred on relevant Gitmo legislation, this section also describes the bill or amendment at issue and lists how the legislator voted.

4) The **appendix** provides a lengthier description of each bill listed in the *details* section. Anyone seeking to obtain more information on a bill beyond what is available in this report should visit the Library of Congress's *Thomas* website, www.loc.gov/thomas, and enter the bill number for an in-depth report.

B. Understanding key terms in the Report

Wherever possible, the **summary** section of the report answers with a clear “yes” or “no” the questions of whether the legislator favors closing Gitmo and bringing detainees into the United States. However, in circumstances where a clear “yes” or “no” could not be gleaned from available information, the Center has employed the following terms:

Inconclusive: The legislator made a statement on Gitmo, but the statement was inconclusive on the question of closing Gitmo or bringing detainees to the United States. (Note: When a Senator or Representative has sponsored a bill to keep detainees out of a particular state, but has not taken a conclusive position on keeping detainees out of the United States in its entirety, the summary assessment is “inconclusive statement” as to the question: “Favors bringing detainees to the United States?”)

No quote found: The CSP research team did not find any quote to indicate where the legislator stood on the question asked in the Report.

In the **questions** section:

Complete: The CSP research team found clear answers to the questions posed in the Report.

Complete (waiting for a plan): The CSP research team conclusively found that the legislator does not intend to take a position on the closure of Gitmo or transfer of detainees into the United States until President Obama releases his own plan addressing closure of Gitmo and transfer of detainees.

In the **details** section:

No data found: The CSP research team did not find any votes, quotes, or co-sponsored bills to indicate a position.

Clarifications are welcome

The Center recognizes that the offices of some legislators may be clear *internally* as to the positions their Senators or Representatives have taken, even if their positions have not been reflected in bill co-sponsorship, voting records, or publicly available statements. Therefore,

because this Report uses bill co-sponsorship, voting records, and publicly available statements as data, the Center welcomes all opportunities to update the Report with additional statements as they are made available. We also encourage individuals using this Report as a basis for discussion with their legislators to inform us of any additional information or clarifications they obtain from them. Updates should be sent to Ben Lerner, lerner@securefreedom.org.

A copy of the full Interim Report, along with the Center's Preliminary Findings based on the Report data, can be found here: <http://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/p18136.xml>

1. SENATE POSITIONS IN SUMMARY TABLE

Name	Party	State	Favors Closing Guantanamo?	Favors Moving Detainees to the U.S.?	Cosponsored Legislation in 2009?
Akaka, Daniel K.	D	HI	Inconclusive statement	Inconclusive statement	No
Alexander, Lamar	R	TN	Inconclusive statement	Waiting for a plan	No
Barrasso, John	R	WY	No	No	Cosponsored S. 370
Baucus, Max	D	MT	Inconclusive statement	Inconclusive statement	No
Bayh, Evan	D	IN	Yes	No	No
Begich, Mark	D	AK	No Quote Found	No Quote Found	No
Bennet, Michael F.	D	CO	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Bennett, Robert F.	R	UT	No	No	No
Bingaman, Jeff	D	NM	Yes	Inconclusive statement	Sponsored S. 1966
Bond, Christopher S.	R	MO	Waiting for a plan	Waiting for a plan	Cosponsored S.291
Boxer, Barbara	D	CA	Waiting for a plan	Waiting for a plan	No
Brown, Sherrod	D	OH	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Brownback, Sam	R	KS	No	No	Sponsored S. 291 Cosponsored S.

Name	Party	State	Favors Closing Guantanamo?	Favors Moving Detainees to the U.S.?	Cosponsored Legislation in 2009?
					370
Bunning, Jim	R	KY	No	No	Cosponsored S. 370
Burr, Richard	R	NC	No	No	Cosponsored S. 1071
Burris, Roland W.	D	IL	Waiting for a plan	Waiting for a plan	No
Byrd, Robert C.	D	WV	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Cantwell, Maria	D	WA	No quote found	No quote found	No
Cardin, Benjamin L.	D	MD	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Carper, Thomas	D	DE	Waiting for a plan	Waiting for a plan	No
Casey, Robert P. Jr.	D	PA	No quote found	No quote found	No
Chambliss, Saxby	R	GA	Waiting for a plan	No	Sponsored S. 1071 Cosponsored S. 370
Coburn, Tom	R	OK	No	No	Cosponsored S. 370 Cosponsored S. 1071
Cochran, Thad	R	MS	No quote found	No quote found	No
Collins, Susan M.	R	ME	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Conrad, Kent	D	ND	Yes	Inconclusive	No

Name	Party	State	Favors Closing Guantanamo?	Favors Moving Detainees to the U.S.?	Cosponsored Legislation in 2009?
				statement	
Corker, Bob	R	TN	No quote found	No quote found	No
Cornyn, John	R	TX	No	no	No
Crapo, Mike	R	ID	No	No	No
DeMint, Jim	R	SC	No	No	Cosponsored S. 370
Dodd, Christopher J.	D	CT	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Dorgan, Byron L.	D	ND	Yes	Waiting for a plan	No
Durbin, Richard J.	D	IL	Yes	Yes	No
Ensign, John	R	NV	No	No	No
Enzi, Michael B.	R	WY	Inconclusive statement	Inconclusive statement	Cosponsored S. 370
Feingold, Russell D.	D	WI	Yes	Waiting for a plan	No
Feinstein, Dianne	D	CA	Yes	Yes	Sponsored S. 147
Franken, Al	D	MN	No quote found	No quote found	No
Gillibrand, Kirsten E.	D	NY	Yes	Waiting for a plan	No
Graham, Lindsey	R	SC	Yes	Waiting for a plan	Sponsored S. 1081
Grassley, Chuck	R	IA	No	No	No
Gregg, Judd	R	NH	No	Inconclusive statement	No

Name	Party	State	Favors Closing Guantanamo?	Favors Moving Detainees to the U.S.?	Cosponsored Legislation in 2009?
Hagan, Kay R.	D	NC	No quote found	No quote found	No
Harkin, Tom	D	IA	Yes	Yes	No
Hatch, Orrin G.	R	UT	No	No	No
Hutchison, Kay Bailey	R	TX	No	No	No
Inhofe, James M.	R	OK	No	No	Sponsored S. 370 Cosponsored S. 1071
Inouye Daniel K	D	HI	Yes	No	No
Isakson, Johnny	R	GA	No	No	Cosponsored S. 1071
Johanns, Mike	R	NE	No	No	Cosponsored S. 370
Johnson, Tim	D	SD	Inconclusive statement	Inconclusive statement	No
Kaufman, Edward E.	D	DE	Yes	Yes	No
Kennedy, Edward M	D	MA	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Kerry, John F.	D	MA	Yes	Waiting for a plan	No
Klobuchar, Amy	D	MN	Yes	Waiting for a plan	No
Kohl, Herb	D	WI	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Kyl, Jon	R	AZ	No	No	No
Landrieu, Mary	D	LA	Inconclusive	Waiting for a plan	No

Name	Party	State	Favors Closing Guantanamo?	Favors Moving Detainees to the U.S.?	Cosponsored Legislation in 2009?
			statement		
Lautenberg, Frank	D	NJ	Inconclusive statement	Inconclusive statement	No
Leahy, Patrick	D	VT	Yes	Yes	No
Levin, Carl	D	MI	Yes	Yes	No
Lieberman, Joseph	Ind.	CT	No	No	Cosponsored S. 1081
Lincoln, Blanche L.	D	AR	Waiting for a plan	Waiting for a plan	No
Lugar, Richard G.	R	IN	Inconclusive statement	Inconclusive statement	No
Martinez, Mel	R	FL	Yes	Waiting for a plan	No
McCain, John	R	AZ	Yes	Waiting for a plan	No
McCaskill, Claire	D	MO	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
McConnell, Mitch	R	KY	No	No	No
Menendez, Robert	D	NJ	Inconclusive statement	Inconclusive statement	No
Merkley, Jeff	D	OR	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Mikulski, Barbara A.	D	MD	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Murkowski, Lisa	R	AK	No quote found	No quote found	No
Murray, Patty	D	WA	No quote found	No quote found	No

Name	Party	State	Favors Closing Guantanamo?	Favors Moving Detainees to the U.S.?	Cosponsored Legislation in 2009?
Nelson, Ben	D	NE	No	No	No
Nelson, Bill	D	FL	No quote found	No quote found	No
Pryor, Mark L.	D	AR	No quote found	No quote found	No
Reed, Jack	D	RI	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Reid, Harry	D	NV	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Risch, James E.	R	ID	No quote found	No quote found	Cosponsored S. 1071
Roberts, Pat	R	KS	No	No	Cosponsored S. 291 Cosponsored S. 370 Cosponsored S. 1071
Rockefeller, John D.	D	WV	Yes	Inconclusive statement	Cosponsored S.147
Sanders, Bernard	Ind.	VT	Yes	Yes	No
Schumer, Charles E.	D	NY	Yes	Yes	No
Sessions, Jeff	R	AL	No	No	No
Shaheen, Jeanne	D	NH	Inconclusive statement	Inconclusive statement	No
Shelby, Richard C.	R	AL	Inconclusive statement	No	No
Snowe, Olympia J.	R	ME	Yes	Waiting for a plan	No

Name	Party	State	Favors Closing Guantanamo?	Favors Moving Detainees to the U.S.?	Cosponsored Legislation in 2009?
Specter, Arlen	D	PA	Inconclusive statement	Inconclusive statement	No
Stabenow, Debbie	D	MI	Inconclusive statement	Inconclusive statement	No
Tester, Jon	D	MT	Inconclusive statement	Inconclusive statement	No
Thune, John	R	SD	No	No	Cosponsored S. 370
Udall, Mark	D	CO	Yes	Yes	No
Udall, Tom	D	NM	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Vitter, David	R	LA	No	No	Cosponsored S. 1071 Sponsored S. 108
Voinovich, George	R	OH	No quote found	No quote found	No
Warner, Mark	D	VA	Yes	Inconclusive statement	No
Webb, Jim	D	VA	Yes	No	No
Whitehouse, Sheldon	D	RI	Yes	Yes	Cosponsored S. 147
Wicker, Roger	R	MS	No	No	No
Wyden, Ron	D	OR	Yes	Inconclusive statement	Cosponsored S. 147

2. QUESTIONS FOR SENATORS OVER THE AUGUST RECESS

Name	Party	State	Questions
Akaka, Daniel K.	D	Hawaii	You have stated that there should be more oversight; does that mean Gitmo should be kept open? Does that also mean that detainees should not be transferred to the United States?
Alexander, Lamar	R	Tennessee	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Barrasso, John	R	Wyoming	Complete
Baucus, Max	D	Montana	The Senator has stated that detainees should not be moved to Montana. What about other states? Should the prison be closed?
Bayh, Evan	D	Indiana	Complete
Begich, Mark	D	Alaska	Should the prison be closed? If so, Should detainees be moved to the United States?
Bennet, Michael F.	D	Colorado	The senator has stated that detainees should not be moved to Supermax, should they be moved elsewhere in the United States?
Bennett, Robert F.	R	Utah	Complete
Bingaman, Jeff	D	New Mexico	The Senator has stated the prison can be closed without releasing prisoners to the United States. So is he against sending them here to our prisons?
Bond, Christopher S.	R	Missouri	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Boxer, Barbara	D	California	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Brown, Sherrod	D	Ohio	The senator has stated that the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility should be closed, but has not commented on where the detainees should be sent. Should they be sent to the United States?
Brownback, Sam	R	Kansas	Complete
Bunning, Jim	R	Kentucky	Complete
Burr, Richard	R	North Carolina	Complete
Burris, Roland W.	D	Illinois	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Byrd, Robert C.	D	West Virginia	The senator has stated that the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility should be closed, but has not commented on where the detainees should be sent. Should they be sent to the United States?
Cantwell, Maria	D	Washington	Should the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay be closed? If so, should detainees be moved to the United States?
Cardin, Benjamin L.	D	Maryland	The senator has stated that the Guantanamo

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			Bay Detention Facility should be closed, but has not commented on where the detainees should be sent. Should they be sent to the United States?
Carper, Thomas	D	Delaware	Complete (waiting)
Casey, Robert P. Jr.	D	Pennsylvania	Should the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay be closed? If so, should detainees be moved to the United States?
Chambliss, Saxby	R	Georgia	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Coburn, Tom	R	Oklahoma	Complete
Cochran, Thad	R	Mississippi	Should the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay be closed? If so, should detainees be moved to the United States?
Collins, Susan M.	R	Maine	The senator has stated that the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility should be closed, but has not commented on where the detainees should be sent. Should they be sent to the United States?
Conrad, Kent	D	North Dakota	The senator has stated that the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility should be closed, but has not commented on where the detainees should be sent. Should they be sent to the United States?
Corker, Bob	R	Tennessee	Should the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay be closed? If so, should detainees be moved to the United States?
Cornyn, John	R	Texas	Complete
Crapo, Mike	R	Idaho	Complete
DeMint, Jim	R	South Carolina	Complete
Dodd, Christopher J.	D	Connecticut	The senator has stated we should close the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility, but has not commented on what to do with the detainees. Should the detainees be sent to prisons in the United States?
Dorgan, Byron L.	D	North Dakota	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Durbin, Richard J.	D	Illinois	Complete
Ensign, John	R	Nevada	Complete
Enzi, Michael B.	R	Wyoming	The senator has said that detainees should be treated “differently” than other criminals. Should the Guantanamo prison be kept open, and should detainees be taken to the United States?
Feingold, Russell D.	D	Wisconsin	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Feinstein, Dianne	D	California	Complete

Name	Party	State	Questions
Franken, Al	D	Minnesota	Should the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay be closed? If so, should detainees be moved to the United States?
Gillibrand, Kirsten E.	D	New York	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Graham, Lindsey	R	South Carolina	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Grassley, Chuck	R	Iowa	Complete
Gregg, Judd	R	New Hampshire	The senator has stated that the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility should not be closed. Can we infer that the detainees should not be moved to the United States, were it to be closed?
Hagan, Kay R.	D	North Carolina	Should the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay be closed? If so, should detainees be moved to the United States?
Harkin, Tom	D	Iowa	Complete
Hatch, Orrin G.	R	Utah	Complete
Hutchison, Kay Bailey	R	Texas	Complete
Inhofe, James M.	R	Oklahoma	Complete
Inouye, Daniel K	D	Hawaii	Complete
Isakson, Johnny	R	Georgia	Complete
Johanns, Mike	R	Nebraska	Complete
Johnson, Tim	D	South Dakota	The senator has expressed skepticism at the Bush administration's policies on Guantanamo Bay. Should the facility be closed? Should detainees be moved to the United States?
Kaufman, Edward E.	D	Delaware	Complete
Kennedy, Edward M	D	Massachusetts	The senator has expressed interest in closing the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, but we have not been able to find any public statement about whether the detainees should be transferred to the United States. Should they be?
Kerry, John F.	D	Massachusetts	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Klobuchar, Amy	D	Minnesota	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Kohl, Herb	D	Wisconsin	The senator has expressed interest in closing the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, but we have not been able to find any public statement about whether the detainees should be shipped to the United States. Should they be?
Kyl, Jon	R	Arizona	Complete
Landrieu, Mary	D	Louisiana	The senator says she is waiting for a plan where to relocate the detainees. Does she

Name	Party	State	Questions
			support closing the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay?
Lautenberg, Frank	D	New Jersey	The senator has stated that prisoners should be given a trial. Should the facility at Guantanamo be closed? Should prisoners be moved to the United States?
Leahy, Patrick	D	Vermont	Complete
Levin, Carl	D	Michigan	Complete
Lieberman, Joseph	I	Connecticut	Complete
Lincoln, Blanche L.	D	Arkansas	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Lugar, Richard G.	R	Indiana	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Martinez, Mel	R	Florida	Complete (waiting for a plan)
McCain, John	R	Arizona	Complete (waiting for a plan from Obama)
McCaskill, Claire	D	Missouri	The senator has concluded that she supports closing the detention facility in Guantanamo Bay. Would she also support relocating these detainees in the U.S?
McConnell, Mitch	R	Kentucky	Complete
Menendez, Robert	D	New Jersey	Would you support bringing detainees to the United States? Do you support closing Guantanamo Bay?
Merkley, Jeff	D	Oregon	The senator has concluded that he supports closing the detention facility in Guantanamo Bay. Would he also support relocating these detainees in the U.S?
Mikulski, Barbara A.	D	Maryland	The senator has concluded that she supports closing the detention facility in Guantanamo Bay. Would she also support relocating these detainees in the U.S?
Murkowski, Lisa	R	Alaska	Would you support bringing detainees to the United States? Do you support closing Guantanamo Bay?

