



2005-2006 IBEW® Vote Report



109th Congress U.S. Senate

1. Class Action Fairness (02/09/2005, Roll Call No. 6)

Senators Ted Kennedy (D-MA) and Maria Cantwell (D-WA) offered an amendment to S. 5, the so-called Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, that would "carve-out" state wage and hour, and civil rights class actions, from the proposed legislation. State wage and hour laws generally provide more complete and timely remedies for victims of unscrupulous employers than the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). In the absence of a "carve-out," many of these cases will be forced into federal court where they face needless delays and less favorable procedures. Many cases will be disqualified as a class, leaving victims on their own in attempts to recover lost wages. The Senate rejected the Kennedy Amendment by a vote of 40-59 (60 votes required for passage). The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #6, February 9, 2005: SUPPORT. (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

2. Bankruptcy Overhaul/Minimum Wage (03/07/2005, Roll Call No. 27)

Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) offered an amendment that would have raised the minimum wage to \$6.25 an hour over 18 months. Senator Santorum's amendment would have also destroyed the 40-hour workweek by replacing it with an 80-hour over a two week work period. It would have also removed up to 10 million workers from protection under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The amendment was defeated by a vote of 38-61. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #27, March 7, 2005: OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).

3. Budget/Amtrak (03/16/2005, Roll Call No. 51)

Senator Robert Byrd, (D-WV) offered an amendment to the FY 2006 Budget Resolution (S. Con. Res. 18) that would allow \$1.04 billion in fiscal 2006 funding for Amtrak, and increase the fiscal 2006 discretionary spending limit by \$1.04 billion. The spending would be offset by revenue increases. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 46-52. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #51, March 16, 2005: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

4. Nomination/U.S. Court of Appeals (06/08/2005, Roll Call No. 131)

The Senate voted to confirm the nomination of Janice Rogers Brown to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia by a vote of 56-43. Her decisions and public comments have shown hostility to workers' rights, the disabled and the victims of discrimination. The IBEW position on Roll Call Vote #131, June 8, 2005: OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).

5. Trade/CAFTA (07/01/2005, Roll Call No. 170)

The Senate passed a bill that would implement the Central American Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. It would also eliminate customs duties on originating goods traded among the participating nations within 10 days. S. 1307 passed by a vote of 54-45. The IBEW was opposed to this trade agreement because of its lack of labor and human rights' protections. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #170, June 30, 2005: OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).

6. Energy Policy (07/29/2005, Roll Call No. 213)

The IBEW supported final passage of H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, after provisions were included to protect the interests of consumers and investors by granting FERC several additional safeguard authorities. The bill provides support for maintaining a viable, safe nuclear power industry, for the production of new nuclear facilities, and for reauthorization of the Price-Anderson Act. Personnel and training measures are included to address the serious shortage of skilled workers in the energy industry. Consumer protections are incorporated that ban market manipulation and require market transparency. The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 74-26. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #213, July 29, 2005: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

7. Budget/Minimum Wage (10/19/2005, Roll Call No. 257)

Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) offered an amendment to increase the minimum wage to \$5.70 an hour six months after the enactment of the Transportation/Treasury/HUD Appropriations (H.R. 3058), and to \$6.25 an hour one year after enactment. The motion was rejected by a vote of 47-51. (60 votes were needed to waive the Budget Act) The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #257, October 19, 2005: SUPPORT (Yes=Right, No=Wrong).

8. Health Care (05/11/2006, Roll Call No. 119)

The Senate rejected the Motion to invoke cloture (thus limiting debate) on the Frist (R-TN) substitute amendment that would allow small businesses to pool their employees to provide group health insurance coverage. The bill would allow plans to bypass state mandated benefits and protections. The substitute would reduce the underlying bill's allowable disparity between the highest price and the lowest price charged to different groups for insurance premiums, thereby increasing premiums to older people who need health care the most. The Motion to S. 1955, Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act of 2005 was rejected by a vote of 55-43. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #119, May 11, 2006: OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).

9. Trade/U.S-Oman (06/29/2006, Roll Call No. 190)

The poorly negotiated U.S. Oman Free Trade Agreement (FTA) contains the same woefully inadequate labor rights provisions as the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA); does nothing to address human trafficking in Oman; and presents, once again, a threat to prevailing wage and other American labor law. The United States – Oman Free Trade Agreement, S. 3569, passed by a vote of 60-34. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #190, June 29, 2006: OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).

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IBEW Vote Position	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	R	W	Lifetime
Alabama Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Jeff Sessions (R-AL)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	8%
Richard Shelby (R-AL)	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	2	7	39%
Alaska Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	34%
Ted Stevens (R-AK)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	28%
Arizona Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
John McCain (R-AZ)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	30%
Jon Kyl (R-AZ)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	2%
Arkansas Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Blanche Lincoln (D-AR)	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	8	1	96%
Mark Pryor (D-AR)	R	R	A	R	W	R	R	R	W	6	2	75%
California Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Barbara Boxer (D-CA)	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	A	7	1	96%
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	W	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	6	3	91%
Colorado Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Ken Salazar (D-CO)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	8	1	89%
Wayne Allard (R-CO)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	7	2%
Connecticut Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Christopher Dodd (D-CT)	W	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	7	2	95%
Joseph Lieberman (D-CT)	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	W	7	1	86%
Delaware Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Joseph Biden (D-DE)	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	8	1	89%
Thomas Carper (D-DE)	W	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	6	3	81%
Florida Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Bill Nelson (D-FL)	R	R	W	R	W	W	R	R	W	5	4	86%
Mel Martinez (R-FL)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0%
Georgia Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Johnny Isakson (R-GA)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	7	5%
Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	7	20%
Hawaii Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Daniel Akaka (D-HI)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	96%
Daniel Inouye (D-HI)	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	8	0	96%
Idaho Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Larry Craig (R-ID)	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	2	7	7%
Mike Crapo (R-ID)	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	2	7	2%
Illinois Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Barack Obama (D-IL)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	8	1	89%
Richard Durbin (D-IL)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	98%
Indiana Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Evan Bayh (D-IN)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	98%
Richard Lugar (R-IN)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	8%
Iowa Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Charles Grassley (R-IA)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	8%
Tom Harkin (D-IA)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	98%
Kansas Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			

