

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

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How your lawmakers voted

Here's how local members of Congress voted on major issues in the week ending Friday. NV means "did not vote."

HOMELAND-SECURITY BUDGET

Voting 307-114, the House on Thursday approved the conference report on a \$44.1 billion Department of Homeland Security budget for fiscal 2010, up 6.5 percent from 2009. HR 2892 funds agencies such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Transportation Security Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency and Coast Guard. The bill prevents Guantanamo Bay prisoners from being transferred to U.S. soil, except for court proceedings, and bars the release of photos and videos showing U.S. mistreatment of prisoners overseas since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. A "yes" vote was to approve the conference report.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	■	□	□
Susan Davis D	■	□	□
Bob Filner D	■	□	□
Duncan Hunter R	□	■	□
Darrell Issa R	□	■	□

GUANTANAMO PRISONERS

Voting 224-193, the House on Thursday defeated a Republican bid to prevent funds in HR 2892 (above) from being used to release Guantanamo Bay prisoners into the United States for court appearances or any other purpose.

A "yes" vote backed the motion.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	■	□	□
Susan Davis D	□	■	□
Bob Filner D	□	■	□

Duncan Hunter R ■ □ □
Darrell Issa R ■ □ □

REGIONAL AIRLINE SAFETY

Voting 409-11, the House on Wednesday passed HR 3371, a bill setting higher training and skill standards for pilots of the regional airlines that link smaller cities to hubs. The bill is a response to the 50-fatality crash in February of Continental Connection Flight 3407 near Buffalo, in which investigators are focusing on pilot inexperience and fatigue. The bill requires pilots to have at least 1,500 hours of flight time to fully qualify for airline jobs, up from today's 250-hour minimum. A loophole allows hours spent in certain high-caliber-flight-school training to be counted toward the threshold. The bill also raises federal standards for training in the operation of de-icing and emergency equipment, addresses pilot fatigue and requires applicants to disclose failed flight tests to prospective employers.

A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	■	□	□
Susan Davis D	■	□	□
Bob Filner D	■	□	□
Duncan Hunter R	■	□	□
Darrell Issa R	■	□	□

IRAN INVESTMENTS

Voting 414-6, the House on Wednesday removed federal hurdles that keep state and local governments from emptying their portfolios of stock in companies that are invested in or provide services to Iran's energy sector. HR 1327 discounts the State Department's argument that such

divestment hampers the conduct of U.S. foreign policy. The bill clears the way for nonfederal governments to divest themselves from organizations that have at least \$20 million invested in the Iranian energy sector or sell at least \$20 million in services or equipment to that sector. The bill awaits Senate action.

A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	■	□	□
Susan Davis D	■	□	□
Bob Filner D	■	□	□
Duncan Hunter R	■	□	□
Darrell Issa R	■	□	□