

National Right to Life Congressional Scorecard - Senate						
112th Congress 2011-2012						
1. Repeal of Obama health care law (02/02/2011, Roll Call No. 9)						
02/02/2011 --						
<p>This February 2, 2011 roll call dealt with an amendment offered by Senate Republican Leader Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) to completely repeal the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (PPACA), the massive health care restructuring law that was enacted in March, 2010 (Public Law 111-148), sometimes referred to as "ObamaCare." As enacted, the PPACA contains multiple provisions that will, if fully implemented, result in government-imposed rationing of lifesaving medical care, which are documented here. In addition, the PPACA also contains multiple provisions authorizing federal subsidies for abortion, and additional provisions on which future abortion-expanding regulatory mandates may be based. The abortion-subsidizing and abortion-expanding provisions of the PPACA are thoroughly documented in materials posted on the NRLC website here. For these reasons, the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) strongly supports repeal of the PPACA, as explained in a letter sent to U.S. House members, posted here, endorsing a similar repealer bill that passed the House on January 19, 2011. Unfortunately, the McConnell motion failed, 47 to 51 (60 votes were required to prevail), on a straight party-line vote. Roll call no. 9, February 2, 2011.</p>						
2. Blocking funding for Obama health care law (04/14/2011, Roll Call No. 59)						
04/14/2011 --						
<p>H. Con. Res. 35 was a measure to block funding for implementation of President Obama's 2010 health care law (the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" or PPACA or "ObamaCare") for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2011. As enacted, the PPACA contains multiple provisions that will, if fully implemented, result in government-imposed rationing of lifesaving medical care, which are documented here. In addition, the PPACA also contains multiple provisions authorizing federal subsidies for abortion, and additional provisions on which future abortion-expanding regulatory mandates may be based. The abortion-subsidizing and abortion-expanding provisions of the health care law are thoroughly documented in materials posted on the NRLC website here. NRLC strongly supported H. Con. Res. 35, but it failed in the Senate on this roll call on April 14, 2011. The bill was supported by 47 senators, all Republicans, and opposed by 53 senators (51 Democrats and two independents who caucus with the Democrats). (60 votes were required for approval.) Roll call no. 59.</p>						
3. Cut off federal funding for Planned Parenthood (04/14/2011, Roll Call No. 60)						
04/14/2011 --						
<p>H. Con. Res. 36 was a bill, supported by National Right to Life, to cut off all federal funds to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) and its affiliates, for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2011. PPFA is the nation's major provider of abortions. The bill failed, with 42 senators (all Republicans) voting in support (pro-life), and 58 (53 Democrats and five Republicans) voting against it. (60 votes were required for approval.) Roll call no. 60, April 14, 2011.</p>						
4. Preventing Obama Abortion Mandates (Blunt Amendment) (03/01/2012, Roll Call No. 24)						
03/01/2012 --						

When President Obama's health care legislation ("ObamaCare") was under consideration in the Senate in 2009, NRLC warned that a provision dealing with "preventive health services" would empower the Secretary of Health and Human Services to mandate that most health plans cover any medical service, including abortion, merely by adding the service to an expandable list. Unfortunately, the ObamaCare law was enacted in 2010, containing the "preventive services" provision and many other objectionable provisions. The Administration issued a decree in August, 2011, mandating coverage of all FDA-approved birth control methods – a move that engendered vigorous protests from many religious bodies. NRLC again warned that the Administration could employ the same legal authority to issue a future mandate that would require most health plans to cover all abortions. An NRLC-endorsed bill, the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179, S. 1467), would go to the heart of the problem by amending the ObamaCare law itself to allow employers and insurers to decline to cover "items or services" to which they have a religious or moral objection, as long as other anti-discrimination laws are observed. In February, 2012, pro-life Senator Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) offered S. 1467 in the form of an amendment to a pending highway bill. On March 1, 2012, the Senate tabled (killed) the Blunt Amendment, by a vote of 51 to 48 (Senate Roll Call No. 24). Fifty Democrats and one Republican voted to kill the pro-life amendment. Forty-five Republicans and three Democrats voted to advance the amendment.

5. "DISCLOSE Act" to restrict political free speech (07/17/2012, Roll Call No. 180)

07/17/2012 --

On July 17, 2012, the U.S. Senate conducted a vote on whether to take up S. 3369, a bill strongly opposed by NRLC. S. 3369, which carries the misleading label of the "DISCLOSE Act," is one of a long series of bills that are intended to reduce the amount of independent political speech about members of Congress, candidates for Congress, and ongoing developments in Congress. In a July 13, 2012 letter to senators opposing S. 3369, NRLC said, "Enactment of the DISCLOSE Act would not be a curb on corruption, but itself a type of corruption – an abuse of the lawmaking power, by which incumbent lawmakers employ the threat of criminal sanctions, among other deterrents, to reduce the amount of private speech regarding the actions of the lawmakers themselves. . . [it is a] blatant political attack on the First Amendment rights of NRLC, our state affiliates, and our members and donors." The entire letter is posted here. This was a procedural motion (cloture motion) on which 60 votes were required, and the NRLC-supported vote was "no." The tally was 53 in favor and 45 opposed, which was 7 short of the 60 votes required, so further action on the bill was blocked. The vote was strictly along party lines, with Democrats voting to advance the bill and Republicans to block it. Roll call no. 180.

