

AMERICANS FOR SOVEREIGNTY®
112th Congress 1st Session, Senate Vote Explanations

1. S.Amdt.183 to S.493 (Roll Call Vote 54), April 6, 2011 Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) offered this amendment to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from issuing any regulations on greenhouse gases in regard to so-called climate change -- another way the Obama Administration was trying to put the Kyoto treaty provisions into effect without the Kyoto treaty ever being approved. A vote for the amendment is a vote for American sovereignty. The amendment failed on a vote of 50-50.

2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Nomination of Goodwin Liu to be Judge on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (Roll Call Vote 74), May 19, 2011 Goodwin Liu has rejected traditional judicial practices of basing decisions on the U.S. Constitution and laws passed by American legislators; instead he believes foreign laws should be included in American judicial decisions. In Liu's own words, "the use of foreign authority in American constitutional law is a judicial practice that has been very controversial in recent years. . . . The resistance to this practice is difficult for me to grasp, since the United States can hardly claim to have a monopoly on wise solutions to common legal problems" A vote against cloture is a vote against using foreign laws to interpret U.S. laws and the U.S. Constitution. Cloture failed by a vote of 52-43.

3. S.Amdt.501 to S.679 (Roll Call Vote 99), June 29, 2011 Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) offered an amendment to stop bailouts of foreign nations by U.S. taxpayers. A vote for the amendment is a vote to protect U.S. taxpayers and to stop foreign bailouts. The amendment failed on a vote of 44-55.

4. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Roll Call Vote 125), September 6, 2011 The U.S. patent system has provided protection for U.S. inventors and allowed the U.S. to be a world leader in technology. This bill would result in far weaker protections for innovative American patent applicants. A vote against cloture was a vote to allow more debate so the weaknesses of this bill could be presented in more detail. The bill works against U.S. inventors and harms American sovereignty. Cloture passed by a vote of 93-5.

5. S.Amdt.634 to H.R. 2832 (Roll Call Vote 148), September 22, 2011 An amendment offered by Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) to allow Taiwan to buy U.S.-built fighter aircraft to defend itself against a rapidly rising military threat from Communist China. The Obama Administration opposed the amendment. A vote for the amendment is a vote for U.S. ally Taiwan being able to better protect itself. The amendment failed on a vote of 48-48.

6. S.Amdt.753 to S.Amdt.738 to H.R. 2112 (Roll Call Vote 186) October 21, 2011 Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) offered this amendment to prohibit use of America taxpayer dollars to allow enemy combatants to be tried in American civilian courts. It did not apply to American citizens. A vote for the amendment is a vote to deny terrorists rights that they do not have under the U.S. Constitution and a vote for American sovereignty. The amendment failed on a vote of 47-52.

7. S.Amdt.2174 to S.1867 (Roll Call Vote 217) December 1, 2011 Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) offered this amendment to make clear that the President has authority under the law of war to continue to detain enemy combatants until hostilities are ended. Otherwise, a terrorist could return to killing Americans if he was set free at the conclusion of any military commission or other judicial procedure. A vote for the amendment is a vote to protect Americans from terrorists. The amendment failed on a vote of 41-59.

8. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador (Roll Call Vote 227) December 12, 2011 This nomination by the Obama Administration is one in a series of individuals who should not be in positions of authority. She was recess appointed by President Obama to be U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador. In 1998, President Clinton withdrew her nomination to be Ambassador to another country because of her relationship with a Cuban spy. Her written views have also raised questions concerning her qualifications. A vote against cloture is a vote against having such individuals supposedly representing the United States in other countries. Cloture failed by a vote of 49-37.

