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* A CIVIL RIGHTS VOTING RECORD *
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* FOR THE *
* 94th CONGRESS: 1975 - 1976 *
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SENATE ISSUES

1. CHANGE IN RULE XXII - Senator Walter Mondale (D-Minnesota) and Senator James B. Pearson (R-Kansas) introduced a resolution to amend Rule XXII (filibuster rule) to allow three-fifths of the Senators present and voting (60, if all 100 were there) rather than two-thirds (or 67) to invoke cloture to limit debate on a pending matter. On February 15, 1975, the Senate, by a vote of 51 - 42 adopted a motion by Senator Mondale to table a point of order by Senator Mike Mansfield against the motion by Senator Pearson to bring the issue to a vote. This key vote led to the change in the filibuster rule, allowing 60 Senators to vote to invoke cloture. R - for tabling; W - against tabling.
2. VOTING RIGHTS EXTENSION HR 6219 - In April 1975, the Senate began its deliberations to extend the Voting Rights Act for ten years and to incorporate changes to protect the voting rights of minorities other than blacks, particularly the Spanish-speaking. An amendment introduced by Senator William Scott (R-Virginia) that would have placed jurisdiction over voting law changes in states covered by the Act in local courts rather than in the federal District Court in Washington, D. C. was defeated by a vote of 38 - 57, July 24, 1975. W - for the amendment; R - against the amendment.
3. CONSUMER ADVOCACY AGENCY S.200 - After intensive debate, the Senate voted to create a Consumer Advocacy Agency that would represent the public interest before federal agencies and federal courts; receive and transmit consumer complaints; and provide consumers with needed information. The vote for the Agency on May 15, 1975, was 61 - 28. R - a vote for; W - a vote against.
4. FEDERAL BUDGET RESOLUTION - The Senate voted to defeat an amendment to the Senate resolution on the Budget, offered by Senator Walter Mondale (D-Minnesota) that would have added \$9 million for job-creating programs. The vote on April 30, 1975, was 29 - 64. R - for the amendment; W - against the amendment.
5. REDLINING - HOUSING DISCRIMINATION - The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975, (S. 1281) was aimed at "red-lining," the refusal of many lending institutions to make mortgage loans in many older urban areas regardless of the condition of the house or the credit-worthiness of the buyer, a practice that has had a negative impact on sound neighborhoods and has contributed to urban decay. Senator Jake Garn (R-Utah) introduced a substitute bill that

would have limited the bill to a three year demonstration study of lending practices in twenty cities. The substitute bill was defeated 40 - 41 on September 4, 1975. W - a vote for the substitute; R - a vote against the substitute.

6. WELFARE REFORM - FOOD STAMPS FOR UNEMPLOYED - Senator George McGovern (D-S. Dakota) and Senator Robert Dole (R-Kansas) introduced an amendment to a bill on minor welfare reforms that would immediately certify the unemployed for food stamps while verification of their eligibility was being established. The amendment was approved on June 10, 1975, by a vote of 61 - 35. R - a vote for the amendment; W - a vote against the amendment.

7. FEDERAL SCHOOL FUNDS - Veto override - The Senate voted to override President Ford's veto of the \$7.9 billion appropriation for Fiscal 1976 for the nation's school systems. The vote on September 10, 1975 was 88 - 12. R - a vote to override; W - a vote against the override.

8. "ANTI-BUSING" - HEW - LABOR APPROPRIATIONS - The Senate, for the first time since passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, adopted stringent "anti-busing" language in an HEW appropriations bill. There were several votes, but the crucial one occurred on a "perfecting amendment" offered by Senator Robert Byrd (D-W. Virginia). By accepting the Byrd language, the Senate proscribed HEW from using its funds "directly or indirectly" to require transportation (busing) of students to a school other than the one nearest the student's home. The vote was 51 - 45, September 24, 1975. W - for the Byrd Amendment; R - against the Byrd Amendment.

9. EMERGENCY JOBS APPROPRIATIONS - Senator J. Bennett Johnston (D - La.) introduced an amendment to a bill to appropriate funds for emergency jobs that would have cut the funds in half. On April 25, 1975, the Johnston amendment was defeated 22 - 47. R - a vote against Amendment W - for the Amendment.

10. FOOD STAMP REFORM S. 3136 - The extended debate on food stamp reform was effectively stopped by what was termed a "procedural vote" on April 8, 1976, on a motion by Senator Robert Dole (R-Kansas) to "suspend section 401(b) of the Budget Act with regard to S. 3136." This vote allowed the Senate to vote reform of the food stamp program by removing the restraints imposed by the Senate's Budget Resolution. The vote was 63 - 27. R - a vote for the motion; W - a vote against the motion.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ISSUES

1. FEDERAL BUDGET - Representative Thomas O'Neill (D-Mass.) introduced an amendment to the Budget Resolution for Fiscal 1976 that increased spending for education and jobs programs beyond the Budget Committee recommendations. The vote on November 12, 1975, was 213 - 203. R - a vote for the amendment; W - a vote against the amendment.

