



HOW CONGRESS **VOTED**

117TH CONGRESS INTERIM REPORT

January 3, 2021 to January 3, 2022

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HOW DID CONGRESS TREAT SMALL BUSINESS?

In keeping with our promise to monitor key small business votes your lawmakers cast, NFIB presents this special interim report for the 117th Congress. Following a year of elections, this report cuts through the rhetoric of campaigns and looks at the hard facts: how your U.S. Senators and Representatives voted on small business issues during the first session of the 117th Congress.

Lawmakers who voted with small business on key issues 70 percent or more of the time during the 116th Congress earned NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award. Just as important, this report highlights lawmakers who not only failed to earn a Guardian Award, but who actually voted against small business issues a majority of the time.

This special NFIB member report should come as no surprise to lawmakers. NFIB asks lawmakers to support the consensus views of our members. We also remind lawmakers that their votes are being monitored and will be reported back to NFIB members.

HOW TO READ THIS REPORT >>

What the Charts in How Congress Voted® Show

- NFIB's position on Key Votes for the first session of the 117th Congress is located on the top row.
- The row of **Y** and **N** symbols beside each lawmaker's name indicates whether they voted **YES** or **NO** on Key Votes in the first session of the 117th Congress.
- Voting percentages of lawmakers who also served in the prior (116th) Congress are in the gray column.
- Asterisks in the gray column indicates lawmakers who served a partial term in the 116th Congress

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ON SMALL BUSINESS				
Rep. Name	Key Vote		2017	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
NEW JERSEY				
1. Noemí F. Martínez	Y	Y	Y	Y
2. Newark Law Office	Y	Y	Y	Y
3. Albio Sires	Y	Y	Y	Y
4. Smith, C.	Y	N	Y	Y
5. Takano, D.	Y	Y	Y	Y
6. Fattah	Y	Y	Y	Y
7. Lofgren	Y	Y	Y	Y
8. Gómez-Pérez	Y	Y	Y	Y
9. Boyle	Y	Y	Y	Y
10. Polis	Y	Y	Y	Y
11. Velázquez	Y	Y	Y	Y
12. Garofalo	Y	Y	Y	Y
13. Pascrell	Y	Y	Y	Y
NEW YORK				
1. Higgins	Y	Y	Y	Y
2. Garret	Y	N	Y	Y
3. Maloney	Y	Y	Y	Y
4. Costa	Y	Y	Y	Y
5. Eichenstein	Y	Y	Y	Y
6. Koch	Y	Y	Y	Y
7. Halloran	Y	Y	Y	Y
8. Gómez	Y	Y	Y	Y
9. Grijalva	Y	Y	Y	Y
10. Maloney, C.	Y	N	Y	N
11. Maloney, J.	Y	Y	Y	Y
12. O'Donnell	Y	Y	Y	Y
13. Cuellar	Y	Y	Y	Y
14. Berman	Y	Y	Y	Y
15. Bradlow	Y	Y	Y	Y
ND				
1. Hagen	48	51	Y	Y
2. Boebert	49	50	Y	Y
3. Tereasa Hartman	49	50	Y	Y
4. Jones	44	55	Y	Y
5. Lee	50	49	Y	Y
6. McSally	50	49	N	N
7. Coffman	50	49	N	N
OKLAHOMA				
1. Litterst	50	50	N	N
2. Lockett	50	50	N	N
3. Cole	50	50	N	N
OREGON				
1. Barboza	48	51	Y	Y
2. Ocasio-Cortez	48	51	Y	Y
3. DeSantis	48	51	Y	Y
4. Takano	48	51	Y	Y
PENNSYLVANIA				
1. Roseman	50	50	N	N
2. Evans	49	51	Y	Y
3. Farenthold	49	51	Y	Y
4. Deb Haaland	48	51	Y	Y
5. Castor	48	51	Y	Y
6. Gingrey	48	51	Y	Y
7. DeSantis	48	51	Y	Y
8. Harry	50	50	N	N
9. Tereasa Hartman	50	50	N	N
10. Zelikow	50	50	N	N
11. Thompson, G.	50	50	N	N
12. Farrow	50	50	N	N
WASHINGTON				
1. Hansen	50	50	N	N
2. Kim	50	50	N	N
3. Davis	50	50	N	N
4. Wilson	50	50	N	N
5. Trujillo	50	50	N	N
WYOMING				
1. Babin	50	50	N	N
2. Brooks	50	50	N	N
3. Barton	50	50	N	N
4. Babin, J.	50	50	N	N
5. Burdett-Jones	50	50	N	N
6. Johnson	50	50	N	N
7. Scalise	50	50	N	N
8. Lambright	50	50	N	N
9. Johnson	50	50	N	N
10. Bishop	50	50	N	N
11. Harri	50	50	N	N
12. DeSantis	50	50	N	N
13. Gohmert	50	50	N	N
14. Johnson, K.	50	50	N	N
15. Young, R.	50	50	N	N
16. Brindizi	50	50	N	N

