

Cattlemen's Newsletter

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SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. Senate vote on H.R. 3688 United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. To implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. This Bill passed 77 yeas to 18 nays. A **'NAY'** vote supported R-CALF USA's position.
2. Senate vote on H.R. 2419 Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007 also known as the 2007 Farm Bill. This was the Senate version of the Farm Bill that contained the ban on packer ownership of livestock, COOL, and other important market reforms. This bill passed 79 yeas to 14 nays. A **'YEA'** vote supported R-CALF USA's position.
3. Senate vote on H.R. 6124 Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 also known as the 2008 Farm Bill. This was the final vote on the Farm Bill that included a new livestock title, COOL improvements, market transparency improvements, improvements to the Packers and Stockyards Act (PSA), authorization for voluntary arbitration for contract growers, authorization for interstate shipment of state inspected meat, and improved oversight of the Packers and Stockyards Act. This bill passed 77 yeas to 15 nays. A **'YEA'** vote supported R-CALF USA's position.
4. The 2008 Farm Bill Tester Amendment No. 3666 to modify the provisions relating to unlawful practices under the Packers and Stockyards Act. This amendment failed; the vote was 40 yeas to 55 nays. A **'YEA'** vote supported R-CALF USA's position.

U.S. SENATE JOINT LETTERS AND COSPONSORSHIPS OF LEGISLATION

Joint letters are a tool used by U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives to influence the outcome of specific issues. Basically, the more Senators and Representatives that sign onto a joint letter the higher is its likelihood of success. Below is a list of joint letters R-CALF USA asked U.S. Senators to sign. Cosponsors are needed on legislation to demonstrate initial support. R-CALF USA members have worked hard to encourage their Senators to cosponsor specific legislation for their industry.

5. September 25, 2008 Johnson-Enzi COOL letter requesting USDA to correct the problems in USDA's COOL Rule. Thirty-two Senators signed this letter.
6. September 25, 2007 joint letter addressed to Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin and requesting that the House COOL language be included in the Senate version of the Farm Bill. Thirty Senators signed this letter.
7. Joint Dorgan-Baucus letter expressing serious concerns about the Brazilian JBS acquisitions of U.S. packing plants and feedlots. A total of 11 Senators responded by either signing this letter or by sending their own letter.
8. Cosponsors of the Resolution of Disapproval (S.J. Res. 20) against USDA's Over-Thirty-Month (OTM) Rule that allowed imports of older Canadian cattle into the United States. Ten Senators cosponsored this legislation.
9. Cosponsors of the prohibition against packer ownership of livestock (S. 305). Eight Senators cosponsored this legislation.
10. Cosponsors of the Captive Supply Reform Act (S. 1017). Seven Senators cosponsored this legislation.
11. Cosponsors of the Competitive and Fair Agricultural Markets Act (S. 622). Nine Senators cosponsored this legislation.
12. Cosponsors of the Foot and Mouth Disease Prevention Act of 2008 (S. 3238). Thirteen Senators cosponsored this legislation.

JOINT LETTER AND COSPONSORSHIP KEY

- + Indicates the Senator signed onto the joint letter or was a cosponsor of the legislation.
- Indicates the Senator did not sign onto the joint letter or was not a cosponsor of the legislation.
- | Indicates the Senator was not in office at the time the joint letter was issued.

SENATE VOTE KEY

- + Yeas
- Nays
- ? Did not vote (considered a Nay).
- | Indicates the Senator was not in office at the time of vote.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
R-CALF USA's Position	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Alabama	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
Sen. Richard Shelby (R)	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Sen. Jeff Sessions (R)	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Alaska	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
Sen. Ted Stevens (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R)	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DESCRIPTION OF VOTES

