

INTRODUCTION

The Center for Security Policy is pleased to release its twelfth National Security Scorecard since its first in 1994. As with previous iterations, it is designed to illuminate the voting record of members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives on important defense and foreign policy issues.

Toward that end, this edition of the National Security Scorecard conforms to the approach taken in previous versions. We have selected Congressional votes on the basis of their significance to the vital security policy interests of the United States. We have, moreover, selected votes that offer real insights into the attitude of the legislators casting them concerning critical national security issues of the day.

Such considerations prompt us generally to exclude near-unanimous votes, non-controversial or hortatory resolutions, or votes on final passage of each chambers' annual defense spending bills or their conference reports.

It is important to note that while the scorecard is a critical tool for analyzing a legislator's national security record, it is not the only measure of that record. By definition, scorecards look only at issues that were brought to a vote – they do not capture statements or other forms of discussion and debate, on and off Capitol Hill, that also contribute to the totality of a legislator's views.

In producing this year's National Security Scorecard, the Center for Security Policy hopes to assist the American people in understanding the performance of their elected officials with respect to vital national security issues—and to encourage greater accountability on the part of Senators and Members of Congress for their votes in this portfolio.

Scores are based upon the legislator's aggregate record on these important votes. If, for example, a Senator was absent for two of the examined votes, but cast his or her remaining votes in a pro-national security way, he or she would receive a total score of 100%. The same applies for votes taken before a Senator assumed office in mid-term; votes for the session from before he or she started serving do not count towards the total votes cast.

An online version of this 2015-2016 Congressional Scorecard is available at:

<http://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2016/10/11/2015-2016-congressional-national-security-scorecard/>

House Vote Descriptions, 2015

1. **Approve the Keystone XL pipeline.** The vote was on whether to authorize the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. Pro-national security vote: YES; Passed 270-152, 10 not voting (Roll Call Vote #75, Feb. 11, 2015)
2. **Maintain restrictions on transfer of detainees out of Guantanamo Bay.** The Walorski amendment (R-IN) to the FY 2016 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) prohibited funding for the transfer of Gitmo detainees into the United States, as well as funding for construction or modification of any domestic facility for that purpose. The amendment also placed further restrictions on the transfer of Gitmo detainees to Yemen. Pro-national security vote: YES; Passed 243-180, 9 not voting (Roll Call Vote #230, May 14, 2015)
3. **Allow funding for transfer of Guantanamo detainees to the United States.** The Smith amendment (D-WA) to the FY 2016 NDAA would have allowed funding for the construction/modification of domestic facilities to receive transferred Gitmo detainees for detention, but would not have allowed the release of detainees onto U.S. soil. The amendment also would have prohibited funding for Gitmo operations beyond Dec. 31, 2017. Pro-national security vote: NO; Failed 174-249, 9 not voting (Roll Call Vote #231, May 14, 2015)
4. **Limit funding for implementation of New START treaty.** The Lamborn amendment (R-CO) to the NDAA limited funding for implementation of the New START arms control treaty with Russia, until the President could certify that Russia no longer illegally occupies the Ukraine, and is no longer taking actions inconsistent with the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty. Pro-national security vote: YES; Passed 235-182, 15 not voting (Roll Call Vote #234, May 15, 2015)
5. **Allow unilateral dismantling of parts of nuclear deterrent.** The Nadler amendment (D-NY) to the NDAA would have struck language that prevents the unilateral dismantling of nuclear warheads. Pro-national security vote: NO; Failed 242-178, 12 not voting (Roll Call Vote #237, May 15, 2015)
6. **Allow exports to Cuban military/intelligence services.** The Farr amendment (C-CA) to the FY 2016 Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) Appropriations bill would have struck language prohibiting the facilitation, permitting, licensing, or promotion of exports to the Cuban military/intelligence services, officers serving in either, or immediate family members of such individuals. Pro-national security vote: NO; Failed 153-273, 6 not voting (Roll Call Vote #277, June 3, 2015)
7. **Allow use of funds to transfer Guantanamo detainees to country of origin or third country.** The Nadler amendment (D-NY) would have struck the section of the FY Defense Appropriations bill that prohibits the use of defense appropriations funds to enable the transfer of a Guantanamo detainee to his country of origin or to another foreign country. Pro-national security vote: NO; Failed 181-251, 1 not voting (Roll Call Vote #338, June 10, 2015)
8. **Declaration that President Obama was not in compliance with the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015.** H. Res. 411, sponsored by Rep. Pompeo (R-KS), declared that President Obama was not in compliance with Section 2 of the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 because the President's transmittal of the agreement to Congress did not contain two side deals and therefore did not constitute the agreement as defined by the Act, and therefore the review period had not started under the terms of the Act. Pro-national security vote: YES; Passed 245-186, 2 not voting (Roll Call Vote #492, Sept. 10, 2015)
9. **Vote to approve Iran nuclear deal.** H.R. 3461 voiced congressional approval for the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the Iran nuclear deal. Pro-national security vote: NO; Failed 269-162, 1 not voting (Roll Call Vote #493, Sept. 11, 2015)
10. **Prohibit the President from lifting sanctions on Iran.** H.R. 3460, sponsored by Rep. Roskam (R-IL) prohibited the President from lifting sanctions on Iran per the JCPOA until January 21, 2017, and prohibited the President from removing an individual listed in Annex II of the JCPOA from the Department of Treasury's list of specially designated nationals prohibited from financial transactions with U.S. citizens. Pro-national security vote: YES; Passed 247-186 (Roll Call Vote #494, Sept. 11, 2015)
11. **Simplify process for extraction of strategic and critical minerals.** The National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015, sponsored by Rep. Amodei (R-NV), requires the Departments of Interior and Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of minerals of strategic importance to the national security of the United States. Pro-national security vote: YES; Passed 254-177, 3 not voting (Roll Call Vote #565, Oct. 22, 2015)