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1. American Rescue Plan Act (H.R. 1319)

NFIB opposed H.R. 1319, sponsored by Rep. John Yarmuth (KY-3). The bill included the *Raise the Wage Act*, which would immediately increase the federal minimum wage by more than 30 percent to \$15 per hour in four years, and automatically increase the federal minimum wage threshold every subsequent year. Also, the bill would eliminate the federal minimum tipped wage. Passed 219-212. *The Raise the Wage Act was removed from the American Rescue Plan Act in the Senate before the legislation was signed into law on March 11, 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In a January 2021 NFIB survey titled, "COVID-19: PPP, ERTC, the Economy, the Vaccine, and Minimum Wage," 74 percent of small business owners reported that increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour would negatively impact their business. Of those impacted, 58 percent

report that they would reduce the number of employees, 60 percent would reduce employees' hours, and 67 percent would leave open positions unfilled. Additionally, in an NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 569), 92 percent of NFIB members oppose increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

2. Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act (H.R. 842)

NFIB opposed H.R. 842, sponsored by Rep. Bobby Scott (VA-3). This legislation would dramatically upend long-standing employment law in favor of labor unions at the expense of small businesses and employees. Passed 225-206. *While the PRO Act passed the House, it has not received consideration in the Senate.*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In NFIB Member Ballots, 92 percent of NFIB members oppose legislation that allows unions to picket an employer's suppliers and customers during a labor

dispute (Vol. 573); 93 percent of NFIB members oppose requiring employers to provide the personal contact information of their employees to union organizers (Vol. 575); and 89 percent of NFIB members oppose requiring a contractor to be responsible for a subcontractor's hiring practices (Vol. 567).

3. Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Extension Act (H.R. 1799)

NFIB supported H.R. 1799, sponsored by Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux (GA-7). The bill extended authorization for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) beyond March 31, 2021. Passed 415-3. *The PPP Extension Act was approved by both the House and Senate and was signed into law on March 30, 2021 (Public Law No. 117-6).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In NFIB's February 2021 Small Business Economic Trends survey,

small business optimism remained below its historic 47-year average. Small business owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months remained at a net negative 19 percent, a poor reading.

4. Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 7)

NFIB opposed H.R. 7, sponsored by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT-3). The bill would make legitimate business-related pay differences difficult to defend in court, invite frivolous lawsuits against small business owners, and prohibit common hiring practices that help small businesses identify qualified employees. Passed 217-210. *While the Paycheck Fairness Act was approved by the House, it did not pass the Senate (failed 49-50).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In an NFIB member ballot (Vol. 575), 79 percent of NFIB members believe that small employers should not be prohibited from asking prospective employees about wage and salary history.

5. Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Resolution (S. Con. Res. 14)

NFIB opposed S. Con. Res. 14, sponsored by Rep. Joe Neguse (CO-2). This budget resolution contains reconciliation instructions giving broad authority to raise taxes and create new mandates on small businesses under expedited procedures. Passed 220-212.

The FY2022 Budget Resolution was approved by both the House and Senate, setting up the procedure to consider legislation using the budget reconciliation process.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In an NFIB 2021 Tax Survey, small business owners shared that federal business income taxes were the most burdensome tax on both a financial and administrative basis. Additionally, in a recent NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 578), 90 percent of NFIB members believe that small employers should be exempt from paid sick and family leave mandates.