<u>Ohio</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. G. Voinovich (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Sen. S. Brown (D)	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	75%
<u>Oklahoma</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. James Inhofe (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
Sen. Tom Coburn (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
<u>Oregon</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. Ron Wyden (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	50%
Sen. Gordon Smith (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. Arlen Specter (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
Sen. R. Casey, Jr. (D)	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	42%
<u>Rhode Island</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. Jack Reed (D)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
Sen. S. Whitehouse (D)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
<u>South Carolina</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. L. Graham (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
Sen. Jim DeMint (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<u>South Dakota</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. Tim Johnson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	83%
Sen. John Thune (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	42%
<u>Tennessee</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. L. Alexander (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
Sen. Bob Corker (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
<u>Texas</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. K. B. Hutchison (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
Sen. John Cornyn (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
<u>Utah</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. Orrin Hatch (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Sen. Robert Bennett (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<u>Vermont</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. Patrick Leahy (D)	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33%
Sen. B. Sanders (I)	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33%
<u>Virginia</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. John Warner (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
Sen. James Webb (D)	+	+	?	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
<u>Washington</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. Patty Murray (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	42%
Sen. Maria Cantwell (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	50%
<u>West Virginia</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. Robert Byrd (D)	-	+	?	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
Sen. J. Rockefeller (D)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25%
<u>Wisconsin</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. Herbert Kohl (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	42%
Sen. Russ Feingold (D)	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	67%
<u>Wyoming</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Score</u>
Sen. Michael Enzi (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Sen. John Barrasso (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				+	89%
(Appointed 6/22/07)													

1. H.R. 3688 United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. To implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. This bill passed 285 yeas to 132 nays. A 'NAY' vote supported R-CALF USA's position.
2. H.R. 2419 Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007 also known as the 2007 Farm Bill. This was the House version of the Farm Bill that included the improved COOL language, but did not include the packer ban or other market reforms. We supported this with the expectation that we would include the other needed reforms in the Senate version. A 'YEA' vote supported R-CALF USA's position.
3. H.R. 6124 Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 also known as the 2008 Farm Bill. This is the same final vote on the final 2008 Farm Bill as described in more detail in the Senate voting description. This bill passed 317 yeas to 109 nays. A 'YEA' vote supported R-CALF USA's position.

HOUSE VOTE KEY

+ Yeas

- Nays

? Did not vote (considered a Nay)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOINT LETTERS AND

COSPONSORSHIPS OF LEGISLATION

- Below is a list of the joint House letters and cosponsorships that R-CALF USA asked U.S. House Representatives to join.
4. Joint Boyda-Cubin letter expressing serious concerns about the Brazilian JBS acquisitions of U.S. packing plants and feedlots. A total of 10 House Members signed the joint letter or sent their own letter.
 5. Joint letter in opposition to USDA's OTM Rule. Twenty House Members signed onto this letter.
 6. Cosponsor of the Resolution of Disapproval (H.J. Res. 55) against USDA's Over-Thirty-Month (OTM) Rule to allow older Canadian cattle to be imported into the United States. Six House Members cosponsored this legislation.
 7. Cosponsor of the Competitive and Fair Agricultural Markets Act (H.R. 2135). Nine House Members cosponsored this legislation.
 8. Cosponsor of the Foot and Mouth Disease Prevention Act of 2008 (H.R. 6522). Seven House Members cosponsored this legislation.

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Rep. Tom Feeney (R) + - - - - - - - 13%
Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R) + - + - + - - - 25%

Georgia 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. Jack Kingston (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Sanford Bishop, Jr. (D) + + + - - - - - 25%
Rep. Lynn Westmoreland (R) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. Hank Johnson (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. John Lewis (D) + + + - - - - - 25%
Rep. Tom Price (R) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. John Linder (R) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. Jim Marshall (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Nathan Deal (R) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. Paul Broun (R) + ? ? - - - - - 0%
Rep. Phil Gingrey (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. John Barrow (D) + + + - - - - - 25%
Rep. David Scott (D) - + + - - - - - 38%

Hawaii 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Mazie Hirono (D) - + + - - - - - 38%

