



Congressional Voting Record

2005

Members of Congress who earned 100%

Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Bob Filner (D-CA), George Miller (D-CA), Mike Thompson (D-CA), Sam Farr (D-CA), John Lewis (D-GA), Danny Davis (D-IL), Janice Schakowsky (D-IL), Julia Carson (D-IN), Edward J. Markey (D-MA), James P. McGovern (D-MA), John Tierney (D-MA), Martin T. Meehan (D-MA), Betty McCollum (D-MN), Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Rush Holt (D-NJ), Anthony Weiner (D-NY), Charles B. Rangel (D-NY), Jose E. Serrano (D-NY), Major R. Owens (D-NY), Maurice D. Hinchey (D-NY), Nydia M. Velazquez (D-NY), Dennis J. Kucinich (D-OH), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Bernard Sanders (I-VT)

This guide can only provide a snapshot of what happened in Congress last year. Some members who did not receive 100% deserve honorable mention for supporting Peace Action's issues by leading their colleagues, introducing or cosponsoring legislation that never made it to the floor for a vote.

Peace Action's Honorable Mention

Senators

Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD), Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), Carl Levin (D-MI), Russ Feingold (D-WI)

Representatives

Xavier Becerra (D-CA), Lois Capps (D-CA), Mike Honda (D-CA), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Doris Matsui (D-CA), Grace F. Napolitano (D-CA), Linda T. Sanchez (D-CA), Hilda Solis (D-CA), Fortney H. Stark (D-CA), Maxine Waters (D-CA), Diane Watson (D-CA), Henry A. Waxman (D-CA), Lynn Woolsey (D-CA), Cynthia McKinney (D-GA), Neal Abercrombie (D-HI), Tom Allen, (D-ME), Michael H. Michaud (D-ME), Elijah Cummings (D-MD), Michael Capuano (D-MA), William Delahunt (D-MA), Barney Frank (D-MA), John W. Olver (D-MA), John Conyers (D-MI), Carolyn C. Kilpatrick (D-MI), Wm. Lacy Clay (D-MO), Donald Payne, (D-NJ), Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Michael McNulty (NY), Walter Jones (R-NC), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Peter A. DeFazio (D-OR), Ron Paul (R-TX), Jim McDermott (D-WA), Gwen S. Moore (D-WI)

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Message from the Executive Director

This 2005 Congressional Voting Record lists how each Member of Congress voted last year on crucial issues of war and peace: the war in Iraq, torture, the policy of pre-emptive military attack, military recruitment practices, nuclear weapons policy, weapons in space, and funding for the United Nations.

A few words about our methodology: this voter guide is a review of the most important votes on peace and disarmament issues in Congress in a particular year. It is not an overall assessment of a congressperson or senator, and it does not measure leadership on or co-sponsorship of legislation. It does not track votes in congressional committees, only recorded "floor votes" of the entire House or Senate.

We applaud the 27 House members who earned a 100% rating last year. You will see no senator earned a 100% rating for 2005. That is because the Senate voted 99-0 in favor of the \$82 billion supplemental appropriation for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Funds for Indian Ocean tsunami relief, peacekeeping in Darfur, Sudan and other worthy purposes were also included. However, those programs can and should have been funded through separate bills, and the lion's share of the money in the supplemental was to continue to fund wars we oppose.

Members of Congress are accountable; they keep signing the checks for the quagmire in Iraq. With an obviously intransigent administration in the White House, building congressional support for ending the war in Iraq is a top priority, and cutting off funding for the war is a key strategy for congressional and activist opponents of the war.

Use this Voting Record well, to hold your elected officials accountable, to open dialogue with them on how they could improve, to let your friends or neighbors who share your passion for peace know how Congress performed last year. The median scores for both the House and Senate were 33%. Even in this time of war, we in Washington, DC frequently hear that Members of Congress receive relatively little communication from their constituents about these issues. Please consider signing up for our e-alerts (generally only one per week) to receive timely information on congressional legislation and other happenings in the peace movement.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Martin
Executive Director



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Key Senate Votes

1. Opposing the Confirmation of Alberto Gonzales

President Bush nominated Alberto Gonzales to replace John Ashcroft as Attorney General. In his role as White House Counsel, Mr. Gonzales authored a memo in 2002 that condoned the use of torture by the U.S. and called the Geneva Conventions, “outdated.” In light of the human rights abuses uncovered at Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib, this made Mr. Gonzales an especially troubling and controversial choice for Attorney General. The Senate confirmed Alberto Gonzales in a 60-36 vote. **A vote no is a (+).**