Congressional Session	1	1	1	2	2		
Alabama Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score	
Jeff Sessions (R-AL)	X	X	X	X	X	100%	
Richard Shelby (R-AL)	X	X	X	X	NV	100%	
Alaska Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score	
Mark Begich (D-AK)	O	O	O	O	O	0%	
Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)	X	X	O	X	X	80%	

Arizona Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Jon Kyl (R-AZ)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
John McCain (R-AZ)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Arkansas Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
John Boozman (R-AR)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Mark Pryor (D-AR)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
California Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Barbara Boxer (D-CA)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Colorado Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Michael Bennet (D-CO)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Mark Udall (D-CO)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Connecticut Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Joseph Lieberman (I-CT)	NV	O	O	O	O	0%
Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Delaware Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Thomas Carper (D-DE)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Chris Coons (D-DE)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Florida Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Marco Rubio (R-FL)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Bill Nelson (D-FL)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Georgia Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Johnny Isakson (R-GA)	X	X	X	X	X	100%

Hawaii Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Brian Schatz (D-HI)	I	I	I	I	I	
Daniel Inouye (D-HI)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Daniel Akaka (D-HI)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Idaho Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Michael Crapo (R-ID)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Jim Risch (R-ID)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Illinois Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Richard Durbin (D-IL)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Mark Kirk (R-IL)	X	X	O	NV	NV	66%
Indiana Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Richard Lugar (R-IN)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Dan Coats (R-IN)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Iowa Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Charles Grassley (R-IA)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Tom Harkin (D-IA)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Kansas Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Pat Roberts (R-KS)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Jerry Moran (R-KS)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Kentucky Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Rand Paul (R-KY)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Louisiana Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score

David Vitter (R-LA)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Mary Landrieu (D-LA)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Maine Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Susan Collins (R-ME)	X	X	O	X	X	80%
Olympia Snowe (R-ME)	X	X	O	O	X	60%
Maryland Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Benjamin Cardin (D-MD)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Massachusetts Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Scott Brown (R-MA)	X	X	O	X	X	80%
John Kerry (D-MA)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Michigan Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Carl Levin (D-MI)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Minnesota Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Al Franken (D-MN)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Mississippi Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Thad Cochran (R-MS)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Roger Wicker (R-MS)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Missouri Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Claire McCaskill (D-MO)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Roy Blunt (R-MO)	X	X	X	X	X	100%

Montana Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Max Baucus (D-MT)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Jon Tester (D-MT)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Nebraska Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Mike Johanns (R-NE)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Ben Nelson (D-NE)	O	O	O	X	O	20%
Nevada Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
John Ensign (R-NV)	X	X	X	I	I	100%
Harry Reid (D-NV)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Dean Heller (R-NV)	I	I	I	X	X	100%
New Hampshire Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
New Jersey Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Robert Menendez (D-NJ)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
New Mexico Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Tom Udall (D-NM)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
New York Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Charles Schumer (D-NY)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
North Carolina Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Kay Hagan (D-NC)	O	O	O	O	O	0%

Richard Burr (R-NC)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
North Dakota Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Kent Conrad (D-ND)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
John Hoeven (R-ND)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Northern Mariana Islands Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Ohio Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Sherrod Brown (D-OH)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Rob Portman (R-OH)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Oklahoma Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Tom Coburn (R-OK)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
James Inhofe (R-OK)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Oregon Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Ron Wyden (D-OR)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Pennsylvania Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Bob Casey (D-PA)	O	O	O	X	O	20%
Patrick Toomey (R-PA)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Rhode Island Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Jack Reed (D-RI)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
South Carolina Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Jim DeMint (R-SC)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Lindsey Graham (R-SC)	X	X	X	X	X	100%

South Dakota Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
John Thune (R-SD)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Tim Johnson (D-SD)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Tennessee Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Bob Corker (R-TN)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Texas Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
John Cornyn (R-TX)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Utah Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Orrin Hatch (R-UT)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Mike Lee (R-UT)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Vermont Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Patrick Leahy (D-VT)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Bernard Sanders (I-VT)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Virginia Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Jim Webb (D-VA)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Mark Warner (D-VA)	NV	O	O	O	O	0%
Washington Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Maria Cantwell (D-WA)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Patty Murray (D-WA)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
West Virginia Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
John Rockefeller (D-WV)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Joe Manchin (D-WV)	O	O	O	X	O	20%

Wisconsin Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Herb Kohl (D-WI)	O	O	O	O	O	0%
Ron Johnson (R-WI)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Wyoming Senators	1	2	3	4	5	Score
John Barrasso (R-WY)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Michael Enzi (R-WY)	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Senate Changes During This Congress						
Jim DeMint (R-SC):						
Daniel Inouye (D-HI):						
John Ensign (R-NV): Resigned May 3, 2011						
Dean Heller (R-NV): Appointed May 9, 2011						
Brian Schatz (D-HI): Appointed December 27, 2012						
Legend						
X -Voted With Us						
O - Voted Against Us						
P - Voted Present						
NV - Did Not Vote						
I - Not in Office						