

How members of Congress supported public health APHA annual congressional record

AS PART OF the Association's continuing effort to inform its members on the nation's public health policies, APHA annually publishes a record of how members of Congress voted on particular issues of importance to public health.

The following pages contain tables of some of the most important public health votes cast in the House of Representatives and Senate during the first session of the 110th Congress in 2007. The list was compiled by examining hundreds of individual votes and selecting key public health votes.

Readers are encouraged to examine the tables to see how members of Congress voted in relation to APHA positions and to discuss the votes with their legislators. Readers also are encouraged to circle the votes and post them where others can view them.

Voting records are one way APHA members can hold their representatives and senators accountable for decisions made in the legislative process. Such records can help indicate the support for public health among members of Congress.

Staff from APHA's Department of Government Relations selected the votes for the voting record.

Voting record limitations

Special caveats must be made about any voting record. First, only votes on selected pieces of public health-related legislation are included in this tally. Thus, the percentage columns, which are the last two columns in the tables, may not be complete reflections of the number of times a member voted with an APHA position during those years. The columns depict only the percentage of times a member voted

with APHA's position on the legislation included in the record.

Second, the records cannot demonstrate the number of responsible legislation proposals a legislator introduces; leadership in committees, where much important work is done; influence with other members; or contributions related to intensity of feeling or level of expertise.

Third, many members of Congress support bills that are never brought up for a vote. During the first session of the 110th Congress, APHA encouraged members to co-sponsor dozens of important health bills.

Therefore, readers of the report should not base their judgment of a member's performance solely on this report.

Selection of votes

To select votes for this record, APHA staff reviewed roll call votes from the first session of the 110th Congress in 2007. Staff attempted to select a wide range of public health votes, such as those on public health funding, environmental health, prescription drug costs and reproductive choice, which would reflect the variety of public health interests of the Association.

The Association tally is limited to floor roll call votes. The following criteria were used in the final selection of votes:

- ◆ importance to public health programs,
- ◆ degree to which the vote involved issues of priority to APHA, and
- ◆ degree to which the issues reflected in the vote were not covered by other votes in the record.

Reading the report

The report is divided into sections for the Senate and the House of

Representatives.

Each section begins with explanations of each vote, including a statement of the Association's stance. Also included in each section is a voting table, number-keyed to the vote explanations and noting how each member voted, as well as APHA's position.

The plus sign equals agreement with the APHA position and the minus sign represents disagreement. "NM" signifies a member who was not in office during the time of the vote — for instance, because they resigned, were newly-elected or were deceased — or was not in Congress the preceding year. "I" signifies that a member did not vote in that roll call, and is not included in the member's percentage for 2006. "P" represents a member who voted "present" and is not used in computing the member's percentage. "AL" stands for an at-large member of the House of Representatives. "S" designates a vote in which the speaker of the House did not participate.

The two percentage figures at the end of each legislator's line reflect how often the legislator agreed with APHA's position on the selected votes during either the first session of the 110th Congress — the 2007 column — or the second session of the 109th Congress — the 2006 column, reported in the February 2007 issue of *The Nation's Health*.

The 2007 percentage column is a tabulation of the information in the prior columns and calculated solely for the reader's convenience. An asterisk after the percentage indicates the member was not recorded on all of the selected votes and the percentage is based only on the votes for which a "yea" or "nay" was recorded.

The vote tally is printed for the edification of public health professionals.

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Eleven 2007 votes from the House of Representatives examined

THE FOLLOWING ARE short explanations of 11 House votes taken in the U.S. House of Representatives during the 110th Congress, first session, during calendar year 2007.

In italics is a short tag name given each vote for easy reference, followed by the official bill number, title of the legislation and a description of the actual vote taken, such as whether to add an amendment, delete a portion of the bill, table a motion, pass the legislation or other action. Within the explanation is the final tally of the vote, the date the vote was taken and the tally by Republicans and Democrats. A brief statement of APHA's stance and examples of relevant APHA policies follow the explanation.

