

**2003-2004
IBEW® Vote Report
108th 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 - 108th Congress (2003-2004)

1 - Unemployment Compensation Extension

Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) introduced an amendment to the Budget Act that, if passed, would have granted another 13 week federal extension of unemployment benefits to those who have already exhausted their state and federal unemployment benefits. However, before a straight up or down vote could be taken, it was necessary to “waive” the Budget Act. This required a three fifths (3/5ths) majority (60 votes) to pass. Senator Harry Reid’s (D-NV) motion to waive was defeated on a mostly party line vote, thereby killing unemployment benefits to “exhaustees” by a vote of 45-49. The IBEW Position on Official Roll Call Vote #14, January 22, 2003: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

2 - Estrada Nomination

Labor had a first-round victory on defeating the Estrada nomination. A cloture motion to close debate on (approve) the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada to be a judge for the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia failed by a vote of 55-44. (60 votes are needed to close debate). The IBEW opposed this nomination because of Estrada’s lack of judicial experience, evasive answers to questions during the confirmation process, and its concern that the DC Appellate Court oversees important cases on workers’ rights that Estrada would threaten. The IBEW Position on Official Roll Call Vote #40, March 6, 2003: OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right). [This is not the end of the issue. We expect that the Republican Leadership will try to bring up this nomination again, so we must continue to e-mail Senators].

3 - Amtrak Funding

Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) offered an amendment to the 2004 Budget Resolution (S. Con. Res. 23) to increase spending on Amtrak by \$912 million. The Senate passed the Byrd amendment by a vote of 51-49. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #77, March 21, 2003: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

4 - Budget/Unemployment Insurance

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) offered an amendment to Bush's planned budget for Fiscal Year 2004 that would have reduced the proposed tax cut by \$16.3 billion to pay for a six month extension of unemployment insurance. It also would have covered part-time and low-wage workers as well as the 1.3 million unemployed who have already exhausted their benefits. The amendment was defeated by a 48-51 vote. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #85, March 25, 2003: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

5 - Unemployment Benefits

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) offered an unemployment insurance amendment to H.J. Res. 51, a bill to raise the federal debt limit by \$984 billion. Sen. Kennedy's amendment provided for a 26 week federal extension of unemployment benefits, rather than the 13 week extension approved earlier by the House of Representatives. No vote was permitted as the Senate voted 50-49 to table (kill) Sen. Kennedy's Amendment. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #152, May 15, 2003: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

6 - Tax Cut for the Wealthy

H.R. 2 would cut taxes for the wealthiest of Americans, enlarge President Bush's budget deficit, drive up interest rates and deprive resources from vital programs and job growth opportunities. This bill fails to give lower paid working families child care tax credits including military families. The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 51-49. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #179, May 15, 2003: OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).

7 - Energy/Nuclear Power Plant Construction

Senator Wyden (D-OR) offered an amendment to S. 14, the Energy Bill, that would eliminate a beneficial provision on nuclear power plant construction incentives. The provision would authorize loan guarantees covering half the construction costs of up to seven new nuclear power plants, creating thousands of family-wage jobs and emission-free electricity supplies from those plants. The amendment failed by a vote of 48 to 50. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #214, June 10, 2003: OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).

8 - Trade/U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement

The Senate approved H.R. 2739, the U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement. This bill contains weak labor protections, expands temporary entry provisions to immigrants from Singapore, and will lead to increased U.S. trade deficits with accompanying job losses. The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 66 to 32. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #318, July 31, 2003: OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).

9 - Trade/U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement

The Senate approved H.R. 2738, the U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement. This bill contains weak labor protections, expands temporary entry provisions to immigrants from Chile, and will lead to increased U.S. trade deficits with accompanying job losses. The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 66 to 31. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #319, July 31, 2003: OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).

10 - Labor/Overtime Pay

The Senate stopped the Department of Labor (DOL) from implementing regulations to change the rules on overtime pay. Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) introduced an amendment that would prohibit DOL from using funds in the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations to implement its overtime pay regulation. DOL's proposed regulation could have made nearly eight million workers ineligible for overtime. The Senate passed the amendment by a vote of 54-45. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #334, September 10, 2003: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

11 - Energy

The vote was on a motion to invoke cloture (thus limiting debate) on the conference report on the energy bill (H.R. 6). The IBEW opposed cloture as a means to kill the intolerable energy bill. The energy conference report contained an unacceptable electricity title that would advance failed deregulation policies that have devastated the electric industry and its consumers. The Senate failed to invoke cloture by a vote of 57-40. Note: Three-fifths of the total Senate (60) is required to invoke cloture. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #456, November 21, 2003: OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).

12 - Internet Taxation/Energy

Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) attempted to add his comprehensive energy legislation (S. 2095) as an amendment to the Internet Taxation bill. This amendment was objected to, and thus required 60 votes to proceed. The IBEW opposed this maneuver, based on the same procedural and substantive reasons we have had in the past. It was rejected by a vote of 55 - 43. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #74, April 29, 2004: OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right)

13 - Corporate Tax/Overtime Pay

Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) offered an amendment that would block the Labor Department from implementing rules issued April 23rd, that overhaul eligibility standards for overtime pay. The amendment passed by a vote of 52 - 47. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #79, May 4, 2004: SUPPORT (Yes-Right, No=Wrong).