Name	Party	State	Questions
Murray, Patty	D	Washington	Would you support bringing detainees to the United States? Do you support closing Guantanamo Bay?
Nelson, Ben	D	Nebraska	Complete
Nelson, Bill	D	Florida	Would you support bringing detainees to the United States? Do you support closing Guantanamo Bay?
Pryor, Mark L.	D	Arkansas	Would you support bringing detainees to the United States? Do you support closing Guantanamo Bay?
Reed, Jack	D	Rhode Island	You acknowledged it will be contentious deciding where to put the detainees. Would you support bringing them to the United States?
Reid, Harry	D	Nevada	The senator has concluded that he supports closing the detention facility in Guantanamo Bay. Would he also support relocating these detainees in the U.S?
Risch, James E.	R	Idaho	You supported the amendment barring former detainees from the United States. Do you support closing Guantanamo Bay and relocating current detainees in the U.S?
Roberts, Pat	R	Kansas	Complete
Rockefeller, John D.	D	West Virginia	The senator has stated that he supports closing the facility. Would he support relocating detainees in the U.S?
Sanders, Bernard	I	Vermont	Complete
Schumer, Charles E.	D	New York	Complete
Sessions, Jeff	R	Alabama	Complete

Name	Party	State	Questions
Shaheen, Jeanne	D	New Hampshire	Do you support closing the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility and relocating detainees in the U.S?
Shelby, Richard C.	R	Alabama	You have stated that you do not support transferring detainees to the U.S. Would you support closing the facility?
Snowe, Olympia J.	R	Maine	Complete (waiting for a plan)
Specter, Arlen	D	Pennsylvania	Would you support bringing detainees to the United States? Do you support closing Guantanamo Bay?
Stabenow, Debbie	D	Michigan	Would you support bringing detainees to the United States? Do you support closing Guantanamo Bay?
Tester, Jon	D	Montana	You are opposed to bringing detainees to Montana. Do you extend this opposition to bringing them anywhere in the United States? Do you support the president's plan to close Guantanamo Bay?
Thune, John	R	South Dakota	Complete
Udall, Mark	D	Colorado	You mentioned you don't want detainees in Colorado. Should they be kept out of the United States?
Udall, Tom	D	New Mexico	Complete
Vitter, David	R	Louisiana	Complete
Voinovich, George	R	Ohio	Do you support bringing detainees to the United States? Do you support closing Gitmo?

Name	Party	State	Questions
Warner, Mark	D	Virginia	You expressed opposition to moving detainees to your home state of Virginia. Do you extend this opposition to bringing them anywhere on American soil?
Webb, Jim	D	Virginia	Complete
Whitehouse, Sheldon	D	Rhode Island	Complete
Wicker, Roger	R	Mississippi	Complete
Wyden, Ron	D	Oregon	Complete

3. SENATE POSITIONS IN DETAIL

Name	Party	State	Votes, Sponsored/Cosponsored Legislation
Akaka, Daniel K.	D	Hawaii	<p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: "However, while the facility has modified its procedures, it is imperative that Congress continues to fulfill its oversight responsibility to ensure that mistreatment of detainees in the name of the war on terror does not reoccur," "I felt it necessary to travel to Guantanamo to try to determine what exactly is going on there and why. I am proud of the men and women who have been tasked with this challenge. The information that they are gathering may assist our military intelligence with valuable insight on future terrorist attacks", http://akaka.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=pressreleases.home&month=7&year=2005&release_id=160</p>
Alexander, Lamar	R	Tennessee	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Activity: -Worked with Senator Mitch McConnell on Republican internet video about Guantanamo bay and releasing prisoners in the United States (Human Events online, May 9th, 2009, "Senate GOP's explosive new video" accessed via lexis-nexis.)</p>

Name	Party	State	Votes, Sponsored/Cosponsored Legislation
			<p>Quotes: “The Senate was exactly right to reject funding in the bill for the closure of Guantanamo Bay until the administration provides a plan for its dangerous detainees.” (Press release, congressional documents and publication “Alexander Statement on Supplemental appropriations Bill” May 21, 2009, http://alexander.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=PressReleases.Detail&PressRelease_id=7cf4b1b9-6a54-40bc-adb3-37f8cdd8c75a&Month=5&Year=2009)</p>
Barasso, John	R	Wyoming	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 370: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2009</p> <p>Votes Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “The detention facilities are just like our federal prisons and certainly exceed any maximum-security prison in the world. Guantanamo Bay is where these terrorists belong...I will fight against any attempt to move these terrorists onto American soil.” (Press release by Barrasso’s staff, May 20, 2009, accessed via Press Office page of Barrasso’s Senate page.)</p>
Baucus, Max	D	Montana	<p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the</p>

Name	Party	State	Votes, Sponsored/Cosponsored Legislation
			<p>United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “We’re not going to bring al Qaeda to Big Sky Country. No way, not on my watch,” (http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124234679032521923.html)</p> <p>“My number one job is to keep Montanans safe, and bringing terrorists into our state is a clear and present danger to everyone who lives here.” (Reported by ABC Montana, article “Montana jail wants accused terrorists, Baucus slams the idea”; published April 23rd, 2009)</p>
Bayh, Evan	D	Indiana	<p>Votes:</p> <p>Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “Indiana Democrat Evan Bayh is up for reelection next year. He, too, opposes sending Guantanamo detainees to the U.S. We have a Supermax facility in Terre Haute, Indiana. I don’t think the citizens of my state would look too kindly on having those folks housed in our state.” (National Public Radio, “Democrats Block Funding to Close Guantanamo,” May 20, 2009, lexis-nexis.</p> <p>“I think that President [Obama] has struck the right balance... We’ve paid a terrible price internationally because of the reputation the facility has received.” (Stated in an interview on MSNBC on January 22, 2009, accessed via Bayh’s Senate page)</p> <p>”Well, of course, torture is against the law,</p>

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			<p>Ed, and I do think prohibiting that is the right thing. I think we should also point out that some of our adversaries -- al Qaeda, for example, and some others -- they not only torture people; they kill them. They actively seek to kill, not as a collateral damage but as their intent -- women, children, innocent civilians. So I think we need to draw a strong moral contrast between what we stand for and our adversaries stand for, because, you know, even at our worst, there really is no moral equivalency between the United States of America and how we conduct ourselves and how the terrorists and the extremists conduct themselves.” –MSNBC Interview, 6/4/09</p>
Begich, Mark	D	Alaska	<p>Votes:</p> <p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p>
Bennet, Michael F.	D	Colorado	<p>Votes:</p> <p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>Military detainees should not be transported to and held at Supermax because it is not a military facility," Bennet said in a written statement (the Denver Post, "Senate Votes no on gitmo closure plan stalls as lawmakers spar over where to send the detainees" May 21, 2009, accessed via lexis-nexis.)</p> <p>Colorado Republican Party Chairman Dick</p>

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			<p>Wadhams argued that U.S. Sens. Mark Udall and Michael Bennet, both Colorado Democrats, were being hypocritical this week in supporting the closure of the Guantanamo prison while opposing the transfer of detainees to Florence. "I think it's a mistake to close Guantanamo in the first place, but at least Senator Feinstein is being consistent and offering a plan of action when she says the detainees should be sent to Florence," Wadhams said Thursday after speaking to a Pueblo Republican group. "For Senators Udall and Bennet to support closing Guantanamo while objecting to having detainees sent to Colorado takes a measure of audacity."</p> <p>http://www.chieftain.com/articles/2009/05/22/news/local/doc4a1630a96abd1618188788.txt</p>
Bennett, Robert F.	R	Utah	<p>Votes:</p> <p>Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>"The irony is that at the same time Congress seeks to provide funding for our troops in the fight against terrorism, the Obama administration seeks to close the detention facility and possibly transfer the terrorists to our own country, the land these prisoners wish to destroy... The American prison system is designed for an entirely different type of criminal base, not for terrorists," added Bennett. "The facilities at Guantanamo Bay are state of the art, guarded closely by the U.S. Navy, created</p>

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			specifically for the purpose of detaining these terrorists, where they are very appropriately treated, hundreds of miles away from American soil." (" Bennett says no to closing Gitmo ", from 20 th May 2009)
Bingaman, Jeff	D	New Mexico	<p>Sponsorships: Sponsored S. 1966: A bill to require a report on the detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.</p> <p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: "But New Mexico Sens. Bingaman and Tom Udall, both Democrats, agree with Obama's call to close the prison. Bingaman said Americans have been given the mistaken impression that closing Guantanamo Bay will result in terrorists being freed in America." Albuquerque Journal, "Bingaman takes charge in Senate Hearings on Energy." June 7, 2009</p> <p>"The current practice of holding detainees or prisoners indefinitely, without affording them basic due process rights, has been widely criticized in this country and throughout the world. For a country such as ours that has consistently advocated for the rule of law, the policies of the current administration are nothing short of a major embarrassment... How we handle prisoners can have a dramatic impact on how our own men and women are treated in the event they are themselves taken prisoner", November 8, 2005,</p>

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			http://usliberals.about.com/od/liberalpersonaprofiles/p/SenBingaman.htm
Bond, Christopher S.	R	Missouri	<p>Sponsorships: Cospponsored S.291 Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2009</p> <p>Cospponsored S. 3401: Enemy Combatant Detention Review Act of 2008</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “Sending these terrorists back to the battlefield isn't an option - because we know Guantanamo graduates go back to the fight,” said Bond. "This latest evidence should be another nail in the coffin of the White House's premature closing of our detention facility with no plan to deal with the dangerous terrorists housed there." (Bond Press release, “Bond: Pentagon report confirms gitmo graduates go back to terrorism” May 20, 2009.</p> <p>“U.S. Senator Kit Bond, Vice Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, today stressed that a Pentagon report confirming that Guantanamo Bay graduates return to terrorism should encourage President Obama to reconsider his plan to prematurely close the terrorist detention facility. “Sending these terrorists back to the battlefield isn't an option – because we know Guantanamo graduates go back to the fight,” said Bond. “This latest evidence should be another nail in the coffin of the White House's premature</p>

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			<p>closing of our detention facility with no plan to deal with the dangerous terrorists housed there.” For months, Bond stressed the danger of closing our detention facility at Guantanamo Bay without a plan on where to put the terrorists currently housed there. Bond has repeatedly emphasized that these GTMO graduates go back to the fight to kill Americans. A new report obtained by the New York Times confirms Bond's concerns. Reported in the New York Times, the Pentagon report finds that one in seven of the 534 prisoners already transferred from GTMO returned to terrorism. This report comes on the same day that President Obama's FBI Director, Robert Mueller, told Congress that bringing Guantanamo Bay detainees to the United States would pose a number of possible risks – even if they were kept in maximum-security prisons.” –Press release, 5/20/09</p> <p>“Senator Bond had hoped that in his speech today the President would outline his plan to close safely our terrorist detention facility at Guantanamo Bay – a plan the Senator has repeatedly urged the President to reveal. For months, Bond stressed the danger of closing our detention facility at Guantanamo Bay without a plan on where to put the terrorists currently housed there. Just yesterday, a report obtained by the New York Times confirmed Bond's concerns. Reported in the New York Times, the Pentagon report finds that one in seven of the 534 prisoners already transferred from GTMO returned to terrorism. These chilling findings came to light on the same day that President Obama's FBI Director, Robert Mueller, told Congress that bringing Guantanamo Bay detainees to the United States would pose a number of possible risks – even if they were kept in maximum-security prisons. Unfortunately, President Obama's speech was heavy on</p>

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			<p>blame for the previous Administration and light on a plan to close safely Guantanamo Bay. President Obama's speech also failed to outline a larger national security strategy to keep our nation safe. "The American people need more than a speech to protect them against terrorists, especially when the government wants to import terrorist detainees into our neighborhoods," said Bond." –Press release, 5/21/09</p> <p>"Well, I want to see what the full plans are. But I think, basically, the concerns about bringing them to the continental United States are probably part of the questions, and -- unless you -- unless you're going to build a separate Guantanamo, replicate what we have in Cuba, which is already working, which is not a secret prison. People have access to it. There are lots of people who've been there. And unless you're going to spend money to build another Guantanamo someplace in the United States where they want it, I think it's going to be tough. But we will wait and see what the president comes up with in his plan." –Press release, 5/20/09</p>
Boxer, Barbara	D	California	<p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: "We're saying, 'Mr. President, give us the plan,' "said Sen. Barbara Boxer on CNN's "State of the Union" program. Mrs. Boxer bristled at the notion that the United States wouldn't be able to safely handle incarcerating Guantanamo's 240 or so prisoners on U.S. soil. "We already have 350</p>