The explanations are number-keyed to the columns of the voting tables, which show how each representative voted in each case. The plus sign represents a vote in accord with APHA's position and the minus sign represents a vote against APHA's position. The names of the representatives are in order of congressional district.

1. *Minimum wage increase (House roll call vote 18)*

H.R. 2: Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007. Passage of the bill, Jan. 10, 2007. The bill would raise the federal minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour over two years. Passed 315-116: R 82-116, D 233-0.

APHA supported the bill. Low income is an

explicit indicator of health status in the United States and contributes to health disparities. Raising the minimum wage to increase income for the working poor should be a national public health objective. Relevant APHA policies: 200020 and others.

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2. Medicare prescription drug negotiation (House roll call vote 23)

H.R. 4: Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007. Passage of the bill, Jan. 12, 2007. The bill would require the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to negotiate with drug companies for the prices of drugs covered under the Medicare Part D prescription drug program. HHS would not be required to establish a particular formulary. Passed 255-170: R 24-170, D 231-0.

APHA supported the bill. Currently, the federal government is not allowed to negotiate the prices of drugs covered under the Medicare Part D prescription drug program. Negotiating prices could lower the cost of the program and make medications more affordable for beneficiaries, as it does in other programs, including Medicaid and those used by the Veterans Administration. Relevant APHA policies: 9934(PP), 20006, 20018 and others.

3. Rights of workers to unionize (House roll call vote 118)

H.R. 800: Employee Free Choice Act of 2007. Passage of the bill, March 1, 2007. The bill would amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join or assist labor organizations. It also would provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts. Employers would be required to pay three times the amount of back pay that an employee is due if the employee is illegally fired or discriminated against during an organizational drive. Passed 241-185: R 13-183, D 228-2.

APHA supported the bill. Labor unions contribute to higher wages, better job quality, increased workplace health and safety stan-

APHA Vote No. APHA Position: Yea/Nay	LEGISLATION											2007	2006	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
ALABAMA														
1 Bonner (R)	+	-	-	-	-	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	10*	0
2 Everett (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I	I	-	11*	0
3 Rogers, Mike D. (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	27	0
4 Aderholt (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
5 Cramer (D)	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	100*	40
6 Bachus, S. (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
7 Davis, A. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	100*	60
ALASKA														
AL Young, D. (R)	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	64	0
ARIZONA														
1 Renzi (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	45	20
2 Franks, T. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0*
3 Shadegg (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0*
4 Pastor (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
5 Mitchell (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	82	NM
6 Flake (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	25*
7 Grijalva (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
8 Giffords (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
ARKANSAS														
1 Berry (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	40
2 Snyder (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
3 Boozman (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
4 Ross (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	40
CALIFORNIA														
1 Thompson, M. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
2 Herger (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
3 Lungren (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I	-	-	-	0*	20
4 Doolittle (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
5 Matsui (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
6 Woolsey (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
7 Miller, George (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
8 Pelosi (D)	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	S	+	+	+	100*	100
9 Lee (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
10 Tauscher (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
11 McNerney (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
12 Lantos (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	100*	100
13 Stark (D)	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	89*	100
14 Eshoo (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
15 Honda (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
16 Lofgren (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
17 Farr (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
18 Cardoza (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	40
19 Radanovich (R)	-	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0*	0
20 Costa (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	50*
21 Nunes (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
22 McCarthy, K. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	NM
23 Capps (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
24 Gallegly (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
25 McKeon (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
26 Dreier (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
27 Sherman (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
28 Berman (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
29 Schiff (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
30 Waxman (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91	100
31 Becerra (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
32 Solis (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
33 Watson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	100*	100
34 Roybal-Allard (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
35 Waters (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
36 Harman (D)	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100*	100
37 Richardson (D)	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	+	+	+	+	+	100*	NM
38 Napolitano (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
39 Sanchez, Linda (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
40 Royce (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
41 Lewis, Jerry (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
42 Miller, Gary (R)	I	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0*	0*
43 Baca (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
44 Calvert (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
45 Bono (R)	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	I	50*	20	
46 Rohrabacher (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
47 Sanchez, Loretta (D)	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	100*	100
48 Campbell (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
49 Issa (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
50 Bilbray (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0*
51 Filner (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
52 Hunter (R)	-	-	-	-	-	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	0*	0
53 Davis, S. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
COLORADO														
1 DeGette (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
2 Udall, M. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
3 Salazar, J. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	40*
4 Musgrave (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0*
5 Lamborn (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	NM

