

National Right to Life Congressional Scorecard U.S. Senate

118th Congress 2023-2024

Key Votes 118th Senate

1. S.J.Res.10, CRA to overturn the Biden Administration rule related to VA abortion funding (4/19/2023)

S.J.Res. 10, sponsored by Sen. Tuberville (R-Al), employs the Congressional Review Act to nullify the September 9, 2022 Biden Administration Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) rule that provides abortion services through the taxpayer-funded VA health care system by providing for unlimited abortions for undefined "health reasons." On this roll call vote, no. 90, on April 19, 2023, the vote failed 48 -51. All Democrats voted no except for Sen. Manchin (D-Wv.).

2. S.J.Res. 4 "Equal Rights Amendment" to U.S. Constitution (4/27/2023)

S.J. Res. 4, sponsored by Senators Ben Cardin (D-Md.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Ak.), purports to make the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) submitted by Congress to the states in March, 1972, part of the U.S. Constitution, even though the 1972 ERA Resolution contained a seven-year ratification deadline that expired in March, 1979, and even though four state legislatures rescinded their ratifications prior to the deadline. Pro-ERA lawmakers and groups now openly proclaim that they believe the 1972 ERA language should be construed to establish a federal constitutional "abortion right" more sweeping than even the now-nullified Roe v. Wade. National Right to Life strongly opposed S.J.Res. 4, both on pro-life policy grounds and on constitutional process grounds. On this roll call, no. 99, conducted on April 27, 2023, 51 senators voted to advance the measure ("invoke cloture"), and 47 senators voted to block it (the pro-life vote). Because 60 votes were required to "invoke cloture," the pro-abortion motion failed. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), although a supporter of S.J.Res. 4, switched his vote to "nay" in order to give him the right, under Senate rules, to force a repeat vote at a time of his choosing. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Ca.), a supporter of the ERA, and Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah), an opponent of the ERA, were absent. Therefore, if all senators had been present and voting, the tally would have been 53-47, or 7 votes short of the 60 votes required to advance the measure. The measure is supported by all Democratic and independent senators, and by Republican Senators Murkowski and Susan Collins (Maine). The companion measure in the U.S. House of Representatives is H.J. Res. 25 (Pressley).

3. HR 2670 Ernst Motion to Commit on NDAA -- Funding for Abortion Travel in Military (12/12/2023)

Federal law (10 U.S.C. § 1093) has long prevented the Department of Defense (DOD) from using funds to perform elective abortions and prevented the DOD from using its facilities to provide abortions. On October 20, 2022, the Biden Administration’s DOD published a memorandum directing the DOD to pay the travel and transportation costs for military members and dependents to travel to obtain elective abortions. The federal prohibition against DOD funding elective abortion clearly extends to funding for any item related to abortion, such as travel and transportation. The Senate considered a motion to table from Sen. Ernst (R-IA) for the purpose of making in order a vote on a motion to recommit the Conference Report to prohibit the Secretary of Defense from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to elective abortion. On December 12, 2023 (Roll Call No. 339) 47 Republicans voted in favor of the motion. 51 Democrats and 2 Republicans voted against the resolution.

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Alabama				
Britt, Katie Boyd (R-AL)	X	X	X	100%
Tuberville, Tommy (R-AL)	X	X	X	100%
Alaska				
Murkowski, Lisa (R-AK)	O	O	O	0%
Sullivan, Dan (R-AK)	X	X	X	100%
Arizona				
Kelly, Mark (D-AZ)	O	O	O	0%
Sinema, Kyrsten (I-AZ)	O	O	O	0%
Arkansas				
Boozman, John (R-AR)	X	X	X	100%
Cotton, Tom (R-AR)	X	X	X	100%
California				
Feinstein, Dianne (D-CA)	NV	NV	I	
Padilla, Alex (D-CA)	O	O	O	0%
Butler, Laphonza	I	I	O	0%
Colorado				

Bennet, Michael F. (D-CO)	O	O	O	0%
Hickenlooper, John (D-CO)	O	O	O	0%
Connecticut				
Blumenthal, Richard (D-CT)	O	O	O	0%
Murphy, Christopher (D-CT)	O	O	O	0%
Delaware				
Carper, Thomas R. (D-DE)	O	O	O	0%
Coons, Christopher A. (D-DE)	O	O	O	0%
Florida				
Rubio, Marco (R-FL)	X	X	X	100%
Scott, Rick (R-FL)	X	X	X	100%
Georgia				
Ossoff, John (D-GA)	O	O	O	0%
Warnock, Raphael (D-GA)	O	O	O	0%
Hawaii				
Hirono, Mazie K. (D-HI)	O	O	O	0%
Schatz, Brian (D-HI)	O	O	O	0%
Idaho				
Crapo, Mike (R-ID)	X	X	X	100%
Risch, James E. (R-ID)	X	X	X	100%
Illinois				
Duckworth, Tammy (D-IL)	O	O	O	0%
Durbin, Richard J. (D-IL)	O	O	O	0%
Indiana				
Braun, Mike (R-IN)	X	X	X	100%
Young, Todd (R-IN)	X	X	X	100%

