

**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM: CONGRESS WATCH BULLETIN.  
THE VOTING RECORD OF YOUR SENATORS: 2020.**



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**116<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS – 2020  
2nd Session**

**NTF voting scores during this session: FISCHER: 90 %  
SASSE: 88 %**

**Spending.**

**HR 1957:** To support deferred maintenance projects on federal lands under the National Park Service, Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management. The bill required FY 2021-2025 mandatory depositing into a fund an amount equal to 50% of energy development revenues up to \$1.9 billion annually.

BAD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

**HR 6074:** To appropriate \$8.3 billion in emergency funding to federal agencies to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**Amend. 1506:** To *not* rescind unused balance for specific international programs to offset bill appropriations.

BAD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**HR 6201:** 2<sup>nd</sup> federal COVID-19 relief bill filled with extraneous expenditures.

BAD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: NO

**PN 1726:** To confirm Russell Vought as Office of Management & Budget director.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**Government Regulation.**

**S. 178 Amend. 2680:** To table effort to improve small business programs.

BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

**S. 4049 Amend. 2244:** To restore U.S. leadership in semi-conductor manufacturing by increasing federal incentives to enable advanced research and development and to secure the supply chain.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**Education.**

**S.J.Res. 56:** To make it easier to win a discharge from paying back student college loans. BAD BILL/ PASSED

Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

**Health.**

**S. 578:** To eliminate the 5-month waiting period for disability insurance benefits for those suffering from Lou Gehrig's Disease. GOOD BILL/ PASSED

Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**Amend. 2689:** To increase the overpayment collection threshold for disability insurance benefits.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**S. 4653:** To prevent the Justice Dept. from advocating in the courts to eliminate Obama Care.

BAD BILL/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

**HR 748:** To repeal the excise tax on high-cost employer-sponsored health benefits.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED

Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**HR 8337:** To continue FY 2021 appropriations for health care, veteran benefits, agriculture, and surface transportation.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**Welfare.**

**HR 748 Amend. 1577:** To ensure that additional federal unemployment benefits do not allow recipients to receive compensation that is more than wages received before becoming unemployed. GOOD AMENDMENT/ FAILED

Fischer YES Sasse: YES

**Amend. 1559:** To provide citizens with additional paid sick leave to address pandemic or other health care needs of themselves and their families. BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

### Energy.

**S. 2657:** To support research and development of geothermal energy and establish a grant program for its development in places with high utility rates. To allow geothermal energy to qualify as renewable energy.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**HR 133:** Directs State Dept. to develop a strategy to enhance economic cooperation and expand professional and education exchange programs with Mexico regarding promoting energy infrastructure coordination.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**Law & Order.** *Note: Republican senators supported Pres. Trump to vote for a record number of conservative jurists to assume positions in the federal judiciary.*

**S. Res. 488 Amend. 1297:** To table the amendment to subpoena John Bolton to testify at Trump impeachment hearing.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**Amend. 1295:** To table the motion to subpoena specific witnesses and documents for Trump impeachment hearing. GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**HR 755 Article I:** To impeach President Trump for high crimes and misdemeanors.

BAD BILL/ FAILED Fischer: not guilty Sasse: not guilty

**Article II:** To impeach President Trump for high crimes and misdemeanors.

BAD BILL/ FAILED Fischer: not guilty Sasse: not guilty

**HR 6172:** Regarding the Foreign Intelligence & Surveillance Act, the FBI could not seek orders to obtain continuous call records or things for which a warrant typically required. A judge could not issue a FISA court order, unless the accuracy and completeness procedures comply with bill requirements. GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: did not vote

**Amend. 1583:** To remove internet website browsing information and search history from the scope of FISA authority to access business records for foreign intelligence and international terrorism investigations.

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

**Amend. 1584:** To require disclosure of specific classified FISA information.

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

**Amend. 1586:** To prohibit use of information acquired under the FISA in criminal or civil procedures or investigations. BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: did not vote

**PN 1380:** To confirm Fernando Rocha as U.S. District Judge for the Central District of CA.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: did not vote Sasse: NO

**PN 2093:** To confirm Thompson Dietz as judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

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

**PN 2209:** To confirm Zachary Somers as judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

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

**PN 2246:** To confirm Charles Atchley as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

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

**PN 2294:** To confirm Joseph Dawson III as U.S. District Judge for South Carolina.

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

**PN 2247:** To confirm Katherine Crytzer as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

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

**PN 2333:** To confirm Thomas Kirsch II as U.S. Circuit Judge for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

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

**PN 1384:** To confirm Stephen Schwartz as judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1913:** To confirm Liam Hardy as judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1433:** To confirm Katherine Davis as judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1660:** To confirm J. Philip Calabrese as U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 2094:** To confirm Taylor McNeel as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 2208:** To confirm Kathryn Mizelle as U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1920:** To confirm Toby Krause as U.S. District Judge for Kansas.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 2205:** To confirm Benjamin Beaton as U.S. District Judge for Western District of Kentucky.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1742:** To confirm Kristi Johnson as U.S. District Judge for Southern District of Mississippi.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1919:** To confirm Aileen Cannon as U.S. District Judge for Southern District of Florida.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1661:** To confirm James Knepp II as U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 2252:** To confirm Amy Coney Barrett as Associate Justice of U.S. Supreme Court.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 2252:** To table the motion to recommit the Barrett nomination to the Judiciary Committee.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 2252:** To table the motion to kill the Barrett nomination.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1663:** To confirm Michael Newman as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1922:** To confirm Roderick Young as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1314:** To confirm John Hinderaker as U.S. District Judge for Arizona.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: NO