APHA Vote No. APHA Position: Yea/Nay	LEGISLATION											2007	2006	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
CONNECTICUT														
1 Larson, J. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100*
2 Courtney (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
3 DeLauro (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
4 Shays (R)	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	73	60
5 Murphy, C. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
DELAWARE														
AL Castle (R)	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	73	40*
FLORIDA														
1 Miller, J. (R)	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
2 Boyd, A. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	60
3 Brown, C. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
4 Crenshaw (R)	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	9	0
5 Brown-Waite, G. (R)	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	0
6 Stearns (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
7 Mica (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
8 Keller (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	27	0
9 Bilirakis (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	27	0
10 Young, C.W. (R)	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	55	40
11 Castor (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	90*	NM
12 Putnam (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
13 Buchanan (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	64	NM
14 Mack (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	I	10*	0
15 Weldon (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
16 Mahoney (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
17 Meek, K. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
18 Ros-Lehtinen (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	27	20
19 Wexler (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
20 Wasserman-Schultz (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
21 Diaz-Balart, L. (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	27	0
22 Klein, R. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
23 Hastings, A. (D)	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100*	100
24 Feeney (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
25 Diaz-Balart, M. (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	27	0
GEORGIA														
1 Kingston (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
2 Bishop, S. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	60
3 Westmoreland (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	NM
4 Johnson, H. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
5 Lewis, John (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100*
6 Price, T. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
7 Linder (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
8 Marshall (D)	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	55	NM
9 Deal (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
10 Broun (R)	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	-							

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from surplus embryos at in-vitro fertilization clinics, but only if donors give their consent and are not paid for the embryos. Passed 247-176: R 37-160, D 210-16.

APHA supported the bill. Federal funding is currently limited to research using embryonic stem cell lines derived prior to August 2001. Removing the restriction has the potential to lead to medical treatments for many diseases, impairments and injuries. Moreover, the bill would limit federal funding in research on embryonic stem cells to lines derived from surplus embryos at in-vitro fertilization clinics that would otherwise be discarded. Relevant APHA policies: 20003 and others.

6. Global family planning funding (House roll call vote 533)

H.R. 2764: Fiscal 2008 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations. Funding for the Department of State, foreign operations and related programs, June 21, 2007. Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., amendment number 367 that would clarify that no contract or grant to provide donated contraceptives in developing countries would be denied to any nongovernmental organization solely on the basis of the Mexico City Policy, which bars U.S. aid to international family planning organizations that perform or promote abortions, even if they use their own funds to do so. Adopted 223-201: R 16-177, D 207-24.

APHA supported the Lowey amendment. Contraceptives are critical to preventing unintended pregnancies and enabling women to control the timing of their pregnancies, which lead to better health for both women and infants. Women in developing countries would significantly benefit from greater access to contraceptives even if they lack access to comprehensive reproductive health information and services, including safe

