

National Right to Life Congressional Scorecard
U.S. House of Representatives | 115th Congress
2017-2018

1. No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (01/24/2017, Roll Call No. 65)

The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7), sponsored by Reps. Chris Smith (R-NJ), would establish a permanent, government-wide policy against funding abortions or health plans that cover abortions (except to save the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest). Among other things, this would remove elective abortion from the federally subsidized health plans that the Obamacare law established for millions of Americans. On January 24, 2017, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 7, 238-183. (House roll call no. 65.) The bill was supported by 235 Republicans and three Democrats. It was opposed by 183 Democrats. The measure was sent to the Senate. Companion legislation has been introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Roger Wicker (R-Ms.) as S. 184.

2. Nullification of Obama pro-abortion Title X rule (02/16/2017, Roll Call No. 99)

Title X of the Public Health Service Act is a major federal "family planning" program, currently funded at about \$286 million annually. In 2016, the Obama Administration issued a regulation to prevent states from redirecting funds away from Title X away from providers deemed unsuitable, such as Planned Parenthood. Under a law called the Congressional Review Act, Congress has the ability to nullify such agency regulations under certain circumstances. H.J.Res. 43, sponsored by Rep. Diane Black (R-Tn.), employed Congressional Review Act authority to nullify the Obama Title X regulation, and thereby restore the previous authority of states to direct Title X funds to providers that they deem suitable. National Right to Life supports H.J. Res. 43. In the roll call shown here, the pro-life resolution passed the House, 230-188. It was supported by 228 Republicans and two Democrats. It was opposed by two Republicans and 186 Democrats. February 16, 2017, House roll call no. 99. [On March 30, 2017, the Senate also approved H.J. Res. 43, 51-50, and on April 13, 2017, it was signed into law by President Trump.]

3. American Health Care Act (Obamacare replacement /defund Planned Parenthood) (05/04/2017, Roll Call No. 256)

The American Health Care Act of 2017 (H.R. 1628), sponsored by Rep. Diane Black (R-Tn.) and backed by House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wi.), was supported by National Right to Life in the form that it passed the House of Representatives on May 4, 2017, on the roll call shown here. H.R. 1628 is a special "budget reconciliation" bill that would repeal and replace major portions of the 2010 Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare"). The Obamacare law provided tax subsidies for over 1,000 health plans that cover elective abortion; H.R. 1628 would prohibit such subsidies, thereby restoring the longstanding principles of the Hyde Amendment with respect to federally funded health coverage. Another key provision of H.R. 1628 would block, for one year, most federal payments to affiliates of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which perform over one-third of all abortions in the U.S. Other provisions of H.R. 1628 preserve non-taxed employer-provided health plans and postpone the "Cadillac tax" on comprehensive health plans until 2026; these are important protections for access to life-saving health care. H.R. 1628 passed the House by a vote of 217 to 213, after which the bill was sent to the U.S. Senate for further consideration. The bill received affirmative votes from 217 Republicans; it was opposed by 20 Republicans and 193 Democrats. May 4, 2017, House roll call no. 256.

4. To block the D.C. "Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act" (RHNDA) (09/14/2017, Roll Call No. 518)

The U.S. Constitution places the District of Columbia under the exclusive legislative jurisdiction of Congress. In 2015, the District Council (city council), which operates on authority delegated by Congress, enacted a law called the "Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act" (RHNDA), which prohibits employers within the District from engaging in "discrimination" on the basis of "decisions" reached by employees, or potential employees, regarding "reproductive health" matters. During consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives of a bill to fund most government agencies during Fiscal Year 2018, Rep. Gary Palmer (R-Al.) offered an amendment to prohibit the District's local government from expending funds to enforce the RHNDA. In a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives dated September 7, 2017, National Right to Life urged support for the Palmer Amendment, noting, "It would be intolerable for an advocacy organization such as ours to be required to hire, or prohibited from firing, a person who . . . [engages] in advocacy or any other activity that is directly antithetical to our core mission to lawfully advocate for the civil rights of the unborn." The Palmer Amendment was adopted, 214-194, a pro-life win. The amendment was supported by 212 Republicans and two Democrats; it was opposed by 11 Republicans and 183 Democrats. House roll call no. 518, September 14, 2017. [The House subsequently passed H.R. 3354 and sent it to the U.S. Senate for further consideration.]