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			<p>terrorists in the United States. So, clearly, we've been handling it," she said. "But, still and all, we are worried, and we want to see what the plan is." She added that many of the prisoners may be sent to other countries, or even executed in the United States. "Maybe we wind up with 10 or 15 or 20 or five - we don't know yet," she said." (Washington Times, "Lawmakers pressing Obama for gitmo plan: relocation of detainees a sticking point" May 25, 2009)</p> <p>"California Sen. Barbara Boxer told CNN Sunday she and her Senate colleagues are "worried" about the possibility of transferring current Guantanamo Bay detainees into the United States, adding she is awaiting a more comprehensive plan on the matter from President Obama. "We only have one max security prison in California and it's, right now, overbooked, that's the case," Boxer told CNN's John King on State of The Union. "In all, we are worried and we want to see what the plan is." ("Boxer 'worried' about transferring Gitmo detainees.")</p>
Brown, Sherrod	D	Ohio	<p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>"U.S. Senator Feinstein and Tom Harkin have filed an amendment to the 2008 Defense Authorization Bill requiring President Bush to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, within one year.</p> <p>The amendment is co-sponsored by Senators Christopher Dodd (D-CT), Hillary Rodham</p>

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			Clinton (D-NY), Sherrod Brown (D-OH) , Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Barack Obama (D-IL), and Dick Durbin (D-IL).” – State News Services , 7/12/07
Brownback, Sam	R	Kansas	<p>Sponsorships: Sponsored S. 291: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2009 Sponsored S. 3721: A bill to prohibit the use of funds to transfer individuals detained by the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the United States Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Cosponsored S. 370: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2009</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: "Guantanamo Bay is a world-class detention facility that would be almost impossible to replicate elsewhere," said Brownback. "Rumors of Guantanamo Bay being a black hole are unfounded. I am struck by the contrast between Guantanamo Bay and prisons I have toured in the past. The nature of the detainee population and the threat that these individuals pose affects every detail of the Guantanamo operation from the layout and design of the facilities to the level of legal, medical and other services provided to detainees." And "'Guantanamo's facilities are much different from the military prison at Fort Leavenworth's Disciplinary Barracks.</p>

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			<p>Fort Leavenworth was designed for regular prisoners, not detainees. We cannot force-fit detainees in Leavenworth or in other prisons in the U.S. I look forward to a vigorous discussion of these issues on the Senate floor next week.”” (Congressional documents and publications, Brownback News release, “Brownback comments from detainee facility at Guantanamo Bay.” May 15, 2009)</p>
Bunning, Jim	R	Kentucky	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “The Senate stripped funds from the bill that were originally requested by President Obama to close down the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay and relocate the terrorist prisoners who are being held there -- sending a clear message to the President that these dangerous killers are not to be sent to the United States. It was reckless of President Obamato set an arbitrary timetable for closing the prison camp without first having a plan in place for where these terrorists will be detained next and I believe that removing this funding was in the best interest of the security and safety of the American people.” (“Bunning Statement on FY09 Supplemental Funding Bill.” May 21, 2009.</p> <p>“I had total access to all parts of Guantanamo and saw firsthand the need for this terrorist detainee facility, and I have even more confidence in the job our military is doing to help protect Americans from the pure face of evil. And I ask those who want to close down Guantanamo, after closing it, where would they like our government to release these</p>

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			terrorists?”, “Column: A Key Place In The War On Terror”, Washington, DC Speech, 07/01/2005, http://www.votesmart.org/speech_detail.php?sc_id=173730&keyword=Guantanamo&phrase=&contain=)
Burr, Richard	R	North Carolina	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 1071: Protecting America's Communities Act</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “It appears to me that everything from the design of the facilities to the detailed operating procedures of the guard force, medical professionals, and support staff is well thought out and in keeping with our Nation's highest ideals...Instead of focusing on closing the facility at Guantanamo Bay, we need to think long and hard about where we can hold some of these very hardened and dangerous individuals, many of whom could never be incarcerated in the United States.” (Stated just after visiting Guantanamo, cited by Press Office on Burr’s Senate page on February 2nd, 2009)</p>
Burr, Roland W.	D	Illinois	<p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “Burr told me after the vote he thought facilities such as the federal maximum</p>

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			<p>security prison in Marion, Ill., could safely hold the detainees. However, he did not want to approve spending to close Guantanamo without a plan.” (by Lynn Sweet, article entitled “Congress rebuffs Obama on Guantanamo” in Chicago Sun Times, 21st May 2009)</p>
Byrd, Robert C.	D	West Virginia	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 1469: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Closure Act of 2007</p> <p>Votes: Did not vote on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.) Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p>Quotes: “As the facts continue to come to light about exactly what happened at Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo Bay, Bagram, and other U.S.-run secret prisons around the world, it is increasingly impossible to ignore that the U.S. government violated the basic human rights of prisoners. Not only did these insidious tactics sacrifice our national integrity, but they may also have compromised our security as well.” (from Byrd’s Congress blog, article entitled “Our Obligation to Investigate” written April 30th, 2009)</p> <p>“Many in Congress, myself among them, have pressed for the closure of the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp and insisted that these individuals be treated as we would expect our soldiers to be treated if captured abroad and subjected to the rule of law – no more, and no less”, Byrd Senate Webpage,</p>

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			http://byrd.senate.gov/mediacenter/view_article.cfm?ID=363))
Cantwell, Maria	D	Washington	<p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p>
Cardin, Benjamin L.	D	Maryland	<p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: "Starting from his very first days in office, President Obama has taken bold action to demonstrate to the world that the United States will lead by example, particularly in the area of protecting and promoting human rights. In recent years, no other issue has generated as much criticism of the United States as the status and treatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay. President Obama has begun the process of closing the American detention facility there and also has made it clear that no branch or service of the United States Government shall engage in any form of torture. Hope and optimism have brought forth a new era of action and responsibility." (Cardin Press release, "Cardin says Obama Boldly moving forward to restore U.S. Leadership and credibility abroad" April 7, 2009.)</p> <p>"I want to make it clear that I fully support President Obama's decision to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In recent years, no other issue has generated as much legitimate criticism of the United</p>

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			<p>States as the status and treatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay. Having said that, I think the amendment offered by the chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the senior Senator from Oklahoma to strip the Guantanamo funding from the underlying bill makes sense. We are not ready to move forward just yet. Reviewing the status of and transferring or releasing the detainees is an extremely complicated matter. It wouldn't be appropriate for any Congress to give any administration the funding to do this absent a detailed plan on how to proceed. President Obama is working on such a plan and I am confident he will provide it to Congress in a timely fashion, at which point I am optimistic Congress will indeed provide this administration with the funding it needs to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay and begin to address the abuses and excesses of the previous administration and repair our badly damaged reputation abroad, which is critical to enlisting other nations in the continuing struggle against global terrorism”, “Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009”, Washington, DC Speech, 05/20/2009, http://www.votesmart.org/speech_detail.php?sc_id=464366&keyword=Guantanamo&phrase=&contain=)</p>
Carper, Thomas	D	Delaware	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: "We need for the administration to come to the legislative branch with a well-thought out plan, and then for us to have a conversation,"</p>

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			said Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del. Asked whether that meant he was unalterably opposed to permitting detainees to enter U.S. prisons, he repeated it was up to the White House to outline its plan first. – USA Today , 5/23/09, Lexis-Nexis
Casey, Robert P. Jr.	D	Pennsylvania	Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)
Chambliss, Saxby	R	Georgia	Sponsorships: Sponsored S. 1071: Protecting America's Communities Act Cosponsored S. 370: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2 Cosponsored S. 1469009 Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.) Quotes: “Guantanamo is a symbolic issue for many people around the world. I am not one who is going to stand here and say we should not close it. Obviously, there should be some long-range plan to get us out of Guantanamo and to ultimately close it. But without the administration coming forward with a plan, the American people are deservedly outraged at the fact that these individuals may be transferred to criminal facilities in the United States.” - Senate floor , 6/10/09

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			<p>"I intend to introduce legislation in the next few days to make sure that we establish a policy that will provide for no funding for the release of any of these individuals on US soil." (AFP report on May 5th, 2009, article entitled "Chambliss working to block release of Guantanamo detainees into United States")</p>
Coburn, Tom	R	Oklahoma	<p>Sponsorships: Cospponsored S. 370: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2009 Cospponsored S. 1071: Protecting America's Communities Act</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“The primary purpose behind the capture and detention of enemy combatants is to prevent their return to combat. Thus, so long as the current conflict is ongoing, and given that President Obama recently directed an additional 12,000 troops to Afghanistan, it appears that it is -- the United States has the authority to detain enemy combatants without trial.” (from the Hearing Of The Subcommittee On The Constitution Of The Senate Judiciary Committee, on 6th September, 2009, accessed via Project Vote Smart)</p> <p>*"The DIA told the committee that DIA has not objected to the release of many rank-and-file members of terrorist organizations 'due to an explicit understanding that many</p>

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			<p>detainees were destined to be transferred out of GTMO regardless of intelligence-based objections,' " Mr. Coburn wrote. "DIA's admission that it is not objecting to the release of some members of terrorist organizations due to a belief that policy considerations will outweigh intelligence concerns is highly troubling and highlights the need for the committee to hear from your office about the judgments of all agencies on this matter," Mr. Coburn wrote. – Washington Times, 6/12/09</p>
Cochran, Thad	R	Mississippi	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p>
Collins, Susan M.	R	Maine	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “Many of us agree with the president, and indeed agree with Senator John McCain, that Guantanamo does need to be closed. It's become a very unfortunate symbol in the international community. But the problem is that the president has put the cart before the horse. He's proposed the closure by a date certain without any plan on what to do with those detainees that virtually everyone agrees would be too dangerous to be released, and cannot be tried for various reasons in civilian</p>

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			<p>or, in some cases, regular military courts.” (Interview with Andrea Mitchell on MSNBC, on 6th May 2009, transcript from Project Vote Smart)</p>
Conrad, Kent.	D	North Dakota	<p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: Senator Kent Conrad, Democrat of North Dakota, said in a telephone interview that retired soldiers told him at a Veterans Day lunch in Fargo on Friday that they supported Senator John McCain's proposed ban on cruel and degrading treatment of prisoners but opposed giving detainees at Guantanamo Bay broader leeway to United States courts. –New York Times, 11/12/05</p>
Corker, Bob	R	Tennessee	<p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p>
Cornyn, John	R	Texas	<p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “Many of the enemy combatants being held at Guantanamo Bay – largely members of Al-Qaeda and the Taliban – continue to pose a direct threat to the security of the United</p>

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			<p>States.” (“Letter from John Cornyn on closing Guantanamo.” on April 2nd, 2009, accessed via America For Purchase)</p> <p>“REPUBLICANS yesterday attacked plans by President-elect Barack Obama to close Guantanamo Bay prison and prosecute terrorist suspects in the US. Senate Judiciary Committee member John Cornyn said it would be a “colossal mistake to treat terrorism as a mere crime”. “It would be a stunning disappointment if one of the new administration's first priorities is to give foreign terror suspects captured on the battlefield the same legal rights and protections as American citizens accused of crimes,” said Senator Cornyn, a Texas Republican.</p> <p>He noted that the Senate overwhelmingly passed a non-binding Bill last year opposing bringing detainees to the US.” (The Courier Mail, 11/12/2008, “Support for terror jail-hurdles to closing Guantanamo grow”, accessed via lexis-nexis)</p> <p>U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a member of the Senate Republican Leadership, today joined his colleague, Sen. James Inhofe, R-Oklahoma, in introducing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2009 supplemental appropriations bill that would bar the use of funds to transfer detainees from GITMO to any facility in the U.S. Similarly, the amendment would prohibit the use of funds for housing or incarcerating any detainee in the U.S., as well as building or modifying any facility in the U.S. for the same purpose. President Obama requested \$80 million in FY09 supplemental funds to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center. Leaders of the Senate Appropriations Committee today said the \$80 million would be stripped from the bill.</p> <p>"It was reckless and irresponsible for</p>

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			<p>President Obama to sign an Executive Order ordering the closure of Guantanamo Bay when he and his team had no game plan regarding what to do with the 240 terror suspects held there. Denying the President's funding request until he has a concrete action plan is the prudent thing to do, and I applaud Senate Democrat leaders for sending this important message to the President today. – Press release, 5/19/09</p>
Crapo, Mike	R	Idaho	<p>Votes:</p> <p>Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“Another Republican, Senator Michael D. Crapo of Idaho, said soldiers and sailors at the camp "get more abuse from the detainees than they give to the detainees.”” (article by David D. Kirkpatrick, entitled “Senators laud treatment of detainees in Guantanamo” in the New York Times on June 28th, 2005)</p> <p>“Washington, DC - The world is a safer place for Americans and many of their neighbors around the globe thanks to the interrogation work being done at the Guantanamo Bay detention site in Cuba, according to Idaho Senator Mike Crapo. Crapo was part of a five-senator delegation in Cuba on Sunday to personally investigate how prisoners are being treated by U.S. military personnel. "These are the worst of the worst," Crapo said of the detainees. "There is a reason they are there. They must be kept under control or they will kill more</p>

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			<p>Americans." Crapo said out of 70,000 persons detained during the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, only 520 are kept in Cuba. He described the Guantanamo detainees as terrorism trainers, bomb makers, recruiters for Al- Qaeda, and suicide bombers that must be detained because of the information they are offering, which he said has already saved American lives." (Press Release, "Crapo: no prisoner abuse at Guantanamo, work keeping Americans safer from terrorism", June 27, 2005).</p>
DeMint, Jim	R	South Carolina	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 370: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2009</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: "Guantanamo Bay is home to the most hardened and battle-tested terrorists in the world...It is dangerous to bring these terrorists onto U.S. soil and make targets out of our own communities. Guantanamo Bay may cause the Obama Administration heartburn, but shutting it down puts American lives in danger." (Stated on 5th February, 2009, in article published on DeMint's Senate page, entitled "DeMint Sponsors Bill to Block Funding for Guantanamo Bay Closure".")</p>
Dodd, Christopher J.	D	Connecticut	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 1469: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Closure Act of 2007 Cosponsored S. 1249: A bill to require the</p>

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			<p data-bbox="857 233 1440 338">President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.</p> <p data-bbox="857 380 1422 485">Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p data-bbox="857 491 1378 667">Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p data-bbox="857 709 1417 1108">Quotes: “Under the Bush Administration, Guantánamo and the CIA’s secret prisons became an international embarrassment – a symbol of abuse and the breakdown of law, which is why I have spoken so often about our moral responsibility to close them.” (written on January 22nd, 2009, on Dodd’s own website, article entitled “Dodd praises Obama’s executive order to close Guantanamo Bay.”)</p>
Dorgan, Byron L.	D	North Dakota	<p data-bbox="857 1148 1422 1253">Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p data-bbox="857 1260 1378 1436">Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p data-bbox="857 1478 1430 1835">Quotes: “I’m convinced that when we close Guantanamo, as we should, Senator McCain and Senator Obama both agreed during the campaign, and now President Obama is going to do it, we’re going to fund it and we’re going to do it in a way that provides for absolute security for the American people....Well, the president has the resources to develop the detailed plan. He</p>

