

2001-2002 IBEW® Vote Report 107th Congress U.S. Senate

Legend	
Code	Value
R	Voted With Us
W	Voted Against Us
P	Voted Present
S	Speaker did Not Vote
A	Did Not Vote
I	Not in Office
Lifetime	Career Right Vote Percentage

IBEW® SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTION - 107th Congress (2001-2002)

1 - OSHA/Ergonomics

The Senate voted to rescind the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's final ergonomics rule issued by the Labor Department. The Republican leadership used the Congressional Review Act (CRA) - a law that gives Congress the authority to overturn rules and regulations issued by federal agencies to destroy a worker safety protection that sought to reduce on the job injuries. The Senate passed (S.J. Res. 6) by a vote of 56 to 44. This action eliminated the ergonomics rule that organized labor fought to implement for over 10 years. President Bush signed the bill wiping out the ergonomics rules on March 20, 2001. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #15, March 6, 2001: OPPOSE (Yes = Wrong, NO = Right).

2 - Paycheck Deception/Dues

On March 21, 2001, Senator John McCain (R-AZ) introduced a motion to table (kill) Sen. Orrin Hatch's (R-UT) "paycheck deception" amendment. This amendment would have required labor unions to get advance written authorization from each member and non-member before their dues money could be spent on any communication that is connected with a political or legislative issue. It also included a sham requirement that corporations get permission from their shareholders which would not in fact adversely impact corporations' political activities. Some Senators who agreed with the issue in principle voted "NO" on this "poison pill" amendment, because they are staunch campaign finance advocates. The Hatch Amendment was defeated by a vote of 69-31. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #43, March 21, 2001: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, NO=Wrong).

3 - Paycheck Deception/Shareholders'

Senator John McCain (R-AZ) made a motion to table Senator Orrin Hatch's (R-UT) paycheck deception amendment. It would have required corporations and unions that spend money on political activities to provide detailed disclosure of funds spent on political activities to corporation's shareholders or labor organization's members. The motion was defeated by a 60-40 vote. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #44, March 22, 2001: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

4 - Patients' Rights/Collective Bargaining Agreements

Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) made a motion to table (kill) an amendment sponsored by Senator Don Nickles (R-OK) that would have imposed new costs and obligations on our collective bargaining agreements. Nickles' amendment would force union health plans to comply with the Patients' Bill of Rights (S. 1052) at the same time other plans did, rather than wait until the end of the current collectively bargained contract. This, effectively, would nullify our bargaining rights. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 54-44. IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #211, June 29, 2001: SUPPORT. (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

5 - Patients' Rights/Final Passage

S. 1052, sponsored by Senators Ted Kennedy (D-MA), John McCain(R-AZ), and John Edwards (D-NC) would provide patients with new federal protections, such as access to specialty and emergency room care, and legal recourse to appeal a health plan's decision on coverage and treatment. It also would allow patients to sue health insurers in state courts over quality-of-care claims and at the federal level over coverage disputes. Economic and non-economic damages would not be capped, and punitive damages would be capped at \$5 million. The bill, as amended, would exempt from federal cause of action all employers and plan sponsors with self-insured and self-administered health plans, including multi-employer "Taft-Hartley" plans, who act as their own designated decision makers. It also would require the administrative appeals process to be exhausted for patients before a cause of action is brought in connection with a denial of claim for benefits. The Senate passed S. 1052 by a vote of 59-36. IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #220, June 29, 2001: SUPPORT. (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

6 - Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act

The Senate passed Railroad Retirement reform by a vote of 90-9, to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries. IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #351, December 5, 2001: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

7 - Economic Stimulus/UI Benefits

Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) offered an amendment to the economic stimulus measure (H.R. 622), that require states to provide unemployment benefits to former part-time workers who are seeking another part-time job through the end of 2002, and provided a temporary supplement to unemployment insurance benefits of 15 percent or \$25 per week, whichever is greater. The amendment fell short of the 60 votes needed to overcome a procedural hurdle by a vote of 57-35. IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #6, January 29, 2002: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

8 - Fast-Track

This bill (H.R. 3009) would renew the president's fast-track trade negotiations, reauthorize and expand a program to provide retraining and relocation assistance to U.S. workers hurt by trade agreements, and create a refundable 70 percent tax credit for health insurance costs to displaced workers. The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 66 to 30. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #130, May 23, 2002: OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).

