

**1999-2000
IBEW® Vote Report
106th Congress
U.S. Senate**

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

IBEW® SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTION - 106th Congress (1999-2000)

1 - Minimum Wage

Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) introduced a motion to recommit a Y2K liability bill (S. 96) back to committee to attach an increase in the minimum wage. Senator Trent Lott (R-MS) introduced a motion to kill Kennedy's amendment, which would have increased the minimum wage by \$1 over two years, to \$5.65 an hour beginning Sept. 1, 1999, and \$6.15 an hour beginning Sept. 1, 2000. The Lott motion was agreed to by a 55-44 vote. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #94, April 28, 1999: **OPPOSE (Yes = Wrong, No = Right)**.

2 - School Construction

Senator Chuck Robb (D-VA) offered a motion to recommit a bill to the Senate Finance Committee that would provide tax credits for bonds to build and renovate schools (S. 1429). Senator Don Nickles (R-OK) made a motion to kill Senator Robb's motion. Nickles' motion was agreed to by a 55-45 vote. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #242, July 30, 1999: **OPPOSE (Yes = Wrong, No = Right)**.

3 - Taxes-Pension Protection

Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) offered an amendment to the tax reconciliation bill (S. 1429) to protect workers whose companies switch to cash-balance pension plans. The cash-balance plans discriminate against older workers because companies are converting their defined-benefit plans to defined-contribution plans. In some cases, there is a "wear-away" period for longer-term employees in cash balance plans, where their pension loses value over time. The Harkin motion was rejected by a 48-52 vote. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #245, July 30, 1999: **SUPPORT (Yes = Right, No = Wrong)**.

4 - National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)

Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) introduced a motion to the Labor HHS-Appropriations bill (S. 1650) to kill two amendments offered by Senator Tim Hutchinson (R-AR). One of the Hutchinson amendments would have transferred \$25.5 million from the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and redirected the funds to community health centers. The IBEW relies heavily on the NLRB to enforce our country's labor laws. A drain on NLRB resources would affect IBEW members and harm our ability to organize. The Specter motion was agreed to by a 50-49 vote. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #300, September 30, 1999: **SUPPORT (Yes = Right, No = Wrong).**

5 - OSHA

Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) introduced a motion to the Labor HHS-Appropriations bill (S. 1650) to kill an amendment offered by Senator Paul Coverdell (R-GA). The Coverdell amendment would have redirected \$17 million from Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) workplace inspections to OSHA compliance assistance programs. This means inspectors would be removed from the field to assist businesses with their safety programs, rather than following up on worker complaints of OSHA violations. The motion was rejected by a 44-51 vote. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #304, September 30, 1999: **SUPPORT (Yes = Right, No = Wrong).**

6 - Social Security

Senator Don Nickles (R-OK) introduced a motion to the Labor HHS-Education Appropriations bill (S.1650) to kill an amendment offered by Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ). The Lautenberg amendment would have closed "special-interest tax loopholes" to avoid spending the Social Security surplus in fiscal 2000. The Nickles motion was agreed to by a 54-46 vote. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #314, October 6, 1999: **OPPOSE (Yes = Wrong, No = Right).**

7 - Davis-Bacon - Disaster Relief

Senator Bob Smith (R-NH) sponsored an amendment to the Labor-HHS Appropriations bill (S. 1650) that would have prohibited Davis-Bacon coverage on funds for disaster relief projects. This amendment was a deliberate attempt to undermine the Davis-Bacon Act, and would have affected thousands of IBEW construction members. Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) led the opposition to the amendment, bringing along moderate Republicans to side with Democrats to defeat the measure on the Senate floor by a 59-40 vote. We supported the Specter motion to table (kill) the Smith amendment. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #320, October 7, 1999: **SUPPORT (Yes = Right, No = Wrong).**

8 - Nuclear Waste

The Senate passed legislation (S.1287) governing disposal of radioactive waste from nuclear power plants, but again fell short of the two-thirds majority required to overturn an expected presidential veto. The IBEW supports S. 1287 because the legislation would remove an important barrier to the continued operation of nuclear energy facilities across the country. All used fuel remains in 72 separate temporary storage sites inside plants across America. Not only does the storage of this radioactive material unjustifiably increase the cost to operate these plants, it is a significant safety issue for workers who are employed at the plants. Worker health and safety is of paramount importance and should not be ignored in this debate. The Senate passed S. 1287 by a vote of 64-34. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #8 on February 10, 2000: **SUPPORT (Yes = Right, No=Wrong).**

9 - School Construction Bonds

Sen. William Roth (R-DE) introduced a motion to kill the an amendment by Sen. Charles Robb (D-VA) that would provide approximately \$25 billion in tax credits for modernization bonds for public school construction. The amendment would also authorize approximately \$1.3 billion each year for five years in grants and zero-interest loan program to make urgent school repairs with Davis-Bacon coverage. The motion passed by a vote of 57-42. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #17 on March 1, 2000: **OPPOSE. (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).**

10 - Labor-HHS/Education Appropriations/Ergonomic Standard

Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY) offered an anti-labor amendment to the Fiscal 2001 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill (H.R. 4577). The amendment would prohibit OSHA from using any funds to promulgate, issue, implement, administer or enforce any proposed, temporary or final ergonomic standard. The ergonomic standard will prevent thousands of on the job injuries, and has been under attack for the last several years as OSHA has come closer to issuing a standard. The bill passed by a vote of 57 to 41. The IBEW position on Official Roll Call Vote #143, June 22, 2000: **OPPOSE (Yes=Wrong, No=Right).**