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			<p>talked a little about it. He didn't give us a detailed plan today, but I'm convinced that he will. You know what's going on here. Over 500 people have been released from Guantanamo Bay under the previous administration, but now we have all these folks coming to the floor of the Senate and, you know, a number of others talking about "You ought to lock your door and close your windows." We're worried they're going to drop them off from a truck on the outskirts of Peoria, Illinois or something. I mean, that's just nonsense. Look, the president is going to make certain the American people are safe and secure. Nobody's going to unload the detainees at Guantanamo Bay on the outskirts of some American community.” (Stated on “The Ed Show” on MSNBC, on 21st May, 2009)</p>
Durbin, Richard J.	D	Illinois	<p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Nay on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>"If I read this to you and did not tell you that it was an FBI agent describing what Americans had done to prisoners in their control, you would most certainly believe this must have been done by Nazis, Soviets in their gulags, or some mad regime -- Pol Pot or others -- that had no concern for human beings...Sadly, that is not the case. This was the action of Americans in the treatment of their prisoners." (Citing an FBI account of how detainees were treated in Guantanamo, stated on 16th June, 2009, accessed via article in Washington Post</p>

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			<p>Votes, Sponsored/Cosponsored Legislation entitled "Gitmo called death camp")</p> <p>“We have a system in this country -- we have tried in the last six months, effectively prosecuted 30 terrorists, and incarcerated them without a ripple of news media coverage, because we have a sound trial system and jury system, good courts, good prisons, and a good system of justice. Senator McConnell is concerned, maybe fearful of bringing these terrorists to the United States. But, today we have safely incarcerated 355 convicted terrorists in American prisons. We can hold these prisoners safely. And President Obama is never going to release a terrorist in the population of America who can endanger us.” –CBS Interview, 6/14/09</p> <p>““President Obama has sent a clear message to the world that America is returning to its core values.”</p> <p>“The closure of Guantanamo Bay and CIA ‘black sites,’ a review of the rights of detainees and ending the use of so-called ‘enhanced interrogation’ techniques are strong signals to the world that we can defeat terrorism without sacrificing our most basic values.” “(Press Release, Jan 22, 2009, http://durbin.senate.gov/showRelease.cfm?releaseId=307168.)</p>
Ensign, John	R	Nevada	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “It is hard to imagine why we would ever</p>

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			<p>think about closing the Guantanamo Bay detention facility...I walked away very proud of what our troops are doing down there. I think any American would be proud as well.” (Cited by Think Progress on May 18th, 2009, in article entitled “GOP Senator leading attacks against healthcare reform, admits Gitmo detainees get better care than Americans.”)</p> <p>“Transferring these hardened terrorists to facilities in the United States would make each of the facilities where they are transferred to, and the communities in which they are situated, terrorist targets. Let me repeat that.</p> <p>Transferring these hardened terrorists to facilities in the United States would make each one of the facilities they are transferred to and the communities in which they are situated terrorist targets.</p> <p>Would you like to own a small business, a gas station or a convenience store around one of these prisons that house terrorists? I know I wouldn't.</p> <p>Another observation that struck me while I was down at Guantanamo Bay was the care and treatment of the detainees. Every--every--effort is made to ensure their religious rights are respected. During my visit to the facility, we even paused as part of our tour out of respect for prayer time of the detainees.” – Senate floor</p>
Enzi, Michael B.	R	Wyoming	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p>

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			<p>“Terrorist organizations plot against us and do not adhere to the rule of law and must be treated differently than common criminals.” (Speech in Washington on September 28th, 2006 “Enzi votes to bring terrorists to justice.”)</p>
Feingold, Russell D.	D	Wisconsin	<p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“I strongly supported the decision you made in January to close the detention facility at Guantanamo and continue to do so. The facility has been used as a recruiting tool by our enemies, and allowing it to remain open would pose an unacceptable threat to our national security. I look forward to considering your administration’s plan for closing the facility, and I welcome your decision to bring suspected terrorists, like Ahmed Gailani, to justice.” (In a letter to President Obama written on May 22nd, 2009)</p>
Feinstein, Dianne	D	California	<p>Sponsorships: Sponsored S. 147: Lawful Interrogation and Detention Act Sponsored S. 1249: A bill to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.</p> <p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p>

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			<p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“Yes, we have maximum security prisons in California eminently capable of holding these people as well, and from which people — trust me — do not escape. So I believe that this has really been an exercise in fear-baiting. I hope it’s not going to be successful.” (cited by Think Progress on May 20th, 2009, in article by Ali Frick entitled “Feinstein: California prisons are ‘eminently capable of holding’ Guantanamo detainees.”)</p> <p>“It is in our own national security interest that Guantanamo be closed as quickly and carefully as possible.” (Stated on May 20th, 2009, cited by Trish Turner of Fox News in article entitled “Feinstein emerges as top defender for bringing Gitmo detainees to U.S.”)</p>
Franken, Al	D	Minnesota	No comments found
Gillibrand, Kirsten E.	D	New York	<p>Quotes:</p> <p>Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D) "The symbol of Guantanamo Bay does not fit with our core American values, and ... closing it will make America safer," she said through spokeswoman Bethany Lesser. Gillibrand "will work with President Obama on a comprehensive plan that ensures detainees are handled in a secure way." (Newsday, New York Newspaper, “Obama Gitmo loss: Senate votes to deny president’s request for money to close prison in Cuba, move detainees to U.S.” May 21, 2009, accessed</p>

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Graham, Lindsey	R	South Carolina	<p data-bbox="857 233 1451 268">via lexis nexis)</p> <p data-bbox="857 268 1451 304">Sponsorships:</p> <p data-bbox="857 304 1451 415">Sponsored S. 1081: A bill to prohibit the release of enemy combatants into the United States.</p> <p data-bbox="857 415 1451 485">Sponsored S. 3401: Enemy Combatant Detention Review Act of 2008I</p> <p data-bbox="857 527 1451 562">Votes:</p> <p data-bbox="857 562 1451 632">Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p data-bbox="857 632 1451 814">Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p data-bbox="857 856 1451 892">Quotes:</p> <p data-bbox="857 892 1451 1297">“The detainees held at Guantanamo are not common criminals, but warriors the vast majority of whom are fundamentally committed to the destruction of our way of life. The appropriate legal foundation upon which detainee policy should be built is the law of war, along with procedures adapted from our military justice system.” (written in the Wall Street Journal on May 6th, 2009, article entitled “How to handle the Guantanamo detainees.”)</p> <p data-bbox="857 1339 1451 1829">“A significant group of detainees still in custody at Guantanamo may be too dangerous to release, but they are not suitable for war crimes trials. In these cases, a system needs to be devised in which a designated national security court, with a uniform set of standards and procedures administered by a civilian judge, hears the petitions for habeas corpus authorized by the Supreme Court, and an annual interagency review is conducted to determine whether the detainee remains a security threat to the United States.” (written in the Wall Street Journal on May 6th, 2009, article entitled</p>

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			<p data-bbox="857 233 1451 268">“How to handle the Guantanamo detainees.”)</p> <p data-bbox="857 310 1451 741">“Graham has emerged as a much more positive voice for the White House of late, though he, too, said the president made a "huge mistake" announcing the prison's closure before coming up with a plan to deal with the inmates. Graham even offered some praise of Obama's speech, which was otherwise bashed by Republicans. The president didn't provide the policy answers Congress needs, but he did make some rational arguments for why Guantanamo should be closed, Graham said.</p> <p data-bbox="857 747 1451 1073">America's military commanders agree that "if you could responsibly close Guantanamo Bay, then that would help the overall war effort," Graham said. "We can do this, but we need a plan. We need to convince the American people that they're going to be safe with this plan." (Politico, “Rivals may back Obama on Gitmo” May 22, 2009, accessed via lexis-nexis)</p>
Grassley, Chuck	R	Iowa	<p data-bbox="857 1115 1451 1150">Votes:</p> <p data-bbox="857 1157 1451 1213">Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p data-bbox="857 1220 1451 1402">Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p data-bbox="857 1444 1451 1480">Quotes:</p> <p data-bbox="857 1522 1451 1837">“I voted not to bring the prisoners to the United States...I can comment on three votes yesterday that there was overwhelming bipartisan opposition to bringing any of these in. I would hate to justify to the people of Iowa that we would want terrorists put in any of our prisons in the state of Iowa.” (Stated during Capitol Hill report on 21st May, 2009, accessed via Project Vote Smart)</p>

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			<p>“Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, expressed skepticism about closing the detention center. I don't know it's going to do much good to close Gitmo and shut it down and think we're going to have the Muslims or the terrorists love us any more," he said. "I don't think so." “ (Omaha World-Herald, June 17, 2005, “Senators call for Gitmo’s end political opposites Harkin and Hagel in opposing the detention center”, accessed via lexis-nexis).</p>
Gregg, Judd	R	New Hampshire	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“Well, the best place to get intelligence, quite honestly, is the breeding ground of these terrorists: Iraq, Afghanistan. And so that war in Iraq and Afghanistan is, as the President has pointed out a number of times, taking the war to them to find them before they can find us. Then, once you capture the people, you have to get the intelligence from them. That is why Guantanamo Bay is such an important part of intelligence of our country and why people come down to the floor and compare it to a Nazi concentration camp is such a gross misstatement of our purpose there and the actual action there. It is totally irresponsible to make statements such as that. No one has ever lost their life at Guantanamo Bay, and the interrogations which occur there occur under strict regimes. They are constantly monitored and meet all the necessary responsibilities of legal and human rights.” (from the transcript of the</p>

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			Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act 2006, dated 11 th July 2005, accessed via Project Vote Smart)
Hagan, Kay R.	D	North Carolina	<p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p>
Harkin, Tom	D	Iowa	<p>Sponsorships: Sponsored S. 1469: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Closure Act of 2007</p> <p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Nay on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“We need good Americans to stand up to George Bush and Dick Cheney, and to say ‘No you will not torture in our name, you will not throw people into prison without habeas corpus.’” (speech in Iowa on June 26th, 2007, accessed via YouTube)</p> <p>“Democrats lined up with Republicans in the 90-6 vote that came on the heels of a similar move a week ago in the House, underscoring widespread apprehension among Obama's congressional allies over voters' strong feelings about bringing detainees to the U.S. from the prison in Cuba...All six opponents of the proposal were Democrats, including Sens. Dick Durbin of Illinois, Tom Harkin of Iowa, Patrick Leahy of Vermont, Carl Levin</p>

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			<p>of Michigan, and Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island.” (article by Associated Press, published by MSNBC, on May 20th, 2009, entitled “Senate blocks transfer of Gitmo detainees.”)</p> <p>"I am for shutting down Guantanamo," Harkin said. "The money ought to be there to get it done -- the sooner the better." http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0509/051309cdam2.htm?rss=getoday&oref=rss</p>
Hatch, Orrin G.	R	Utah	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“Recently, Attorney General Holder described the closure of Guantánamo as "good for all nations." He argued that anger over the prison has become a "powerful global recruiting tool for terrorists." But neither he nor anyone else has yet demonstrated a strong analytic understanding of what is motivating terrorist recruitment. Terrorist groups did not appear to face a shortage of recruits prior to the media frenzy on Guantánamo. Violent jihadists are ideologically motivated. Closing Guantánamo in the next eight months is not going to be a "silver bullet" and solve the problem of terrorist recruitment. For this and other reasons, I am not willing to trade Guantánamo for the possibility of trying to appease and become more popular with our critics in foreign countries.” (Article in Miami Herald, written June 10th, 2009, entitled “In case you missed it: Don’t’ close Guantanamo.”)</p>

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			<p>“If the administration follows its timeline, as I have said before, Guantanamo will be closed in eight months. Any detainees left in custody at the end of that time will be transported to the United States. I think it bears repeating that this transport will be from a secure, state-of-the-art facility – one that is already operational and fully staffed with trained military personnel. Relocation of these detainees to the United States would require agencies like the United States Marshal Service, FBI and the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to divert assets and manpower from essential programs and facilities to secure these detainees. It is worth noting that the Bureau of Prisons does not have enough space available to house these detainees in high-security facilities. BOP officials have previously stated that they consider these prisoners a “high security risk.” As such, they would need to house them in a maximum-security facility. The BOP has 15 high-security facilities. These installations were originally built to hold 13,448 prisoners, yet they currently house more than 20,000 high-security inmates. So it doesn’t take a rocket scientist to see that the BOP cannot receive these Guantanamo detainees. The bureau’s high-security facilities are already woefully overcrowded by nearly 7,000 inmates.” (from Hatch’s Senate Page, on May 20th 2009 entitled “Hatch asks the President to reconsider plan to close Guantanamo”)</p>
Hutchison, Kay Bailey	R	Texas	<p>Votes:</p> <p>Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the</p>

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			<p>United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“Clearly, a viable alternative to Guantanamo has not yet been identified. Expediting closure of this detention facility without absolutely ensuring American lives won’t be endangered would place misguided foreign policy goals above the protection of our homeland. Moreover, it signals a dangerous return to the pre-9/11 mindset.” (“Guantanamo closure is premature without plan for detainees.”)</p> <p>“A few republicans want the Bush administration to close the U.S. military’s Guantanamo Bay prison, but the loudest GOP voices are lining up to defend a facility that one human-rights group has called a “gulag” ...Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson of Texas, the No. 4 Republican in the Senate, said the prison was “housing terrorists bent on killing Americans and destroying freedom” and “it should remain in place until it is no longer needed to help win the war on terror.” (article by Liz Sidoti on Associated Press, on June 14th, 2005, entitled “GOP backing Bush on Guantanamo Bay prison”)</p> <p>“The issue I think has been garbled, the issue of Guantanamo bay, is it secure, are the conditions good, and is it the best for the American people’s safety that Guantanamo stay open. The answer to all of those is, yes!” (Speech, YouTube, May 20, 2009, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwz9ALVhD7I)</p> <p>“We cannot afford to risk the security of the American people by letting these prisoners go to other places, or certainly not putting them in this country” (Speech, YouTube, May 20, 2009</p>

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			http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwz9ALVhD7I)
Inhofe, James M.	R	Oklahoma	<p>Sponsorships: Cospponsored S. 1071: Protecting America's Communities Act Sponsored S. 370: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2009</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“There has never been a documented case of torture at Guantanamo...I just don’t know whose side he’s [President Obama] on.” (reacting to Obama’s speech in Cairo on 6th June 2009)</p> <p>“They do a great job down here. I can’t imagine what would happen if they closed this place. If they closed this place then you’re going to have to find another place, they’ve identified some seventeen places, including in my home state of Oklahoma, where terrorists would be incarcerated, it would be a terrible risk to us and to all of Oklahoma, and the same thing would be true in any of the other states. They absolutely have to have this facility.” (Remarks from Guantanamo bay, YouTube, Feb 3, 2009, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8g9ZArhx6Og)</p>
Inouye Daniel K	D	Hawaii	<p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p>