14 - Corporate Tax/Unemployment Insurance

The Senate failed to reach the 60 votes needed to overcome a procedural objection to consideration of Senator Maria Cantwell's (D-WA) amendment that would provide an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits for people who have exhausted their state jobless benefits. The motion was rejected by a vote of 59-40. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #88, May 11, 2004: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

Congressional Session	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2			
IBEW Vote Position	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y			
Alabama	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Jeff Sessions (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	8%
Richard Shelby (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	3	11	40%
Alaska	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Lisa Murkowski (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	W	W	R	R	5	9	36%
Ted Stevens (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	3	11	30%
Arizona	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Jon Kyl (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	14	2%
John McCain (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	R	4	10	35%
Arkansas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Blanche Lincoln (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	10	4	96%
Mark Pryor (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	10	4	75%
California	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Barbara Boxer (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	96%
Dianne Feinstein (D)	A	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	12	1	91%
Colorado	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Wayne Allard (R)	W	W	W	W	A	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	12	2%
Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R)	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	3	11	45%
Connecticut	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Christopher Dodd (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	95%
Joseph Lieberman (D)	A	R	R	R	R	R	A	A	A	R	R	R	R	R	10	0	85%
Delaware	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Joseph Biden (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	89%
Thomas Carper (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	R	R	11	3	81%
Florida	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Bob Graham (D)	R	A	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	10	3	89%
Bill Nelson (D)	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	11	3	86%
Georgia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Saxby Chambliss (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	3	11	21%
Zell Miller (D)	W	W	W	A	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	2	11	70%

Hawaii	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Daniel Akaka (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	95%
Daniel Inouye (D)	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	0	95%
Idaho	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Larry Craig (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	3	11	7%
Mike Crapo (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	3	11	2%
Illinois	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Richard Durbin (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	W	R	R	10	4	98%
Peter Fitzgerald (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	45%
Indiana	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Evan Bayh (D)	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	10	4	97%
Richard Lugar (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	8%
Iowa	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Charles Grassley (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	8%
Tom Harkin (D)	A	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	10	3	96%
Kansas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Sam Brownback (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	2	12	2%
Pat Roberts (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	2%
Kentucky	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Jim Bunning (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	2%
Mitch McConnell (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	8%
Louisiana	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
John Breaux (D)	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	9	5	79%
Mary Landrieu (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	10	4	78%
Maine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Susan Collins (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	R	3	11	13%
Olympia Snowe (R)	R	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	8	6	33%
Maryland	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Barbara Mikulski (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	12	2	98%
Paul Sarbanes (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	98%
Massachusetts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Edward Kennedy (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	98%
John Kerry (D)	A	R	R	R	R	R	W	A	A	R	A	A	A	A	6	1	95%

Michigan	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Carl Levin (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	11	3	97%
Debbie Stabenow (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	11	3	91%
Minnesota	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Norm Coleman (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	7%
Mark Dayton (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	11	3	90%
Mississippi	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Thad Cochran (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	10%
Trent Lott (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	2	12	9%
Missouri	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Christopher Bond (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	12	15%
Jim Talent (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	12	3%
Montana	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Max Baucus (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	10	4	79%
Conrad Burns (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	8%
Nebraska	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Chuck Hagel (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	2%
Ben Nelson (D)	R	W	R	R	R	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	8	6	90%
Nevada	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
John Ensign (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	13	29%
Harry Reid (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	12	2	94%
New Hampshire	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Judd Gregg (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	2	12	2%
John Sununu (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	2	12	4%
New Jersey	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Jon Corzine (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	91%
Frank Lautenberg (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	92%
New Mexico	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Jeff Bingaman (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	11	3	87%
Pete Domenici (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	1	12	17%
New York	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Hillary Clinton (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	11	3	92%
Charles Schumer (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	11	3	98%

North Carolina	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Elizabeth Dole (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	3	11	21%
John Edwards (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	A	A	R	R	11	1	91%
North Dakota	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Kent Conrad (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	9	5	90%
Byron Dorgan (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	11	3	90%
Ohio	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Mike DeWine (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	12	9%
George Voinovich (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	12	9%
Oklahoma	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
James Inhofe (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	6%
Don Nickles (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	2%
Oregon	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Gordon Smith (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	R	1	12	6%
Ron Wyden (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	87%
Pennsylvania	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Rick Santorum (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	16%
Arlen Specter (R)	R	W	R	W	R	W	R	R	W	R	W	W	R	R	8	6	77%
Rhode Island	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Lincoln Chafee (R)	R	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	8	6	51%
Jack Reed (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	98%
South Carolina	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Lindsey Graham (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	W	R	W	W	4	10	30%
Ernest Hollings (D)	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	W	R	R	11	1	76%
South Dakota	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Thomas Daschle (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	9	5	87%
Tim Johnson (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	11	3	89%
Tennessee	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Lamar Alexander (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	8%
Bill Frist (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	12	2%
Texas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
John Cornyn (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	2	12	14%
Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	2	12	2%

Utah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Robert Bennett (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	2%
Orrin Hatch (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	10%
Vermont	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
James Jeffords (I)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	60%
Patrick Leahy (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	11	3	96%
Virginia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
George Allen (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	P	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	13	5%
John Warner (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	15%
Washington	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Maria Cantwell (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	11	3	80%
Patty Murray (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	11	3	98%
West Virginia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Robert Byrd (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	83%
John Rockefeller (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	12	2	94%
Wisconsin	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Russ Feingold (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	95%
Herbert Kohl (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13	1	93%
Wyoming	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	W	Lifetime
Michael Enzi (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	12%
Craig Thomas (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	13	2%

Membership Changes During the 108th Congress

Lisa Murkowski (REP-AK)

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