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U.S. SENATE VOTE SCORECARD—110TH CONGRESS

Analysis by Council for a Livable World clearly indicates that, except for votes to stop funding the war in Iraq, the Senate in the 110th Congress largely avoided national security issues.

One important reason for this situation was the failure of the Bush Administration to submit its foreign policies to the Senate for approval. The Senate, stalemated between the two parties, avoided most controversial votes except for Iraq. In addition, the Congress was already anticipating the next President.

In 2007, there were more than 20 votes on the Iraq war. On a few votes, the Senate achieved a slim majority for setting a deadline for the withdrawal of U.S. troops. However, there were never enough votes to overcome Senate parliamentary rules that require 60 votes to thwart a filibuster. Nor were there enough votes to override a George W. Bush veto.

The Senate could not even overcome the 60-vote hurdle to require more rest time for American soldiers between deployments to Iraq.

The Senate did reject amendments to increase funding for missile defense and to cut funding for the U.S. share of U.N. peacekeeping operations.

Nevertheless, with a minimum of discussion, the Senate approved overwhelmingly the risky U.S.-India nuclear agreement that violates America's non-proliferation pledges.

These votes indicate that there was a slim majority to reject harmful amendments and that majority has grown since the 2008 elections. The Senate needs a coalition of Democrats and moderate Republicans to approve important national security issues.

* Five Senators scored a perfect 100% on the voting record: Tom Harkin (D-IA), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Robert Byrd (D-WV) and Russ Feingold (D-WI). To attain 100%, the Senators had to be present and voting; absences were counted as a minus.

* Seven Senators had a 90% voting record: Barbara Boxer (D-CA), John Kerry (D-MA),

Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Bernie Sanders (D-VT).

* The highest Republican scores were 60% for Gordon Smith (R-OR), who was defeated in the 2008 election, followed by 50% for Chuck Hagel (R-NE), who has retired and 40% for the two Maine Senators, Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe.

* The lowest scores for Democrats were 40% for Mary Landrieu (LA) and Ben Nelson (NE).

* There were many Senators who received a zero.

Clearly, we need to elect additional Senators who will support and advocate deep reductions in nuclear weapons, ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and expanded nuclear non-proliferation programs. In the 2010 election, with many retirements and open seat contests, we will have a rare opportunity to expand the number of Senators committed to sensible national security policies.

U.S. SENATE VOTE SCORE

See vote description

Alabama	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Indiana	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Shelby (R-AL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	Lugar (R-IN)	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	20%
Sessions (R-AL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	10%	Bayh (D-IN)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	50%
Alaska	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Iowa	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Stevens (R-AK)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	20%	Grassley (R-IA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Murkowski (R-AK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	10%	Harkin (D-IA)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Arizona	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Kansas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Kyl (R-AZ)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	Roberts (R-KS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
McCain (R-AZ)	A	-	A	-	-	-	A	A	A	-	0%	Brownback (R-KS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Arkansas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Kentucky	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Lincoln (D-AR)	+	+	A	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	60%	Bunning (R-KY)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Pryor (D-AR)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	50%	McConnell (R-KY)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%
California	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Louisiana	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Feinstein (D-CA)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	80%	Vitter (R-LA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Boxer (D-CA)	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	90%	Landrieu (D-LA)	A	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	40%
Colorado	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Maine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Salazar (D-CO)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	60%	Collins (R-ME)	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	40%
Allard (R-CO)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	Snowe (R-ME)	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	40%
Connecticut	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Maryland	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Lieberman (I-CT)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	20%	Mikulski (D-MD)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	60%
Dodd (D-CT)	+	+	A	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	70%	Cardin (D-MD)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	80%
Delaware	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Massachusetts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Carper (D-DE)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	60%	Kerry (D-MA)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	90%
Biden (D-DE)	+	+	A	+	A	+	+	-	A	-	50%	Kennedy (D-MA)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	A	A	70%
Florida	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Michigan	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Martinez (R-FL)	A	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%	Stabenow (D-MI)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	70%
Nelson (D-FL)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	60%	Levin (D-MI)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	60%
Georgia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Minnesota	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Chambliss (R-GA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	Coleman (R-MN)	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	30%
Isakson (R-GA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	Klobuchar (D-MN)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%
Hawaii	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Mississippi	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Inouye (D-HI)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	80%	Lott (R-MS)	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	I	I	I	0%
Akaka (D-HI)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	80%	Cochran (R-MS)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%
												Wicker (R-MS)	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	-	-	-	0%
Idaho	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Missouri	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Crapo (R-ID)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	McCaskill (D-MO)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	70%
Craig (R-ID)	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	Bond (R-MO)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Illinois	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Montana	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Obama (D-IL)	+	+	A	+	+	+	A	A	A	-	50%	Baucus (D-MT)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	60%
Durbin (D-IL)	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	+	+	-	70%	Tester (D-MT)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	70%