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
4 Price, D. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
5 Foxx (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0*
6 Coble (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
7 McIntyre (D)	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	73	60
8 Hayes (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	36	20
9 Myrick (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
10 McHenry (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
11 Shuler (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	73	NM
12 Watt (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
13 Miller, B. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
NORTH DAKOTA													
AL Pomeroy (D)	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	100*	80
OHIO													
1 Chabot (R)	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
2 Schmidt (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	20
3 Turner (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	45	0
4 Jordan (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	NM
5 Latta (R)	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	0*	NM
6 Wilson, C. (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	82	NM
7 Hobson (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	27	0
8 Boehner (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
9 Kaptur (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	82	100
10 Kucinich (D)	+	+	+	+	+	I	-	+	+	I	+	78*	100
11 Jones, S. (D)	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100*	80
12 Tiberi (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	18	0
13 Sutton (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
14 LaTourette (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	73	20
15 Pryce, D. (R)	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	64	0
16 Regula (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	64	20
17 Ryan, T. (D)	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	100*	60
18 Space (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
OKLAHOMA													
1 Sullivan (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	20
2 Boren (D)	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	I	+	+	60*	40
3 Lucas (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
4 Cole (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	20
5 Fallin (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	NM
OREGON													
1 Wu (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
2 Walden (R)	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	45	20
3 Blumenauer (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91	100*
4 DeFazio (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
5 Hooley (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
PENNSYLVANIA													
1 Brady, R. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
2 Fattah (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
3 English (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	36	20
4 Altmire (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	91	NM
5 Peterson, J. (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	27	0
6 Gerlach (R)	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	55	60
7 Sestak (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
8 Murphy, P. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91	NM
9 Shuster (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
10 Carney (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
11 Kanjorski (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91	60
12 Murtha (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91	60
13 Schwartz (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
14 Doyle (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	100*	60
15 Dent (R)	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	64	0
16 Pitts (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
17 Holden (D)	+	+	+	+	I	-	+	+	+	+	+	90*	60
18 Murphy, T. (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	55	0
19 Platts (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	64	20
RHODE ISLAND													
1 Kennedy, P. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100*
2 Langevin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
SOUTH CAROLINA													
1 Brown, H. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
2 Wilson, J. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
3 Barrett (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
4 Inglis (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	20
5 Spratt (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	60
6 Clyburn (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
SOUTH DAKOTA													
AL Herseth-Sandlin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
TENNESSEE													
1 Davis, David (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	NM
2 Duncan (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
3 Wamp (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	0
4 Davis, L. (D)	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	82	40

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
5 Cooper (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91	80
6 Gordon (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	60
7 Blackburn (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
8 Tanner (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	40
9 Cohen (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
TEXAS													
1 Gohmert (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
2 Poe (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
3 Johnson, S. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
4 Hall, R. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
5 Hensarling (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
6 Barton (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
7 Culberson (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
8 Brady, K. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
9 Green, A. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
10 McCaul (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
11 Conaway (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
12 Granger (R)	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	18	0
13 Thornberry (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
14 Paul (R)	-	+	-	-	-	I	-	-	-	-	I	11*	75*
15 Hinojosa (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	60
16 Reyes (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	60
17 Edwards (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	40
18 Jackson-Lee, S. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
19 Neugebauer (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
20 Gonzalez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100*
21 Smith, L. (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
22 Lampson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
23 Rodriguez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
24 Marchant (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0
25 Doggett (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
26 Burgess (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
27 Ortiz (D)	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	100*	60
28 Cuellar (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	40
29 Green, G. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
30 Johnson, E. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
31 Carter (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
32 Sessions, P. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
UTAH													
1 Bishop, R. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I	-	0*	0
2 Matheson (D)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91	60
3 Cannon (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
VERMONT													
AL Welch (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
VIRGINIA													
1 Wittman (R)	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	0*	NM
2 Drake (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
3 Scott, R. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
4 Forbes (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	18	0
5 Goode (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	20
6 Goodlatte (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	0
7 Cantor (R)	-	-	-	-	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	0*	0
8 Moran, James (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91	80
9 Bohner (D)													

abortion. Relevant APHA policies: 200314, 200611 and others.

7. Federal farm and food policy (House roll call vote 756)

H.R. 2419: Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act of 2007. Passage of the bill, July 27, 2007. H.R. 2419 would authorize \$286 billion from fiscal year 2008 through fiscal year 2012 for federal farm, nutrition assistance, rural development and agricultural trade programs. Specifically, the bill would increase fruit and vegetable purchases in school meal programs, expand the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program to more than 4.5 million children in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and provide funding for farmer's market programs aimed at seniors. It would also state that food stamp nutrition education plays an essential role in improving the dietary practices of low-income families and allow for the use of public health approaches to encourage healthy eating. Passed 231-191: R 19-177, D 212-14.