2. Positive Leadership in the UN

In the past few years, UN peacekeepers have prevented large-scale violence in Burundi, Indonesia and Macedonia, and allowed for a peaceful and free election in Liberia. Peacekeepers play a critical role in peaceful resolution of conflicts around the world. *Amendment 286 to Senate 600* would have increased the U.S. financial share of UN peacekeeping operations. It was sponsored by Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE) and failed 40 to 57. **A vote yes is a (+).**

3. Stop Funding the War

In the Spring of 2005, the Senate approved \$80.6 billion in total spending for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the global war on terrorism, and tsunami disaster relief. This vote was one of the few opportunities to protest the wars that members of Congress had last year. The administration tried to make it even harder for members to vote against the Supplemental by including tsunami aid and foreign assistance in the request. Not a single Senator took this chance

to protest the war in Iraq. **A vote no is a (+).**

4. Opposing the John Bolton Nomination

“If the UN secretary building in New York lost 10 stories, it wouldn’t make a bit of difference.” These were the words uttered in 1994 by John Bolton, the man that eleven years later President Bush would nominate to represent the U.S. to the United Nations. These words – along with his extensive track record of hostility towards the notion of international cooperation – led many Senators on both sides of the aisle to doubt Mr. Bolton’s commitment to the success of the UN. To confirm Mr. Bolton, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) introduced a *cloture motion to cut off debate*. Twice Mr. Bolton’s opponents succeeded in continuing the debate, and the president was forced to make a recess appointment that will last until January 2007. The motion failed to pass 54-38 (2/3 majority to pass). **A vote no is a (+).**

5. No New Nuclear Weapons

President Bush has pushed and failed for five years to build a “new family” of nuclear weapons. *Amendment 1085 to House Resolution 2419* was one of the most aggressive attempts to counter the president’s agenda, and would have prohibited funds for the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator, a.k.a. the “nuclear bunker buster.” It was sponsored by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA). While this amendment failed 43-53, it helped build momentum toward the complete cut of funding for this program later in the year. **A vote yes is a (+).**

6. Preventing Nuclear Terrorism

In the 2004 presidential debates, President Bush and Senator Kerry agreed that nuclear terrorism is the

gravest security threat facing the U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN), a key leader on this issue since the end of the Cold War, introduced *Amendment 1380 to Senate 1042* to strengthen programs to secure loose nuclear weapons. It passed 78-19. **A vote yes is a (+).**

7. Opposing U.S. Torture

Amendment 1977 to House Resolution 2863 would prohibit U.S. sponsored torture. Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), a former POW, introduced this amendment in response to revelations that the U.S. was sponsoring torture at Guantanamo and other secret prisons. It was sponsored by John McCain and passed 90-9. **A vote yes is a (+).**

8. Investigate Secret Detentions

In November 2005, the press began reporting allegations that the CIA was running a system of secret prisons in Europe and engaging in the illegal practice of “extraordinary rendition.” This involves sending criminal suspects – generally suspected terrorists or supporters of terrorist organizations – for interrogations outside the U.S. in countries that permit the use of torture. *Amendment 2507 to Senate 1042* requires classified reports to Congress providing a full accounting on any clandestine prison or detention facility operated by the U.S. regardless of its location. It was sponsored by Sen. John Kerry (D-MA), and passed 82-9. **A vote yes is a (+).**

9. U.S. Accountability in Iraq

Amendment 2519 to Senate 1042 called for the administration to produce “a campaign plan with estimated dates” for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. It was sponsored by Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) and failed 40-58. **A vote yes is a (+).**

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	%			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	%
Alabama												Hawaii											
Sessions	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	Akaka	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
Shelby	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	22	Inouye	D	?	+	?	+	+	+	+	?	+	67
Alaska												Idaho											
Murkowski	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33	Craig	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33
Stevens	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	11	Crapo	R	-	?	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33
Arizona												Illinois											
Kyl	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	11	Durbin	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
McCain	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33	Obama	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
Arkansas												Indiana											
Lincoln	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	Bayh	D	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	78
Pryor	D	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	56	Lugar	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	?	-	22
California												Iowa											
Boxer	D	+	+	-	+	+	?	+	+	+	78	Grassley	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	22
Feinstein	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	Harkin	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
Colorado												Kansas											
Allard	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11	Brownback	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33
Salazar	D	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	78	Roberts	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11
Connecticut												Kentucky											
Dodd	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	Bunning	R	-	-	-	-	?	-	+	+	-	22
Lieberman	D	-	+	-	+	?	+	+	+	-	56	McConnell	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33
Delaware												Louisiana											
Biden	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	Landrieu	D	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	67
Carper	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	Vitter	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	11
Florida												Maine											
Martinez	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	22	Collins	R	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	44
Nelson	D	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	56	Snowe	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33
Georgia												Maryland											
Chambliss	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	11	Mikulski	D	+	+	-	+	?	+	+	+	+	78
Isakson	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	11	Sarbanes	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
Massachusetts												Michigan											
Kennedy	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	Levin	D	+	+	-	?	+	+	+	+	+	78
Kerry	D	+	+	-	?	+	+	+	+	+	78	Stabenow	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
Minnesota												Mississippi											
Coleman	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	33	Cochran	R	-	-	-	-	-	?	-	+	-	11
Dayton	D	+	?	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	78	Lott	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33