9 - Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Site Approval

The Senate passed S. J. Res. 34, an IBEW supported motion to proceed to the joint resolution that would approve a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, as a repository for the nation's spent nuclear and high-level radioactive waste by a vote of 60-39. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #167, July 9, 2002: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

10 - Accounting Industry Overhaul

On July 10, 2002, Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) introduced a motion to table (kill) Sen. Mitch McConnell's (R-KY) amendment attacking organized labor. The McConnell amendment would require burdensome new filing requirements for labor organizations, making them subject to the same procedures required of publicly traded companies including civil fines and penalties for delinquent filings and auditor certification of financial statements. The McConnell amendment was defeated by a vote of 55-43. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #168, July 10, 2002: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

11 - Homeland Security Department

On September 26, 2002, the Senate rejected a motion for “cloture” (cutting off debate) on an amendment to the bill establishing the Department of Homeland Security that would attack government workers’ right to have union representation. The Lieberman (D-CT) amendment required that the President certify in writing the “national security reasons” for excluding these workers from civil service and collective bargaining protections. The vote failed by a 45-52 margin, with three-fifths of the Senate (60) needed for passage. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #228, September 26, 2001: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, NO=Wrong).

12 - Department of Homeland Security Worker Protections

Senator Gramm (R-Texas) used a procedural vote to move an amendment sponsored by Senator Fred Thompson, (R-Tenn), that would create a cabinet-level Homeland Security Department. This vote essentially passed the anti-union amendment to the Homeland Security Bill that gives the President the ability to exempt some employees from collective bargaining units for national security reasons and allow the department to make changes to personnel rules. The motion passed by a vote of 69-30. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #246, November 19, 2002: Oppose (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).

Congressional Session	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2				
IBEW Vote Position	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N			
Alabama	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Richard Shelby (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	A	R	W	W	W	2	9	44%
Jeff Sessions (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	W	W	W	3	9	10%
Alaska	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Ted Stevens (R)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	3	9	33%
Frank Murkowski (R)	W	W	W	A	A	R	W	W	R	R	W	W	3	7	18%
Arizona	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
John McCain (R)	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	W	W	7	5	25%
Jon Kyl (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	11	2%
Arkansas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Tim Hutchinson (R)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	3	9	2%
Blanche Lincoln (D)	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	9	3	98%
California	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Dianne Feinstein (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	9	3	89%
Barbara Boxer (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	W	R	W	R	9	2	95%
Colorado	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R)	W	R	R	W	A	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	5	6	49%
Wayne Allard (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	A	W	1	10	2%
Connecticut	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Christopher Dodd (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	W	R	R	R	10	1	93%
Joseph Lieberman (D)	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	W	W	R	R	W	8	3	80%
Delaware	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Joseph Biden (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	10	2	87%
Thomas Carper (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	9	3	80%
Florida	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Bob Graham (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	11	1	88%
Bill Nelson (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	10	2	85%

Georgia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Max Cleland (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	10	2	80%
Zell Miller (D)	W	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	W	7	5	75%
Hawaii	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Daniel Inouye (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	W	R	R	R	10	1	93%
Daniel Akaka (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	W	R	R	R	10	1	94%
Idaho	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Larry Craig (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	7%
Michael Crapo (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	2%
Illinois	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Richard Durbin (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	12	0	98%
Peter Fitzgerald (R)	W	R	W	W	R	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	4	8	50%
Indiana	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Richard Lugar (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	9%
Evan Bayh (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	9	3	97%
Iowa	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Charles Grassley (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	9%
Tom Harkin (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	10	2	95%
Kansas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Sam Brownback (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	A	R	W	W	W	2	9	2%
Pat Roberts (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	2%
Kentucky	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Mitch McConnell (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	9%
Jim Bunning (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	2%
Louisiana	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
John Breaux (D)	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	8	4	79%
Mary Landrieu (D)	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	9	3	77%
Maine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Olympia Snowe (R)	W	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	R	W	W	W	6	6	30%
Susan Collins (R)	W	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	R	W	W	W	6	6	13%

