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87 %

Taxes.

HR 1187 Amend. 52: To require companies to disclose the negative impacts of federal corporate tax increases.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 5376: The Biden Build Back Better Act to fund and establish Democrat programs in education, labor, child care, health care, taxes, immigration, and the environment. Offers 6 semesters of free community college, free child care for kids under 6, free pre-school for all kids, 12 weeks family leave, and medical aid for those in states that refused to expand Medicaid. DACA illegal aliens would become permanent residents. A methane fee levied on all natural gas and oil facilities. Income tax hikes for corporations and individuals earning over \$400,000 annually.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Spending.

H. Con. Res. 11: To pass the Democrat FY 2021 federal budget.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 22: This bill requires federal agencies to make budget justification materials available to the public on a website. The bill also requires the Office of Management and Budget to make specific details regarding the materials available to the public, including a list of the agencies that submit budget justification materials to Congress, the dates the materials submitted to Congress and posted online, and links to the materials.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 447: To establish a new bureaucratic apprenticeship program in the Dept. of Labor.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: NO

Amend. 9: To provide additional programs of work-based learning.

BAD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 803: To establish a bureaucratic National Heritage Area System.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 1192: To require professionals employed in debt adjustment cases regarding Puerto Rico to file verified statements disclosing their connections with involved parties before asking compensation for their services.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 1319: To provide additional pandemic relief funding to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 1490: To increase the maximum Small Business Administration (SBA) loan amounts from \$5.5 million to \$6.5 million for small manufacturers. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 1651: To give federal pandemic relief money to bankrupt debtors.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: did not vote Smith: YES

HR 1799: To extend the Paycheck Protection Program through 6-30-21 to support small businesses.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 2225: To reauthorize the National Science Foundation through FY 2026.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 3193: To authorize the Dept. of Commerce to award economic development grants to public-private partnerships to conduct rural broadband projects. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 3237: \$1.9 billion in FY 2021 emergency appropriations to Congress and federal agencies to respond to the Capitol riot. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 3684: The federal highway and transit bill that includes a lot of pork barrel spending. To reduce the climate change impact of surface transportation. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Amend. 74: To require wastewater structures funded by Clean Water Act Grants to undergo climate assessment in order to withstand climate change impacts.

BAD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 4346: FY 2022 Democrat proposed appropriations to legislative branch and requirements and restrictions for using these funds. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 4373: FY 2022 Democrat proposed appropriations to the Dept. of State, with requirements and restrictions for using these funds. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 4502: FY 2022 Democrat proposed appropriations to the Depts. of Labor, HHS, and Education, including OSHA and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Amend. 84: To disallow federal funding to colleges that conduct research on marijuana.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 5305: Continuing FY 2022 appropriations to federal agencies and supplemental appropriations. Extends Temporary Assistance for Needy Families payments. Extends several expiring programs. Prevents a government shutdown.

BAD RESOLUTION/PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 5434: To extend federal aid to highways, transit, highway safety, and rail.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 5763: To extend federal aid to highways, transit, highway safety, and rail.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 6119: Continuing and supplemental FY 2022 appropriations for federal agencies. To prevent a federal government shutdown. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

S. J. Res. 33: To increase the public debt limit by \$2.5 trillion.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

S. 272: Requires all federal agencies to make budget justification materials available to the public online.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

S. 610: To exempt Medicare from spending reductions.

BAD BILL/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

S. 1301: To increase the public debt limit by \$480 billion.

BAD BILL/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Government Regulations.

HR 1: To liberalize voter registration and access. To limit removing individuals from voter rolls. Forces states to establish independent redistricting commissions to handle congressional redistricting. To require additional disclosure of campaign fundraising and spending and require additional disclaimers on political advertising. Forces presidential, vice-presidential, and several other candidates to disclose 10 years of tax returns.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Amend. 18: That felony convictions do not bar voting in federal elections, including current convicts.

BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Amend. 22: To lower the age to vote in federal elections to 16.

BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 4: To expand criteria for determining which states and localities must obtain Dept. of Justice preclearance before permitting voter integrity laws to take effect. States and localities that have a specific percentage of minorities must preclear practices before implementation, such as with redistricting.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 5: To prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender ID in public accommodations and facilities, federal funding, education, employment, housing, credit, and jury selection. Prohibits an individual from being denied access to rest rooms or locker rooms because of gender ID. Allows Justice Dept. intervention in these cases in federal court. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 7: To establish the bureaucratic National Equal Pay Enforcement Task Force to monitor compliance with and enforcement of equal pay laws. Increases restrictive regulations on employers regarding employee sex orientation and gender identification. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Amend. 38: To offer immunity from prosecution for employers who self-audit to identify and rectify unlawful pay disparities and allow reasonable employer defenses against trial lawyer abuses.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 51: To admit the District of Columbia as a state.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: did not vote

H. Res. 72: To expel conservative Cong. Marjorie Green from the House Budget and Education Committees.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

H. Res. 243: To not remove leftist Cong. Eric Swalwell from the House Intelligence Comm. because of his romantic relationship with a Red Chinese agent. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 789: To censure Rep. Paul Gosar for posting social media criticizing socialist Rep. Ocasio-Cortez and remove him from committees. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 842: To encourage additional labor union strikes and reciprocal union help on strikes. To make it easier to establish unions. To prohibit employers from suing unions over secondary strikes. To force all company employees to join a union or contribute fees instead. Prohibit replacing striking workers with free labor. Lessens protection against unfair union practices that result in serious economic harm.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

H. Res. 851: To find conservative Rep. Mark Meadows in contempt of Congress for refusing to comply with a subpoena issued by the Democrat Jan. 6 Commission. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 1002: To authorize the DEA to temporarily or permanently bar registration of a company that manufactures or distributes drugs that was suspended or faced revocation or meets these criteria.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 1065: To prohibit employment practices that discriminate against making accommodations for *any* claimed medical condition. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: NO

HR 1187: To force private companies to disclose information about their environmental and social justice initiatives, spending on political activities, climate change risks, their fossil fuel assets, and workplace harassment. A committee must recommend to the SEC policies to help facilitate the flow of capital to environmentally-friendly investments.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 1195: To require the Dept. of Labor to issue an OSHA standard that requires some employers to take actions to protect workers from workplace violence. Regulation applies to the health sector, welfare sector, and similar sectors of workers. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: NO

HR 1446: To require the Federal Trade Commission to report on and increase awareness of scams targeting adults. Provide policy recommendations to prevent scams. To provide online contact information to reach law enforcement agencies. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 1502: Expands the SBA Microloan program through which the SBA through intermediaries gives monetary aid to small businesses. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 1917: Government subdivisions seeking aid under a hazard mitigation assistance program would become eligible to receive such aid for projects already begun.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 2062: To protect older workers against employment discrimination using stiffer liberal Democrat regulations. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: NO

HR 2467: To limit use of chemicals not yet evaluated as toxic. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry YES Smith: NO

HR 2617: To upgrade federal agency reporting of performance goals.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 2668: To authorize the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to seek monetary damages in federal court from businesses that engage in false advertising, consumer fraud, and anti-competition. Can seek restitution for losses, refunds of money, or return of property. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the FTC Act does not permit such action.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 3110: To force employers to provide accommodations for employees to breast-feed babies and consider such time as work time. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: NO

HR 3533: This bill requires the Office of Personnel Management to establish or update existing occupational series for positions in the federal government in the fields of software development, software engineering, data science, and data management. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 3992: Democrat bill to prohibit employers from limiting or classifying job applicants based on age.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 4067: To require Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to establish a council to advise and recommend ways to increase security and reliability of communications networks.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 4256: To allow specific banks to invest up to 15% of their capital and surplus in one or more small business investment companies. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 5314: Imposes limits on presidents declaring emergencies. Requires presidential and vice-presidential candidates to provide copies of tax returns for the past 10 yrs. to the Federal Election Commission. Prohibits distribution of “deceptive” radio or TV media before an election, a clause which the Left could use to harass conservative candidates. To establish a program to support states and localities beginning ranked choice voting systems.
BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: did not vote Smith: NO

Education.