12. Require certification of Syrian and Iraqi refugees before admission to the United States. H.R. 4038, the American Security Against Foreign Enemies Act of 2015, sponsored by Rep. McCaul (R-TX), requires that a refugee from Syria or Iraq cannot be admitted to the United States unless the FBI certifies to the Department of Homeland Security and the Director National Intelligences that the refugee is not a threat to the security of the United States. Pro-national security vote (despite concerns that the certification requirement was not sufficient to protect national security): YES; Passed 289-137, 8 not voting (Roll Call Vote #643, Nov. 19, 2015)

House Vote Descriptions, 2016

13. Narrow scope of Afghanistan mission. The Ellison amendment (D-MN) would have struck language from the FY 2017 NDAA expressing a sense of Congress that the president should provide the U.S. Commander in Afghanistan the authority to unilaterally strike the Taliban and Haqaani Network, and should have more resources to strike ISIS in Afghanistan. Pro-national security vote: NO; Failed 131-292, 1 present, 9 not voting (Roll Call Vote #212, May 18, 2016)

14. Prohibit funds for housing illegal aliens at military bases. The Fleming amendment (R-LA) to the FY 2017 Military Construction Appropriations bill prevented military construction funds from being used to construct or modify a facility on a military installation to create housing for unaccompanied illegal alien children. Pro-national security vote: YES; Passed 219-202, 12 not voting (Roll Call Vote #222, May 19, 2016)

15. Prohibit funding to implement Department of Defense directive on climate change. The Buck amendment (R-CO) prohibited defense appropriations funds from being used for the purpose of implementing DoD Directive 4715.21, which has the effect of prioritizing climate change over national security. Pro-national security vote: YES; Passed 216-205, 13 not voting (Roll Call Vote #314, June 16, 2016)

16. Prohibit funding for surveying, assessing, or reviewing potential U.S. sites for Guantanamo detainees. The Lamborn amendment (R-CO) prohibited defense appropriations funds from being used for the purpose of surveying, assessing or otherwise reviewing sites within the United States that are being considered for detaining Guantanamo detainees. Pro-national security vote: YES; Passed 245-175, 14 not voting (Roll Call Vote #319, June 16, 2016)

17. Prohibit funds for Department of Defense climate change / green energy requirements. The McClintock amendment (R-CA) prohibited the Department of Defense from using defense appropriations funding to carry out parts of several Obama executive orders pertaining to green energy and DoD participation in climate change planning. Pro-national security vote: YES; Passed 221-197, 16 not voting (Roll Call Vote #322, June 16, 2016)

18. Prohibit the federal government from purchasing heavy water from Iran. The No Heavy Water From Iran Act, sponsored by Rep. Pompeo (R-KS), prohibits federal funds from being used by any federal department or agency to purchase, or issue a license to purchase, heavy water – a material that plays a key role in the development of nuclear weapons – from Iran. Pro-national security vote: YES; Passed 249-176, 8 not voting (Roll Call Vote #441, July 13, 2016)