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			<p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“But let me be clear. We need to close the Guantanamo prison. Yes, it is a fine facility. I, too, have visited the site. Yes, the detainees are being well cared for. Our servicemen and servicewomen are doing great work. But the fact of the matter is Guantanamo is a symbol of the wrongdoings which have occurred, and we must eliminate that connection.” (Press release on May 20th, 2009, accessed via DMZ Hawaii in article entitled “Torture, Psychology and Sen. Daniel Inouye”)</p> <p>“In the Committee mark up of the supplemental, I included language which would have delayed the obligation of funding for Guantanamo until the Administration forwarded such a plan. I also included provisions which would not have allowed prisoners to be relocated to the United States or released if they still pose a threat to our nation.” (Press release, May 20, 2009, http://inouye.senate.gov/Press/upload/5-20-09-gitmo-amendment-052009.pdf).</p>
Isakson, Johnny	R	Georgia	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 1071: Protecting America's Communities Act</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at</p>

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			<p data-bbox="857 233 1382 300">Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p data-bbox="857 342 967 375">Quotes:</p> <p data-bbox="857 417 1442 957">“We argue and parse about issues of interrogation and some issues of intelligence and surveillance, when every day that we fail to act the other side uses that against us to try to find a way to break us and kill American citizens. How else in the 21st century, in a world of computers and digital technology and cellular technology, can we track terrorists if we cannot listen to them? How in the world can we learn about those who would kill innocent Americans if we cannot interrogate them?” (Speech in the Senate on September 13th, 2006, entitled “Unity in the War on Terror”, accessed via Project Vote Smart)</p> <p data-bbox="857 999 1435 1831">“The Senate version also proposed \$80 million for President Obama’s effort to close the prison at Guantanamo and transfer the detainees off the base. Guantanamo houses enemy combatants ranging from terrorist trainers and recruiters to bomb makers, would-be suicide bombers and terrorist financiers. Many are members of al Qaeda, related terrorist networks, or the Taliban. Fortunately, this effort was stopped by the Senate. It would be a terrible mistake to bring these hardened terrorists to the United States as some members of Congress have proposed. U.S. policy is to treat all detainees humanely, and in many cases enemy combatants are afforded more due process than required by the Geneva Convention. Guantanamo provides highly structured and disciplined detention and interrogation operations. Furthermore, any credible allegations of abuse are investigated aggressively, and individuals are held accountable for their actions.</p>

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			<p>Recent reports of former Guantanamo inmates rejoining terrorist groups increases my frustration with President Obama's decision to close Guantanamo and only highlights the danger that these inmates pose to our country's security. We must use the intelligence we obtain from enemy combatants as a resource to strengthen homeland security and effectively fight the Global War on Terror. We should continue to look at ways to improve procedures and better manage detainees who pose a lethal threat to the civilized world." (E-newsletter from the Senator, May 22, 2009, http://isakson.senate.gov/enewsletter/2009/052209.htm)</p>
Johanns, Mike	R	Nebraska	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 370: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2009</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>"Our military is the best in the world, and it must be provided with the resources necessary to defend America and its allies...I also feel very strongly about keeping terrorists locked up far from any American community to protect our nation while upholding our moral obligations." (Press release on Johann's Senate page, on May 21st, 2009, entitled "Johanns votes to fund troops and keep terrorists out of U.S.")</p> <p>""There was nothing I saw or heard that leads me to believe we should transfer these people to facilities on U.S. soil or to facilities</p>

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			<p>in any other country," he said. The Senate next week will debate whether to include funding to close the facility in a supplemental war funding bill. One possibility is to include the money but with restrictions. Johanns said he would back legislation prohibiting any money from being spent to transfer prisoners from Guantanamo Bay to the United States, or to build or improve facilities in the United States to house prisoners from Guantanamo." (Omaha World-Herald, May 16, 2009, "Johanns opposes Guantanamo exit", accessed via lexis-nexis).</p>
Johnson, Tim	D	South Dakota	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>"Historically, of course, when we capture people on a battlefield, they go to a prisoner of war camp, and are kept under the standard of the Geneva Convention. They are not given lawyers or hearings. We simply keep them out of action until the war is over. But in this case, the President is asking that we expand the definition of an enemy combatant. It isn't just people we capture on the battlefield anymore. It might be your next door neighbor who is in this country legally. And this legislation would allow them to be taken into custody without being told charges or seeing evidence or having access to lawyers and without hearings. That is a very strong use of the American power against people who are here legally." (Press release on 28th September, 2006, entitled "Johnson</p>

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Kaufman, Edward E.	D	Delaware	<p data-bbox="857 233 1455 268">votes for Military Tribunal Bill”)</p> <p data-bbox="857 275 1455 485">Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p data-bbox="857 527 1455 562">Quotes:</p> <p data-bbox="857 604 1455 926">“There's no doubt this administration, the president, with both of our support, is doing the right thing in closing down Guantanamo, which is probably the single best thing for a recruiting officer for the al Qaeda that we have on the face of the Earth.” (Press conference with Jack Reed & Edward Kaufman on 21st April 2009, accessed via Project Vote Smart)</p> <p data-bbox="857 968 1455 1325">SEN. KAUFMAN: Well, we have some very, very -- we convicted terrorists involved with the first bombing of the World Trade Center and they were incarcerated in the United States. We've incarcerated people who we've picked up who were rather sinister figures. And they're in our system. So I think that can be done and it will be done. The decision's been made; it'll be closed.</p> <p data-bbox="857 1367 1455 1440">Q You're ruling out Rhode Island and Delaware, I take it?</p> <p data-bbox="857 1482 1455 1734">SEN. KAUFMAN: No, the -- you know, I can't think of a more -- first off, we're going to close Guantanamo. There's no doubt about that. I can't think of a more difficult problem, how to work our way through it. But we're going to do it. There aren't going to be 240 left at the end. –Press conference, 4/21/09</p>

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Kennedy, Edward M	D	Massachusetts	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 1469: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Closure Act of 2007 Cosponsored S. 1249: A bill to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.</p> <p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Did not vote on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “Four years ago, this administration bypassed these basic principles when it created courts to try detainees at Guantanamo. The tribunals and commissions at Guantanamo are fundamentally unfair and do not give detainees a reasonable opportunity to have the validity of their detention decided. They were denied the ability to confront their accusers, to know the evidence against them, or even to be present at their trials. The trials did not guarantee the basic procedural protections needed to provide a fair trial or achieve an accurate verdict.” (Statement on Kennedy’s Senate page, prepared for delivery before Senate Armed Services Committee, July 19th, 2006)</p> “Closing Guantanamo makes sense...It’s become a symbol of U.S. hypocrisy on human rights.” (Stated at a committee hearing, quoted by USA Today on 15 th June 2005 in article entitled “ Senator says Guantanamo Bay camp ‘embarrassment’ to U.S. ”)

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Kerry, John F.	D	Massachusetts	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 1249: A bill to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.</p> <p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“With a handful of signatures to executive orders, President Obama ordered the eventual closure of Guantanamo Bay prison and CIA "black site" prisons, and placed interrogation in all American facilities by all U.S. personnel under the guidelines of the Army Field Manual. In a season of transformational changes, these are among the most meaningful, because they send a powerful message that America's struggle against terrorism will once again honor some of the most cherished ideals of our republic: respect for the rule of law, individual rights, and America's moral leadership...Torture plays directly into a central tenet of al Qaeda's recruiting pitch: that everyday Muslims across the world have something to fear from the United States of America. From Morocco to Malaysia, people regularly hear stories of torture and suicide at Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo, and other overseas prisons. The result has been a major blow to our credibility worldwide, particularly where we need it most: in the Muslim world.” (Commentary Kerry wrote for CNN, entitled “Torture weakened America’s national security.” on January</p>

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			<p>25th, 2009)</p> <p>““If these reports are proved true, this is a long overdue step in removing the stain Guantanamo has left on our foreign policy," Kerry said. "It also goes a long way toward returning America's moral authority in the world, and addressing the mistakes which have set us back in the fight against terrorism." (Press release, June 21, 2007, “Kerry applauds rumored closure of Guantanamo bay prison””).</p> <p>“The American people should know that closing Guantanamo will not be easy. Conceived to be outside law, reclaiming the prison and its inhabitants into our legal system from what Vice President Cheney called ``the dark side" will be an enormous challenge and a thicket of thorny legal and policy issues.” –Speech, 1/22/09</p>
Klobuchar, Amy	D	Minnesota	<p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“There is no place in Minnesota for prisoners from Guantanamo... We do not have the high-security facilities needed to hold these detainees.” (Quoted in article for The Big Question, entitled “Klobuchar disagrees with Walz on Guantanamo detainees” on June 4th, 2009)</p> <p>Senator Klobuchar supported closing Guantanamo as a candidate & once she became Senator, and is waiting to see the details of the President’s plan to do that. <a 148="" 851="" 888="" 906"="" data-label="Page-Footer" href="http://minnesotapeaceproject.org/congress-</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <div data-bbox="> <p>Center for Security Policy: Interim Guantanamo Legislative Report: Senate Volume 75</p> </p>

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Kohl, Herb	D	Wisconsin	<p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>"The stories coming out of the detention center at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, continue to harm our image around the world...Guantánamo does not represent the America we know. Instead, it stands in stark contrast to the values our nation symbolizes." (Stated on Senate Judiciary Committee on 15th June 2005, "Kohl backs independent commission to examine conditions at Guantanamo Bay detention center")</p> <p>“KOHL: Mr. Holder, for decades this country has been looked up to around the world for its unwavering commitment to human rights and the rule of law. There is a growing consensus that the detention center at Guantanamo Bay has tarnished that image. While the past two attorneys general, the current secretaries of defense and state, and the president himself have publicly said that they would like to close Guantanamo, no steps as yet have been taken. Many of us were encouraged by press reports which suggest that a change will occur in this next administration. Shortly after taking office, the president-elect will reportedly issue an order to close the prison, but it does remain unclear how this will be done and how long it will take” (Senate Confirmation hearings for Attorney General Holder, Jan 16, 2009,</p>

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			via New York Times Transcript, http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/16/us/politics/16text-holder.html?_r=1&pagewanted=all)
Kyl, Jon	R	Arizona	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>On CSPAN's Newsmakers today, Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ) attacked President Obama's efforts to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay. "The real question is why do it and the only answer is, 'well, it's a symbol,'" said Kyl, adding that "the terrorists don't need Guantanamo to figure out that they don't like the United States." When the host noted that Guantanamo "has been an issue in Europe, among leaders, our allies," Kyl replied, "big deal." "They didn't like the fact that we invaded Iraq and replaced Saddam Hussein either." (Quoted by Think Progress in article "Kyl: who cares if Europe doesn't like Guantanamo, they didn't like it when we invaded Iraq either." on June 14th, 2009)</p> <p>"My friend and colleague, the majority whip, recently gave a speech in which he claimed that arguments opposing the closure of the prison at Guantanamo made by Senator McConnell and others are 'based on fear.' I contend that these arguments are based on serious concerns about both the safety of Americans and the logistical obstacles to closing the facility.</p> <p>Last month, before the House Judiciary Committee, FBI Director Robert Mueller testified that transferring the remaining</p>

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			<p>Guantanamo detainees to U.S. prisons – even maximum-security prisons – would entail serious security risks. ‘The concerns we have about individuals who may support terrorism being in the United States run from concerns about providing financing, radicalizing others,’ as well as ‘the potential for individuals undertaking attacks in the United States.’” (Press release, “Kyl on Guantanamo closure” June 8, 2009, http://kyl.senate.gov/record.cfm?id=314089.)</p>
Landrieu, Mary	D	Louisiana	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“Sen. Mary Landrieu (D), who represents Louisiana, a conservative state, said she would “remain open” to transferring terrorist suspects to the U.S. prison system. Landrieu questioned the argument that the terrorists would pose a greater national security threat if held in custody on American soil. “We’ve got to have confidence in our prison system to hold any violent and dangerous persons,” said Landrieu, who added that she is awaiting a report from the administration outlining a plan for the future custody of detainees before making a final decision.” (Quoted in article by Alexander Bolton on The Hill, article entitled “Senate Dems backpedal on Guantanamo”, posted 21st May 2009)</p>
Lautenberg, Frank	D	New Jersey	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p>

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			<p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“Enemy combatants. Senators voted 84-14 to tightly restrict enemy combatants' access to U.S. courts. The amendment to S 1042 (above) would negate a 2004 Supreme Court ruling that permits terrorism suspects being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to file habeas corpus petitions and suits challenging their incarceration. Enemy combatants are soldiers who do not fight for a specific nation and thus are not governed by the Geneva Conventions on prisoner treatment. A yes vote backed the amendment. Voting yes: Carper, Santorum and Specter. Voting no: Biden and <i>Lautenberg</i>.” (The Philadelphia inquirer, “Area votes in Congress” Nov. 20, 2005, accessed via lexis-nexis.)</p> <p>“Lautenberg said that while he believed the bill will need to be reviewed by courts, "the bottom line is that we need to move forward and prosecute these accused terrorists. He said he understood the arguments of those opposed to the bill, "but detainees at Guantanamo have been sitting there without a trial for five years, and it will not serve our nation's interests to just leave them there without charges or a trial." (The Record, Bergen County, New Jersey Newspaper, Liberals decry senator’s pro-Bush vote; Menendez stirs outrage by backing terror bill, Sept. 30, 2006, accessed via lexis-nexis).</p>
Leahy, Patrick	D	Vermont	<p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Nay on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to</p>

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			<p>prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: "Guantanamo is an international embarrassment to our nation, to our ideals, and it remains a festering threat to our security." (Stated at a committee hearing, quoted by USA Today on 15th June 2005 in article entitled "Senator says Guantanamo Bay camp 'embarrassment' to U.S.")</p> <p>“Much debate has focused on keeping Guantanamo detainees out of the United States. In this debate, political rhetoric has entirely drowned out reason and reality. Our criminal justice system handles extremely dangerous criminals, and more than a few terrorists, and it does so safely and effectively. We try very dangerous people in our courts and hold very dangerous people in our jails in Vermont and throughout the country. We have the best justice system in the world. We spend billions of dollars on our detention facilities, on our law enforcement, and our justice system. Are we going to say to the world that we're not good enough to be able to handle criminal cases of this nature? I don't believe so. We try these dangerous people and we hold these dangerous people, in Vermont and throughout our country. We are showing we can do it. And I know; I put some of them there. We do it every day in ways that keep the American people safe and secure, and I have absolute confidence that we can do it for even the most dangerous terrorism suspects.” http://www.huffingtonpost.com/sen-patrick-leahy/time-to-support-the-presi_b_206442.html</p>
Levin, Carl	D	Michigan	Votes:

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			<p>Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p>Nay on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“Most lawmakers view the prospect of moving prisoners from Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, to their districts as a negative proposition. But at least one Democratic senator is open to the idea as a potential economic boost to his struggling state. Carl Levin , chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said that construction and staffing at a new maximum-security prison in Michigan could help his cash-starved state. “If the governor and the local officials are open to it, that’s something that should be considered,” said Levin, making the point that each state should make its own determination.” (Article by Josh Rogin in CQ Politics, on May 19th 2009 entitled “Levin is open to ‘Guantanamo North’ in Michigan”)</p>
Lieberman, Joseph	Independent	Connecticut	<p>Sponsorships:</p> <p>Cosponsored S. 1081: A bill to prohibit the release of enemy combatants into the United States.</p> <p>Cosponsored S. 3401: Enemy Combatant Detention Review Act of 2008</p> <p>Votes:</p> <p>Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p>

