

## **About the House Bills**

### **House Vote 519 - HR 3221: Mortgage Relief - Motion to Concur**

July 23, 2008 - Frank, D-Mass., motion to concur in the Senate amendment with the House amendment that would grant authority to the Treasury Department to extend new credit and buy stock in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. It also would create an independent regulator for the two mortgage giants and the Federal Home Loan Bank System. It would overhaul the Federal Housing Administration and allow it to insure up to \$300 billion worth of new, refinanced loans for struggling mortgage borrowers. It also includes a \$7,500 tax credit to some first-time homebuyers, higher loan limits for FHA-backed loans, a standard tax deduction for property taxes and revenue-raisers to offset part of the costs. It also would authorize \$3.92 billion in grants to states and localities to purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed properties, and increase the federal debt limit to \$10.6 trillion.

Adopted 272-152: R 45-149; D 227-3; I 0-0.

**Note:** A "yea" was a vote in support of the president's position.

### **House Vote 958 - HR 2895: Affordable Housing Fund - Passage**

October 10, 2007 - Passage of the bill that would establish an affordable housing trust fund to provide assistance for the construction, rehabilitation and preservation of affordable housing for low-income families. The fund would be financed from Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Federal Housing Administration income. It would require the Department of Housing and Urban Development to establish a formula to allocate the trust fund among states, participating jurisdictions, American Indian tribes and U.S. territories based on their relative needs.

Passed 264-148: R 41-148; D 223-0; I 0-0.

**Note:** A "nay" was a vote in support of the president's position.

### **House Vote 18 - HR 3524: HOPE VI Housing Reauthorization - Passage**

January 17, 2008 - Passage of the bill that would reauthorize \$800 million per year from fiscal 2008 through 2015 for the HOPE VI public housing program. It also would require one-for-one replacement of housing units demolished under the program, require mixed-income housing on sites of demolished low-income housing and set guidelines for units to be built in areas of lower concentrations of poverty.

Passed 271-130: R 53-130; D 218-0; I 0-0.

**Note:** A "nay" was a vote in support of the president's position.

### **House Vote 25 - HR 5140: Economic Stimulus - Passage**

January 29, 2008 - Rangel, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would provide advance refund of a tax credit for most taxpayers equal to \$600 for individuals and \$1,200 for couples. Families would receive \$300 for each child under 17. It would provide businesses with a 50 percent depreciation for certain equipment purchased in 2008 and increase to \$250,000 the amount small businesses can expense in the year items are purchased. It would raise the size of mortgage loans the Federal Housing Administration could insure and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could purchase.

Motion agreed to 385-35: R 169-25; D 216-10; I 0-0.

**Note:** A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (281 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules. A "yea" was a vote in support of the president's position.

### **House Vote 660 - HR 7110: Supplemental Appropriations - Passage**

September 26, 2008 - Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$60.8 billion to extend unemployment benefits and provide additional fiscal 2009 funds for food assistance programs, infrastructure projects, energy development, public housing, state Medicaid plans and other programs. The bill would appropriate \$12.8 billion for highway infrastructure investment; \$5 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers; \$7.5 billion for state and tribal assistance grants for drinking water and sewer projects; \$3 billion to modernize, renovate and repair schools as well as make them more energy efficient; \$3.6 billion for transit capital assistance grants to purchase buses and equipment needed to expand public transportation; and \$2.6 billion for food assistance to deal with rising food costs for seniors, people with disabilities and low-income families.

Passed 264-158: R 41-150; D 223-8; I 0-0.

**Note:** A "nay" was a vote in support of the president's position.

### **House Vote 678 - HR 7221: Homeless Assistance Reauthorization - Passage**

October 02, 2008 - Moore, D-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would consolidate the Housing and Urban Development Department's homeless assistance competitive grant programs into a single program and authorize \$2.2 billion in fiscal 2009 for grants for emergency shelter needs of the homeless. The bill also would change the definition of homelessness to include individuals and families who are within 14 days of losing their housing due to eviction, ejection or the end of a motel stay.

Motion agreed to 355-61: R 131-61; D 224-0; I 0-0.

**Note:** A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

### **House Vote 46 - HR 1: Economic Stimulus - Passage**

January 28, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would provide, through fiscal 2019, \$550 billion for upgrades to transportation, infrastructure, construction, health care programs, education and housing assistance, and energy efficiency projects, and \$275 billion in personal and business tax credits. The measure would provide for a tax credit in 2009 and 2010 of up to \$500 for individuals or \$1,000 for married couples filing jointly, excluding individuals whose gross income exceeds \$75,000 or \$150,000 for joint returns. It would provide a temporary increase in earned income tax credit for families with three or more children, provide a partially refundable tax credit for higher education expenses and waive a repayment requirement enacted in a 2008 housing law for first-time homebuyers. The bill would permit businesses to carryback their operating losses in 2008 and 2009 for up to five years, excluding companies that received funds under the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

Passed 244-188: R 0-177; D 244-11; I 0-0.

### **House Vote 86 - HR 1105: Fiscal 2009 Omnibus Appropriations - Passage**

February 25, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would provide \$410 billion in discretionary spending in fiscal 2009 for federal departments and agencies covered by nine unfinished fiscal 2009 spending bills. The measure incorporates the following previously separate appropriations bills from the 110th Congress: Agriculture; Commerce-Justice-Science; Energy-Water; Financial Services; Interior-Environment; Labor-HHS-Education; Legislative Branch; State-Foreign Operations; and Transportation-HUD. It would also provide \$100 million for the U.S. Secret Service and block the automatic cost-of-living adjustment for members of Congress in 2010.

Passed 245-178: R 16-158; D 229-20; I 0-0.