19. Impose sanctions on Iran. The Iran Accountability Act, sponsored by Rep. McCarthy (R-CA), imposes various mandatory sanctions on Iran, including with respect to the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and Iran's ballistic missile program, among others. Pro-national security vote: YES; Passed 246-179, 8 not voting (Roll Call Vote #467, July 14, 2016)

House Scorecard (2015-2016)

Party	State	District	First Name	Last Name	2015 House Roll Call Vote #75: Approve the Keystone XL pipeline	2015 House Roll Call Vote #230: Maintain restrictions on transfer of detainees out of Guantanamo Bay	2015 House Roll Call Vote #231: Allow funding for transfer of Guantanamo detainees to the United States	2015 House Roll Call Vote #234: Limit funding for implementation of New START treaty	2015 House Roll Call Vote #237: Allow unilateral dismantling of parts of nuclear deterrent	2015 House Roll Call Vote #277: Allow reports to Cuban military/intelligence services	2015 House Roll Call Vote #338: Allow use of funds to transfer Guantanamo detainees to country of origin or third country	2015 House Roll Call Vote #492: Declaration that President Obama was not in compliance with the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2013	2015 House Roll Call Vote #493: Vote to approve Iran nuclear deal	2015 House Roll Call Vote #494: Prohibit the President from lifting sanctions on Iran	2015 House Roll Call Vote #555: Simplify process for extraction of strategic and critical minerals	2015 House Roll Call Vote #648: Require certification of Syrian and Iraqi refugees before admission to the United States	2015 House Roll Call Vote #732: Narrow scope of Afghanistan mission	2015 House Roll Call Vote #722: Prohibit funds for housing illegal aliens at military bases	2016 House Roll Call Vote #334: Prohibit funding to implement Department of Defense directive on climate change	2016 House Roll Call Vote #319: Prohibit funding for surveying, assessing, or reviewing potential U.S. sites for Guantanamo detainees	2016 House Roll Call Vote #322: Prohibit funds for Department of Defense climate change / green energy requirements	2016 House Roll Call Vote #445: Prohibit the federal government from purchasing heavy water from Iran	2016 House Roll Call Vote #467: Impose sanctions on Iran	(+)	(-)	(NV)	(P)	Total Votes	Votes Cast	% Score	
Correct National Security Vote: Yea (Y) or Nay (N)					Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
Republican	LA	5	Ralph	Abraham	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Democrat	NC	12	Alma	Adams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	18	1	0	0	19	18	0%	
Republican	AL	4	Robert	Aderholt	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Democrat	CA	31	Pete	Aguilar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	13	0	0	0	19	19	32%	
Republican	GA	12	Rick	Allen	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Republican	MI	3	Justin	Amash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	8	0	0	0	19	19	58%	
Republican	NV	2	Mark	Amodei	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Democrat	NE	2	Brad	Ashford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	7	0	0	0	19	19	63%	
Republican	TX	36	Brian	Babin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Republican	PA	11	Lou	Barletta	+	N	N	N	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	4	0	0	19	15	100%	
Republican	KY	6	Garland	Barr	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Republican	TX	6	Joe	Barton	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Democrat	CA	37	Karen	Bass	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	N	N	-	0	14	5	0	0	19	14	0%	
Democrat	OH	3	Joyce	Beatty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	19	0	0	0	19	19	0%	
Democrat	CA	34	Xavier	Becerra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	19	0	0	0	19	19	0%	
Republican	MI	1	Dan	Benishek	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Democrat	CA	7	Ami	Bera	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	16	0	0	0	19	19	16%	
Democrat	VA	8	Donald	Beyer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	19	0	0	0	19	19	0%	
Republican	FL	12	Gus	Bilirakis	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Republican	UT	1	Rob	Bishop	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Democrat	GA	2	Sanford	Bishop	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	15	0	0	0	19	19	21%	
Republican	MI	8	Mike	Bishop	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Republican	TN	6	Diane	Black	+	+	N	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	16	0	3	0	0	19	16	100%	
Republican	TN	7	Marsha	Blackburn	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Republican	IA	1	Rod	Blum	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	18	1	0	0	0	19	19	95%	
Democrat	OR	3	Earl	Blumentauer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	19	0	0	0	19	19	0%	
Democrat	OR	1	Suzanne	Bonamici	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	19	0	0	0	19	19	0%	
Republican	IL	12	Mike	Bost	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Republican	LA	3	Charles	Boustany	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Democrat	PA	13	Brendan	Boyle	-	-	-	-	-	N	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	15	1	0	0	19	18	17%	
Republican	TX	8	Kevin	Brady	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Democrat	PA	1	Robert	Brady	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	18	0	0	0	19	19	5%	
Republican	VA	7	David	Brat	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	N	N	N	+	16	0	3	0	0	19	16	100%	
Republican	OK	1	Jim	Bridenstine	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Republican	AL	5	Mo	Brooks	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Republican	IN	5	Susan	Brooks	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Democrat	FL	5	Corrine	Brown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	N	N	-	1	15	3	0	0	19	16	6%	
Democrat	CA	26	Julia	Brownley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	14	0	0	0	19	19	26%	
Republican	FL	16	Vern	Buchanan	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	18	1	0	0	0	19	19	95%	
Republican	CO	4	Ken	Buck	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Republican	IN	8	Larry	Bucshon	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Republican	TX	26	Michael	Burgess	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	18	1	0	0	0	19	19	95%	
Democrat	IL	17	Cheri	Bustos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	16	0	0	0	19	19	16%	
Democrat	NC	1	George G.K.	Butterfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	19	0	0	0	19	19	0%	
Republican	AL	1	Bradley	Byrne	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Republican	CA	42	Ken	Calvert	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Democrat	CA	24	Lois	Capps	-	N	N	N	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	4	0	0	19	15	0%	
Democrat	MA	7	Michael	Capuano	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	19	0	0	0	19	19	0%	
Democrat	CA	29	Tony	Cardenas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	15	0	0	0	19	19	21%	
Democrat	DE	0	John	Carney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	17	0	0	0	19	19	11%	
Democrat	IN	7	Andre	Carson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	19	0	0	0	19	19	0%	
Republican	TX	31	John	Carter	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Republican	GA	1	Buddy	Carter	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	100%	
Democrat	PA	17	Matthew	Cartwright	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	18	1	0	0	19			