2. EDUCATION APPROPRIATION - PRESIDENTIAL VETO - The Congress had appropriated \$7.4 billion for education in Fiscal 1976. The programs included vocational and bilingual education, impact aid, education for the handicapped, institutional assistance to higher education and library resources. President Ford, pleading economy, vetoed this bill, HR 5901. On September 9, 1975, the House voted to override this veto 379- 41. R - a vote for the override; W - a vote against the override.

3. CONSUMER ADVOCACY AGENCY - The House voted to establish the Agency for Consumer Protection, to secure effective protection and representation of consumer interests before agencies of the government. The bill is similar to the Senate passed bill to create a Consumer Advocacy Agency. The vote on November 6, 1975, was 208 - 199. R - a vote for the bill; W - a vote against the bill.

4. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM CUTBACK - During debate on a supplemental appropriation bill for Fiscal 1976, Representative Paul Findley (R-Ill.) introduced an amendment that would have reduced food stamp eligibility for the working poor, the elderly, and families of unemployed or striking employees. On November 13, 1975, the House voted down the Findley amendment 159-230. W - a vote for the amendment; R - a vote against the amendment.

5. VOTING RIGHTS EXTENSION - There were many attempts during the House debate on extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to limit its effectiveness. Two amendments in particular were of considerable concern: (a) the amendment of Representative M. Caldwell Butler (R-Va.) to make it easier for States covered by the Act to exempt themselves ("bail out") from its requirements; (b) an amendment by Representative Robert McClory (R-Ill.) to eliminate extension of the voting rights Act protection to Spanish-speaking and other minorities. On June 3, 1975, these amendments were defeated, Butler 134 - 279 and McClory 104 - 305. 5a Butler - for the amendment - W; against the amendment - R. 5b McClory - for the amendment - W; against the amendment - R.

6. EMERGENCY JOBS - VETO OVERRIDE - The President vetoed a bill that would have provided one million jobs for the unemployed with an appropriation of \$5.3 billion. Despite the very high unemployment rate of this period, the House failed to override on June 4, 1975. The vote was 277 - 145, 5 votes short. R - for the override and W - against the override.

7. EMERGENCY ENERGY BILL - "ANTI-BUSING" AMENDMENT - Representative James M. Collins (R-Texas) proposed an amendment to the emergency energy bill before the House that would have limited the use of fuel (gasoline) to bus students to school. On September 23, 1975, the House agreed to that amendment by a vote of 204 - 201. R - a vote against the amendment; W - a vote for the amendment.

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- 1. Schroeder (D)
- 2. Wirth (D)
- 3. Evans (D)
- 4. Johnson (R)
- 5. Armstrong (R)

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CONNECTICUT

- 1. Cotter (D)
- 2. Dodd (D)
- 3. Giaimo (D)
- 4. McKinney (R)
- 5. Sarasin (R)
- 6. Moffett (D)

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DELAWARE

- AL DuPont (R)

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FLORIDA

- 1. Sikes (D)
- 2. Fuqua (D)
- 3. Bennett (D)
- 4. Chappell (D)
- 5. Kelly (R)
- 6. Young (R)
- 7. Gibbons (D)
- 8. Haley (D)
- 9. Frey (R)
- 10. Bafalis (R)
- 11. Rogers (D)
- 12. Burke (R)
- 13. Lehman (D)
- 14. Pepper (D)
- 15. Fascell (D)

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GEORGIA

- 1. Ginn (D)
- 2. Mathis (D)
- 3. Brinkley (D)
- 4. Levitas (D)
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- 6. Flynt (D)
- 7. McDonald (D)
- 8. Stuckey (D)
- 9. Landrum (D)

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- 1. Symms (R)
- 2. Hansen (R)

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- 1. Metcalfe (D)
- 2. Murphy (D)
- 3. Russo (D)
- 4. Derwinski (D)
- 5. Fary (D)
- 6. Hyde (R)
- 7. Collins (D)
- 8. Rostenkowski (D)
- 9. Yates (D)
- 10. Mikva (D)
- 11. Annunzio (D)
- 12. Crane (R)
- 13. McClory (R)
- 14. Erlenborn (R)
- 15. Hall (D)
- 16. Anderson (R)
- 17. O'Brien (R)
- 18. Michel (R)
- 19. Railsback (R)
- 20. Findley (R)
- 21. Madigan (R)
- 22. Shipley (D)
- 23. Price (D)
- 24. Simon (D)

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INDIANA

- 1. Madden (D)
- 2. Fithian (D)
- 3. Brademas (D)
- 4. Roush (D)
- 5. Hillis (R)
- 6. Evans (D)
- 7. Myers (R)
- 8. Hayes (D)
- 9. Hamilton (D)
- 10. Sharp (D)

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MISSISSIPPI

- 1. Starnes (R)
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