6. Build Back Better Act (H.R. 5376)

NFIB opposed H.R. 5376, sponsored by Rep. John Yarmuth (KY-3). The bill would increase taxes, impose new mandates, and increase penalties on small business owners. Passed 220-213. *While the Build Back Better Act passed the House, it has not been considered by the Senate.*

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VOTE KEY FOR YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ON SMALL BUSINESS

VOTE KEY

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- Y** Voted for (Yea)
N Voted against (Nay)
? Did not vote
S Speaker exercised discretion not to vote.
AL At Large
N/A Legislator not in office during 116th Congress.
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Vote Number

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2021

NFIB Position

% N N Y N N N

ALABAMA

1	Carl	N/A	N N Y N N N
2	Moore	N/A	N N Y N N N
3	Rogers, M.	89	N N Y N N N
4	Aderholt	90	N N Y N N N
5	Brooks, M.	90	N N Y N N N
6	Palmer	100	N N Y N N N
7	Sewell	44	Y Y Y Y Y Y

ALASKA

AL	Young, D.	89	N Y ? N N N
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ARIZONA

1	O'Halleran	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
2	Kirkpatrick	44	Y Y Y Y Y Y
3	Grijalva	33	Y Y Y Y Y Y
4	Gosar	90	N N Y N N N
5	Biggs	80	N N Y N N N
6	Schweikert	90	N N Y N N N
7	Gallego	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
8	Lesko	100	N N Y N N N
9	Stanton	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y

ARKANSAS

1	Crawford	100	N N Y N N N
2	Hill	100	N N Y N N N
3	Womack	100	N N Y N N N
4	Westerman	100	N N Y N N N

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2021

NFIB Position

% N N Y N N N

CALIFORNIA

1	LaMalfa	100	N N Y N N N
2	Huffman	40	Y Y Y ? Y Y
3	Garamendi	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
4	McClintock	89	N N N N N N
5	Thompson, M.	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
6	Matsui	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
7	Bera	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
8	Obernolte	N/A	N N Y N N N
9	McNerney	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
10	Harder	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
11	DeSaulnier	33	Y Y Y Y Y Y
12	Pelosi	43	Y Y S S Y Y
13	Lee, B.	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
14	Speier	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
15	Swalwell	44	Y Y Y Y Y Y
16	Costa	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
17	Khanna	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
18	Eshoo	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
19	Lofgren	33	Y Y Y Y Y Y
20	Panetta	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
21	Valadao	N/A	N N Y N N N
22	Nunes	100	N N Y N N N
23	McCarthy	100	N N Y N N N
24	Cárabal	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
25	Garcia	100	N N Y N N N
26	Brownley	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
27	Chu	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y

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NFIB Position

% N N Y N N N

CALIFORNIA

28	Schiff	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
29	Cardenas	33	Y Y Y Y Y Y
30	Sherman	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
31	Aguilar	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
32	Napolitano	33	Y Y Y Y Y Y
33	Lieu	33	Y Y Y Y Y Y
34	Gomez	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
35	Torres	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
36	Ruiz	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
37	Bass	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
38	Sánchez	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
39	Kim, Y.	N/A	N N Y N N N
40	Rojas	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
41	Takano	44	Y Y Y Y Y Y
42	Calvert	100	N N Y N N N
43	Waters	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
44	Barragán	33	Y Y Y Y Y Y
45	Porter	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
46	Correa	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
47	Lowenthal	33	Y Y Y Y Y Y
48	Steel	N/A	N N Y N N N
49	Levin	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
50	Issa	N/A	N N Y N N N
51	Vargas	40	Y Y Y Y Y Y
52	Peters, S.	33	Y Y Y Y Y Y
53	Jacobs, S.	N/A	Y Y Y Y Y Y