APHA supported passage of H.R. 2419. APHA has consistently advocated for programs at the federal level to promote healthy eating for all Americans. APHA worked in conjunction with other public health and nutrition organizations as well as with the produce industry to increase funding for several of the healthy food programs within the nutrition title of the bill. Additionally, APHA advocated strongly for allowing states to employ modern public health approaches

to educate food stamp recipients about improving their dietary choices and practices. Relevant APHA policies: 20072, 200619, 200618 and others.

8. Children's health insurance (House roll call vote 906)

H.R. 976: State Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007; motion to concur. Adoption of the Senate amendment, Sept. 25, 2007. H.R. 976 would reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program by providing an additional \$35 billion over five years. The additional funding would be provided by increasing the federal tax on cigarettes by 61 cents to \$1 per pack and raise taxes on other tobacco products. The legislation would provide coverage to pregnant women and dental coverage and mental health parity to children enrolled in the program. It also would authorize \$100 million to fund state outreach and enrollment efforts and establish a contingency fund for states with funding shortfalls due to increased enrollment. Adopted 265-159: R 45-151, D 220-8.

APHA strongly supported H.R. 976. Reauthorization of SCHIP was one of the Association's top priorities for 2007. APHA supported the legislation as well as more expansive legislation passed earlier in the year by the House that would have expanded the program even further. APHA members participated in a variety of advocacy efforts to pass the legislation, including visiting their members of Congress and sending

thousands of messages to Capitol Hill in support of the legislation. Relevant APHA policies: 20061, 20034 and others.

9. Children's health insurance, veto override (House roll call vote 982)

H.R. 976: State Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007, Oct. 18, 2007, over President Bush's Oct. 3, 2007, veto. H.R. 976 would reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program by providing an additional \$35 billion over five years. The additional funding would be provided by increasing the federal tax on cigarettes by 61 cents to \$1 per pack and raise taxes on other tobacco products. The bill would provide coverage to pregnant women and dental coverage and mental health parity to children enrolled in the program. It also would authorize \$100 million to fund state outreach and enrollment efforts and establish a contingency fund for states with funding shortfalls due to increased enrollment. Rejected 273-156: R 44-154, D 229-2.

APHA strongly supported the House's effort to override the president's veto of H.R. 976. Reauthorization of SCHIP was one of the Association's top priorities for 2007. APHA supported this legislation as well as more expansive legislation passed earlier in the year by the House of Representatives that would have expanded the program even further. APHA members participated in a variety of advocacy efforts to urge Congress to override the president's veto, including sending thousands of messages to Capitol Hill in support of the legislation. Relevant APHA policies: 20061, 20034 and others.

10. Fiscal year 2008 health and education funding (House roll call vote 1075)

H.R. 3043: Fiscal Year 2008 Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations, passage of bill, Nov. 8, 2007. H.R. 3043 included modest increases to federal public



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health programs and agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Health Resources and Services Administration and National Institutes of Health. Specifically, the bill contained increases for chronic disease prevention, environmental health tracking, pandemic influenza preparedness and response and many other programs to protect the public's health. Passed 274-141: R 51-141, D 223-0.

APHA strongly supported the bill. Funding for federal public health programs has suffered significant setbacks over the past several years. In 2007, Congress passed legislation to begin to turn the tide and reinvest in the nation's public health infrastructure. APHA worked closely with Congress through the CDC Coalition, Friends of HRSA and other coalitions to support the highest possible funding levels for

federal public health programs. Relevant APHA policies: 20034, 20007 and others.

II. Fiscal year 2008 health and education funding, veto override (House roll call vote 1122)

H.R. 3043: Fiscal Year 2008 Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations, Nov. 15, 2007, over President Bush's Nov. 13, 2007, veto. Vote to override the president's veto of the appropriations bill that would have provided modest increases to federal public health programs and agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Health Resources and Services Administration and National Institutes of Health. Specifically, the bill contained increases for chronic disease prevention,

environmental health tracking, pandemic influenza preparedness and response and many other programs to protect the public's health. Rejected 277-141: R 51-141, D 226-0.