Republican	MS	1	Trent	Kelly
Democrat	MA	4	Joseph	Kennedy
Democrat	MI	5	Daniel	Kildee
Democrat	WA	6	Derek	Kilmer
Democrat	WI	3	Ron	Kind
Republican	NY	2	Peter	King
Republican	IA	4	Steve	King
Republican	IL	16	Adam	Kininger
Democrat	AZ	1	Ann	Kirkpatrick
Republican	MN	2	John	Kline
Republican	CA	25	Steve	Knight
Democrat	NH	2	Ann	Kuster
Republican	ID	1	Raul	Labrador
Republican	IL	18	Darin	LaHood
Republican	CA	1	Doug	LaMalfa
Republican	CO	5	Doug	Lamborn
Republican	NJ	7	Leonard	Lance
Democrat	RI	2	James	Langevin
Democrat	WA	2	Rick	Larsen
Democrat	CT	1	John	Larson
Republican	OH	5	Robert	Latta
Democrat	MI	14	Brenda	Lawrence
Democrat	CA	13	Barbara	Lee
Democrat	MI	9	Sander	Levin
Democrat	GA	5	John	Lewis
Democrat	CA	33	Ted	Lieu
Democrat	IL	3	Daniel	Lipinski
Republican	NJ	2	Frank	LoBiondo
Democrat	IA	2	David	Loeb
Democrat	CA	19	Zoe	Lofgren
Republican	MO	7	Billy	Long
Republican	GA	11	Barry	Loudermilk
Republican	UT	4	Mia	Love
Democrat	CA	47	Alan	Lowenthal
Democrat	NY	17	Nita	Lowe
Republican	OK	3	Frank	Lucas
Republican	MO	3	Blaine	Luetkemeyer
Democrat	NM	3	Ben	Lujan
Democrat	NM	1	Michelle	Lujan-Grisham
Republican	WV	0	Cynthia	Lummis
Democrat	MA	8	Stephen	Lynch
Republican	NJ	3	Tom	MacArthur
Democrat	NY	12	Carolyn	Maloney
Democrat	NY	18	Sean	Maloney
Republican	TX	24	Kenny	Marchant
Republican	PA	10	Tom	Marino
Republican	KY	4	Thomas	Massie
Democrat	CA	6	Doris	Matsui
Republican	CA	23	Kevin	McCarthy
Republican	TX	10	Michael	McCaul
Republican	CA	4	Tom	McClintock
Democrat	MN	4	Betty	McCollum
Democrat	WA	7	Jim	McDermott
Democrat	MA	2	James	McGovern
Republican	NC	10	Patrick	McHenry
Republican	WV	1	David	McKinley
Republican	WA	5	Cathy	McMorris-Rodgers
Democrat	CA	9	Jerry	McNerney
Republican	AZ	2	Martha	McSally
Republican	NC	11	Mark	Meadows
Republican	PA	7	Patrick	Meehan
Democrat	NY	5	Gregory	Meeks
Democrat	NY	6	Gabe	Meng
Republican	IN	6	Luke	Messer
Republican	FL	7	John	Mica
Republican	MI	10	Candice	Miller
Republican	FL	1	Jeff	Miller
Republican	MI	4	John	Mooren
Republican	WV	2	Alex	Mooney
Democrat	WI	4	Gwen	Moore
Democrat	MA	6	Seth	Moulton
Republican	OK	2	Markwayne	Mullin
Republican	SC	5	Mick	Mulvaney
Republican	PA	18	Tim	Murphy
Democrat	FL	18	Patrick	Murphy
Democrat	NY	10	Jerrold	Nadler
Democrat	CA	32	Grace	Napolitano