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			<p>Quotes:</p> <p>“Though I understand the President had a good intention in saying that he would close Guantanamo, because Guantanamo has become a symbol for past bad behavior by the United States, but maybe we just have to say, look, today it’s as humane a facility as you’re gonna find for prisoners of war, and we have to explain to the rest of the world that that’s the place we have chosen to keep prisoners of war.” (Quote given by Greg Sargent on The Plum Line in article, “Lieberman: Obama should consider keeping ‘humane’ Guantanamo open”)</p>
Lincoln, Blanche L.	D	Arkansas	<p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“Along with an overwhelming majority of my colleagues, I voted to block funding to close the United States detention facility at Guantanamo Bay until the President presents Congress with a report on the status of the facility’s 240 detainees and a comprehensive and responsible plan on the fate of these detainees. I am opposed to the release of these terrorists into the United States, and look forward to working with the President and my colleagues on an appropriate plan that lawfully brings to justice those who would do us harm and that best serves our national security interests.” (States News Service, Press release from Lincoln’s office, “Lincoln: funding bill supports troops in Afghanistan and Iraq” May 22, 2009, accessed via lexis-nexis)</p>
Lugar, Richard G.	R	Indiana	<p>Votes:</p>

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			<p>Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“The Bush administration's plan to incarcerate hundreds of suspected terrorists indefinitely in U.S.-built prisons overseas without any due process is, as Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., put it in a masterpiece of understatement, "a bad idea." A very bad idea. Jailing people for life without any judicial proceedings is an arbitrary abuse of power, an affront to American principles of justice and more suited to a totalitarian regime than a constitutional democracy. Lugar, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, added, "We ought to have a very careful constitutional look at this" during a "Fox News Sunday" broadcast. Given that the U.S. Supreme Court already has nixed some extreme actions that the Bush administration has attempted with detainees captured in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere, that's sound advice.” (Brattleboro Reformer Vermont Newspaper, “The Gitmo precedent” Feb 5, 2005, accessed via lexis-nexis)</p>
Martinez, Mel	R	Florida	<p>Votes:</p> <p>Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p>

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			<p>“Senator Mel Martinez of Florida said Friday that the Bush administration should consider closing the detention center at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. Mr. Martinez is the first high-profile Republican to make the suggestion. "It's become an icon for bad stories, and at some point you wonder the cost-benefit ratio," Mr. Martinez said at the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors/Florida Press Association convention. "How much do you get out of having that facility there? Is it serving all the purposes you thought it would serve when initially you began it, or can this be done some other way a little better?" (Article by The Associated Press, published June 12th, 2005, entitled “Republican urges closing Guantanamo facility.”)</p> <p>“But one thing is very clear: We should never allow alleged enemy combatants to enter or be released in the United States. No court, civilian or military, should ever be asked to decide whether the foreign terrorist trainee before it is “safe enough” to be brought into the United States and released into our streets. The American people deserve greater protections from us than that would warrant them, and we must remember that their personal safety and our national security is our No. 1 priority.” –House floor, 5/19/09</p> <p>“Since then, a military commission system was established, prisoners were processed; the trying of unlawful enemy combatants began; trials concluded; and in some cases former Guantanamo Bay detainees were convicted of their charges, while others were acquitted and released. But now, we have gone from the rhetoric of the campaign to the very real pronouncement by the President that Guantanamo shall be closed down by January 2010.</p>

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			<p>I agree, we need to close Guantanamo, but not before we have a concrete plan in place that holds captured enemy combatants accountable for their actions, while also not endangering the American public.</p> <p>President Obama's Director of National Intelligence, Admiral Dennis Blair clearly laid out that:</p> <p>The guiding principles for closing the center should be protecting our national security, respecting the Geneva Conventions and the rule of law, and respecting the existing institutions of justice in this country.</p> <p>I also believe we should revitalize efforts to transfer detainees to their countries of origin or other countries whenever that would be consistent with these principles.</p> <p>Closing this center and satisfying these principles will take time, and is the work of many departments and agencies.</p> <p>So again, we have the idea that we can all agree on, but in practice there is no plan; there is no clear path to achieving these goals.” (debate on Supplemental appropriations act, 2009, transcript, May 19, 2009, project votesmart, http://www.votesmart.org/speech_detail.php?sc_id=462149&keyword=guantanamo&phrase=&contain=)</p>
McCain, John	R	Arizona	<p>Votes:</p> <p>Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“John McCain said Friday that the Supreme Court ruling on Guantanamo Bay detainees is "one of the worst decisions in the history</p>

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			<p>of this country." The presumptive GOP nominee said the decision, a 5-4 ruling Thursday that determined Guantanamo detainees have the right to seek release in civilian courts, would lead to a wave of frivolous challenges. "We are now going to have the courts flooded with so-called ... habeas corpus suits against the government, whether it be about the diet, whether it be about the reading material. And we are going to be bollixed up in a way that is terribly unfortunate because we need to go ahead and adjudicate these cases," he said at a town hall meeting in New Jersey. McCain said he has worked hard to ensure the U.S. military does not torture prisoners but that the detainees at Guantanamo are still "enemy combatants." (Article from Fox News on June 13th, 2008, article entitled "McCain: Guantanamo ruling one of the 'worst decisions' in history")</p> <p>"McCain said instead of closing Guantanamo Bay outright, he would have first continued the military commissions, which "after years of delay and obfuscation" were finally moving toward trials. "So, the easy part, in all due respect, is to say we're going to close Guantanamo," McCain said. "Then I think I would have said where they were going to be taken. Because you're going to run into a NIMBY [not in my backyard] problem here in the United States of America." (Article by CNN on January 23rd 2009, entitled "McCain: Closing Guantanamo Bay is the easy part")</p> <p>"MCCAIN: I think if you convince the American people that you had a safe and secure place to put them, that you had an overall and comprehensive plan to do so but to just say we're going to send them some place in the United States, it arouses the obvious reaction, NIMBY, not in my backyard. And I fully understand that. I don't</p>

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			<p>want them in Arizona either. So we're going to have to -- you have to now because of the damage that's been done by "we didn't have a comprehensive package," you have quite a selling job. Right now without a policy, I would not support sending them to the united states either. " (Face the Nation Transcript, June 21, 2009,)</p> <p>"We support President Obama's decision to close the prison at Guantanamo, reaffirm America's adherence to the Geneva Conventions, and begin a process that will, we hope, lead to the resolution of all cases of Guantanamo detainee." –Joint statement by John McCain and Lindsey Graham, 1/22/09, Lexis-Nexis.</p>
McCaskill, Claire	D	Missouri	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 1469: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Closure Act of 2007</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>"The sooner we shut down Guantanamo, the better. It has dramatically hurt our image around the world. This is about remaining the strongest nation on the planet...Guantanamo has done serious damage...We need to begin abiding by the constitutional principles that made us the strongest nation on the planet." (radio interview on KMOX with Paul Harris, from June 21st, 2007, entitled "Claire McCaskill on Iraq and Guantanamo")</p> <p>"Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., said detainees can be incarcerated safely inside</p>

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			<p>the United States, but added quickly, "Should they be? That's a far more difficult question to answer."</p> <p>"It should be a last resort," she said, less preferable than sending them to other countries." http://kknt960.townhall.com/news/politics-elections/2009/05/23/senate_vote_not_last_word_on_guantanamo?page=full&comments=true)</p>
McConnell, Mitch	R	Kentucky	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 3401: Enemy Combatant Detention Review Act of 2008 Sponsored S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006. Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“What the Administration has not done is provide any answers about what we are going to do with the terrorists.” (May 12 statement in response to Obama’s proposal to close Guantanamo, accessed via YouTube video “Senate Republicans want answers on Guantanamo Bay detainees.”)</p> <p>“It is clear to both Republicans and Democrats in Congress that the administration does not currently have a plan for closing Guantanamo and that closing it without a plan is simply unacceptable. So I hope the President uses his remarks this morning to present a concrete plan that demonstrates how closing Guantanamo will</p>

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			<p>keep Americans as safe as Guantanamo has. We know the FBI has serious concerns about any plans to release or transfer other detainees into the United States. Just yesterday, FBI Director Mueller said detainees who are sent to U.S. soil, even if they are only sent to secure detention facilities, might still be able to conduct terrorist activities, much like gang leaders who have been able to run their gangs from prison.” –Senate floor, 5/21/09</p> <p>“Finally, earlier today, the Senate Majority Whip came to the floor and claimed there is evidence that al Qaeda may be recruiting terrorists within Guantanamo. I am glad to see that the Majority Whip appears to be acknowledging the FBI Director’s concerns that Guantanamo terrorists could radicalize the prison population if they were transferred into the United States. The fact that these terrorists might be able to recruit new members and conduct terrorist activities from behind bars is an important one. I also find it preposterous that the Majority Whip would assert that because I and others—including, by the way, Members of his own Conference—want to keep dangerous terrorist detainees away from American communities, we will enable terrorists to escape justice. Keeping these terrorists locked up at Guantanamo, and trying them using the Military Commissions process, is the best way to deliver justice while protecting the American people.” (Press release, June 10, 2009, “Unanswered questions on Guantanamo”, http://mccconnell.senate.gov/record.cfm?id=314246&start=21.)</p>
Menendez, Robert	D	New Jersey	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to</p>

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			<p>prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“The world has expressed outrage at the treatment of detainees in the prison at Guantanamo Bay, and President Obama announced he would close it within a year. When the news of that decision reached Juan Carlos Herrera Acosta, who has spent more than 6 years in jail for his political views, he said: ‘Cuándo el mundo abrirá sus ojos y dirá que hay que cerrar los otros guantánamos que existen en Cuba?’ Translated that means: ‘When will the world open its eyes and say that it’s time to close the other Guantanimos in Cuba?’ There is no excuse for turning a blind eye to the 300 other prisons on the island, prisons that make Guantanamo Bay look tame by comparison.” (Speech on the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, on 2nd March 2009 entitled “Realities in Cuba”)</p>
Merkley, Jeff	D	Oregon	<p>Votes:</p> <p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“This is absolutely the right thing for the President to do and the first step in restoring America's reputation in the world. For too long, our nation was associated with torture and secret prisons. These policies ran counter to the spirit of our people, and in the long-term, undermined our security. Today, we can begin to undo that damage and I'm very proud President Obama is taking these immediate actions to bring America's actions</p>

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			<p>back in line with our values.” (Merkley’s Statement On Announced Closure Of Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility, on 22nd January 2009)</p> <p>Merkley has praised President Obama for taking swift action to end America’s association with torture and secret prisons, and close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay. The United States has a responsibility to restore the rule of law and preserve inalienable rights, including the rights to habeas corpus and fundamental due process. (Merkley’s website, http://merkleysenate.gov/issues/issue/?id=7b3345dd-67a6-4a32-85ac-415c5261110e)</p>
Mikulski, Barbara A.	D	Maryland	<p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“We have to make sure that streets and neighborhoods don’t think that they’re going to be the repository of Guantanamo prisoners.” (Quoted in article by Bernd Debusmann on May 28th, 2009, entitled “Fearing the Supermen of Guantanamo”)</p> <p>“The Democrat chairing the subcommittee hearing, Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, also voiced misgivings, saying local and state elected officials should be told if they are going to receive detainees. Mikulski said she and other lawmakers “would be very concerned” about not being consulted on what the plans are for detainees brought to the U.S.” (In article entitled “US Attorney General Holder on Guantanamo: We won’t</p>

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			<p>release terrorists into US” by Devlin Barrett on May 7th, 2009, accessed via Taragana blog)</p> <p>“I support the president's agenda for closing Guantanamo Bay. And at the same time, as a United States senator, I want to make sure that we protect our neighborhoods and communities as we look at what is the honorable and right way to deal with the prisoners that are there.”</p> <p>-Appropriations Committee Hearing, 5/7/09</p>
Murkowski, Lisa	R	Alaska	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p>
Murray, Patty	D	Washington	<p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p>
Nelson, Ben	D	Nebraska	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“Some members of the Senate expressed caution about closing Guantanamo. “I don’t</p>

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			<p>know that I'd be in favor of that," said Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "In this situation, where do you put the bad guys, if not there?" Nelson asked. "I know it (Guantanamo) has become symbolic and 'radioactive,' but if not there, where? If you don't put them in this sort of environment where you have control over them, you have to face them back on the battlefield. I don't think you could just close it down." (Article by Tom Curry on MSNBC on February 9th, 2007 entitled "Democrats may seek Guantanamo shutdown")</p> <p>"I wouldn't want them, and I wouldn't take them," said Sen. Ben Nelson (D-Neb.). "I don't see a solution." http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/05/07/AR2009050703985.html</p>
Nelson, Bill	D	Florida	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p>
Pryor, Mark L.	D	Arkansas	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p>
Reed, Jack	D	Rhode Island	<p>Votes: Nay on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to</p>

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			<p>prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“The president has already made a decision it's going to be closed. And so the question is your second one, is where do they go? I must confess I don't have any list of the top five locations on hand, but there's no doubt in my mind that we should and we will close Guantanamo. We'll have to work through it. It's going to be contentious, where do they go.” (Press conference with Sen. Ted Kaufman & Jack Reed on 21st April 2009, accessed via Project Vote Smart)</p>
Reid, Harry	D	Nevada	<p>Votes:</p> <p>Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p>Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“I’m saying that the United States Senate, Democrats and Republicans, do not want terrorists to be released in the United States. That’s very clear...I can’t make it any more clear than the statement I have given to you. We will never allow terrorists to be released in the United States.” (From a press conference on May 19th, 2009, reported by Satyam Khanna on Think Progress in article entitled “Reid: Guantanamo detainees should not be held in U.S. prisons.”)</p> <p>“Reid distinguished the funding conflict from any disagreement over whether to close the prison, reminding reporters that 2008</p>

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			<p>GOP presidential nominee Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) has also expressed a desire to close the facility. “Let President Obama execute his plan,” Reid said. “We believe, like Sen. McCain, that it should be closed. Sen. McCain said that and we agree with [him].” Reid was more skeptical about the timeline announced by President Obama in January: that the prison would close by January 2010. “I think it’s very possible, but let’s just wait and see,” he said.” (from article by J. Taylor Rushing on 5th May 2009 on The Hill entitled “Reid: Senate Dems still want to close Guantanamo.”)</p>
Risch, James E.	R	Idaho	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 1071: Protecting America's Communities Act</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p>
Roberts, Pat	R	Kansas	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 291: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2009 Cosponsored S. 1071: Protecting America's Communities Act</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “Announcing that he is going to close Gitmo first without a plan as to what to do with the terrorists has caused a firestorm out here, and</p>