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PENNSYLVANIA								TENNESSEE								TEXAS								UTAH																															
17 Lamb	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9 Cohen	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25 Williams, R.	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N	1	Moore	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N																							
18 Doyle	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									26 Burgess	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N	2	Stewart	89	N	N	Y	N	N	N																							
RHODE ISLAND								TENNESSEE								27 Cloud	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N	3	Jackson	44	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y																							
1 Cicilline	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 Gohmert	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N	30 Johnson, E. B.	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	Fletcher	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y																							
2 Langevin	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2 Crenshaw	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N	31 Brady, K.	100	N	N	?	N	N	N	5	Gooden	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N																							
SOUTH CAROLINA								3 Taylor	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N	32 Wright*	100	I	I	I	I	I	I	6	Ellzey**	N/A	I	I	I	I	N	N																							
1 Mace	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	4 Fallon	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	33 Vela	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7	Rice, T.	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N																							
2 Wilson, J.	100	N	N	?	N	N	N	5 Gooden	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N	34 Gonzalez, V.	50	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	Carter, J.	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N																							
3 Duncan, J.	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N	6 Wright*	100	I	I	I	I	I	I	35 Doggett	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9	Green, A.	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y																							
4 Timmons	88	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7 Ellzey**	N/A	I	I	I	I	N	N	36 Babin	89	N	N	Y	N	N	N	10	McCaul	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N																							
5 Norman	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N	8 Fletcher	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11	Pfluger	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	12	Brady, K.	100	N	N	?	N	N	N																						
6 Clyburn	44	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9 Green, A.	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	13	McCaughan	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	14	Granger	88	N	N	Y	N	N	N																						
7 Rice, T.	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N	10 McCaul	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N	15	Jackson	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	16	Sessions	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N																						
SOUTH DAKOTA								11 Pfluger	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	17	Sessions	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	18	Jackson Lee	44	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y																						
AL Johnson	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N	12 Granger	88	N	N	Y	N	N	N	19	Arrington	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N	20	Castro	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y																						
TENNESSEE								13 Jackson	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	21	Roy	80	N	N	Y	N	N	N	22	Nehls	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N																						
1 Harshbarger	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	14 Weber	89	N	N	Y	N	N	N	23	Gonzales, T.	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	24	Van Duyne	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N																						
2 Burchett	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N	15 Gonzalez, V.	50	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	16	Escobar	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17	Sessions	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N																						
3 Fleischmann	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N	16 Escobar	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	18	Jackson Lee	44	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	19	Arrington	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N																						
4 DesJarlais	89	N	N	Y	N	N	N	20	Castro	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	21	Roy	80	N	N	Y	N	N	N	22	Nehls	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N																					
5 Cooper	30	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	21	Roy	80	N	N	Y	N	N	N	23	Gonzales, T.	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	24	Van Duyne	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N																					
6 Rose	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N	22	Nehls	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	25	Wittman	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N	26	Luria	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y																					
7 Green	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N	23	Gonzales, T.	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	27	Cloud	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N	28	Cuellar	60	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y																					
8 Kustoff	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N	24	Van Duyne	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	29	Garcia	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	30	Johnson, E. B.	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y																					

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ON SMALL BUSINESS

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Vote Number		1	2	3	4	5	6
Date		2021					
NFIB Position	%	N	N	Y	N	N	N

VIRGINIA

6	Cline	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N
7	Spanberger	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8	Beyer	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9	Griffith	89	N	N	Y	N	N	N
10	Wexton	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
11	Connolly	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

WASHINGTON

1	DelBene	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	Larsen, R.	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3	Herrera Beutler	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N
4	Newhouse	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N
5	McMorris Rodgers	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N
6	Kilmer	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7	Jayapal	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8	Schrier	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9	Smith, A.	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10	Strickland	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

WEST VIRGINIA

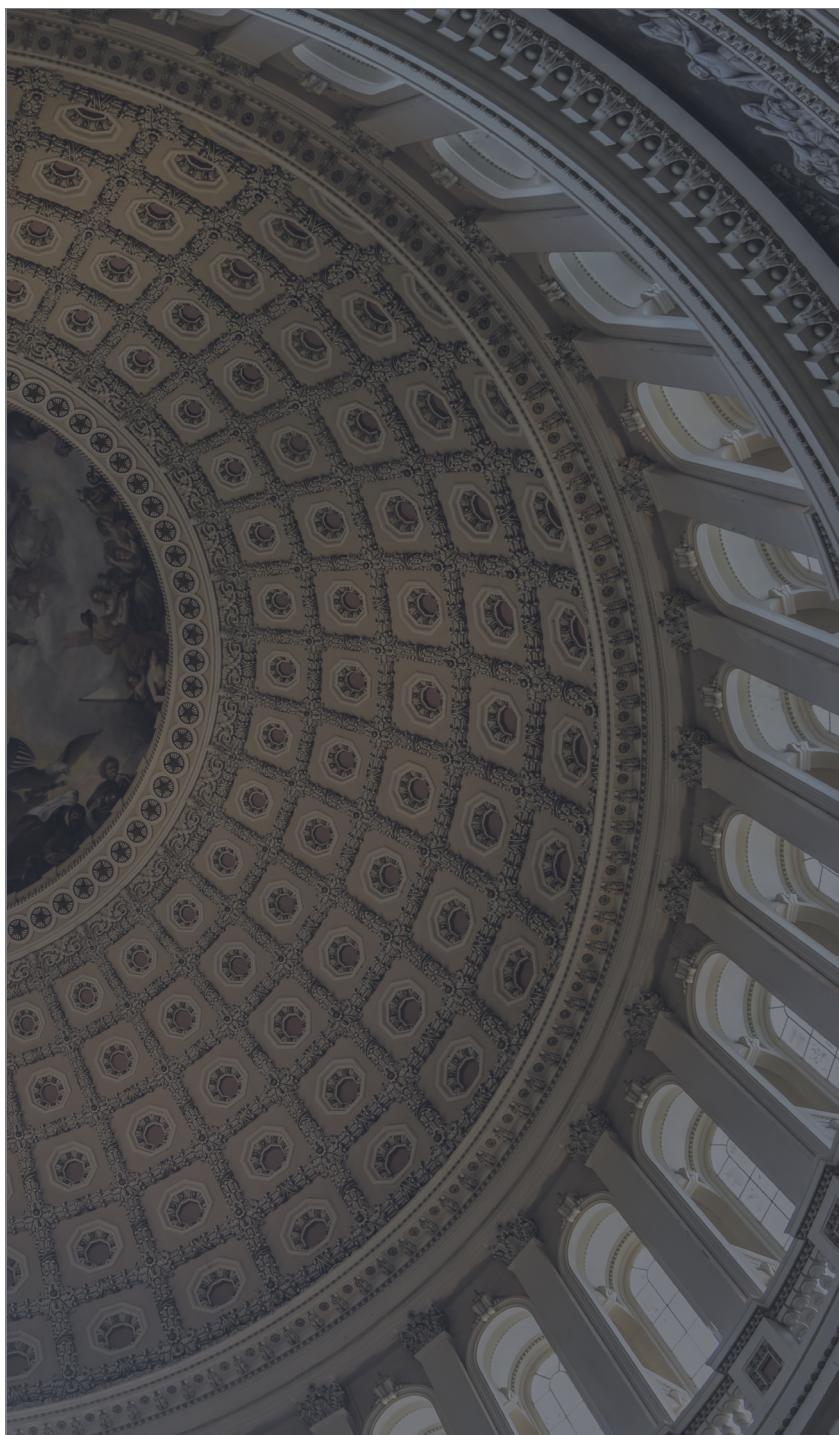
1	McKinley	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N
2	Mooney	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N
3	Miller	100	N	N	Y	N	N	N