Idaho 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. William Sali (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Mike Simpson (R) + - + - - - - - 13%

Illinois 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. Bobby Rush (D) - + ? - - - - - 25%
Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Dan Lipinski (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Rahm Emanuel (D) + ? + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Peter Roskam (R) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. Danny Davis (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Melissa Bean (D) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Mark Kirk (R) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. Jerry Weller (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Jerry Costello (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Judy Biggert (R) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. Timothy V. Johnson (R) + + + - - - - - 25%
Rep. Donald Manzullo (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Phil Hare (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Ray LaHood (R) ? ? + - - - - - 13%
Rep. John Shimkus (R) + - + - - - - - 13%

Indiana 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. Peter Visclosky (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Joe Donnelly (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Mark Souder (R) + + + - - - - - 25%
Rep. Steve Buyer (R) ? - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Dan Burton (R) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. Mike Pence (R) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. Brad Ellsworth (D) + + + - - - - - 25%
Rep. Baron Hill (D) + + + - - - - - 25%

Iowa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. Bruce Braley (D) ? + + - - - + - 38%
Rep. Dave Loebsack (D) - + + - - - + - 50%
Rep. Leonard Boswell (D) + + + + + - + - 63%

Rep. Tom Latham (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Steve King (R) + - + - - - - - 13%

Kansas 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. Jerry Moran (R) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. Nancy Boyda (D) - + + + - + - + 75%
Rep. Dennis Moore (D) + + + + - - - - 38%
Rep. Todd Tiahrt (R) + - - - - - - - 0%

Kentucky 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. Edward Whitfield (R) + + + - - - - - 25%
Rep. Ron Lewis (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. John Yarmuth (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Geoff Davis (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Harold Rogers (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Ben Chandler (D) - + + - - - - - 38%

Louisiana 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. William Jefferson (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Charlie Melancon (D) + + + - - - - - 25%
Rep. Jim McCrery (R) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. Rodney Alexander (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Charles Boustany, Jr. (R) + - + - - - - - 13%

Maine 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. Thomas Allen (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Michael Michaud (D) - + + - - - - - 38%

Maryland 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (R) + + ? - - - - - 13%
Rep. C.A. Ruppberger (D) + + + - - - - - 25%
Rep. John Sarbanes (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Steny Hoyer (D) + + + - - - - - 25%
Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Elijah Cummings (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Chris Van Hollen, Jr. (D) + + + - - - - - 25%

Massachusetts 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. John Olver (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Richard Neal (D) + + + - - - - - 25%
Rep. James McGovern (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Barney Frank (D) + ? + - - - - - 13%
Rep. John Tierney (D) - - + - - - - - 25%
Rep. Edward Markey (D) - + + - - - - - 38%

Massachusetts 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. Michael Capuano (D) - - - - - - - - 13%
Rep. Stephen Lynch (D) + + + - - - - - 25%
Rep. William Delahunt (D) - + + - - - - - 38%

Michigan 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Score

Rep. Bart Stupak (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R) - - + - - - - - 25%
Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. Dave Camp (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Dale Kildee (D) - + + - - - - - 38%
Rep. Fred Upton (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Tim Walberg (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Michael Rogers (R) + - + - - - - - 13%
Rep. Joseph Knollenberg (R) + - - - - - - - 0%
Rep. Candice Miller (R) + + + - - - - - 25%

Rep. Jean Schmidt (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Michael Turner (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Jim Jordan (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Robert Latta (R)	?	?	+	-				-	20%
Rep. Charlie Wilson (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. David Hobson (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. John Boehner (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D)	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	63%
Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D)	-	?	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Patrick Tiberi (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Betty Sutton (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Steven LaTourette (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Deborah Pryce (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Ralph Regula (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Tim Ryan (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Zack Space (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%

Oklahoma

Rep. John Sullivan (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Dan Boren (D)	?	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Frank Lucas (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Tom Cole (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Mary Fallin (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%

Oregon

Rep. David Wu (D)	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Greg Walden (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Peter DeFazio (D)	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	50%
Rep. Darlene Hooley (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%

Pennsylvania

Rep. Robert Brady (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Chaka Fattah (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Philip English (R)	+	-	?	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Jason Altmire (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. John Peterson (R)	+	-	?	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Jim Gerlach (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Joe Sestak (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Patrick Murphy (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Bill Shuster (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Christopher Carney (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Paul Kanjorski (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. John Murtha (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Allyson Schwartz (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Mike Doyle (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Charles Dent (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Joseph Pitts (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Tim Holden (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Timothy Murphy (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%

Pennsylvania

Rep. Todd Platts (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
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South Carolina

Rep. Henry Brown (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Joe Wilson (R)	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	0%
Rep. J. Gresham Barrett (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Bob Inglis (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. John Spratt, Jr. (D)	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	38%

Rep. James Clyburn (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
<u>South Dakota</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88%
<u>Tennessee</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
Rep. David Davis (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. John Duncan, Jr. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Zach Wamp (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Lincoln Davis (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Jim Cooper (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Bart Gordon (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. John Tanner (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Stephen Cohen (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%

Texas

Rep. Louie Gohmert (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Ted Poe (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Sam Johnson (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Ralph Hall (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Joe Barton (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. John Culberson (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Kevin Brady (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Al Green (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Michael McCaul (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Mike Conaway (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Kay Granger (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. William Thornberry (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Ron Paul (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Ruben Hinojosa (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Chet Edwards (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
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Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
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Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Michael Burgess (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Henry Cuellar (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Gene Green (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. John Carter (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Pete Sessions (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%

Utah

Rep. Rob Bishop (R)	-	-	?	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Jim Matheson (D)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Chris Cannon (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%

Vermont

Rep. Peter Welch (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
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Virginia

Rep. Robert Wittman (R)	?	?	+	-				-	20%
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<u>Virginia cont'd</u>									
Rep. Thelma Drake (R)	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	13%
Rep. Bobby Scott (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Randy Forbes (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Vigil Goode, Jr. (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Eric Cantor (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. James Moran (D)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Rick Boucher (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Frank Wolf (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Thomas Davis III (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<u>Washington</u>									
Rep. Jay Inslee (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Rick Larsen (D)	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Brian Baird (D)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Doc Hastings (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. C. McMorris Rodgers (R)	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	50%
Rep. Norman D. Dicks (D)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Rep. Jim McDermott (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Dave Reichert (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Adam Smith (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<u>West Virginia</u>									
Rep. Alan Mollohan (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. Nick Rahall II (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
<u>Wisconsin</u>									
Rep. Paul Ryan (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Ron Kind (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Gwen Moore (D)	?	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Rep. F. J. Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. Thomas Petri (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rep. David Obey (D)	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Rep. Steve Kagen (D)	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	75%
<u>Wyoming</u>									
Rep. Barbara Cubin (R)	?	?	-	+	+	+	+	+	63%

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In a very short period of time, R-CALF USA members have elevated a number of key cattle industry issues to the highest levels of Congress, the public media, and the Administration. But ultimately, more cattle producers need to join R-CALF USA to help us educate even more Members of Congress. R-CALF USA needs its members to help bring more cattle producers into our organization so we can have the critical mass of independent cattle producers necessary to ensure the ultimate success of our members' goals.

We've done something new in this years' Congressional Voting Record. Because so many of the specific issues we advanced were rolled into the Farm Bill, and relatively few roll-call votes were actually taken on our specific issues, we have included in the voting record the Members of Congress who responded favorably to your requests to sponsor specific cattle industry legislation, as well as those who signed the various congressional letters you asked them to support. These are the important steps that must occur before a vote is ever reached on an issue and these steps help to reveal who is consistently supporting the issues important to your cattle operation. We hope you find this useful.