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State	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Nebraska	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Hagel (R-NE)	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	50%
Nelson (D-NE)	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	40%
Nevada	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Ensign (R-NV)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Reid (D-NV)	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	70%
New Hampshire	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Gregg (R-NH)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	20%
Sununu (R-NH)	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	30%
New Jersey	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Menendez (D-NJ)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	80%
Lautenberg (D-NJ)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	80%
New Mexico	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Bingaman (D-NM)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	90%
Domenici (R-NM)	-	-	+	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	10%
New York	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Schumer (D-NY)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	80%
Clinton (D-NY)	+	+	A	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	70%
North Carolina	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Dole (R-NC)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Burr (R-NC)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
North Dakota	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Conrad (D-ND)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	70%
Dorgan (D-ND)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	70%
Ohio	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Brown (D-OH)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Voinovich (R-OH)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%
Oklahoma	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Coburn (R-OK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	0%
Inhofe (R-OK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Oregon	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Wyden (D-OR)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	90%
Smith (R-OR)	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	60%
Pennsylvania	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Casey (D-PA)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	60%
Specter (R-PA)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%
Rhode Island	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Reed (D-RI)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	80%
Whitehouse (D-RI)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	90%
South Carolina	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
DeMint (R-SC)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Graham (R-SC)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
South Dakota	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Thune (R-SD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Johnson (D-SD)	A	A	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	40%
Tennessee	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Alexander (R-TN)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%
Corker (R-TN)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	20%
Texas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Cornyn (R-TX)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Hutchison (R-TX)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Utah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Hatch (R-UT)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Bennett (R-UT)	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	+	-	10%
Vermont	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Leahy (D-VT)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Sanders (I-VT)	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	90%
Virginia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Warner (R-VA)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	20%
Webb (D-VA)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	70%
Washington	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Cantwell (D-WA)	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	-	80%
Murray (D-WA)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	80%
West Virginia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Rockefeller (D-WV)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	70%
Byrd (D-WV)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Wisconsin	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Kohl (D-WI)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	80%
Feingold (D-WI)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Wyoming	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
Barrasso (R-WY)	N	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Thomas (R-WY)	-	-	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0%
Enzi (R-WY)	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%

Key to Votes

- + Supported Council Position
- Opposed Council Position
- A Absent/Did Not Vote
- N Not in office at the time of the vote

U.S. SENATE VOTE SCORECARD 110TH CONGRESS

Vote 1: Troop escalation in Iraq—Bill offered by Senators Joseph Biden (D-DE) and Chuck Hagel (R-NE) opposing troop escalation in Iraq. While the bill achieved a majority 49 – 47, 60 votes were required to consider the bill on February 5, 2007. (*A “yes” vote supports the Council position*) (*vote 44*)

Vote 2: Withdrawal of troops from Iraq—Approval of the Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Appropriations bill with the Reid (D-NV) amendment requiring the President to begin a troop withdrawal from Iraq within 120 days of adoption of the legislation and to establish a goal of pulling out virtually all combat troops from Iraq by March 31, 2008. Vote was 51 – 47, March 29, 2007. (*A “yes” vote supports the Council position*) (*vote 126*)

Vote 3: U.N. peacekeeping—Amendment offered by Sen. John Ensign (R-NV) to eliminate a provision in the bill that increases the limit on the United States’ share for United Nations peacekeeping operations during fiscal year 2008 from 25% to 27.1%. Amendment rejected 30 – 63, September 7, 2007. (*A “no” vote supports the Council position*) (*vote 317*)

Vote 4: Rest for soldiers—Amendment offered by Senators Jim Webb (D-VA) and Chuck Hagel (R-NE) to provide additional rest for soldiers between deployments to Iraq. While the amendment achieved a majority 56 – 44, 60 votes were required for passage on September 19, 2007. (*A “yes” vote supports the Council position*) (*vote 341*)

Vote 5: Withdrawal of troops from Iraq—Amendment offered by Senators Russ Feingold (D-WI) and Harry Reid (D-NV) mandating the beginning of the withdrawal of most American forces from Iraq 90 days after enactment of the bill, with funds cut off for any American forces remaining in Iraq after June 30, 2008 except for counterterrorism, training and protection of U.S. infrastructure and personnel. Amendment rejected 28 – 70, September 20, 2007. (*A “yes” vote supports the Council position*) (*vote 345*)

Vote 6: Withdrawal of troops from Iraq—Amendment offered by Senators Carl Levin (D-MI) and Jack Reed (D-RI) mandating the beginning of withdrawal of American forces from Iraq within 90 days of enactment and completing the withdrawal of most troops within nine months of enactment. Amendment rejected 47 – 47, with 60 votes required for passage, September 21, 2007. (*A “yes” vote supports the Council position*) (*vote 346*)

Vote 7: Iran—Amendment offered by Senators John Kyl (R-AZ) and Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) urging that the Iranian Revolutionary Corps be designated a terrorist organization. Amendment approved 76 – 22, September 26, 2007. (*A “no” vote supports the Council position*) (*vote 349*)

Vote 8: Funding for Iraq war—Approval of \$165.4 billion to fund the Iraq war. Measure approved 70 – 26, May 22, 2008. (*A “no” vote supports the Council position*) (*vote 139*)

Vote 9: Missile defense—Amendment offered by Rep. David Vitter (R-LA) to add \$271 million for missile defense programs was defeated 39 – 57, September 10, 2008. (*A “no” vote supports the Council position*) (*vote 198*)

Vote 10: U.S. – India nuclear deal—Final approval of U.S.-India nuclear deal. Bill approved 86 – 13, October 1, 2008. (*A “no” vote supports the Council position*) (*vote 211*)