Pat Roberts (R-KS)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	2%
Sam Brownback (R-KS)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	2%
Kentucky Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Jim Bunning (R-KY)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	2%
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	8%
Louisiana Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
David Vitter (R-LA)	W	R	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	3	6	19%
Mary Landrieu (D-LA)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	7	2	79%
Maine Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Olympia Snowe (R-ME)	W	W	R	W	R	R	W	W	R	4	5	32%
Susan Collins (R-ME)	W	R	R	W	R	R	W	W	R	5	4	14%
Maryland Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	98%
Paul Sarbanes (D-MD)	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	8	1	98%
Massachusetts Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Edward Kennedy (D-MA)	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	8	1	98%
John Kerry (D-MA)	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	W	7	2	95%
Michigan Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Carl Levin (D-MI)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	97%
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	8	0	93%
Minnesota Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Mark Dayton (D-MN)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	92%
Norm Coleman (R-MN)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	7%
Mississippi Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Thad Cochran (R-MS)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	7	9%
Trent Lott (R-MS)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	7	9%
Missouri Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Christopher Bond (R-MO)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	7	14%
Jim Talent (R-MO)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	3%
Montana Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Conrad Burns (R-MT)	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	2	7	8%
Max Baucus (D-MT)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	8	1	80%
Nebraska Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Ben Nelson (D-NE)	W	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	W	4	5	89%
Chuck Hagel (R-NE)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	2%
Nevada Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Harry Reid (D-NV)	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	8	1	95%
John Ensign (R-NV)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	27%
New Hampshire Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
John Sununu (R-NH)	A	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	4%
Judd Gregg (R-NH)	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	1	7	2%
New Jersey Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	8	1	92%
Jon Corzine (D-NJ)	R	R	R	R	R	W	A	I	I	5	1	91%
Robert Menendez (D-NJ)	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	R	R	2	0	97%
New Mexico Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	8	1	88%
Pete Domenici (R-NM)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	16%
New York Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Charles Schumer (D-NY)	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	8	1	98%
Hillary Clinton (D-NY)	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	W	7	2	93%
North Carolina Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Elizabeth Dole (R-NC)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	2	7	20%
Richard Burr (R-NC)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	3	6	11%
North Dakota Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Byron Dorgan (D-ND)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	92%
Kent Conrad (D-ND)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	92%
Ohio Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
George Voinovich (R-OH)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	8%

Mike DeWine (R-OH)	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	2	7	9%
Oklahoma Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
James Inhofe (R-OK)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	7	6%
Tom Coburn (R-OK)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	3	6	20%
Oregon Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Gordon Smith (R-OR)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	6%
Ron Wyden (D-OR)	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	7	2	87%
Pennsylvania Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Arlen Specter (R-PA)	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	A	W	4	4	77%
Rick Santorum (R-PA)	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	2	7	14%
Rhode Island Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Jack Reed (D-RI)	R	R	A	R	R	W	R	R	R	7	1	98%
Lincoln Chafee (R-RI)	W	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	A	4	4	51%
South Carolina Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Jim DeMint (R-SC)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	7	19%
Lindsey Graham (R-SC)	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	2	7	29%
South Dakota Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
John Thune (R-SD)	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	2	7	22%
Tim Johnson (D-SD)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	91%
Tennessee Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Bill Frist (R-TN)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	2%
Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	7	8%
Texas Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
John Cornyn (R-TX)	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	2	7	13%
Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	2%
Utah Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Orrin Hatch (R-UT)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	9%
Robert Bennett (R-UT)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	2%
Vermont Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
James Jeffords (I-VT)	R	R	R	A	W	W	R	R	W	5	3	61%
Patrick Leahy (D-VT)	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	A	7	1	96%
Virginia Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
George Allen (R-VA)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	5%
John Warner (R-VA)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	1	8	14%
Washington Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Maria Cantwell (D-WA)	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	7	2	81%
Patty Murray (D-WA)	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	A	6	2	98%
West Virginia Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
John Rockefeller (D-WV)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	8	0	95%
Robert Byrd (D-WV)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	85%
Wisconsin Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Herbert Kohl (D-WI)	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	1	91%
Russ Feingold (D-WI)	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	8	1	95%
Wyoming Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	W	Lifetime
Craig Thomas (R-WY)	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	2	7	2%
Michael Enzi (R-WY)	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	2	7	11%

Senate Changes During This Congress

Robert Menendez (D-NJ): Appointed to the Senate on January 17, 2006

Legend

R	Voted With Us
W	Voted Against Us
P	Voted Present
A	Did Not Vote
I	Not in Office
S	Speaker (Typically the speaker does not participate in roll call votes.)
Lifetime	Career Right Vote Percentage

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