WISCONSIN

1	Steil	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N
2	Pocan	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3	Kind	30	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	Moore	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	Fitzgerald	N/A	N	N	Y	N	N	N
6	Grothman	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N
7	Tiffany	67	N	?	Y	N	N	N
8	Gallagher	80	N	N	Y	N	N	N

WYOMING

AL	Cheney	90	N	N	Y	N	N	N
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1. Rubio, Lankford, T. Scott Amendment (Amdt. 69 to S. Con. Res. 5)

NFIB supported the tax protection amendment, sponsored by Sens. Marco Rubio (FL), James Lankford (OK), and Tim Scott (SC). The amendment would protect small businesses from tax increases as they weather the continued economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Passed 100-0. *The amendment was adopted as part of the Senate Budget Resolution.*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In an NFIB 2021 Tax Survey, small business owners shared that federal business income taxes were the most burdensome tax on both a financial and administrative basis.

2. Sanders Amendment (S.Amdt. 972 to S.Amdt. 89)

NFIB opposed the minimum wage increase amendment, sponsored by Sen. Bernie Sanders (VT). The amendment would have added the *Raise the Wage Act*, back into the *American Rescue Plan Act*. The amendment would immediately increase the federal minimum wage by more than 30 percent

to \$15 per hour in four years, and automatically increase the federal minimum wage threshold every subsequent year. Also, the amendment would eliminate the federal minimum tipped wage. Failed 42-58. *The amendment was rejected and the \$15 per hour federal minimum wage increase was not included in the American Rescue Plan Act, which was signed into law on March 11, 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In a January 2021 NFIB survey titled, "COVID-19: PPP, ERTC, the Economy, the Vaccine, and Minimum Wage", 74 percent of small business owners reported that increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour would negatively impact their business. Of those impacted, 58 percent report that they would reduce the number of employees, 60 percent would reduce employees' hours, and 67 percent would leave open positions unfilled. Additionally, in an NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 569), 92 percent of NFIB members oppose increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

3. Portman Amendment (S. Amdt. 1092 to H.R. 1319)

NFIB supported the amendment sponsored by Sen. Rob Portman (OH). The amendment would decrease supplemental federal pandemic unemployment compensation from \$400 per week to \$300 per week and shorten the extension of the supplemental benefits.