HR 2547: To restrict debt collection, especially for student loans. Bill limits debt collection emails to debtors. Debt collectors must give advance notice to debtors regarding intent to sue to collect debts.
BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 2877: To require HHS to develop best practices to establish behavioral intervention teams in schools. Teams will identify individuals who exhibit concerning behaviors and address behavioral issues. HHS must provide technical assistance on implementing these teams in elementary and secondary schools and colleges.
BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

Health.

HR 391: To require the President to create a Global Health Security Agenda Council to address global infectious disease threats. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: NO

HR 1629: To limit the number of prescription drugs granted market exclusivity by the Food & Drug Administration.
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 1868: To stop across the board spending cuts and preserve higher Medicaid hospital payments to California public hospitals. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: NO

HR 2364: To require HHS to provide education and training about synthetic drug dangers. HHS must produce training manuals to prevent exposure to synthetic drugs by first responders and others who have high risk for exposure.
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 2379: To reauthorize through FY 2027 the state opioid response grant program.
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 3635: HHS must establish and maintain domestic reserves of specific medical supplies. HHS authorized to award grants to states to maintain stockpiles of specific equipment and supplies for U.S. during public health emergencies. It must ensure that stockpile contents remain in working order.
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: did not vote Smith: YES

HR 3894: To require the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to periodically update guidance to help states address social determinants of health, like poverty, under Medicaid.
BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 5551: To reauthorize through FY 2026 programs and activities by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to research and prevent birth defects and developmental disabilities.
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 5608: Requires USDA to address chronic wasting disease afflicting deer, elk, and moose.
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

S. 1828: To authorize the CIA, State Dept., and other agencies to pay agency personnel who suffer brain injuries from neurological attacks while on assignment. Since 2016, intelligence, diplomatic, and other government personnel have suffered neurological impairments while abroad. GOOD BILL/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

Energy.

HR 803 Amend. 12: To require a study to determine if any land withdrawn in bill contains geothermal resources or minerals needed for battery storage, energy sources we desperately need.
GOOD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 1374: To authorize the Dept. of Energy to provide financial aid to states to implement state energy security plans and propose methods to strengthen ability of states to have reliable, secure, and resilient energy structures.
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 3593: To support research and development activities of the Dept. of Energy Office of Science.
GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

S.J. Res. 14: To nullify a Trump EPA rule regarding oil and natural gas, including an amendment that limits methane emissions. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Law and Order.

H.J. Res. 17: To eliminate the deadline to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. It would be included in the U.S. Constitution after legislators in 3/4th of the states ratified it.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

H. Res. 21: To request VP Pence to assemble executive department chiefs to declare Trump incapable of serving as President and assume his office. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

H. Res. 24: To impeach President Trump for high crimes and misdemeanors.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

H. Res. 503: To establish a House Select Committee to investigate the riot at the Capitol. Speaker Pelosi appointed all 13 committee members. The committee can hold public hearings and issue subpoenas.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 546: To prohibit the Justice Dept. from monitoring contents of privileged electronic communications between convicts and lawyers. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

H. Res. 730: To find Stephen Bannon in contempt of Congress for ignoring subpoena from the Pelosi-nominated Jan. 6 House Committee and ask the U.S. attorney for D.C. to enforce the subpoena.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 1215: Expands activity to stop mail, phone, and Internet fraud. Make educational materials available to educate retail employers, financial service companies, and banks about how to identify and prevent scams against elderly citizens.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 1280: To restrict use of police enforcement practices. Limits the use of force. To make it easier to convict a law officer of official misconduct by federal prosecution. Limits qualified immunity as a defense to liability in a civil lawsuit against an officer. Grants Justice Dept. more subpoena power to investigate local police. Creates the National Police Misconduct Registry to compile data on police misconduct. More reporting requirements on the use of force and stop and search police practices. Forces law officers to undergo racial profiling and implicit bias training.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 1652: Add a new source of funding for the Crime Victims Fund, collected from deferred prosecution agreements.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 1693: To eliminate federal sentencing disparity between crack cocaine and powder cocaine offenses. Lowers penalty for crack cocaine offenses. Reduced sentences for those previously convicted for crack cocaine violations.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: NO