APHA strongly supported the House's effort to override the president's veto of the appropriations bill. Funding for federal public health programs has suffered significant setbacks over the past several years. In 2007, Congress passed legislation to begin to turn the tide and reinvest in the nation's public health infrastructure. APHA worked closely with Congress through the CDC Coalition, Friends of HRSA and other coalitions to support the highest possible funding levels for federal public health programs. Relevant APHA policies: 20034, 20007 and others. ■



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THE FOLLOWING are short explanations of eight Senate votes taken in the U.S. Senate during the 110th Congress, first session, during calendar year 2007.

In italics is a short tag name given each vote for easy reference, followed by the official bill number, title of the legislation and a description of the actual vote taken. Within the explanation is the final tally of the vote; the tally by Republicans, Democrats and independents; and the date the vote was taken.

A brief statement of APHA's stance and examples of relevant APHA policies follow the explanation. The explanations are number-keyed to the columns of the voting tables, which show how each senator voted in each case. The plus sign represents a vote in accord with APHA's position and the minus sign represents a vote against APHA's position. The senators' names are arranged alphabetically by state.

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1. Minimum wage increase (Senate roll call vote 42)

H.R. 2: Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007. Passage of the bill, Feb. 1, 2007. The bill would raise the minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour over two years. Passed 94-3: R 45-3, D 47-0, I 2-0.

APHA supported the bill. Low income is an explicit indicator of health status and contributes to health disparities. Raising the minimum wage to increase income for the working poor should be a national public health objective. Relevant APHA policies: 200020 and others.

2. Stem cell research (Senate roll call vote 127)

S. 5: Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007. Passage of the bill, April 12, 2007. The bill would allow for the use of federal funds in research on embryonic stem cell lines derived from surplus embryos at in-vitro fertilization clinics, but only if donors give their consent and are not paid for the embryos. Passed 63-34: R 17-32, D 44-2, I 2-0.

APHA supported the bill. Federal funding is currently limited to research using embryonic stem cell lines derived prior to August 2001. Removing the restriction has the potential to lead to medical treatments for many diseases, impairments and injuries. Moreover, the bill would limit federal funding in research on embryonic stem cell to lines derived from surplus embryos at in-vitro fertilization clinics that would otherwise be discarded. Relevant APHA policies: 20003 and others.

3. Federal budget resolution conference report (Senate roll call vote 172)

S. Con. Res. 21: Fiscal 2008 Budget Resolution Conference Report. Adoption of the conference report on the concurrent resolution, May 17, 2007. The conference report provided \$450.8 billion in non-defense discretionary funding plus an additional \$2 billion in

advance fiscal 2009 funding. In total, the conference report provided \$23 billion in additional non-defense discretionary funding over President Bush's budget request. Specifically, the conference report provided \$55 billion for discretionary health programs, \$3 billion more than the president's budget request. Adopted 52-40: R 2-40, D 48-0, I 2-0.

APHA supported S. Con. Res. 21. APHA has consistently advocated for increased funding for health discretionary funding at the federal level, particularly for key public health agencies and programs, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Health Resources and Services Administration, as well as environmental health, mental health and substance abuse and health coverage for the uninsured. Relevant APHA policies: 20034, 20007 and others.

4. Rights of workers to unionize (Senate roll call vote 227)

H.R. 800: Employee Free Choice Act of 2007. Motion to invoke cloture, June 26, 2007. The bill would amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join or assist labor organizations. It also would provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts. Employers would be required to pay three times the amount of back pay that an employee is due if the employee is illegally fired or discriminated against during an organizational drive. Motion rejected 51-48: R 1-48, D 48-0, I 2-0.

APHA supported ending debate and moving to a vote on the bill. Labor unions contribute to higher wages, better job quality, increased workplace health and safety standards and adequate health insurance coverage, all of which improve workers' health status. Legislation to protect the

fundamental right of America's workers to form unions and bargain collectively without employer interference is needed and long overdue. Relevant APHA policies: 20068, 9204, 200018 and others.

