

**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM: CONGRESS WATCH BULLETIN.
THE VOTING RECORD OF YOUR SENATORS: 2018.**



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2nd Session**

**NTF voting scores during this session: FISCHER: 92%
SASSE: 87%**

Spending.

PN 1353: To confirm Jerome Powell as chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve System.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ CONFIRMED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Con Res. 36: To balance the federal budget in 5 years by assuming the repeal of the 2018 Bipartisan Budget Act and then cutting total outlays by 1c for every dollar spent, continuing for the next 5 years. At this point, the budget would be balanced and spending allowed to grow at 1% in future. The bill would reduce spending by \$404.8 billion in FY 2019 and by \$13.35 trillion over 10 years. GOOD RESOLUTION/ FAILED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. 1746: The Show Your Work Act would require the Congressional Budget Office to make the models and data employed to produce its analyses and cost estimates available to Congress and on the agency website.

GOOD BILL/ FAILED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. 2330: The Earmark Elimination Act would make permanent the temporary moratorium on congressional pork barrel earmarks voted by the Senate into effect in 2010. GOOD BILL/ FAILED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 3343: To reduce amounts appropriated to Interior Dept. to comply with spending limits under Budget Control Act of 2011. GOOD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 3464: To dispense unneeded federal election security grants.

BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

S. Amend. 3524: To appropriate funds to manage programs relating to innovation and marketing of dairy products.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: NO

S. Amend. 3695: To ignore all applicable budgetary discipline in spending.

BAD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: did not vote Sasse: NO

HR 3: To approve this initial \$15 billion rescissions request, recalling funds sitting unspent in useless accounts that otherwise would be spent in the future. GOOD BILL/ FAILED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

HR 5895: FY 2019 appropriations for energy and water development and nuclear weapons activities.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

HR 6147: To make FY 2019 appropriations to the Interior Dept. GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: NO.

Government Regulation.

PN 1443: To confirm John Ring as member of the National Labor Relations Board. GOOD RESOLUTION/ CONFIRMED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. 16: The Federal Reserve Transparency Act requires the Comptroller General of the U.S., who serves as the director of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to complete an audit of the Federal Reserve within 12 months of its enactment. A report of the findings of the audit required within 90 days of its completion.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

S. 21: The REINS Act would require congressional approval for economically significant rules implemented by federal regulatory agencies. The House and Senate must vote on a proposed rule, and the president must sign it before enforcement of the rule can begin. The bill would give Congress 70 days to pass a resolution to approve a rule. If a resolution not passed, the rule cannot take effect. GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

SJ Res. 52: Approval of FCC rule relating to imposing bureaucratic rules on Internet service providers and forcing providers to disclose information about their private management practices. This bill repealed the Restoring Internet Freedom Order and Obama Regime Internet red tape, which harmed tech companies and consumers. Internet access is becoming vital to commerce, and many Americans still lack connectivity.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

SJ Res. 57: Joint congressional resolution to disapprove of liberal rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to vehicle lending. It would repeal the gross regulatory overreach of the CFPB in claiming for itself a power that Congress, in the law that created the CFPB, explicitly banned the CFPB from having.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. 756: To reauthorize Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce sea debris.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: NO

S. 974: The CREATES Act would offer legal help for generic and biosimilar competitors seeking FDA approval, making it easier for new drugs to enter the market and greatly reducing prices through increased competition. The cost savings stemming from this legislation could reach between 15%-50% of current prices for covered drugs.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: NO

S. 2155: To decrease federal rules that punish smaller lending companies under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Act. To promote conservative economic growth, provide regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 2971: To prevent denial of access to records and documents by various inspectors-general.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 3021: To *not* eliminate a rule relating to definition of water channels that has infuriated farmers and ranchers because of defining small creeks and ponds as subject to federal jurisdiction.

BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO.

S. Amend. 3422: To require inspector-general to update and report on on-schedule Amtrak performance.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 3430: To provide amounts for inspection of foreign seafood and field tests of imported seafood.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: NO

HR 2: To reform USDA agriculture programs through FY 2023. GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

Health.

S. Amend. 2554: To ensure that health insurance companies and group health plans do not prohibit pharmacies from providing drug price information to customers. Citizens overspend by \$135 million annually, because pharmacists operated under a gag order. GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 2914: Acknowledgement of need to fund innovative scientific research.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 3383: To *not* require specific work requirements for healthy adults without dependents and not require state agencies to operate a work activation program for eligible participants in food stamp program.

BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

S. Amend. 3402: To utilize funds to carry out D.C. Obama Care health insurance individual mandate.

BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

S. Amend. 3703: To increase funding for National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

HR 302: To ensure that sports medicine professionals like doctors remain covered by their malpractice insurance while traveling with sports teams to other states. GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

Welfare.