Iowa				
Ernst, Joni (R-IA)	X	X	X	100%
Grassley, Chuck (R-IA)	X	X	X	100%
Kansas				
Marshall, Roger, M.D. (R-KS)	X	X	X	100%
Moran, Jerry (R-KS)	X	X	X	100%
Kentucky				
McConnell, Mitch (R-KY)	X	X	X	100%
Paul, Rand (R-KY)	X	X	X	100%
Louisiana				
Cassidy, Bill (R-LA)	X	X	X	100%
Kennedy, John (R-LA)	X	X	X	100%
Maine				
Collins, Susan M. (R-ME)	O	O	O	0%
King, Angus S., Jr. (I-ME)	O	O	O	0%
Maryland				
Cardin, Benjamin L. (D-MD)	O	O	O	0%
Van Hollen, Chris (D-MD)	O	O	O	0%
Massachusetts				
Markey, Edward J. (D-MA)	O	O	O	0%
Warren, Elizabeth (D-MA)	O	O	O	0%
Michigan				
Peters, Gary C. (D-MI)	O	O	O	0%
Stabenow, Debbie (D-MI)	O	O	O	0%
Minnesota				
Klobuchar, Amy (D-MN)	O	O	O	0%
Smith, Tina (D-MN)	O	O	O	0%

Mississippi				
Hyde-Smith, Cindy (R-MS)	X	X	X	100%
Wicker, Roger F. (R-MS)	X	X	X	100%
Missouri				
Hawley, Josh (R-MO)	X	X	X	100%
Schmitt, Eric (R-MO)	X	X	X	100%
Montana				
Daines, Steve (R-MT)	X	X	X	100%
Tester, Jon (D-MT)	O	O	O	0%
Nebraska				
Fischer, Deb (R-NE)	X	X	X	100%
Ricketts, Pete (R-NE)	X	X	X	100%
Nevada				
Cortez Masto, Catherine (D-NV)	O	O	O	0%
Rosen, Jacky (D-NV)	O	O	O	0%
New Hampshire				
Hassan, Margaret Wood (D-NH)	O	O	O	0%
Shaheen, Jeanne (D-NH)	O	O	O	0%
New Jersey				
Booker, Cory A. (D-NJ)	O	O	O	0%
Menendez, Robert (D-NJ)	O	O	O	0%
New Mexico				
Heinrich, Martin (D-NM)	O	O	O	0%
Lujan, Ben Ray (D-NM)	O	O	O	0%
New York				
Gillibrand, Kirsten E. (D-NY)	O	O	O	0%

Schumer, Charles E. (D-NY)	O	X	O	33%
North Carolina				
Budd, Ted (R-NC)	X	X	X	100%
Tillis, Thom (R-NC)	X	X	X	100%
North Dakota				
Cramer, Kevin (R-ND)	X	X	X	100%
Hoeven, John (R-ND)	X	X	X	100%
Ohio				
Brown, Sherrod (D-OH)	O	O	O	0%
Vance, J.D. (R-OH)	X	X	X	100%
Oklahoma				
Lankford, James (R-OK)	X	X	X	100%
Mullin, Markwayne (R-OK)	X	X	X	100%
Oregon				
Merkley, Jeff (D-OR)	O	O	O	0%
Wyden, Ron (D-OR)	O	O	O	0%
Pennsylvania				
Casey, Robert P., Jr. (D-PA)	O	O	O	0%
Fetterman, John (D-PA)	O	O	O	0%
Rhode Island				
Reed, Jack (D-RI)	O	O	O	0%
Whitehouse, Sheldon (D-RI)	O	O	O	0%
South Carolina				
Graham, Lindsey (R-SC)	X	X	X	100%
Scott, Tim (R-SC)	X	X	X	100%
South Dakota				

Rounds, Mike (R-SD)	X	X	X	100%
Thune, John (R-SD)	X	X	X	100%
Tennessee				
Blackburn, Marsha (R-TN)	X	X	X	100%
Hagerty, Bill (R-TN)	X	X	X	100%
Texas				
Cornyn, John (R-TX)	X	X	X	100%
Cruz, Ted (R-TX)	X	X	X	100%
Utah				
Lee, Mike (R-UT)	X	NV	X	100%
Romney, Mitt (R-UT)	X	X	X	100%
Vermont				
Sanders, Bernard (I-VT)	O	O	O	0%
Welch, Peter (D-VT)	O	O	O	0%
Virginia				
Kaine, Tim (D-VA)	O	O	O	0%
Warner, Mark R. (D-VA)	O	O	O	0%
Washington				
Cantwell, Maria (D-WA)	O	O	O	0%
Murray, Patty (D-WA)	O	O	O	0%
West Virginia				
Capito, Shelley Moore (R-WV)	X	X	X	100%
Manchin, Joe, III (D-WV)	X	O	O	33%
Wisconsin				
Baldwin, Tammy (D-WI)	O	O	O	0%
Johnson, Ron (R-WI)	X	X	X	100%

Wyoming				
Barrasso, John (R-WY)	X	X	X	100%
Lummis, Cynthia (R-WY)	X	X	X	100%

LEGEND

X - Voted with Us

O - Voted Against Us

P - Voted Present

NV - Did Not Vote

I - Not In Office