5. Congressional control over District of Columbia funds (abortion, etc.) (09/14/2017, Roll Call No. 520)

The U.S. Constitution says that Congress shall "exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever" with respect to the seat of the federal government, the District of Columbia. Part of this congressional oversight is a requirement that all public funds expended by local District officials (the mayor, etc.) must be appropriated by Congress, including funds raised by local taxes. For many years, Congress has placed limits on how such funds may be spent, including a prohibition on funding elective abortions. However, the District Council (city council) enacted a local "budget autonomy" law that they insist gives them the right to spend these "local" funds with congressional approval. In response, Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives crafted language to explicitly nullify the District Council's "budget autonomy" law, and included this language in an omnibus appropriations bill to fund most federal agencies during Fiscal Year 2018 (H.R. 3354). During consideration of this bill on the House floor, Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D), the non-voting delegate from the District, offered an amendment to strike the Republican language reaffirming congressional authority. National Right to Life, in a letter sent to U.S. House members on September 7, 2017, urged rejection of the Norton Amendment, and warned that allowing District officials to ignore congressional authority would open the door to funding of abortion, and would invite "more assaults by District authorities against pro-life and other conservative groups that are based in the District, such as we've already seen in the so-called 'Reproductive Health Nondiscrimination Act' (RHNDA). . ." (see the text explaining the previous roll call in this scorecard). The Norton Amendment failed, 186-222, a pro-life win. All votes supporting the Norton Amendment were cast by Democrats, while all votes to retain the good bill language reaffirming congressional authority were cast by Republicans. House roll call no. 520, September 14, 2017. [The House subsequently passed H.R. 3354 and sent it to the U.S. Senate for further consideration.]

6. Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (20-week abortion ban) (10/03/2017, Roll Call No. 549)

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.R. 36), sponsored by Congressman Trent Franks (R-Az.), would generally prohibit abortion after 20 weeks fetal age (22 weeks of pregnancy), with certain exceptions. The bill also contains substantial new protections for infants born alive during abortions. (This bill was developed from model legislation developed by National

Alabama Representatives ctd

7. Terri Sewell (D-AL-7) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0%
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Alaska Representatives

Don Young (R-AK-AL) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 **Score**
X X X X X X X X 100%

Arizona Representatives

1. Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-1) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 **Score**
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0%

2. Martha McSally (R-AZ-2) X X X 0 X X X X 87%

3. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0%

4. Paul Gosar (R-AZ-4) X X X NV NV X NV X 100%

5. Andy Biggs (R-AZ-5) X X 0 X X X X X 87%

6. David Schweikert (R-AZ-6) X X X X X X X X 100%

7. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-7) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0%

8. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ-8) I I I I I I I I 0%

8. Trent Franks (R-AZ-8) X X X X X X I I 100%

9. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ-9) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0%

Arkansas Representatives

1. Rick Crawford (R-AR-1) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 **Score**
X X X X X X X X 100%

2. French Hill (R-AR-2) X X X X X X X X 100%

3. Steve Womack (R-AR-3) X X X X X X X X 100%

4. Bruce Westerman (R-AR-4) X X X X X X X X 100%

California Representatives

1. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 **Score**
X X X X X X X X 100%

2. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0%

3. John Garamendi (D-CA-3) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0%

4. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4) X X X X X X X X 100%

5. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0%

6. Doris Matsui (D-CA-6) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0%

7. Ami Bera (D-CA-7) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0%

8. Paul Cook (R-CA-8) X X X X X X X X 100%

9. Jerry McNerney (D-CA-9) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0%

New York Representatives ctd

<u>15. Jose Serrano (D-NY-15)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>16. Eliot Engel (D-NY-16)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>17. Nita Lowey (D-NY-17)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>18. Sean Maloney (D-NY-18)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>19. John Faso (R-NY-19)</u>	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	87%
<u>20. Paul Tonko (D-NY-20)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>21. Elise Stefanik (R-NY-21)</u>	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	87%
<u>22. Claudia Tenney (R-NY-22)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>23. Tom Reed (R-NY-23)</u>	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	87%
<u>24. John Katko (R-NY-24)</u>	X	X	O	O	X	X	X	X	75%
<u>25. Louise Slaughter (D-NY-25)</u>	NV	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>25. Joseph Morelle (D-NY-25)</u>	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	
<u>26. Brian Higgins (D-NY-26)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>27. Chris Collins (R-NY-27)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%