Maryland	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Paul Sarbanes (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	10	2	97%
Barbara Mikulski (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	11	1	98%
Massachusetts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Edward Kennedy (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	A	9	2	97%
John Kerry (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	9	3	94%
Michigan	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Carl Levin (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	12	0	97%
Debbie Stabenow (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	11	1	90%
Minnesota	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Mark Dayton (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	10	2	90%
Paul David Wellstone (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	*	10	1	97%
Dean Barkley (I)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	W	0	1	
Mississippi	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Thad Cochran (R)	W	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	R	W	W	W	5	7	10%
Trent Lott (R)	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	10	9%
Missouri	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Christopher Bond (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	15%
Jean Carnahan (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	W	10	2	90%
James Talent (R)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0	3%
Montana	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Max Baucus (D)	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	8	4	79%
Conrad Burns (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	A	W	R	W	W	W	2	9	8%
Nebraska	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Chuck Hagel (R)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	3	9	2%
Ben Nelson (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	10	2	90%
Nevada	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Harry Reid (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	11	1	93%
John Ensign (R)	W	R	R	W	W	R	A	R	W	W	W	W	4	7	30%

New Hampshire	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Robert Smith (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	11	9%
Judd Gregg (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	R	R	W	W	W	2	9	2%
New Jersey	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Robert Torricelli (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	A	R	10	1	94%
Jon Corzine (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	A	R	10	1	90%
New Mexico	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Pete Domenici (R)	W	R	W	A	A	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	3	7	18%
Jeff Bingaman (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	10	2	86%
New York	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Charles Schumer (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	11	1	98%
Hillary Clinton (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	11	1	91%
North Carolina	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Jesse Helms (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	A	A	W	W	0	9	4%
John Edwards (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	10	2	90%
North Dakota	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Kent Conrad (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	11	1	90%
Byron Dorgan (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	11	1	89%
Ohio	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Mike DeWine (R)	W	R	W	W	R	R	R	W	R	W	W	W	5	7	10%
George Voinovich (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	R	A	W	W	3	8	10%
Oklahoma	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Don Nickles (R)	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	2%
James Inhofe (R)	W	R	W	W	W	R	A	W	R	W	W	W	3	8	6%
Oregon	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Ron Wyden (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	10	2	86%
Gordon Smith (R)	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	R	R	W	W	5	7	6%
Pennsylvania	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Arlen Specter (R)	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	9	3	77%
Rick Santorum (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	17%

Rhode Island	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Jack Reed (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	11	1	98%
Lincoln Chafee (R)	W	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	W	7	5	50%
South Carolina	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Strom Thurmond (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	W	W	W	3	9	10%
Ernest Hollings (D)	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	11	1	75%
South Dakota	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Thomas Daschle (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	10	2	87%
Tim Johnson (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	11	1	88%
Tennessee	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Fred Thompson (R)	W	R	R	W	W	R	A	W	R	W	W	W	4	7	3%
Bill Frist (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	2%
Texas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Phil Gramm (R)	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	10	4%
Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	3	9	2%
John Cornyn (R)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0	
Utah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Orrin Hatch (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	10%
Robert Bennett (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	2%
Vermont	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Patrick Leahy (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	12	0	96%
James Jeffords (I)	W	R	R	R	W	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	8	4	50%
Virginia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
John Warner (R)	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	R	W	W	W	4	8	15%
George Allen (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	15%
Washington	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Patty Murray (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	11	1	98%
Maria Cantwell (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	9	3	78%
West Virginia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Robert Byrd (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	10	2	82%
John Rockefeller (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	W	10	2	94%

Wisconsin	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Herbert Kohl (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	10	2	92%
Russ Feingold (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	10	2	95%
Wyoming	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	W	Lifetime
Craig Thomas (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	11	2%
Michael Enzi (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	10	12%

Membership Changes During This Session	
Paul David Wellstone (DEM-MN)	Died October 25, 2002
Dean Barkley (IND-MN)	Appointed November 4, 2002
James Jeffords (IND-VT)	Changed his party affiliation to Independent on June 5, 2001