

## HOW THEY VOTED

Here's how area members of Congress voted on major issues in the week ending May 13. NV means "did not vote."

### HOUSE

#### Gulf of Mexico drilling

Voting 263-163, the House on May 11 sent the Senate a bill (HR 1229) that would restore oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico to levels comparable to those in effect before last year's BP-Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The bill requires the Interior Department to act within 60 days on about 40 permit applications now undergoing safety and environmental reviews. The administration lifted its post-spill drilling moratorium in October, and has since issued about 10 deepwater permits and nearly 40 permits for drilling in shallow water. Backers said the bill would generate thousands of jobs and increase supplies at a time of high gasoline prices. Opponents said the industry has not yet developed satisfactory measures for preventing disasters such as the three-month-long BP spill.

A yes vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Davis D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan Hunter R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Blowout prevention

Voting 176-237, the House on May 10 defeated a bid to expand HR 1229 (above) to include safety recommendations issued in January by the National Commission on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The amendment required the enactment of minimum standards in areas

such as preventing blowouts, cementing wells and installing redundant safety barriers inside wells steps that would be subject to independent, third-party certifications. While the commission's recommendations have been addressed to varying degrees by governmental regulators and the oil industry, they have not been added to federal law.

A yes vote backed the amendment.

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Brian Bilbray R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Davis D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan Hunter R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Outer Continental Shelf Oil

Voting 243-179, the House on May 12 authorized oil and gas exploration in several expanses of the Outer Continental Shelf where drilling is now banned for primarily environmental reasons. In part, the bill (HR 1231) would require the Department of the Interior to sell leases for drilling off the Atlantic Coast from Maine to North Carolina, in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, off Southern California, in the Arctic Ocean and off Alaska's Bristol Bay. Depending on the state, the Outer Continental Shelf usually begins three-to-nine nautical miles from shore and reaches outward for at least 200 nautical miles.

Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Elk Grove, said the Republican plan is to "open America's vast petroleum resources, triple the current production by 2027, cut imports by one-third. Even more importantly, this bill means hundreds of thousands of new jobs and hundreds of billions of dollars of direct revenues into the national and state

treasuries."

Rep. Lois Capps, D-Santa Barbara, called it "unconscionable that we're voting today to expand offshore drilling even before stronger safeguards can be put in place.... More drilling only means more profits for the oil industry, not lower costs at the pump."

A yes vote was to send the bill to the Senate.

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Brian Bilbray R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Susan Davis D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan Hunter R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Ban on oil exports

Voting 180-243, the House on May 11 defeated a Democratic motion to HR 1231 (above) to prohibit energy companies from selling abroad the Outer Continental Shelf oil and natural gas they extract under federal leases. The measure also required the Department of the Interior, over the next five years, to reduce by half the large number of nonperforming oil and gas leases in the Outer Continental Shelf.

A yes vote backed the motion.

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Brian Bilbray R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Davis D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan Hunter R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 2011 intelligence budget

Voting 392-15, the House on May 13 passed a classified U.S. intelligence budget (HR 754) estimated at \$55 billion or more for fiscal 2011. The bill will fund operations of civilian military spy agencies such as the CIA, National Se-

curity Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency and National Reconnaissance Office. When other outlays in the federal budget are counted, total spending for intelligence activities is projected to top \$80 billion this year. This bill reportedly funds a tightening of U.S. cybersecurity; pays special attention to the U.S. space race with China and Russia; adds thousands of civilian positions at agencies such as the National Counterterrorism Center, and beefs up internal security to guard leaks to the WikiLeaks website.

A yes vote was to pass the bill.

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Susan Davis D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### SENATE

#### Judge Edward Chen

Voting 56-42, the Senate on May 10 confirmed the nomination of Edward M. Chen as a federal judge for the Northern District of California. Chen, 58, has been a federal magistrate judge in San Francisco for the past 10 years, and before that was an American Civil Liberties Union staff attorney. Senate Republicans stalled the nomination for 21 months over concerns that Chen would be an "activist judge," while Democrats noted that Chen received the American Bar Association's highest rating for a judicial nominee.

A yes vote was to confirm Chen.

	Yes	No	NV
Barbara Boxer D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dianne Feinstein D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>