Key

- + Supported Peace Action Education Fund's position
- Opposed Peace Action Education Fund's position
- ? Did not vote (= opposed in %)
- / No vote recorded

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	%			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	%
Missouri												Rhode Island											
Bond	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	22	Chafee	R	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	56
Talent	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	22	Reed	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
Montana												South Carolina											
Baucus	D	?	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	67	DeMint	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	11
Burns	R	?	-	-	?	-	+	+	+	-	33	Graham	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33
Nebraska												South Dakota											
Hagel	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	?	-	22	Johnson	D	+	+	-	?	+	+	+	+	+	78
Nelson	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33	Thune	R	-	-	-	?	-	+	+	+	-	33
Nevada												Tennessee											
Ensign	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	22	Alexander	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	?	?	22
Reid	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	Frist	R	-	-	-	-	-	?	+	+	-	22
New Hampshire												Texas											
Gregg	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33	Cornyn	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11
Sununu	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33	Hutchison	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33
New Jersey												Utah											
Corzine	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	?	?	?	56	Bennett	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33
Lautenberg	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	Hatch	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33
New Mexico												Vermont											
Bingaman	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	Jeffords	I	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
Domenici	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	?	-	22	Leahy	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
New York												Virginia											
Clinton	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	Allen	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33
Schumer	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	Warner	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	22
North Carolina												Washington											
Burr	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	11	Cantwell	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
Dole	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	22	Murray	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
North Dakota												West Virginia											
Conrad	D	?	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	67	Byrd	D	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	78
Dorgan	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	Rockefeller	D	+	?	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	78
Ohio												Wisconsin											
DeWine	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33	Feingold	D	+	+	-	?	+	+	+	+	+	78
Voinovich	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	56	Kohl	D	+	+	-	?	+	+	+	+	+	78
Oklahoma												Wyoming											
Coburn	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	22	Enzi	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	?	-	22
Inhofe	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11	Thomas	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	?	-	22
Oregon																							
Smith	R	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	33												
Wyden	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89												
Pennsylvania																							
Santorum	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	?	-	11												
Specter	R	-	-	-	-	?	+	+	+	-	33												

Key House Votes

1. Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) onto Campuses

Amendment 211 to House Resolution 1815 reaffirmed existing law with the suspension of funding for any University which seeks to limit military recruiters and ROTC programs and additionally requires the Secretary of Defense to report all colleges and universities that are denying access to recruiters and ROTC. This law has a broad impact on students' free speech rights and the counter-recruitment movement. It was sponsored by Rep. Cliff Stearns and passed 336-92. **A vote no is a (+).**

2. Ending the War in Iraq

In February 2006, Zogby International conducted a poll showing that 72% of American troops serving in Iraq think the U.S. should exit the country within a year. One in four American soldiers in Iraq says the troops should leave immediately. *Amendment 214 to House Resolution 1815* called on President Bush to develop a plan for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. This was the first vote in the House on an Iraq war exit strategy. It was sponsored by Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-CA), and failed 128-300. **A vote yes is a (+).**

3. Abandoning the UN

The United Nations was founded after WWII to "save succeeding generations the scourge of war." *Amendment 285 to House Resolution 2862* would prohibit U.S. financial contributions to the United Nations, thereby severing our ties to this international cooperative body. This was the most radical of many votes in 2005 on America's relationship with the UN. It was sponsored by Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX), and failed 65-357. **A vote no is a (+).**

4. Upholding America's Commitment to Human Rights

Americans were stunned when the systematic use of torture on Iraqi detainees was uncovered. The Bush administration distanced itself from the torture at Abu Ghraib, while quietly permitting its use in Guantanamo and defending its use in "the war on terror." *Amendment 287 to House Resolution 2862* would prohibit U.S. funds for any activities that violate the UN convention against torture. It was

sponsored by Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA) and passed 415-8. **A vote yes is a (+).**

