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Interim Senate Scorecard

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VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

March 23, 2009

- 1. Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act/Right to Work—S. 181**—Sen. Jim Demint (R-S.C.) offered an amendment to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act that would have enacted a national “right-to-work” law, blocking union-security clauses which ensure that all workers who receive the benefits of union representation and collective bargaining agreements share the costs of maintaining the union. The amendment failed Jan. 22 on a vote of 66-31 (R: 31-10; D: 0-54; I: 0-2). **Y=R, N=W**
- 2. Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act/Pay Discrimination—S. 181**—The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act restores longstanding protections against pay discrimination that were eliminated by the U.S. Supreme Court in its 2007 decision, *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire and Rubber*. Lilly Ledbetter, a Goodyear Tire Co. supervisor, did not learn that she was being paid substantially less than her male colleagues, in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, until she retired after 19 years on the job. The Supreme Court ruled that Ledbetter lost the right to sue 180 days after she received her first paycheck. Prior to this decision, other courts had ruled that each paycheck started the 180-day clock over because each check was fresh evidence of discrimination. The Senate passed the bill Jan. 22 by a vote of 61-36 (R: 5-36; D: 54-0; I: 2-0). **Y=R, N=W**
- 3. Children’s Health Insurance—H.R. 2**—Since the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) was enacted in 1997 with broad bipartisan support, the number of uninsured children has dropped by one-third, even as the rate of uninsured adults has increased steadily. The CHIP reauthorization bill preserves coverage for more than 6 million children while extending coverage to nearly 4 million more uninsured children. The Senate passed the bill Jan. 29 on a vote of 66-32 (R: 9-32; D: 55-0; I: 2-0). **Y=R, N=W**
- 4. Economic Stimulus—H.R. 1**—As a first priority of the Obama administration and a key step toward rebuilding an economy that works for all Americans, the Senate passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The investment provisions of the bill are specifically targeted to creating and maintaining jobs, and make major investments in transportation, infrastructure, state Medicaid and other health care programs, education and housing assistance, and energy-efficiency projects. H.R. 1 passed the Senate Feb. 10 by a vote of 61-37 (R: 3-37; D: 56-0; I: 2-0). **Y=R, N=W**
- 5. Economic Stimulus/Conference Report—H.R. 1**—The final version of the economic stimulus bill as agreed to by House and Senate negotiators provides an estimated \$787 billion in tax cuts and spending increases to stimulate the economy. The Senate passed the conference report Feb. 13 on a vote of 60-38 (R: 3-38; D: 55-0; I: 2-0). **Y=R, N=W**
- 6. D.C. Voting Rights—S. 160**—Republicans filibustered the District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act, which would allow the delegate elected by the citizens of Washington, D.C., to vote in the House of

Representatives. S. 160 would also increase the number of U.S. representatives from the state of Utah. U.S. citizens who live in the nation's capital serve in the armed forces, pay federal taxes and sit on federal juries, yet they have no voting representation in the U.S. Congress. The Senate voted Feb. 24 to invoke cloture and end the filibuster (60 votes are required to end a filibuster) by a vote of 62-34 (R: 8-32; D: 52-2; I 2-0). **Y=R, N=W**

7. **Fiscal 2009 Omnibus Spending Bill—H.R. 1105**—The omnibus spending bill combined nine funding bills for several federal agencies, including the Department of Labor and Department of Education. The bill included funding for critical labor, health and safety programs and would fund government operation through Sept. 30, 2009. The Senate voted to end a Republican filibuster (60 votes are required to end a filibuster) March 10 by a vote of 62-35 (R: 8-32; D: 52-3; I 2-0). **Y=R, N=W**

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	Year:	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009
Alabama	Sessions, J. (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
	Shelby (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	R
Alaska	Begich (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Murkowski (R)	R	R	R	W	W	R	R
Arizona	Kyl (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
	McCain (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Arkansas	Lincoln (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Pryor (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
California	Boxer (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Feinstein (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Colorado	Bennet (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Salazar, (D)	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
	Udall, (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Connecticut	Dodd (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Lieberman (I)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Delaware	Biden (D)	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
	Carper (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Kaufman (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Florida	Martinez (R)	R	W	R	W	W	W	W
	Nelson, Bill (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Georgia	Chambliss (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
	Isakson (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Hawaii	Akaka (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Inouye (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Idaho	Crapo (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
	Risch (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Illinois	Burriss (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Durbin (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Indiana	Bayh (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W
	Lugar (R)	W	W	R	W	W	R	W
Iowa	Grassley (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
	Harkin (D)	R	R	R	R	R	+	R

	Burr (R)	R	W	W	W	W	W	W
	Hagan (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
North Dakota								
	Conrad (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Dorgan (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Ohio								
	Brown, S. (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Voinovich (R)	R	W	W	W	W	R	W
Oklahoma								
	Coburn (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
	Inhofe (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Oregon								
	Merkley (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Wyden (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Pennsylvania								
	Casey (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Specter (R)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Rhode Island								
	Reed, J. (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Whitehouse (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
South Carolina								
	DeMint (R)	W	W	W	W	W	-	W
	Graham (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
South Dakota								
	Johnson, Tim (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Thune (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Tennessee								
	Alexander, L. (R)	R	W	R	W	W	W	R
	Corker (R)	W	W	R	W	W	W	W
Texas								
	Cornyn (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
	Hutchison (R)	W	R	R	W	W	W	W
Utah								
	Bennett (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
	Hatch (R)	W	W	W	W	W	R	W
Vermont								
	Leahy (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Sanders (I)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Virginia								
	Warner (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Webb (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Washington								
	Cantwell (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	Murray (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
West Virginia								
	Byrd (D)	R	R	R	R	R	W	R
	Rockefeller (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Wisconsin								
	Feingold (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	W
	Kohl (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Wyoming								
	Barrasso (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W

Enzi (R)

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Vote Key

R = VOTED RIGHT

W = VOTED WRONG

A = ABSENT; DID NOT VOTE YEA OR NEY

I = INELIGIBLE OR UNABLE TO VOTE

+ = ANNOUNCED FOR

- = ANNOUNCED AGAINST