HR 1996: To prohibit federal banking regulators from penalizing a bank for providing banking services to marijuana businesses, such as ending or limiting their deposit insurance. Banks not liable for asset forfeiture for providing marijuana business loans or other financial services.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: NO Smith: did not vote

HR 2119: To expand and reauthorize through FY 2026 the program that funds emergency shelters for victims of domestic violence. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 2685: To require the National Telecommunication and Information Administration to examine and report on cybersecurity of mobile service networks and their vulnerability to cyberattacks and surveillance by enemies.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 2930: To prohibit exportation of American Indian cultural items and archeological resources illegally obtained and establish and increase criminal penalties. A 10-year maximum prison term for individuals convicted of selling, purchasing, profiting from, or transporting for sale or for profit cultural items illegally obtained.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 3233: To establish a congressional commission to investigate the Capitol riot. The commission will hold public hearings and issue subpoenas. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: NO

HR 4055: To require the National Telecommunication and Information Administration to develop and conduct a cybersecurity literacy campaign to increase knowledge and awareness of best ways to reduce cybersecurity risks.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 4089: Directs DHS to develop and disseminate best practices for vehicle rental companies and dealers to report suspicious behavior to law enforcement.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 5314 Amend. 148 (Ocasio-Cortez). To disseminate classified intelligence to General Accounting Office personnel.

BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 5574: To require TSA to develop a plan to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major airports is better understood by people with vision and hearing deficiencies.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 5609: To criminalize meatpackers failing or refusing to provide the USDA with accurate contract information regarding cattle producers. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 5665: To establish a State Dept. office to monitor and combat Islamophobia. Collects information about acts of violence against or harassment of Muslims and instances of propaganda in the media that attempt to justify or promote hatred or instigate violence against Muslims.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

S. J. Res. 13: That Congress disapproves of an Equal Economic Opportunity Commission (EEOC) rule that requires employers be given the factual and legal basis that EEOC relied upon to determine a discrimination practice.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

S. 475: To establish Juneteenth as a legal public holiday.

BAD BILL/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

S. 937: To designate a Justice Dept. officer to facilitate review of hate crimes and their reports. Grants given to states to create hate crime reporting hot lines. Grants given states and local governments to conduct law enforcement activities or programs to prevent or respond to hate crimes. BAD BILL/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

Gunowner Rights.

HR 8: To establish additional background check requirements for gun transfers between individuals. A licensed gun dealer must take a firearm and conduct a background check before giving the gun to buyer.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 1446: To make a gun dealer wait 10 instead of 3 days for a background check before transferring a gun to an unlicensed individual. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 1620: To restrict firearms ownership in relation to reauthorizing programs and activities to prevent and respond to rape and stalking. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Amend. 32: To replace bill with conservative content.

GOOD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

Military.

HR 147: To require the Dept. of Labor to provide information on apprenticeship programs to former service members. This dept. and Dept. of Veterans Affairs (DVA) must establish a website where vets can find specific information about apprenticeship programs approved as VA educational benefits.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 256: To repeal the authorization for use of military force against Iraq as written in a 2002 resolution.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 567: To cooperate with Saharan countries to counter terrorism and violent extremism. To build military capacity there. The State. Dept. must submit a 5-yr. comprehensive strategies plan.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 983: To knowingly scheme to defraud an individual of veteran benefits. Violators subject to a fine, 5 yrs. in prison, or both. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 1029: Eliminates application fee for special use permits for veteran special events at war memorials on land administered by National Park Service in D.C.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 2911: To require the DVA to submit a plan to spend available funds to respond to the pandemic.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 3469: To allow the SBA to administer a Boots to Business program that provides entrepreneurship training to veterans and armed forces members. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 4233: Requires DVA to furnish counseling through veteran centers to vets or service members using VA educational assistance benefits. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 4300: To make all national park and all federal recreation lands and waters passes free to armed forces members and veterans. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 4350: To authorize Defense Dept. activities and programs for FY 2022. Impose sanctions on entities that construct, operate, or maintain the Nordstream 2 Russian natural gas pipeline.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: NO Smith: YES

Amend. 111: To prohibit U.S. military presence in Syria without congressional approval.

BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Amend. 113: To end U.S. logistical military support and transfer of spare parts to Saudi air force planes striking terrorist Houthis in Yemen. Permanently end U.S. effort to communicate or coordinate with or accompany coalition forces in the Yemen war. BAD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO

Smith: NO

Amend. 114: To suspend U.S. sustainment and maintenance support to Saudi air force units hitting Yemen terrorist targets. BAD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Amend. 116: To restrict DOD from transferring surplus military equipment to federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies. BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Amend. 117: To prohibit use of funds for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent Program.

BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Amend. 119: To reduce overall defense spending by 10%.

BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Amend. 120: To reduce amounts authorized for defense spending in FY 2022 to no more than that requested by President Biden. BAD AMENDMENT/ FAILED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 5293: To permanently extend VA authority to administer a dental insurance plan for veterans and their survivors and dependents. Extends through FY 2022 expansion of program that authorizes payments and allowances for beneficiary travel with vets to veteran centers. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 5323: To appropriate \$1 billion in supplemental appropriations to the Defense Dept. to provide Israel with the Iron Dome defense system to counter Arab rocket threats.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

S. 189: Requires DVA to increase amounts paid for wartime disability compensation equal to Social Security benefit increases and clothing allowance for disabled veterans.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

S. 957: Requires DVA to designate periods when vets can dispose of prescription medications at VA medical facilities.

GOOD BILL PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

S. 1605: To authorize DOD to establish a consortium of colleges to study irregular warfare. Provide military assistance to counter radicals in Syria and Iraq. Extends the Pacific Deterrence Initiative. Provide regional cybersecurity training to Army National Guard. GOOD BILL/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

S. 1910: To authorize the DVA to build specified medical facility projects in FY 2021.

GOOD BILL/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

Foreign Affairs.

HR 130: To condemn actions by Red China to pass legislation that violates freedoms and rights guaranteed to Hong Kong residents. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: did not vote

H. Res. 134: To condemn the 2021 Burma military coup and request the release of all those arbitrarily detained and for those elected to serve in parliament to resume their duties.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 172: To authorize appropriations to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency through FY 2030. This agency must certify in advance testing conducted by international organizations for international amateur athletes and athletic competitions in the U.S. The Justice Dept. and DHS will provide this agency with information about preventing the use of illegal drugs.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 317: That the Red Chinese government is responsible for continuing human rights abuses against Uighurs and other ethnic and religious minority groups, that these abuses constitute genocide. That the President should act to end these atrocities. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

H. Res. 760: To express solidarity with the Cuban people, condemning repression of peaceful journalists and protesters, and request Cuba not arrest or detain peaceful protesters and release political prisoners. To support the Cuban people and their right to demonstrate peacefully. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 826: Dept. of State must report to Congress on consultations with South Korea on opportunities to reunite Korean-Americans with family in North Korea.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 1155: To impose restrictions on Red China by prohibiting specific imports from Uighur territory and impose sanctions on those engaged in human rights violations there. Includes goods manufactured by convict or forced Uighur labor. The President must impose sanctions and visa sanctions on individuals and entities that violate bill provisions by importing forced labor products. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 1228: To impose property and visa sanctions on terrorists causing violence in Libya and those engaged in transactions with foreigners operating in Libya on behalf of the Russian military, engaged in actions threatening peace or stability in Libya, or being knowingly responsible for or complicit in human rights abuses there. The State Dept. must work to strengthen Libyan democratic governance, provide assistance to unify financial and governing institutions, and insure free and credible elections. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 1392: To temporarily limit arms sales to Saudi Arabia because of the murder of a Saudi journalist, for 120 days or 3 yrs., unless the President tells Congress that the Saudi government has not killed its dissidents in other countries, imprisoned U.S. citizens in Saudi Arabia, or tortured detainees in custody. The President must certify to Congress that Saudi diplomats here are not tracking or harassing Saudis in the U.S. If the President does not certify, he must close at least 1 Saudi consulate in the U.S.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: did not vote