13	0	0	0	13	13	100%
0	19	0	0	19	19	0%
0	19	0	0	19	19	0%
1	18	0	0	19	19	5%
1	18	0	0	19	19	5%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
17	2	0	0	19	19	89%
18	1	0	0	19	19	95%
5	14	0	0	19	19	26%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
18	0	1	0	19	18	100%
3	16	0	0	19	19	16%
18	1	0	0	19	19	95%
9	0	0	0	9	9	100%
18	0	1	0	19	18	100%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
2	17	0	0	19	19	11%
1	18	0	0	19	19	5%
0	19	0	0	19	19	0%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
0	19	0	0	19	19	0%
0	18	1	0	19	18	0%
0	19	0	0	19	19	0%
0	19	0	0	19	19	0%
2	17	0	0	19	19	11%
7	12	0	0	19	19	37%
17	2	0	0	19	19	89%
3	16	0	0	19	19	16%
0	19	0	0	19	19	0%
17	0	2	0	19	17	100%
18	0	1	0	19	18	100%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
0	19	0	0	19	19	0%
1	18	0	0	19	19	5%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
0	19	0	0	19	19	0%
1	18	0	0	19	19	5%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
18	1	0	0	19	19	95%
1	17	1	0	19	18	6%
9	10	0	0	19	19	47%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
18	0	1	0	19	18	100%
12	6	0	1	19	19	63%
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19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
0	19	0	0	19	19	0%
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0	19	0	0	19	19	0%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
16	3	0	0	19	19	84%
0	19	0	0	19	19	0%
1	18	0	0	19	19	5%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
14	1	4	0	19	15	93%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
3	16	0	0	19	19	16%
0	19	0	0	19	19	0%
1	18	0	0	19	19	5%
19	0	0	0	19	19	100%
1	18	0	0	19	19	5%