5. Global family planning funding (Senate roll call vote 319)

H.R. 2764: Fiscal Year 2008 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations, Sept. 6, 2007. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., amendment that would repeal the Mexico City Policy, which bars U.S. aid to international family planning organizations that perform or promote abortions, even if they use their own funds to do so. Adopted 53-41: R 7-40, D 44-1, I 2-0.

APHA supported the Boxer amendment. Comprehensive reproductive health information and services, including safe abortion, improve health care decision-making and reduce death and injury. The Mexico City Policy prevents international family planning organization grantees of U.S. funding from using U.S. and non-U.S. funds to provide access to the full range of legal, medically acceptable health care options. Relevant APHA policies: 200314 and others.

6. Children's health insurance (Senate roll call vote 353)

H.R. 976: State Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007; motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments, Sept. 27, 2007. H.R. 976 would reauthorize SCHIP by providing an additional \$35 billion over five years. The additional funding would be provided by increasing the federal tax on cigarettes by 61 cents to \$1 per pack and raise taxes on other tobacco products. The legislation would provide coverage to pregnant women and dental coverage and mental health parity to children enrolled in the program. It also would authorize \$100

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14					
ALABAMA																			
Sessions, J. (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	40	
Shelby (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	40	
ALASKA																			
Murkowski (R)	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75	60	
Stevens (R)	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75	40	
ARIZONA																			
Kyl (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	
McCain (R)	+	+	I	-	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	67*	40	
ARKANSAS																			
Lincoln (D)	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100*	100	
Pryor (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80	
CALIFORNIA																			
Boxer (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	100*	100	
Feinstein (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100*	
COLORADO																			
Allard (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	40	
Salazar, K. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80	
CONNECTICUT																			
Dodd (D)	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	100*	100	
Lieberman (I)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	
DELAWARE																			
Biden (D)	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100*	100	
Carper (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80	
FLORIDA																			
Martinez (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	40	
Nelson, Bill (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80	
GEORGIA																			
Chambliss (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	38	20	
Isakson (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	38	20	
HAWAII																			
Akaka (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	
Inouye (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80	
IDAHO																			
Craig (R)	+	-	-	-	I	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	43*	40	
Crapo (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	38	20	
ILLINOIS																			
Durbin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	
Obama (D)	+	+	+	+	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	100*	100	
INDIANA																			
Bayh (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80	
Lugar (R)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	50	60	
IOWA																			
Grassley (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	50	60	
Harkin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	
KANSAS																			
Brownback (R)	+	-	I	-	-	I	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	33*	40	
Roberts (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	50	60	
KENTUCKY																			
Bunning (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	20	
McConnell (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	38	20	
LOUISIANA																			
Landrieu (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80	
Vitter (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	40	
MAINE																			
Collins (R)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75	100	
Snowe (R)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	100	
MARYLAND																			
Cardin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM	
Mikulski (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	
MASSACHUSETTS																			
Kennedy, E. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	
Kerry (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	
MICHIGAN																			
Levin, C. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	
Stabenow (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	

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million to fund state outreach and enrollment efforts and establish a contingency fund for states with funding shortfalls due to increased enrollment. Adopted 67-29; R 18-29, D 47-0, I 2-0.

APHA strongly supported H.R. 976. Reauthorization of SCHIP was one of the Association's top priorities for 2007. APHA supported the legislation as well as more expansive legislation passed earlier in the year by the House of Representatives that would have expanded the program even further. APHA members participated in a variety of advocacy efforts to pass the legislation, including visiting their members of Congress and sending thousands of messages to Capitol Hill in support of the legislation. Relevant APHA policies: 20061, 20034 and others.

7. Fiscal year 2008 health and education funding (Senate roll call vote 391)

H.R. 3043: Fiscal Year 2008 Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations, Oct. 23, 2007. H.R. 3043 included modest increases to federal public health programs and agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Health Resources and Services Administration and National Institutes of Health. Specifically, the bill contained increases for chronic disease prevention, environmental health tracking, pandemic influenza preparedness and response and many other programs to protect the public's health. Passed 75-19; R 29-19, D 44-0, I 2-0.