HR 4250: Expands State Dept. rewards program to authorize rewards for providing information leading to the arrest, conviction, or transfer of foreigners accused of war crimes or genocide under U.S. law.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 4686: To direct the President to impose sanctions on individuals who undermine democracy in Cambodia, including human rights violations, particularly by government, military, or security officials. Sanctions include blocking assets and restricting their entry into the U.S. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

S. 1064: To establish measures to monitor, report on, and address corruption and human rights abuses in Nicaragua. State and Treasury Depts. must implement targeted sanctions to facilitate free and fair elections there. State Dept. must work diplomatically with other countries to impose targeted sanctions on specific Nicaraguans, who also will be subject to specific visa-blocking sanctions for undermining the democratic process of institutions or significantly corrupting or obstructing corruption investigations. State Dept. must report on Russian-Nicaraguan cooperation of military personnel and intelligence services. GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

Traditional Values.

HR 1443: To force financial institutions to report credit application data to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to enforce fair lending laws for lesbian, gay, and transgender-owned businesses.

BAD RESOLUTION/ FAILED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 3005: To remove the statues at the Capitol of Chief Justice Roger Taney and VP John Calhoun, also those of all Confederates. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: NO

HR 3755: To prohibit government restrictions on provision of and access to abortions. The government could not prevent providers from prescribing drugs or offering abortion services via telemedicine. Patients would not have to disclose reasons for obtaining an abortion. The Dept. of Justice, abortion providers, or an individual may sue to enforce bill provisions. States not immune from lawsuits for violations.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

Immigration.

HR 6: To allow Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) illegal aliens to receive permanent resident status if enrolled in education institutions or graduated. If in the military or employed, permanent resident status restrictions removed. Cancels the deportation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) aliens and gives them permanent resident status, if they apply for it. Homeland Security must waive specific grounds of inadmissibility. Homeland Security cannot use information from applications for immigration enforcement purposes. An illegal alien will have a right to judicial review of a denial or revocation of permanent resident status and a free attorney. Not deported until final decision on application. Taxpayer grants to nonprofits that assist such aliens. Repeals a restriction that bars a state from providing college benefits to illegal aliens. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

HR 1333: To impose limitations on presidential authority to suspend or restrict illegal aliens or Muslims from entering the U.S. To restrict them only if a compelling government interest. Illegal aliens already residing here who believe such restriction harms them can sue in federal court.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: did not vote

HR 1573: To allow aliens entering the U.S. and subject to inspections to have legal counsel present within 1 hour of arrival. BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: did not vote

HR 1603: DHS may grant temporary resident status to illegal aliens working in agriculture otherwise deportable or inadmissible and to those having TPS status. This status applicable for 5 ½ years and renewable; spouses and children included. An illegal with a pending application DHS cannot detain or deport until DHS makes a final decision on the application. The USDA can provide grants for new farmworker housing for illegals.

BAD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: did not vote Smith: NO

HR 3985: To increase by 8,000 number of visas available to qualified Afghan nationals who worked for U.S. government or NATO and who feel threatened in Afghanistan.

GOOD RESOLUTION/ PASSED Bacon: YES Fortenberry: YES Smith: YES

HR 4350 Amend. 121: To admit essential foreign scientists and technical experts to promote and protect our national security innovation base instead of hiring our citizens.

BAD AMENDMENT/ PASSED Bacon: NO Fortenberry: NO Smith: NO

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