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			<p>I think it is a well-deserved firestorm.” (Stated at a town hall meeting, reported by Estuardo Garcia in LJ World on May 28th, 2009, in article entitled “Guantanamo threat still exists, says Roberts.”)</p> <p>“Roberts said, ‘Suggestions to place the terrorists held at Guantanamo Bay in Ft. Leavenworth are dangerous. The facilities, which will be filling up with military prisoners as a result of other base closures, are not adequate to hold criminals of this type. We would be placing Americans in harm’s way. It would be a logistical nightmare, costing the taxpayer hundreds of millions of dollars to make Ft. Leavenworth even partially compliant with standards at Guantanamo .’” (http://roberts.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=PressRoom.PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=bffd6174-802a-23ad-4a71-788cae0e6ada&Region_id=&Issue_id=)</p> <p>“There is still time for Americans to remember that there are men at Guantanamo who cannot be released and most certainly should not be on American soil. "In fact, Americans MUST remember that there are men at Gitmo who planned the September 11th attacks, the USS Cole attack, and the attacks on American embassies in Africa. There are men at Gitmo who perpetrate horrible crimes against humanity because they don’t like who we are, or the way we live. "Terrorist detainees should be held, as they are now, at Gitmo, in compliance with international law.” (Senate speech, May 7, 2009, http://roberts.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=PressRoom.PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=1b9ae5d0-802a-23ad-4ea6-dc3b7829032e).</p>
Rockefeller, John	D	West Virginia	Sponsorships:

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D.			<p>Cosponsored S. 147: Lawful Interrogation and Detention Act</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Did not vote on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“SEN. ROCKEFELLER: I don't know how he wants to treat them, but I do know this, that the president, in what has been a remarkable two days, an extraordinary two days -- you've said so many times yourself -- has decided to close Guantanamo, not rashly, not all of a sudden, but over a period of a year. He would establish the top national security team, which is really, really good people, and they would go through all 254 people who are now at Guantanamo, figure out what kind of status they should have, where it would be convenient to take them. Would the Europeans take them? Might some other place take them? Should they come to this country? As you indicate, we have serial killers and murderers of all kinds. So it becomes a matter of are we making more enemies and creating more terrorist threat to the United States by keeping Guantanamo open? And I've always felt that that was true.” (MSNBC, “Hardball with Chris Matthews Transcript” January 22, 2009, http://www.votesmart.org/speech_detail.php?sc_id=436958&keyword=guantanamo&phrase=&contain=)</p>
Sanders, Bernard	Independent	Vermont	<p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to</p>

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			<p>prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“Today's Supreme Court decision is an important victory in the effort to reign in the abuses of power we have experienced under the Bush Administration. By ruling that the Administration's military tribunals for Guantanamo detainees cannot operate in violation of both American military law and the Geneva Convention, the Supreme Court has reaffirmed the basic tenets of our justice system and confirmed that no one, including the President, is above the law. We must do all we can to fight terrorism in this country but it is critical that we do this without undermining the basic constitutional rights that makes us a free country.” (Statement, “Statement from Congressman Sanders on Supreme Court decision regarding military tribunals,” June 29, 2006, http://www.votesmart.org/speech_detail.php?sc_id=40053&keyword=guantanamo&phrase=&contain=.)</p> <p>“We have seen detainees of the United States being denied the oldest right in the Western legal system--the right to habeas corpus. We are running a prison camp in Guantanamo where prisoners have minimal legal rights, which is an international embarrassment for us as we struggle against international terrorism. And we have seen many other assaults by this President on our constitutional rights and on the laws of this country.” (Executive Session, Senate Debate, November 8, 2007, http://www.votesmart.org/speech_detail.php?sc_id=332578&keyword=guantanamo&phrase=&contain=.)</p>

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			<p>“A couple of year ago I was one of the few to vote against a resolution dealing with Guantanamo because I wanted to make it very clear that I believed that Bush's decision to keep Guantanamo open was a disaster for the image of the United States and for our entire foreign policy,” Sanders said. “I agree with President Obama that Guantanamo must be shut down,” he added, “and in my view should be shut down as soon as possible. I want to make absolutely certain that torture is never again part of America's interrogation practices and all detainees are treated under the rules of the Geneva Convention.” (Rutland Herald, Vermont Newspaper, May 22, 2009, “Leahy, Sanders Split on Gitmo Closing Funds.”)</p> <p>“‘The answer to that is no. We are an overcrowded system,’ said Vermont Corrections Department Commissioner Andrew Pallito. Both of the state's U.S. senators, Democrat Patrick J. Leahy and independent Bernard Sanders, support the idea of shipping some of the suspected terrorists to maximum-security prisons in the United States.” (Washington Times, June 5, 2009, “For Gitmo’s Detainees, no place to go.”).</p>
Schumer, Charles E.	D	New York	<p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “While other members of Congress have expressed queasiness about terror suspects</p>

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			<p>being relocated from the detention camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to prisons in the United States, Senator Charles E. Schumer, Democrat of New York, said he was fully confident that New York could handle Ahmed Kahlfan Ghailani, a suspect in the 1998 bombings of United States embassies in Africa...“Bottom line is we have had terrorists housed in New York before,” he said at a news conference at the Capitol with other Democratic leaders. “They’ve been housed safely.” (Article by David Herszenhorn in the New York Times, on May 21st 2009, entitled “Detainees in New York? No problem, Schumer says.”)</p>
Sessions, Jeff	R	Alabama	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>On torture: “‘It’s wrong to suggest that we have a policy to torture prisoners,’ he said. ‘The President has repeatedly said we have no such policy. There’s a statute in the United States Code that defines torture. It does not say you can never put any stress on someone but it says you can’t subject them to torture.’” (Congressional Press Release, “Sen. Jeff Sessions says Guantanamo suicides could’ve just as easily been suicide bombers” June 16, 2006.)</p> <p>“SEN. SESSIONS: Well, as long as they represent a threat to the United States and we are in the state of war, I think they can be held.” (Fox News Channel Transcript, “On the record interview with Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL),” May 6, 2009,</p>

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			<p data-bbox="857 233 1443 338">http://www.votesmart.org/speech_detail.php?sc_id=458463&keyword=guantanamo&phrase=&contain=.)</p> <p data-bbox="857 380 1443 590">“Transferring the prisoners to a continental U.S. site would not result in any better conditions for the prisoners, and keeping them at such a remote location makes it almost impossible for anyone to break them out, Sessions said.”</p> <p data-bbox="857 600 1443 699">http://voices.washingtonpost.com/capitol-briefing/2009/05/citing_tropical_breezes_session.html)</p>
Shaheen, Jeanne	D	New Hampshire	<p data-bbox="857 711 1382 921">Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p data-bbox="857 968 967 999">Quotes:</p> <p data-bbox="857 1041 1443 1503">“The state's two U.S. Senators were part of the overwhelming rejection of the funding President Barack Obama sought to close the detainee facility at Guantanamo in Cuba. Democrat Jeanne Shaheen and Republican Judd Gregg were among the 90 senators in the roll call who voted, as the bill stated, "To prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States." (In article by The Examiner on May 22nd, 2009, entitled “Shaheen, Gregg vote no on Gitmo.”)</p>
Shelby, Richard C.	R	Alabama	<p data-bbox="857 1516 1422 1621">Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006</p> <p data-bbox="857 1631 1382 1799">Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p>

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			<p>Quotes:</p> <p>"Mr. President, I rise today to support and thank Chairman Inouye for his amendment to strike the Guantanamo Bay funding in this Supplemental. Last week I raised this issue in the Appropriations Committee mark-up with the intent to strike the funding for the Department of Justice. At the behest of Chairman Inouye and Ranking Member Cochran, I did not to offer the amendment which I intended to offer today. This Supplemental, as reported out of the Appropriations Committee, fulfilled the Department of Justice's request for \$30 million to fund the President's reckless campaign promise to shut down the Guantanamo Bay detention facility and determine the fate of the 241 terrorists being held there." (Congressional Documents and Publications, "Shelby Cosponsors amendment to strike funding to close Guantanamo Bay." May 19, 2009).</p> <p>"Mr. Chairman, it is misguided to close a facility housing terrorists when there is no plan. The prisoners housed at Guantanamo are terrorists. They attacked our nation and killed our citizens and pose a threat to our national security." (Targeted News Service, Senate Transcript, "Shelby Statement from Supplemental Hearing", May 14, 2009.)</p> <p>"Alabama Sen. Richard Shelby, also appearing on State of The Union, cautioned the president against relocating the most "incurable" detainees in the United States. "Nobody wants them. We got all kinds of places in the world we can house these people," Shelby said. "If we have to move them from Cuba, from Gitmo, we have other territory that can bring them in, but don't bring them to the United States of America."</p>

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			<p>(http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2009/05/24/boxer-worried-about-transferring-gitmo-detainees/)</p>
<p>Snowe, Olympia J.</p>	<p>R</p>	<p>Maine</p>	<p>Votes: Did not vote on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>"I do not believe, however, that they are entitled to across-the-board access to our civilian court system to challenge their detention," Snowe said. "Such a right has never existed throughout the history of armed conflict and it's certainly not a right that American combat prisoners have ever possessed." (Jansen, Bart, "Senators Vote to limit detainee access to courts; legislation would give those at Guantanamo bay just a few appeal rights" <i>Portland Press Herald</i>, November 16, 2005, accessed via lexis-nexis).</p> <p>"As a senior member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Senator Snowe has consistently called for the closure of the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay and believes it is vital to proceed in a deliberate and methodical manner to ensure every national security consideration is carefully analyzed" (Press Release, "Snowe votes to advance war supplemental for FY 2009", May 22, 2009).</p> <p>"During the Senate debate this week, Senator Snowe supported an amendment to prevent the administration from expending any money during this fiscal year to transfer, release, or incarcerate any individual</p>

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			<p>detained at Guantanamo to the United States because the administration failed to articulate a detailed plan. As a senior member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Senator Snowe has consistently called for the closure of the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay and believes it is vital to proceed in a deliberate and methodical manner to ensure every national security consideration is carefully analyzed.” –State News Service, May 22, 2009</p>
Specter, Arlen	D	Pennsylvania	<p>Sponsorships: Sponsored S. 3614: Unprivileged Combatant Act of 2006</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“The Supreme Court's reaffirmation of the constitutional right to habeas corpus will now allow the federal trial courts to review each detainee's case to see that individualized justice is done and people are not held in custody unless there is competent evidence to show that they present a terrorist threat” (Public statement, reaction to Supreme Court ruling, June 12, 2008 http://www.votesmart.org/speech_detail.php?sc_id=388110&keyword=guantanamo&phrase=&contain=).</p> <p>“A larger question hung over both of yesterday's hearings, a question that did not directly relate to the war crimes trials. At the conclusion of the judiciary hearing, Specter</p>

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			<p>asked it: how long will these detainees remain at Guantanamo Bay? Senator SPECTER: Does anybody have an alternative to forever? Or until we conclude the war of terrorism is over, whichever occurs last?" (National Public Radio, "Senate Committees hear Guantanamo Testimony," August 3, 2006, accessed via lexis-nexis).</p> <p>"If we lose the basic fundamental rights to require evidence before somebody is held in detention, if we lose the right of habeas corpus, it is a very sad day in America," (Agence France Press, "US Senate faces Guantanamo vote," July 10, 2007, accessed via lexis-nexis)</p> <p>"Despite these facts, U.S. Senator Arlen Specter (D-PA) and his Democrat colleagues in Washington have remained conspicuously silent on whether or not they support the Obama Administration's decision to move forward and bring detainees to the United States." (http://www.nrsc.org/200906102907/news/nrsc-documents/will-specter-reject-white-house-decision-to-import-gitmo-detainees-to-us.html)</p> <p>"And in the United States, two senators also sharply criticized the operation yesterday. Arlen Specter, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, called the indefinite detention of terrorism suspects for years without trial a "grave problem." Specter, a Pennsylvania Republican, said on CNN that the United States should put prisoners at Guantanamo on trial. He also said that the military has brought many detainees to Guantanamo on evidence that may be too weak to produce a conviction. "Where we have evidence, they ought to be tried. . . . As to a great many others, there is not evidence</p>

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			which could be brought into a court of law," Specter said" (The Boston Globe, " Criticism of Guantanamo rises; pentagon ids 3 who killed selves ." June 12, 2006).
Stabenow, Debbie	D	Michigan	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>Referring to a vote on a bill to prosecute and interrogate suspects, "If we had not passed this bill, our military would not have been able to move forward with trials against suspected terrorists now in U.S. custody" (Associated Press States and Local Wire, "Levin, Stabenow Split over interrogation of terror suspects" October 1, 2006, accessed via lexis-nexis).</p> <p>"U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, thinks if "Gitmo" is closed that Michigan's Upper Peninsula would be a good place to hold these prisoners...U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, has made no official statement on Stupak's idea." (http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20090604/OPINION01/906040326/1086/OPINION01)</p>
Tester, Jon	D	Montana	<p>Quotes:</p> <p>"against any proposal to bring Guantanamo detainees to Montana." ("Gazette Opinion: Montanans Say no to Montana Gitmo.")</p>
Thune, John	R	South Dakota	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 370: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2009</p>

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			<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>““The Senate stripped funds from the bill that were originally requested by President Obama President to close down the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay and relocate the terrorist prisoners who are being held there -- sending a clear message to the President that these dangerous killers are not to be sent to the United States. It was reckless of President Obama President Obama to set an arbitrary timetable for closing the prison camp without first having a plan in place for where these terrorists will be detained next and I believe that removing this funding was in the best interest of the security and safety of the American people.” (Lewiston Morning Tribune, “GOP Fear Machine rolls the Senate Democrats, May 22, 2009)</p> <p>“SEN. THUNE: The American jail system is designed for American systems, for criminals. It's not designed to handle the types of threats and risks and dangers that having terrorists housed in some of these prisons would pose to communities and neighborhoods in this country, Andrea. And I think what you saw in the Senate today was a vote. It was 90 to six, Democrats and Republicans coming together. And actually it was an about-face for the Democrats in the Senate because earlier they had put funding into the bill that would have</p>

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			<p>gone toward closing Guantanamo, but they recognized that that was a losing proposition, particularly given the fact that the president has not put forward any kind of a plan or detailed what he would do with these detainees.</p> <p>So the 90-to-six vote was a big bipartisan vote, a demonstration again, I think, that the concern that the American people have about having detainees in their neighborhoods and in their communities is a loser. And I think that -- I hope, at least, that this will send a message to the White House, too, that maybe they'll start backing away from the position that they have about closing Guantanamo in the first place." (MSNBC Interview Transcript, "MSNBC Interview with John Thune (R-SD)" May 20, 2009, http://www.votesmart.org/speech_detail.php?sc_id=464010&keyword=guantanamo&phrase=&contain=)</p> <p>"It seems to me, at least, that a lot have gotten up and argued that having Guantanamo Bay open as a detention facility makes our country less safe. I argue the contrary. That didn't exist prior to 9/11, and we were attacked anyway. The people who want to attack us don't need an excuse; they are going to attack us anyway. They are going to attack us because they hate us and they hate our way of life and the things we stand for and because that is what they do. They have hate in their hearts. I believe we need to have a place where we can detain people like that. It seems to me at least that the Guantanamo Bay facility fits perfectly within the definition of what makes sense. It is a state-of-the-art facility, a \$200 million facility. Nobody has ever escaped from it. It is a very secure facility. It is hundreds of miles away from American communities." (Senate Testimony, debate on Supplemental Appropriations Act 2009, May 20, 2009,</p>