APHA strongly supported the bill. Funding for federal public health programs has suffered significant setbacks over the past several years. In 2007, Congress passed legislation to begin to turn the tide and reinvest in the nation's public health infrastructure. APHA worked closely with Congress through the CDC Coalition, Friends of HRSA and other coalitions to support the highest pos-

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
MINNESOTA																		
Coleman (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	50	60
Klobuchar (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
MISSISSIPPI																		
Cochran (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	50	40
Lott (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	50	60
MISSOURI																		
Bond (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	50	20
McCaskill (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
MONTANA																		
Baucus, M. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Tester (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
NEBRASKA																		
Hagel (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	40
Nelson, Ben (D)	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75	60
NEVADA																		
Ensign (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	20
Reid, H. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
NEW HAMPSHIRE																		
Gregg (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	20
Sununu (R)	+	-	I	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	43*	20
NEW JERSEY																		
Lautenberg (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	100
Menendez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
NEW MEXICO																		
Bingaman (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Domenici (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	50	40
NEW YORK																		
Clinton (D)	+	+	+	+	I	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100*	100
Schumer (D)	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100*	100
NORTH CAROLINA																		
Burr (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	20
Dole (R)	+	-	I	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	43*	40
NORTH DAKOTA																		
Conrad (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
Dorgan (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
OHIO																		
Brown, S. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
Voinovich (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	25	40
OKLAHOMA																		
Coburn (R)	-	-	I	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	14*	40
Inhofe (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	13	40

sible funding levels for federal public health programs. Relevant APHA policies: 20034, 20007 and others.

8. Federal farm and food policy (Senate roll call vote 434)

H.R. 2419: Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act of 2007, Dec. 14, 2007. H.R. 2419 would authorize \$286 billion from fiscal year 2008 through fiscal year 2012 for federal farm, nutrition assistance, rural development and agricultural trade programs. Specifically, the bill would increase fruit and vegetable purchases in school

meal programs, expand the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program to more than 4.5 million children in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and provide funding for farmer's market programs aimed at seniors. It would also state that food stamp nutrition education plays an essential role in improving the dietary practices of low-income families and allow for the use of public health approaches to encourage healthy eating. The bill additionally would increase and make mandatory funding for

projects that help promote food security in low-income communities. Passed: 79-14; R 37-11, D 40-3, I 2-0.

APHA supported passage of H.R. 2419. APHA has consistently advocated for programs at the federal level to promote healthy eating for all Americans. APHA worked in conjunction with other public health and nutrition organizations as well

as with the produce industry to increase funding for several of the healthy food programs within the nutrition title of the bill. Additionally, APHA advocated strongly for allowing states to employ modern public health approaches to educate food stamp recipients about improving their dietary choices and practices. Relevant APHA policies: 20072, 200619, 200618 and others. ■

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OREGON																		
Smith, G. (R)	+	+	I	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	86*	80
Wyden (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
PENNSYLVANIA																		
Casey (D)	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	NM
Specter (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	100
RHODE ISLAND																		
Reed, J. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	100
Whitehouse (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	NM
SOUTH CAROLINA																		
DeMint (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	40
Graham (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	25	20
SOUTH DAKOTA																		
Johnson, T. (D)	I	I	I	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100*	80
Thune (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	25	60
TENNESSEE																		
Alexander, L. (R)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	63	40
Corker (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	38	NM
TEXAS																		
Cornyn (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	25	20
Hutchison (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	63	40
UTAH																		
Bennett (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	38	40
Hatch (R)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	63	60
VERMONT																		
Leahy (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Sanders (I)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
VIRGINIA																		
Warner (R)	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75	40
Webb (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	NM
WASHINGTON																		
Cantwell (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Murray (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
WEST VIRGINIA																		
Byrd (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	60
Rockefeller (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100*
WISCONSIN																		
Feingold (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Kohl (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	80
WYOMING																		
Barrasso (R)	NM	NM	NM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	20*	NM
Enzi (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	25	20

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