Senate Vote Descriptions, 2015

1. **Climate Change Agreements Require Senate Ratification.** The Blunt amendment (R-Missouri) expressed the sense of the Senate that, among other things, any bilateral or international agreement involving greenhouse gas emissions requires advice and consent of the Senate. Pro-national security vote: YES; Rejected 46-51, 3 not voting (required 3/5 majority vote for passage) (Vote #20, Jan. 22, 2015)
2. **Override Obama Veto of Keystone XL Pipeline.** President Obama vetoed S. 1, a bill to approve construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline, on Feb. 25, 2015. A vote was taken in the Senate to override that veto, which would have required a two-thirds vote in favor of override. Pro-national security vote: YES; Veto sustained 62-37, 1 not voting. (Vote #68, March 4, 2015)
3. **Substantially Increase Defense Spending.** The Rubio amendment (R-Florida) would have increased defense spending for fiscal year 2016 to \$697 billion, closer to what the Department of Defense's projected budgetary needs for FY 2016, as projected in the Department's FY 2012 budget. Pro-national security vote: YES; Rejected 32-68. (Vote #96, March 26, 2015)
4. **Prevent U.S. Funds for U.N. Arms Trade Treaty Implementation.** The Inhofe amendment (R-Oklahoma) prevented U.S. taxpayer funds from going towards implementation of the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, or organizations created to support implementation, prior to ratification by the U.S. Senate. Pro-national security vote: YES; Passed 59-41. (Vote #108, March 26, 2015)
5. **Declare Iran Deal to be a Treaty.** The Johnson amendment (R-Wisconsin) would have declared that any agreement reached by President Obama concerning the Iranian nuclear program would be a treaty subject to advice and consent of the Senate. Pro-national security vote: YES; Rejected 39-57, 4 not voting. (Vote #167, April 28, 2015)
6. **Require the President to certify Iran is not engaged in terrorism.** The Barrasso amendment (R-WY) to the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act would have required the President to certify that Iran was not engaged in terrorism against the United States or American citizens abroad. Pro-national security vote: YES; Rejected 54-45, 1 not voting (required 3/5 majority vote for passage) (Vote #168, April 29, 2015)
7. **Arm and train Kurdish forces directly.** The Ernst amendment (R-IA) would have provided the administration with the authority to provide weapons and training directly to the Kurdistan Regional Government and bypass the government of Iraq in the process. Pro-national security vote: YES; Rejected, 54-45, 1 not voting (required 3/5 majority vote for passage) (Vote #210, June 16, 2015)
8. **Vote to proceed with voting on resolution of disapproval of Iran deal.** The vote was on whether to invoke "cloture" on the filibuster of the McConnell amendment (R-KY), and therefore proceed to voting on the amendment, which would have expressed Senate disapproval of the Iran nuclear deal and any lifting of sanctions against Iran. Pro-national security vote: YES; Rejected 42-56, 2 not voting (60 votes required for successful motion to invoke cloture) (Vote # 267, September 17, 2015)
9. **Vote to proceed to voting on denial of funds and other penalties for sanctuary cities, illegal entrants.** The vote was on whether to invoke "cloture" on the filibuster of S. 2146, a bill that would have denied federal funds to jurisdictions that restrict information sharing on an individual's immigration status or prohibit state compliance with detainer requests, and would have increased criminal penalties for individuals who reenter the United States after being denied admission or removed. Pro-national security vote: YES; Rejected 54-45, 1 not voting (60 votes required for successful motion to invoke cloture) (Vote #280, Oct. 20, 2015)

Senate Vote Descriptions, 2016

10. **Vote to proceed with voting on bill to pause Syrian and Iraqi refugee admission.** The vote was on whether to invoke "cloture" on the filibuster of H.R. 4038, which would have required the Obama administration to certify that each Syrian or Iraqi refugee was not a national security threat before that refugee could be admitted to the United States. Pro-national security vote: YES; Rejected 55-43 (60 votes required for successful motion to invoke cloture) (Vote #4, Jan. 20, 2016)

- 11. Vote to proceed with voting on bill to increase defense spending.** The vote was on whether to invoke “cloture” on the filibuster of the McCain amendment (R-AZ), which would have added \$18 billion to defense spending by doing so through the overseas contingency operations fund, rather than through the regular base budget process. Pro-national security vote: YES; Rejected 56-42, 2 not voting (60 votes required for successful motion to invoke cloture) (Vote #96, June 9, 2016)
- 12. Vote to proceed with voting on bill to prevent suspected terrorists from purchasing firearms.** The vote was on whether to invoke “cloture” on the filibuster of the Cornyn amendment (R-TX), the Securing Our Homeland from Radical Islamists and Enhancing Law Enforcement Detection Act (SHIELD) Act, which would have 1) authorized the Attorney General to delay and, upon showing of probable cause, block the sale of firearms to suspected terrorists; 2) authorized the Attorney General to take the purchaser into custody upon showing of probable cause; and 3) inform federal, state and local law enforcement of the purchasing situation so they could monitor accordingly. Pro-national security vote: YES; Rejected 53-47 (60 votes required for successful motion to invoke cloture) (Vote #105, June 20, 2016)
- 13. Vote to proceed with voting on bill to expand FBI intelligence-collection powers.** The vote was on whether to invoke “cloture” on the filibuster of an amendment sponsored by Senators McCain (R-AZ) and Burr (R-NC) that would have allowed the FBI to use National Security Letters to obtain internet records to assist in terrorism investigations, and would have made permanent the “lone wolf” provision of the Patriot Act for purposes of tracking terror suspects not affiliated with overseas organizations. Pro-national security vote: YES; Rejected, 58-38, 4 not voting (60 votes required for successful motion to invoke cloture) (Vote #108, June 22, 2016)
- 14. Vote to proceed with voting on denial of funds and other penalties for sanctuary cities, illegal entrants.** The vote was on whether to invoke “cloture” on the filibuster of S. 3100, a bill that would have denied federal funds to jurisdictions that restrict information sharing on an individual’s immigration status or prohibit state compliance with detainer requests. Pro-national security vote: YES; Rejected, 53-44, 4 not voting (60 votes required for successful motion to invoke cloture) (Vote #119, July 6, 2016)
- 15. Vote to proceed with voting on increasing penalties on repeat illegal entrants.** The vote was on whether to invoke “cloture” on the filibuster of S. 2193, also known as “Kate’s law”, which would have increased criminal sentences for individuals who enter the United States illegally despite previous deportation. Pro-national security vote: YES; Rejected, 55-42, 3 not voting (60 votes required for successful motion to invoke cloture) (Vote #120, July 6, 2016)