5. Blackmailing the International Community

America has the strength and ability to lend a hand to nations in need. *Amendment 316 to House Resolution 2745* would abuse this strength by blocking U.S. assistance to any country that opposed the American position in a UN vote. It was sponsored by Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX), and failed 108-297. **A vote no is a (+).**

6. Preventing Unauthorized Preemptive Attacks

In March 2006, *The Washington Post* conducted a poll that showed 57% of Americans feel the Iraq war was not worth fighting. There has also been growing concern over the Bush administration's aggressive rhetoric directed at other nations. *Amendment 331 to House Resolution 2863* would prohibit the administration from initiating military action against Syria, Iran, North Korea or other countries without authorization from Congress. It was sponsored by Rep. Pete DeFazio (D-OR), and failed 136-280. **A vote yes is a (+).**

7. No Weapons to Colombia

The Colombian military has one of the worst human rights abuse records in the western hemisphere. The U.S. has pumped billions of dollars in military supplies, weapons and training into the country since 1991 as part of the war on drugs. *Amendment 375 to House Resolution 3957* would reduce U.S. military aid to Colombia by \$100 million. It was sponsored by Rep. James McGovern (D-MA) and failed 189-234. **A vote yes is a (+).**

8. Ban Weapons in Space

Daily life and global commerce rely on the peaceful use of outer space. The U.S. has cooperated with allies for over half a century to prevent the weaponization of space. Current U.S. policies, however, are endangering civilian space technologies by advocating for the research and development of space weapons. *Amendment 475 to House Resolution 2601* rejects the weaponization of space and requires the U.S. to begin negotiations for an international treaty banning weapons in space. It was sponsored by Rep. Dennis

Kucinich (D-OH) and failed 124-302. **A vote yes is a (+).**

9. A Failed Course in Iraq

Amendment 488 to House Resolution 2601 affirms the policy of the U.S. to keep American troops in Iraq indefinitely. It was sponsored by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), and it passed 291-137. **A vote no is a (+).**

10. Stop Funding the War

In the Spring of 2005, the House of Representatives completed its work on the President's emergency supplemental spending request for Fiscal Year 2005. The request is for roughly \$82 billion, of which \$75 billion would support the Pentagon and cover the costs of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. This vote was one of the few opportunities to protest the wars that members of Congress had last year. The administration tried to make it even harder for members to vote against the Supplemental by including tsunami aid and foreign assistance in the request. **A vote no is a (+).**

11. Against a Strategy in Iraq

Rep. John Murtha (D-PA), a Vietnam veteran and hawk by reputation, caused an uproar in Congress when he called for a plan to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq. In response, Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL) introduced *House Resolution 612* to oppose a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. It passed 279-109 with 34 abstentions. **A vote no or abstained is a (+).**

12. Opposing U.S. Torture

Nearly 40 years ago, Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) was held captive and tortured in a North Vietnamese prison camp. McCain has been one of the Senate's strongest advocates to stop American use of torture. *The Motion to Instruct, House Resolution 2863* is the House response in support of this cause. It instructs House leaders to adopt a prohibition against torture as part of the Defense Department Appropriations bill. It was sponsored by Rep. John Murtha and passed 308-122. **A vote yes is a (+).**