Passed 50-49. *The amendment was accepted and the lower weekly supplemental unemployment insurance payments were incorporated into the American Rescue Plan Act, which was signed into law on March 11, 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In an NFIB survey titled, "Covid-19 Small Business Survey (11) – PPP, EIDL, Unemployment Insurance, the Economy," August 17-18, 2020, this benefit presented a significant challenge to some small business owners trying to fill open positions. About one-third (32 percent) of small business owners reported that the extra \$600 per week hurt their business by making it harder to hire or re-hire workers.

Additionally, in NFIB's Jobs Report, March 4, 2021, 56 percent of small business owners reported hiring or trying to hire in February.

4. Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Extension Act (H.R. 1799)

NFIB supported H.R. 1799, sponsored by Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux (GA-7). The bill extended authorization for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) beyond March 31, 2021. Passed 92-7. *The PPP Extension Act was approved by both the House and Senate and was signed into law on March 30, 2021 (Public Law No. 117-6).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In NFIB's survey titled, "Small Business Economic Trends" from February 2021, small business optimism remained below its historic 47-year average. Small business owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months remained at a net negative 19 percent, a poor reading.

5. Thune Amendment (Amdt. 3106 to S. Con. Res. 14)

NFIB supported the tax protection amendment sponsored by Sen. John Thune (SD). This amendment would protect the ability of family-owned businesses and farms to pass business assets from one generation to the next without incurring a devastating capital gains tax burden. Passed 99-0. *The amendment was accepted as part of the Senate Budget Resolution.*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In an NFIB 2021 Tax Survey, one-third (33 percent) of small business owners plan to pass their business to a family member. If capital gains tax were assessed at the time of business inheritance, small business owners were most likely (38 percent) to believe family members inheriting the business would have to take out a loan to pay the tax, another 26 percent anticipate that family members would sell part of the business.

6. Congressional Disapproval of COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard (S. J. Res. 29)

NFIB supported the regulation protection resolution sponsored by Sen. Mike Braun (IN). The joint resolution provided for congressional disapproval of the Biden Administration's vaccine and testing mandate. Passed 52-48. *The U.S. Supreme Court provided a stay from the Administration's ETS and cited the joint resolution in their decision.*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In NFIB's Jobs Report from November 2021, 48 percent of all small business owners reported job openings they could not fill. Moreover, 29 percent of owners reported labor quality as their top business problem in November, a 48-year record high.

YOUR SENATORS ON SMALL BUSINESS

VOTE KEY

- Voting percentages of Senators who also served in the 116th Congress are in the gray column.
- The row of Y and N symbols beside each Senator's name indicates whether they voted YES or NO on Key Votes in the first session of the 117th Congress.
- Asterisk in the gray column indicates lawmaker who served a partial term in the 116th Congress.
- Lawmakers' names appearing in **BOLD** are NFIB members.

- Y** Voted for (Yea)
N Voted against (Nay)
? Did not vote
AL At Large
N/A Lawmaker not in office during 116th Congress.
I Ineligible or unable to vote at this time. Lawmaker served a partial term in the 117th Congress.
- * Lawmaker resigned or passed away after serving a partial term in the 117th Congress.
** Lawmaker served a partial term in the 117th Congress, replacing a lawmaker who resigned or passed away.
Senator was a House member during the 116th Congress; percentage reflects House voting

	116th		117th											
Vote Number	1	2	3	4	5	6		116th	117th	116th	117th	116th	117th	
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NFIB Position	%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		NFIB Position	%	Y	N	Y	Y	
ALABAMA														
Shelby	100	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Carper	20	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Tuberville	N/A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Coons	20	Y	N	N	Y	Y
ALASKA								FLORIDA						
Murkowski	100	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Rubio	100	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Sullivan	100	Y	N	?	Y	Y	Y	Scott, R.	75	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
ARIZONA								GEORGIA						
Sinema	25	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Ossoff	N/A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Kelly	100	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Warnock	N/A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
ARKANSAS								HAWAII						
Boozman	100	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Schatz	20	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Cotton	100	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Hirono	20	Y	Y	N	Y	N
CALIFORNIA								IDaho						
Feinstein	20	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Crapo	100	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Padilla	N/A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Risch	100	Y	N	Y	N	Y
COLORADO								ILLINOIS						
Bennet	20	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Durbin	20	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Hickenlooper	N/A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Duckworth	20	Y	Y	N	Y	N
CONNECTICUT								INDIANA						
Blumenthal	20	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Young, T.	100	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Murphy, C.	20	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Braun	100	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
MAINE								MARYLAND						
MASSACHUSETTS								Warren	20	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
								Van Hollen	20	Y	Y	N	Y	N



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