| Name | State | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 2011 | Lifetime |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|-----|---|---|-----|---|---|-----|------|----------|
| Akaka, Daniel | HI | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 10% |
| Alexander, Lamar | TN | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 80% |
| Ayotte, Kelly | NH | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 88% |
| Barrasso, John | WY | + | + | + | - | N/V | + | + | + | 86% | 93% |
| Baucus, Max | MT | - | N/V | - | - | - | - | - | N/V | 0% | 18% |
| Begich, Mark | AK | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 4% |
| Bennet, Michael F. | CO | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 11% |
| Bingaman, Jeff | NM | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 5% |
| Blumenthal, Richard | CT | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | 13% | 13% |
| Blunt, Roy | MO | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | N/V | 86% | 86% |
| Boozman, John | AR | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 88% |
| Boxer, Barbara | CA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 5% |
| Brown, Sherrod | OH | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 4% |
| Brown, Scott | MA | + | + | - | - | + | + | - | - | 50% | 63% |
| Burr, Richard | NC | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | N/V | 86% | 85% |
| Cantwell, Maria | WA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 9% |
| Cardin, Benjamin L. | MD | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 0% |
| Carper, Thomas | DE | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 22% |
| Casey, Robert P., Jr. | PA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 4% |
| Chambliss, Saxby | GA | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 90% |
| Coats, Dan | IN | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 88% |
| Coburn, Tom | OK | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | N/V | 86% | 94% |
| Cochran, Thad | MS | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | - | 63% | 80% |
| Collins, Susan M. | ME | - | + | + | - | + | + | - | - | 50% | 56% |
| Conrad, Kent | ND | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 16% |
| Coons, Christopher | DE | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 0% |
| Corker, Bob | TN | + | + | + | - | N/V | + | - | + | 71% | 72% |
| Cornyn, John | TX | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | N/V | 86% | 93% |
| Crapo, Michael | ID | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 93% |
| DeMint, Jim | SC | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | 96% |
| Durbin, Richard | IL | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 4% |
| Enzi, Michael B. | WY | + | + | + | - | N/V | + | + | + | 86% | 93% |
| Feinstein, Dianne | CA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 9% |
| Franken, Al | MN | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 0% |
| Gillibrand, Kirsten | NY | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 0% |
| Graham, Lindsey | SC | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | N/V | 86% | 80% |
| Grassley, Chuck | IA | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 89% |
| Hagan, Kay R. | NC | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 4% |
| Harkin, Tom | IA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 7% |
| Hatch, Orrin G. | UT | + | P | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% | 87% |
| Heller, Dean | NV | N/A | + | + | - | + | + | - | N/V | 67% | 67% |
| Hoeven, John | ND | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 88% |
| Hutchison, Kay Bailey | TX | + | N/V | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% | 88% |
| Inhofe, James | OK | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 95% |
| Inouye, Daniel | HI | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 13% |
| Isakson, Johnny | GA | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 88% |
| Johanns, Mike | NE | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 81% |
| Johnson, Ron | WI | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | 100% |
| Johnson, Tim | SD | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 13% |
| Kerry, John | MA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 7% |
| Kirk, Mark | IL | + | + | - | - | + | - | - | N/V | 43% | 51% |

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| Klobuchar, Amy | MN | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 0% |
| Kohl, Herb | WI | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 6% |
| Kyl, Jon | AZ | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 86% |
| Landrieu, Mary | LA | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13% | 39% |
| Lautenberg, Frank | NJ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 5% |
| Leahy, Patrick | VT | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 4% |
| Lee, Mike | UT | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | N/V | 86% | 86% |
| Levin, Carl | MI | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 7% |
| Lieberman, Joe | CT | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | 38% | 21% |
| Lugar, Richard | IN | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | + | 75% | 62% |
| Manchin, Joe | WV | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | - | 38% | 33% |
| McCain, John | AZ | + | + | + | - | + | + | - | + | 75% | 82% |
| McCaskill, Claire | MO | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 16% |
| McConnell, Mitch | KY | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 87% |
| Menendez, Robert | NJ | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | 13% | 2% |
| Merkley, Jeff | OR | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/V | 0% | 0% |
| Mikulski, Barbara | MD | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/V | 0% | 9% |
| Moran, Jerry | KS | + | N/V | + | - | + | + | + | N/V | 83% | 83% |
| Murkowski, Lisa | AK | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | 75% | 73% |
| Murray, Patty | WA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 3% |
| Nelson, Ben | NE | + | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | 50% | 44% |
| Nelson, Bill | FL | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | 13% | 25% |
| Paul, Rand | KY | + | + | + | + | N/V | - | - | + | 71% | 71% |
| Portman, Rob | OH | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 88% |
| Pryor, Mark | AR | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | 25% | 24% |
| Reed, Jack | RI | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 3% |
| Reid, Harry | NV | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | 13% | 10% |
| Risch, James E. | ID | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 96% |
| Roberts, Pat | KS | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 91% |
| Rockefeller, John | WV | - | - | - | N/V | - | - | - | - | 0% | 13% |
| Rubio, Marco | FL | + | + | + | N/V | + | + | + | + | 100% | 100% |
| Sanders, Bernard | VT | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 4% |
| Schumer, Charles | NY | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 8% |
| Sessions, Jeff | AL | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 95% |
| Shaheen, Jeanne | NH | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 0% |
| Shelby, Richard | AL | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 90% |
| Snowe, Olympia | ME | + | + | + | - | + | + | - | + | 75% | 56% |
| Stabenow, Debbie | MI | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 11% |
| Tester, Jon | MT | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | 13% | 15% |
| Thune, John | SD | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | N/V | 86% | 85% |
| Toomey, Patrick | PA | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 88% |
| Udall, Mark | CO | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 7% |
| Udall, Tom | NM | - | - | N/V | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 0% |
| Vitter, David | LA | + | N/V | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% | 89% |
| Warner, Mark | VA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 5% |
| Webb, James | VA | - | - | - | - | - | N/V | - | - | 0% | 11% |
| Whitehouse, Sheldon | RI | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | 2% |
| Wicker, Roger | MS | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 88% | 83% |
| Wyden, Ron | OR | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | N/V | 0% | 10% |