North Carolina Representatives

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
<u>1. G.K. Butterfield (D-NC-1)</u>	O	NV	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>2. George Holding (R-NC-2)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>3. Walter Jones (R-NC-3)</u>	NV	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	85%
<u>4. David Price (D-NC-4)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>5. Virginia Foxx (R-NC-5)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>6. Mark Walker (R-NC-6)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>7. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>8. Richard Hudson (R-NC-8)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>9. Robert Pittenger (R-NC-9)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>10. Patrick McHenry (R-NC-10)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>11. Mark Meadows (R-NC-11)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>12. Alma Adams (D-NC-12)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>13. Ted Budd (R-NC-13)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%

North Dakota Representatives

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
<u>Kevin Cramer (R-ND-AL)</u>	X	NV	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%

Virginia Representatives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
<u>1. Rob Wittman (R-VA-1)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>2. Scott Taylor (R-VA-2)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>3. Robert Scott (D-VA-3)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>4. A.Donald McEachin (D-VA-4)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>5. Tom Garrett (R-VA-5)</u>	X	X	X	NV	NV	X	X	X	100%
<u>6. Robert Goodlatte (R-VA-6)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>7. Dave Brat (R-VA-7)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>8. Don Beyer (D-VA-8)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>9. Morgan Griffith (R-VA-9)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>10. Barbara Comstock (R-VA-10)</u>	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	87%
<u>11. Gerald Connolly (D-VA-11)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%

Washington Representatives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
<u>1. Suzan DelBene (D-WA-1)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>2. Rick Larsen (D-WA-2)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>3. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA-3)</u>	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	87%
<u>4. Dan Newhouse (R-WA-4)</u>	X	X	NV	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>5. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA-5)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>6. Derek Kilmer (D-WA-6)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>7. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-7)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>8. Dave Reichert (R-WA-8)</u>	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	NV	85%
<u>9. Adam Smith (D-WA-9)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>10. Denny Heck (D-WA-10)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%

West Virginia Representatives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
<u>1. David McKinley (R-WV-1)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>2. Alex Mooney (R-WV-2)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>3. Evan Jenkins (R-WV-3)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%

Wisconsin Representatives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
<u>1. Paul Ryan (R-WI-1)</u>	S	S	X	S	S	S	S	S	100%
<u>2. Mark Pocan (D-WI-2)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>3. Ron Kind (D-WI-3)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	NV	O	0%

Wisconsin Representatives ctd

<u>4. Gwen Moore (D-WI-4)</u>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0%
<u>5. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI-5)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>6. Glenn Grothman (R-WI-6)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>7. Sean Duffy (R-WI-7)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
<u>8. Mike Gallagher (R-WI-8)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%

Wyoming Representatives

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
<u>Liz Cheney (R-WY-AL)</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%

House Changes During This Congress

Debbie Lesko (R-AZ-8):

Trent Franks (R-AZ-8):

Jimmy Gomez (D-CA-34):

Xavier Becerra (D-CA-34):

Ron DeSantis (R-FL-6):

Tom Price (R-GA-6):

Karen Handel (R-GA-6):

Mike Pompeo (R-KS-4):

Ron Estes (R-KS-4):

John Conyers (D-MI-13):

Brenda Jones (D-MI-13):

Greg Gianforte (R-MT-AL):

Ryan Zinke (R-MT-AL):

Joseph Morelle (D-NY-25):

Louise Slaughter (D-NY-25):

Pat Tiberi (R-OH-12):

Troy Balderson (R-OH-12):

Jim Bridenstine (R-OK-1):

Kevin Hern (R-OK-1):

Charlie Dent (R-PA-15):

Patrick Meehan (R-PA-7):

Conor Lamb (D-PA-18):

LEGEND

X - Voted with Us

O - Voted Against Us

P - Voted Present

NV - Did Not Vote

I - Not In Office

S - Speaker (Typically the speaker does not participate in roll call votes)

Mary Scanlon (D-PA-7):

Tim Murphy (R-PA-18): Resigned October 21, 2017

Susan Wild (D-PA-15):

Ralph Norman (R-SC-5):

Mick Mulvaney (R-SC-5):

Michael Cloud (R-TX-27):

Blake Farenthold (R-TX-27):

John Curtis (R-UT-3):

Jason Chaffetz (R-UT-3):

Evan Jenkins (R-WV-3):