Senate Scorecard (2015-2016)

First Name	Last Name	2015 Senate Roll Call Vote #20: Climate Change Agreements Requires Senate Ratification.	2015 Senate Roll Call Vote #68: Override Obama Veto of Keystone XL Pipeline	2015 Senate Roll Call Vote #96: Substantially Increase Defense Spending	2015 Senate Roll Call Vote #108: Prevent U.S. Funds for U.N. Arms Trade Treaty Implementation	2015 Senate Roll Call Vote #167: Declare Iran Deal to be a Treaty	2015 Senate Roll Call Vote #168: Require the President to certify Iran is not engaged in terrorism	2015 Senate Roll Call Vote #210: Arm and train Kurdish forces directly	2015 Senate Roll Call Vote #267: Vote to proceed with voting on resolution of disapproval of Iran deal	2015 Senate Roll Call Vote #280: Vote to proceed to voting on denial of funds and other penalties for sanctuary cities, illegal entrants	2016 Senate Roll Call Vote #4: Vote to proceed with voting on bill to pause Syrian and Iraqi refugee admission	2016 Senate Roll Call Vote #96: Vote to proceed with voting on bill to increase defense spending	2016 Senate Roll Call Vote #105: Vote to proceed with voting on bill to prevent suspected terrorists from purchasing firearms	2016 Senate Roll Call Vote #108: Vote to proceed with voting on bill to expand FBI intelligence-collection powers	2016 Senate Roll Call Vote #119: Vote to proceed with voting on denial of funds and other penalties for sanctuary cities, illegal entrants	2016 Senate Roll Call Vote #120: Vote to proceed with voting on increasing penalties on repeat illegal entrants	(+)	(-)	(NV)	Total Votes	Votes Cast	% Score
Correct National Security Vote Yea (Y) Nay (N)		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Lamar	Alexander	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	10	5	0	15	15	67%
Kelly	Ayotte	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	13	2	0	15	15	87%
Tammy	Baldwin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	1	14	0	15	15	7%
John	Barrasso	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Michael	Bennet	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	2	13	0	15	15	13%
Richard	Blumenthal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	1	14	0	15	15	7%
Roy	Blunt	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Cory	Booker	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14	0	15	15	7%
John	Boozman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Barbara	Boxer	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14	0	15	15	7%
Sherrod	Brown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	NV	0	13	2	15	13	0%
Richard	Burr	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Maria	Cantwell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
Shelley	Capito	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	13	2	0	15	15	87%
Benjamin	Cardin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14	0	15	15	7%
Thomas	Carper	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14	0	15	15	7%
Robert	Casey	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	3	12	0	15	15	20%
Bill	Cassidy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Daniel	Coats	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	13	2	0	15	15	87%
Thad	Cochran	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	11	4	0	15	15	73%
Susan	Collins	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	13	2	0	15	15	87%
Chris	Coons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
Bob	Corker	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	10	5	0	15	15	67%
John	Cornyn	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	14	1	0	15	15	93%
Tom	Cotton	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Michael	Crapo	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	N	V	+	14	0	1	15	14	100%
Ted	Cruz	+	+	+	+	N	V	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	14	0	1	15	14	100%
Steve	Daines	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	13	2	0	15	15	87%
Joe	Donnelly	-	NV	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	N	V	+	6	7	2	15	13	46%
Richard	Durbin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
Michael	Enzi	+	+	+	+	+	N	V	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	13	1	1	15	14	93%

