

## HOUSE VOTES

### **1 Health Care Repeal**

The House passed health care reform repeal legislation, introduced by Rep. Cantor, R-VA. The 2010 Affordable Care Act included several pro-retiree provisions including the elimination of co-pays and deductibles for preventive care screenings and an annual wellness checkup beginning in 2011. The law also included the closing of the Part D doughnut hole coverage gap, the phasing out of overpayments to Medicare Advantage insurance companies, and incentives for employers to maintain early retiree health care coverage. The bill passed 245-189. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 2, Roll Call No. 14, January 19, 2011.

### **2 Stop Health Care Funding**

Rep. Rehberg, R-MT, introduced an amendment to a spending bill that would prohibit funding to implement the Affordable Care Act. The pro-retiree provisions of the law would be suspended under the amendment. The amendment passed 239-187. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 1, Roll Call No. 97, February 18, 2011.

### **3 Homeowners Assistance**

Rep. Deutch, D-FL, offered a motion to recommit a housing refinance bill to committee in order to add language that would authorize the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs to determine what amount of funds would be necessary to provide assistance to seniors who own homes. The motion failed 185-243. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 830, Roll Call No. 170, March 10, 2011.

### **4 Protect Social Security and Medicare**

Rep. Critz, D-PA, offered a motion to recommit a spending bill to committee in order to add language that would bar the use of funds to develop or implement a system that would cut Social Security or Medicare benefits, privatize Social Security or establish a Medicare voucher system that limits benefits. The motion failed 190-239. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.J. Res. 48, Roll Call No. 178, March 15, 2011.

### **5 Medicare Privatization**

The House passed a budget resolution introduced by Rep. Ryan, R-WI, that replaces the guaranteed benefits of Medicare with a privatized system. Under the Ryan plan, Medicare would be privatized, voucher-like payments would go to insurance companies and seniors would have significantly higher out of pocket costs. The plan also created a fast track process for Social Security cuts. The resolution passed 235-193. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H. Con. Res. 34, Roll Call No. 277, April 15, 2011.

### **6 Social Security and Medicare Cuts**

The House passed a bill introduced by Rep. Chaffetz, R-UT, that cuts domestic spending dramatically, preserves the Bush tax cuts, and ends Medicare and Social Security as we know it by raising the retirement age and cutting benefits. The bill also contained an amendment to the Constitution that would tie the hands of future Congresses by capping

Social Security and Medicare spending. The bill passed 234-190. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 2560, Roll Call No. 606, July 19, 2011.

### **7 Seniors Financial Protection**

Rep. Michaud, D-ME, offered a motion to recommit a consumer financial protection bill to committee in order to add language that would ensure Consumer Financial Protection Bureau authority to issue rules to protect seniors from abusive, deceptive or unfair practices. The motion failed 183-232. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 1315, Roll Call No. 620, July 21, 2011.

### **8 Reduced Middle Class Benefits**

The House passed a bill, introduced by Rep. Black, R-TN, that would make eligibility for middle class Americans more difficult for many vital programs. The bill would count Social Security benefits in eligibility formulas for Medicaid as well as the new health care exchanges under the Affordable Care Act. The bill passed 262-157. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 2576, Roll Call No. 813, October 27, 2011.

### **9 Balanced Budget Amendment**

The House debated a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. The amendment would have created super majority votes in Congress in order to raise the debt limit or pass budgets where revenues were less than spending. These provisions could lead to automatic Social Security benefit cuts and make it difficult to deal with economic recessions or natural disasters. The amendment failed 261-165. A two-thirds majority is required for constitutional amendments. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.J. Res. 2, Roll Call No. 858, November 18, 2011.

### **10 Eliminate Election Protections**

The House passed a bill introduced by Rep. Harper, R-MS, that would eliminate the Presidential Campaign Fund that provides public financing for presidential campaigns and party conventions. The bill also would eliminate the agency that evaluates voting equipment, which can help produce senior friendly voting systems. The bill passed 235-190. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 3463, Roll Call No. 873, December 1, 2011.