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Udall, Mark	D	Colorado	<p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“We very much agree with our Senate colleagues that the continued, indefinite detention of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay is a grave mistake, and we join them in urging the Administration to take immediate action to determine the fate of these detainees. We believe the continued, indefinite detention of these people is wholly inconsistent with our basic commitment to fair procedures for determining the guilt or innocence of individuals. We urge the Administration to expedite the processing of the detainees at Guantanamo, as we believe our current policy falls short of the respect for basic human rights embodied in our country's best tradition.” (Letter to Donald Rumsfeld, “13 Representatives Join Call on Bush Administration to Charge or Release Guantanamo Prisoners”, November 4, 2008)</p> <p>“U.S. Sens. Mark Udall and Michael Bennet of Colorado both issued statements Wednesday opposing moving detainees to Colorado's Supermax.” – (http://www.denverpost.com/ci_12424986)</p> <p>“Dear Mr. President: Recent reports in the media have suggested that your administration is now considering reversing its position to keep open the detention facilities at Joint Task Force-</p>

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			<p>Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO). If accurate, we applaud the decision.</p> <p>Since the time that captured “enemy combatants” were first brought to Guantanamo Bay in 2002, the detainment facility has undermined America’s image as the model of justice and protector of human rights around the world. Holding prisoners for an indefinite period of time, without charging them with a crime goes against our values, ideals and principles as a nation governed by the rule of law. Further, Guantanamo Bay has become a liability in the broader global war on terror, as allegations of torture, the indefinite detention of innocent men, and international objections to the treatment of enemy combatants has hurt our credibility as the beacon for freedom and justice. Its continued operation also threatens the safety of U.S. citizens and military personnel detained abroad.” (Letter to President Bush, Project Votesmart, June 29, 2007, https://www.votesmart.org/speech_detail.php?sc_id=298424&keyword=&phrase=&cont ain=))</p>
Udall, Tom	D	New Mexico	<p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “The one big, courageous step by the other branch of government was the Guantanamo ruling by the Supreme Court. Finally, we’re getting to the point where the strongest branch of government, the executive, is out there pushing and asking for more and more power the president is doing signing statements and all these kind of things and we have the Supreme Court saying it’s gone</p>

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			<p>too far.” (Interview with Weekly Alibi, “Weekly Alibi – Talking Points (an interview with Rep. Tom Udall)”, August 25, 2006, http://www.votesmart.org/speech_detail.php?sc_id=24415&keyword=guantanamo&phrase=&contain=</p> <p>“I didn’t hear anybody bring it up,” said Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.) recalling town meetings he held during the spring break in April. “Buy my guess is if you had one headline that we were opening a facility, the first issue would be where? And if it was in Albuquerque New Mexico, I’d think we would get many, many calls.” (“Democrats Fold on Closing Guantanamo”)</p> <p>“Dear Mr. President: Recent reports in the media have suggested that your administration is now considering reversing its position to keep open the detention facilities at Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO). If accurate, we applaud the decision. Since the time that captured “enemy combatants” were first brought to Guantanamo Bay in 2002, the detainment facility has undermined America’s image as the model of justice and protector of human rights around the world. Holding prisoners for an indefinite period of time, without charging them with a crime goes against our values, ideals and principles as a nation governed by the rule of law. Further, Guantanamo Bay has become a liability in the broader global war on terror, as allegations of torture, the indefinite detention of innocent men, and international objections to the treatment of enemy combatants has hurt our credibility as the beacon for freedom and justice. Its continued operation also threatens the safety of U.S. citizens and military personnel detained abroad.” (Letter</p>

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Vitter, David	R	Louisiana	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 1071: Protecting America's Communities Act Sponsored S. 108: Protection from Enemy Combatants Act Sponsored S. 3687: Protection from Enemy Combatants Act</p> <p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: "This facility should not be closed, and these individuals should not be released until we can determine the extent of their potential involvement in terrorist activities. And we most certainly should use every available measure to ensure that they do not make their way into the United States if in fact they are released," (Associated Press, States and Local Wire, "La. Sen. Vitter to visit Guantanamo over closing." January 29, 2009)</p> <p>"This is absolutely a path that we should not tread," Vitter said. "The detainees at Guantanamo are housed there because they represent a terrorist threat to America and, as activist judges continue to usurp our security measures through the judicial processes, we should lay the groundwork now to ensure that these individuals are not allowed to enter</p>

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			<p>the United States." (Alpert, Bruce, "Vitter's bill would stop transfer of detainees; possible Guantanamo closure sparks plan." <i>Times-Picayune</i>, November 20, 2008, accessed via lexis-nexis.</p>
Voinovich, George	R	Ohio	<p>Votes: Yea on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p>
Warner, Mark	D	Virginia	<p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“U.S. Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), whose state is under consideration to be among the first to receive Guantanamo prisoners under the Obama administration's plan, said he was "deeply concerned" about the prospect of detainees coming to a Virginia Marine base due to its location "in a very populated area in the greater capital region." (Targeted News Service, "NSRC: As More Democrat Senators Come out Against Bringing Gitmo Detainees to U.S. Arlen Specter Remains Silent." May 18, 2009, accessed via lexis-nexis).</p> <p>“Even President Bush agreed we needed to close Guantánamo,” he said. “The question is, How do you do it, and you do it in a way that provides the appropriate level of security for the detainees and safety for folks?” http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/02/us/polit</p>

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Webb, Jim	D	Virginia	<p>Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>“But really in terms of what we need to be focusing on, let's, let's accept that torture is inappropriate behavior. I mean I've interrogated hundreds of detainees and enemy combatants when I was a marine in Vietnam. Torture doesn't work. Let's all accept that, separate it from these other issues that we're talking about in terms of having to resolve issues like Guantanamo and move forward.” (ABC News Transcript, “National Security debate” May 17, 2009.)</p> <p>“We need commissions like this because there are issues of evidence that you cannot take care of inside the regular American court system. Classified information that might have an impact on how we collect intelligence and those sorts of things and there are facilities built in Guantanamo right now that are able to do that.” (ABC News Transcript, “National Security debate” May 17, 2009.)</p> <p>“‘We spent hundreds of millions of dollars building an appropriate facility with all security precautions at Guantanamo to try these cases,’ Webb said. ‘I do not believe they should be tried in the United States.’ He added: ‘We should at the right time close Guantanamo, but I don't think that it should be closed in terms of transferring people here.’” (Cain, Andrew, “Webb Opposes Gitmo Timetable; but the Senator says he backs Obama on military commissions.”</p>

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			<i>Richmond Times</i> , May 18, 2009.
Whitehouse, Sheldon	D	Rhode Island	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 147: Lawful Interrogation and Detention Act Cosponsored S. 1469: Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Closure Act of 2007 Cosponsored S. 1249: A bill to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.</p> <p>Votes: Nay on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes: “The storyline, Rachel, has been that here are these al Qaeda terrorists who are tougher than anyone. And if you put them in front of FBI agents who have to give them Miranda warnings and inexperienced Army interrogators, they get no place. But then you turn them over to the tough, experienced CIA interrogators and then suddenly very significant information that saves lives begins to emerge.” “The Rachel Maddow show interview with Sheldon Whitehouse.” June 11, 2009.</p> <p>"The Court made the right decision today, and for the third straight time has rejected this Administration' arguments that its authority is unlimited and that its powers are unchecked by the Constitution. The Court' ruling acknowledges that the right of habeas corpus is fundamental to our democracy and our system of justice, even, as Justice Kennedy wrote today, 'in extraordinary times.'" (Sheldon Whitehouse Press Release, “Whitehouse applauds Supreme Court’s</p>

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			<p data-bbox="857 233 1414 302">decision upholding right of Habeas Corpus for detainees”, June 12, 2008)</p> <p data-bbox="857 342 1422 594">“Rhode Island Gov. Donald L. Carcieri, a Republican, said he unequivocally opposed the idea of bringing detainees to his state. Both of the state's U.S. senators, Democrats Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse, supported the president's request.” (“For Gitmo detainees, no place to go”)</p> <p data-bbox="857 634 1438 1142">“SEN. WHITEHOUSE: I think it did. It's the first strike back against the politics of fear and NIMBYism and towards the very rational point of view that the United States Department of Corrections can quite easily hold very dangerous people in facilities that provide maximum security and from which there has never been an escape. And former U.S. attorneys like myself are very confident in our ability to hold people safely in these prisons. And this is a good start.” (Transcript, “The Rachel Maddow show interview with Sheldon Whitehouse.” June 11, 2009).</p>
Wicker, Roger	R	Mississippi	<p data-bbox="857 1184 1382 1398">Votes: Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p data-bbox="857 1478 1438 1829">Quotes: “Additionally, we need to remember that the global war on terror is not over. As the fight carries on, we will continue to need a secure facility to detain and question dangerous terrorists that are captured. If Osama Bin Laden is captured after Guantanamo has been shuttered, will we send him back to his home country of Saudi Arabia for</p>

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			<p>interrogation and incarceration? SAFE AND EFFECTIVE OPTION A recent Pentagon review of the conditions at Guantanamo should erase any concerns that the prisoners are not being treated humanely. The review – ordered by President Obama – found the facility’s conditions are in line with the Geneva Conventions. The inmates are given three meals a day, are allowed to worship five times a day, have access to a library that has over 12,000 items in 19 different languages, and have access to first-rate medical care. These terrorist combatants are treated as well or better than inmates in the U.S. federal system. “ (Press Release, Roger Wicker’s Senate web page, March 23, 2009, http://wicker.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=NewsRoom.WeeklyColumn&ContentRecord_id=3a4ed376-b797-4381-f93c-f7c562948866&Region_id=&Issue_id=).</p> <p>Such a solution, however, remains elusive. Just last week, European countries that had previously offered to help by taking some of the Guantanamo detainees began to backpedal. Some of these countries have stated they will not accept terrorist detainees unless our country agrees to place some of them in U.S. prisons. This is an idea that I reject out of hand, as do the vast majority of my Senate colleagues. Last summer, the Senate voted 94-3 against the idea. It is also worth noting that two key members of President Obama’s team – Interior Secretary Ken Salazar from Colorado and Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius, the president’s nominee for Secretary of Health and Human Services – oppose bringing Guantanamo detainees to the U.S., in large part because their home states have been discussed as locations to house the terrorists.</p> <p>http://wicker.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=NewsRoom.WeeklyColumn&ContentRecord_id=3a4ed376-b797-4381-f93c-f7c562948866&Region_id=&Issue_id=</p>

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Wyden, Ron	D	Oregon	<p>Sponsorships: Cosponsored S. 147: Lawful Interrogation and Detention Act</p> <p>Votes: Nay on S. 3930: Military Commissions Act of 2006 Yea on S. Amdt. 1133 to H.R. 2346 (to prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States.)</p> <p>Quotes:</p> <p>"I feel very good" about the detainees' treatment, Ron Wyden, Democrat of Oregon, said. (Kirkpatrick, David, D., "Senators laud treatment of detainees in Guantanamo," <i>New York Times</i>, June 28, 2005, accessed via lexis-nexis.)</p> <p>"Two Democratic senators just back from reviewing U.S. detention facilities and interrogations at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, said they saw no signs of abuse and said it would actually be worse to close the facility and transfer the detainees elsewhere. "I strongly prefer the improved practices and conditions at Camp Delta to the outsourcing of interrogation to countries with a far less significant commitment to human rights," said Sen. Ron Wyden, Oregon Democrat, who toured the U.S. facility along with Sen. Ben Nelson, Nebraska Democrat." (The Washington Times, June 28, 2005, "Democrats report no abuse at gitmo").</p>

4. SUMMARY OF SENATE LEGISLATION

111th Congress (2009-10)

Bill	Common Name	Status	Summary
S. 1081	None	Introduced	To prohibit the release of enemy combatants into the United States.
S. 1071	Protecting America's Communities Act	Introduced	To protect the national security of the United States by limiting the immigration rights of individuals detained by the Department of Defense at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.
S. 1054	Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009	Passed	Amendment 1133 prohibits use of these funds to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees in US
S. 370	Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2009	Referred to committee	To prohibit the use of funds to transfer detainees of the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to any facility in the United States or to construct any facility for such detainees in the United States, and for other purposes.
S. 291	Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2009	Referred to committee	To provide for certain requirements related to the closing of the Guantanamo Bay detention facility.
S. 147	Lawful Interrogation and Detention Act	Referred to committee	To require the closure of the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to limit the use of certain interrogation techniques, to prohibit interrogation by contractors, to require notification of the International Committee of the Red Cross of detainees, and for

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			other purposes.
S. 108	Protection from Enemy Combatants Act of 2009	Referred to committee	To prohibit the admission of an alien who was detained as an enemy combatant at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba unless the President determines that such admission is consistent with the national security of the United States, and for other purposes.

110th Congress (2007-08)

Bill	Common Name	Status	Summary
S. Res. 303	Censuring the President and the Attorney General	Introduced	Censuring the President and the Attorney General.
S. 1249	None	Referred to committee	To require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.
S. 1469	Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Closure Act of 2007	Referred to committee	To require the closure of the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.
S. 1876	National Security with Justice Act of 2007	Referred to committee	To prohibit extraterritorial detention and rendition, except under limited circumstances, to modify the definition of 'unlawful enemy combatant' for purposes of military commissions, to extend statutory habeas corpus to detainees, and for other purposes.
S. 3401	Enemy Combatant Detention	Referred to	To provide for habeas corpus review for terror suspects held at

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	Review Act of 2008	committee	Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.
S. 3687	Protection from Enemy Combatants Act of 2007	Referred to committee	To prohibit the admission of an alien who was detained as an enemy combatant at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba unless the President determines that such admission is consistent with the national security of the United States, and for other purposes.
S. 3721	None	Referred to committee	To prohibit the use of funds to transfer individuals detained by the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the United States Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

109th Congress (2005-06)

Bill	Common Name	Status	Summary
S. 3614	Unprivileged Combatant Act of 2006	Referred to committee	To provide comprehensive procedures for the adjudication of cases involving unprivileged combatants.
S. 3861	Bringing Terrorists to Justice Act of 2006	Introduced	To facilitate bringing to justice terrorists and other unlawful enemy combatants through full and fair trials by military commissions, and for other purposes.
S. 3930	Military Commissions Act of 2006	Passed	To authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war, and for other purposes.

108th Congress (2003-04)

Bill	Common Name	Status	Summary
S. 1966	None	Referred to committee	To require a report on the detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.