**PN 1348:** To confirm Edward Meyers as judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Appeals.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1508:** To confirm Iain Johnston as U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1510:** To confirm Franklin Valderrama as U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: NO

**PN 1439:** To confirm Stephen McGlynn as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1507:** To confirm David Dugan as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1538:** To confirm Todd Robinson as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of CA.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1531:** To confirm John Holcomb as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of CA.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1381:** To confirm Stanley Blumenfeld as U.S. District Judge for the Central District of CA.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1383:** To confirm Mark Scarsi as U.S. District Judge for the Central District of CA.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 775:** To confirm Diane Gujarati as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1431:** To confirm Thomas Cullen as U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1713:** To confirm Hala Jarbou as U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1511:** To confirm Christy Wiegand as U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1662:** To confirm Brett Ludwig as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1599:** To confirm John Cronan as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1692:** To confirm Lauren McFerran as a member of the National Labor Relations Board.  
BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

**PN 1690:** To confirm Marvin Kaplan as a member of the National Labor Relations Board.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1347:** To confirm David Joseph as U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1345:** To confirm William Hardy as U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: did not vote

**PN 1749:** To confirm Cory Wilson as U.S. Circuit Court Judge for the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1748:** To confirm Justin Walker as U.S. Circuit Court Judge for the D.C. Circuit.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1440:** To confirm Drew Tipton as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1430:** To confirm John Badalamenti as U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Fla.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: did not vote

**PN 1615:** To confirm John Ratcliffe as Director of National Intelligence.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1346:** To confirm John Heil III as U.S. District Judge for the North, East, and Western Districts of Oklahoma.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1438:** To confirm Anna Manasco as U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1174:** To confirm Scott Rash as U.S. District Judge for the District of Arizona.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1168:** To confirm Sylvia Carreno-Coll as U.S. District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 854:** To confirm Robert Molloy as judge for the 4<sup>th</sup> District Court of Virgin Islands.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 229:** To confirm Philip Halpern as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 894:** To confirm John Kness as U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1327:** To confirm Matthew Schelp as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1326:** To confirm Joshua Kindred as U.S. District Judge for Alaska.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 1325:** To confirm Andrew Brasher as U.S. Circuit Court Judge for the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 897:** To confirm Eleni Roumel as a judge for the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**PN 455:** To confirm Matthew Solomsom as judge for the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.  
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**Military.**

**S.J. Res. 68:** To direct President to stop use of military force against Iran unless explicitly authorized by a congressional declaration of war or other specific authorization to use military force. BAD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

**S.J. Res. 68:** To override the presidential veto of S.J. Res. 68. BAD BILL/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

**Amend. 1305:** To *not* exempt from the termination requirement U.S. military engaged in operations against terrorist organizations. BAD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

**S. 4049:** To authorize FY 2021 appropriations for Defense Dept. programs and activities, including military personnel strength. Authorizes various intelligence activities and programs. Appropriations for Dept. of Energy national security programs. GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**Amend. 1788:** To reduce the DOD budget by 10% and invest this money in health care and housing in poverty areas. BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

**Amend. 1972:** To expand the list of diseases associated with exposure to herbicides harming our vets who served in Vietnam. GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**Amend. 2011:** To *not* withdraw all U.S. military forces from Afghanistan.  
GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**Amend. 2252:** To restrict DOD transfer of personal property to law enforcement agencies.

BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

**Amend. 2411:** To impose additional conditions and limitations on transfer of DOD property to law enforcement activities. BAD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**HR 6395:** To authorize FY 2021 appropriations for Defense Dept. programs, including military strength and procurement of aircraft, weapons, combat vehicles, and missiles, and research and development. Funding for the Space Force, military construction, strategic programs, cyber and intelligence matters, and implementation of the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative. GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: did not vote

### **Foreign Affairs.**

**S J Res. 78:** To prohibit the proposed military sale of specific defense items to the United Arab Emirates.

BAD BILL/ FAILED Fischer: NO Sasse: NO

**S. 178:** To condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang Province by Red China and demand an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these people.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

**HR 5430:** To implement trade agreement among the U.S., Mexico, and Canada, replacing the American Free Trade Agreement with a Fair Trade Agreement. To establish penalties for false certification of goods under rules of origin.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

### **Traditional Values.**

**S. 311:** To establish requirements for degree of care that a health care practitioner must use if child born alive following an abortion or attempted abortion. Violators face a fine, up to 5 years in prison, or both. Anyone who intentionally kills or tries to kill a child born alive becomes subject to a murder charge. Women who undergo an abortion or attempted abortion can file a civil suit for damages against violators. GOOD BILL/ PASSED Fischer: YES Sasse: YES

Sources: U.S. Senate Roll Call Votes.  
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