Congressional Session	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2			
IBEW® Position	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N			
Alabama	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Jeff Sessions (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	2%
Richard Shelby (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	2	8	54%
Alaska	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Frank Murkowski (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	2	8	19%
Ted Stevens (R)	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	W	W	3	7	35%
Arizona	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Jon Kyl (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	2%
John McCain (R)	W	W	W	A	A	W	W	A	A	W	0	6	9%
Arkansas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Blanche Lincoln (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	9	1	98%
Tim Hutchinson (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	2%
California	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Barbara Boxer (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	A	8	1	95%
Dianne Feinstein (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	89%
Colorado	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Wayne Allard (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	2%
Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R)	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	2	8	48%
Connecticut	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Joseph Lieberman (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	8	2	80%
Christopher Dodd (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	W	R	R	8	1	92%
Delaware	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
William Roth (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	15%
Joseph Biden (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	86%
Florida	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Bob Graham (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	0	85%
Connie Mack (R)	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	R	W	W	1	8	9%
Georgia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Paul Coverdell (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	3%
Max Cleland (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	0	75%

Hawaii	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Daniel Inouye (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	A	8	1	92%
Daniel Akaka (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	94%
Idaho	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Larry Craig (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	8%
Michael Crapo (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	0%
Illinois	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Richard Durbin (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	98%
Peter Fitzgerald (R)	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	W	W	3	7	29%
Indiana	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Richard Lugar (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	9%
Evan Bayh (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	98%
Iowa	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Tom Harkin (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	94%
Charles Grassley (R)	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	2	8	9%
Kansas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Pat Roberts (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	2%
Sam Brownback (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	2%
Kentucky	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Jim Bunning (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	2%
Mitch McConnell (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	9%
Louisiana	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Mary Landrieu (D)	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	9	1	75%
John Breaux (D)	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	8	2	79%
Maine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Susan Collins (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	12%
Olympia Snowe (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	W	3	7	29%
Maryland	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Paul Sarbanes (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	98%
Barbara Mikulski (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	96%
Massachusetts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
John Kerry (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	94%
Edward Kennedy (D)	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	A	R	R	8	0	97%

Michigan	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Spencer Abraham (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	2	8	9%
Carl Levin (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	0	96%
Minnesota	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Rod Grams (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	7%
Paul David Wellstone (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	95%
Mississippi	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Trent Lott (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	9%
Thad Cochran (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	10%
Missouri	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Christopher Bond (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	15%
John Ashcroft (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	3%
Montana	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Max Baucus (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	79%
Conrad Burns (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	8%
Nebraska	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Chuck Hagel (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	2%
J. Robert Kerrey (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	0	85%
Nevada	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Richard Bryan (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	80%
Harry Reid (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	92%
New Hampshire	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Robert Smith (I)	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	R	W	W	1	7	9%
Judd Gregg (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	2%
New Jersey	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Robert Torricelli (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	8	2	92%
Frank Lautenberg (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	93%
New Mexico	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Jeff Bingaman (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	85%
Pete Domenici (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	2	8	18%
New York	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D)	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	8	1	94%
Charles Schumer (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	98%

North Carolina	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
John Edwards (D)	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	R	8	2	95%
Jesse Helms (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	6%
North Dakota	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Byron Dorgan (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	88%
Kent Conrad (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	89%
Ohio	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
George Voinovich (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	2	8	10%
Mike DeWine (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	2	8	9%
Oklahoma	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Don Nickles (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	2%
James Inhofe (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	5%
Oregon	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Ron Wyden (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	84%
Gordon Smith (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	2	8	3%
Pennsylvania	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Rick Santorum (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	2	8	17%
Arlen Specter (R)	W	W	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	7	3	75%
Rhode Island	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Lincoln Chafee (R)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	W	W	W	0	3	0%
Jack Reed (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	98%
John Chafee (R)	W	W	W	R	A	W	W	*	*	*	1	5	40%
South Carolina	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Strom Thurmond (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	10%
Ernest Hollings (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	9	1	71%
South Dakota	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Tim Johnson (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	82%
Thomas Daschle (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	86%
Tennessee	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Bill Frist (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	2%
Fred Thompson (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	3%

Texas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	2%
Phil Gramm (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	4%
Utah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Orrin Hatch (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	10%
Robert Bennett (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	2%
Vermont	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Patrick Leahy (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	0	95%
Jim Jeffords (R)	W	W	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	W	5	5	43%
Virginia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
John Warner (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	15%
Charles Robb (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	0	85%
Washington	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Slade Gorton (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	2	8	13%
Patty Murray (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	0	98%
West Virginia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Robert Byrd (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	8	2	80%
John Rockefeller (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	9	1	93%
Wisconsin	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Herbert Kohl (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	0	80%
Russ Feingold (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	8	2	94%
Wyoming	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	W	Lifetime
Michael Enzi (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	9	12%
Craig Thomas (R)	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	R	W	W	1	8	2%

Membership Changes During This Session	
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Paul Coverdell (R-GA)	Died on July 18, 2000
Zel Miller (R-GA)	Appointed on July 24, 2000, to replace Paul Coverdell
Robert C. Smith (R-NH)	Changed his party affiliation from Republican to Independent on July 13, 1999, and back to Republican on November 1, 1999.
John H. Chafee (R-RI)	Died on October 24, 1999
Lincoln D. Chafee (R-RI)	Appointed on November 2, 1999, to replace John H. Chafee