Joni Ernst		+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	13	2	0	15	15	87%
Dianne Feinstein		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N V	0	14	1	15	14	0%
Deb Fischer		+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	14	1	0	15	15	93%
Jeff Flake		+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	9	6	0	15	15	60%
Alan Franken		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
Cory Gardner		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	14	1	0	15	15	93%
Kirsten Gillibrand		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
Lindsey Graham		NV	+	+	+	N V	-	+	+	N V	N V	+	+	+	N V	8	1	6	15	9	89%
Charles Grassley		+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	13	2	0	15	15	87%
Orrin Hatch		+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	12	3	0	15	15	80%
Martin Heinrich		-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	3	12	0	15	15	20%
Heidi Heitkamp		-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	6	9	0	15	15	40%
Dean Heller		+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	12	3	0	15	15	80%
Mazie Hirono		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
John Hoeven		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
James Inhofe		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
John Isakson		+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	14	1	0	15	15	93%
Ron Johnson		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Timothy Kaine		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	1	14	0	15	15	7%
Angus King		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	2	13	0	15	15	13%
Mark Kirk		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	11	4	0	15	15	73%
Amy Klobuchar		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	2	13	0	15	15	13%
James Lankford		+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	13	2	0	15	15	87%
Patrick Leahy		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
Mike Lee		NV	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	N V	9	3	3	15	12	75%
Joe Manchin		+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	11	4	0	15	15	73%
Edward Markey		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
John McCain		+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	13	2	0	15	15	87%
Claire McCaskill		-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	4	11	0	15	15	27%
Mitch McConnell		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	14	1	0	15	15	93%
Robert Menendez		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	N V	1	13	1	15	14	7%
Jeff Merkley		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
Barbara Mikulski		-	-	-	-	N V	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	1	13	1	15	14	7%
Jerry Moran		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Lisa Murkowski		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	14	1	0	15	15	93%
Christopher Murphy		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
Patty Murray		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
Bill Nelson		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	1	14	0	15	15	7%
Rand Paul		+	+	-	+	+	+	+	N V	+	+	-	+	-	+	11	3	1	15	14	79%
David Perdue		+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	11	4	0	15	15	73%
Gary Peters		-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	2	13	0	15	15	13%
Robert Portman		+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	14	1	0	15	15	93%
John Reed		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	1	14	0	15	15	7%
Harry Reid		NV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	1	13	1	15	14	7%

James	Risch	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Pat	Roberts	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Mike	Rounds	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	14	1	0	15	15	93%
Marco	Rubio	+	+	+	+	N	+	N	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	12	0	3	15	12	100%
Bernard	Sanders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	N	-	-	-	-	0	13	2	15	13	0%
Benjamin	Sasse	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Brian	Schatz	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14	0	15	15	7%
Charles	Schumer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14	0	15	15	7%
Tim	Scott	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	14	1	0	15	15	93%
Jefferson	Sessions	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	13	2	0	15	15	87%
Jeanne	Shaheen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
Richard	Shelby	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Debbie	Stabenow	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	2	13	0	15	15	13%
Dan	Sullivan	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Jon	Tester	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	13	0	15	15	13%
John	Thune	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	0	0	15	15	100%
Thom	Tillis	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	14	1	0	15	15	93%
Patrick	Toomey	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	14	1	0	15	15	93%
Tom	Udall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
David	Vitter	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	14	1	0	15	15	93%
Mark	Warner	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	V	-	+	-	2	12	1	15	14	14%
Elizabeth	Warren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15	0	15	15	0%
Sheldon	Whitehouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	1	14	0	15	15	7%
Roger	Wicker	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	14	1	0	15	15	93%
Ron	Wyden	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14	0	15	15	7%

Legend
+ A pro-national security vote; can be either a yea or nay.
- An anti-national security vote; can be either a yea or nay.
NV Did Not Vote
I Ineligible to vote (e.g. not in office)

Scores are based upon the legislator's aggregate record on these important votes. If, for example, a Senator was absent for two of the examined votes, but cast his or her remaining votes in a pro-national security way, he or she would receive a total score of 100%. The same applies for votes taken before a Senator assumed office in mid-term; votes for the session from before he or she started serving do not count towards the total votes cast