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Thompson	D	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	75
Wicker	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Missouri													
Akin	R	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Blunt	R	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Carnahan	D	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	58
Clay	D	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
Cleaver	D	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83
Emerson	R	?	?	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Graves	R	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Hulshof	R	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Skelton	D	-	-	+	?	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Montana													
Rehberg	R	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Nebraska													
Berkley	R	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Osborne	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Terry	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Nevada													
Berkeley	D	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	58
Gibbons	R	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	17
Porter	R	-	?	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
New Hampshire													
Bass	R	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Bradley	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
New Jersey													
Andrews	D	-	-	+	+	?	+	+	+	-	-	+	58
Ferguson	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Frelinghuysen	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Garrett	R	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Holt	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
LoBiondo	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Menendez	R	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	58
Pallone	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Pascrell	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
Payne	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	92
Rothman	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83
Saxton	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Smith	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
New Mexico													
Pearce	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Udall	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
Wilson	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
New York													
Ackerman	D	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83
Bishop	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	58
Boehler	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Crowley	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75
Engel	D	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	67
Fossella	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	25
Higgins	D	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	58
Hinche	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Israel	D	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	42
Kelly	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
King	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	25
Kuhl	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Lowey	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75
Maloney	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
McCarthy	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	?	+	42
McHugh	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
McNulty	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
Meeks	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
Nadler	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
Owens	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Rangel	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Reynolds	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Serrano	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Slaughter	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
Sweeney	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	?	?	33
Towns	D	-	-	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	83
Velazquez	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Walsh	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	25
Weiner	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
North Carolina													
Butterfield	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	50
Coble	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	25
Etheridge	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	42
Fox	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Hayes	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Jones	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	?	-	42
McHenry	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
McIntyre	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	?	-	33
Miller	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	67
Myrick	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Price	D	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83
Taylor	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Watt	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
North Dakota													
Pomeroy	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	42
Ohio													
Boehner	R	-	-	+	+	?	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Brown	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
Chabot	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Gillmor	R	-	-	+	+	?	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Hobson	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Jones	D	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	83
Kaptur	D	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	83
Kucinich	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
LaTourette	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	25
Ney	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Oxley	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Pryce	R	-	-	?	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	25
Regula	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Ryan	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	75
Schmidt	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Strickland	D	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83
Tiberi	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	17
Turner	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Oklahoma													
Boren	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	42
Cole	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Istook	R	-	-	+	+	?	?	-	-	-	-	?	17
Lucas	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Sullivan	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	?	17
Oregon													
Blumenauer	D	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
DeFazio	D	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83
Hooley	D	-	-	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	75
Walden	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Wu	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
Pennsylvania													
Brady	D	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	83
Dent	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Doyle	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	75
English	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Fattah	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	75
Fitzpatrick	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Gerlach	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Hart	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Holden	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	50
Kanjorski	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	50
Murphy	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Murtha	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	50
Peterson	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Pitts	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	33
Platts	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	17
Schwartz	D	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	67
Sherwood	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33
Shuster	R	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-				

The Financial Cost of War in Iraq

When White House economic advisor, Lawrence Lindsay, said in 2002 that the war could cost \$100 - \$200 billion, the Bush administration immediately rejected such a large number, stating that the war would be quick and the Iraqi economy would pay for the reconstruction. As of today, \$251 billion has been appropriated for the war, and the Congressional Budget Office has predicted that the total cost of military combat alone could be \$500 billion. That total ignores the cost of reconstruction, the cost of caring for veterans, new recruitment costs and the interest payments the government now owes for borrowing to finance this costly war. It's time to start looking at the real cost of the war.

Nobel Prize winning economist and former chief economist for the World Bank, Joseph E. Stiglitz and the Kennedy School's Linda Blimes have estimated the total cost to the American economy of the war in Iraq to be between \$1 and \$2 trillion!

\$1 TRILLION is enough to:

- Keep Social Security solvent for 75 years – twice over*
- Pay for private college scholarships for 48 million Americans*
- Fully fund global anti-hunger efforts for 35 years**

Special thanks to the National Priorities Project: <http://nationalpriorities.org>

*From "War's High Price: Costs Include Investments Neglected At Home," *Des Moines Register*, 1/24/06.

** Extrapolated from the National Priorities Project's Cost of War.

*** Blimes and Stiglitz, *The Economic Costs of the Iraq War: An Appraisal Three Years After the Beginning of the Conflict*, January 2006.

**** 30,000: www.iraqbodycount.org and 100,000 from *The Lancet*

The terrible loss of life and disabilities suffered by our brave soldiers stationed in Iraq and the Iraqi people has a real effect on our economy.

These costs can never account for the pain and suffering associated with losing so many American and Iraqi lives. However, they are demonstrative of the true financial costs of war.

Monthly Cost of Direct Military Combat:

\$6-\$9 Billion

Total Funds Appropriated to Date:

\$251 Billion

Total Expected Appropriated Funds:

\$500 Billion

Veterans Affairs Costs:

\$57 Billion***

Total Cost to American Economy:

\$1 - \$2 Trillion***

Total Number of Brain and Spinal Injuries in Veterans:

3,200

Average Cost to Treat ONE Brain Injured Veteran:

\$2.4 Million***

Total Expected Cost of Veterans' Disability:

\$122 Billion***

Total Iraqi Casualties:

30,000 - 100,000****

Total American Soldiers Killed in Iraq:

2,318 (3/20/2006)

Expected Loss to Economy for Each Deceased Soldier:

\$6 Million***

Interest on Debt:

\$386 Billion***

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