PN 1371: To confirm Alex Azar II to be Sec. of Health & Human Services.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ CONFIRMED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

Law & Order.

PN 1372: To confirm Kevin McAleenan as commissioner of U.S. Customs.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ CONFIRMED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

PN 2259: To confirm Brett Kavanaugh as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ CONFIRMED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S.139: To extend federal surveillance under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. To implement use of rapid DNA instruments to help decide about pre-trial release or detention, to solve and prevent violent crimes, to exonerate the innocent, and prevent DNA analysis backlogs. GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 2213: To break budget discipline to provide added funding to Dept. of Justice to combat online sex trafficking.

BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

S. Amend. 4109: To require director of Bureau of Prisons to notify each victim of offense for which prisoner is incarcerated the date of prisoner release, in order to warn victims.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

HR 6: To increase efforts to fight illicit drugs in drug trade like fentanyl.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

HR 1865: To allow enforcement against Internet providers and users of computer services of federal and state criminal and civil law related to sexual exploitation of children or sex trafficking.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

HR 1892: To allow flying our Flag at half-staff at death of a first responder in line of duty.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: NO

Military.

PN 2179: To confirm Robert Wilkie as Sec. of Veterans Affairs.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ CONFIRMED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

SJ Res. 54: To remove U.S. troops from Yemen hostilities within 30 days unless authorized by Congress. To prohibit in-flight fueling for non-U.S. planes. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

Amend. 4080: That the resolution prohibits U.S. forces from refueling non-U.S. planes conducting anti-terrorism missions in Yemen. BAD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

Amend. 4096: That the resolution will not disrupt military operations and cooperation with Israel.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

Amend. 4097: That the requirement to remove U.S. forces does not apply to provision of materials and advice to reduce civilian casualties. GOOD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

Amend. 4098: That requirement to remove U.S. forces does not apply to operations to support efforts to disrupt radical attacks against locations outside Yemen, like missile attacks, maritime attacks against U.S. or international ships, or terrorist attacks against civilian targets. GOOD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 2366: To clarify that during authorization to use military force or a declaration of war, federal government authorized to detain without charge or trial a citizen or lawful permanent U.S. resident suspected of terrorism.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: NO

S. Amend. 2372: Strengthen and improve Dept. of Veterans Affairs health care system for our veterans. To consolidate multiple community care programs and provide further funding for Choice Program.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 2842: To *not* require special authorization of appropriations of amounts to develop new or modified nuclear weapons. GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 2926: To require Sec. of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the effectiveness of Veterans Crisis Line.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 2943: To increase funds for a nuclear demonstration program.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 2983: To increase employment of military members in emerging industries.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. 3706: To appropriate an additional \$10 million for operation and maintenance of POW/MIA identification within Defense Dept. GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 3773: To require Comptroller-Gen. of the U.S. to report on implementation of Military Health System electronic health records. GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

HR 5515: To authorize FY 2019 appropriations for military activities of Defense Dept., military construction, and defense activities of the Dept. of Energy. \$639.1 billion for base funding. Increases size of Army, Navy, Air Force, Naval and Air Reserves, and Air Guard. 2.6% pay hike for troops. Special pay and bonuses for troops in high-demand fields.

Directs DOD to improve process for reporting crimes to the FBI and improve tracking of juvenile misconduct on military bases. To refine sex assault prevention and response to aid victims. GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

HR 6157: To make \$674.6 billion FY 2019 appropriations to the Defense Dept.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: did not vote Sasse: YES

Foreign Affairs.

PN 1341: To confirm Sam Brownback as Ambassador for International Religious Freedom.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ CONFIRMED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

PN 1761: To confirm Mike Pompeo as Sec. of State.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ CONFIRMED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

PN 1857: To confirm Gina Haspel as CIA director.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ CONFIRMED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Res. 584: To not make available for questioning by the Russian government current and former diplomats, officials, and military personnel. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. 2736: To develop a long-term strategy vision and comprehensive U.S. policy for the Indo-Pacific region.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

S. Amend. 3553: To provide funds for Office of Terrorism & Financial Intelligence of the Treasury Dept. to investigate illicit trade of synthetic opioids from Red China. GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

Traditional Values.

HR 6157 amendment: To eliminate funds for organizations that offer elective abortions and block funding from Medicaid, CHIP, and several block grant programs to abortion organizations like Planned Parenthood.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: did not vote Sasse: YES

S. 2311 cloture motion: To prohibit abortion after 22 weeks of pregnancy, with specific exceptions. New protections for babies born alive during abortions. GOOD MOTION/ FAILED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES