

## SCORED VOTES

Votes cast in the full U.S. House and Senate remain the single largest criteria on which Report Card grades are based. Members of Congress are notified in writing any time a pending vote will or may be scored in the Legislative Report Card. Votes are selected for inclusion in the Report Card based on their relevance to advancing NEA's identified legislative priorities. Votes scored in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress (2023) are detailed below.

### U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- **Parents Bill of Rights Act (H.R. 5), Amendment #15 by Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY).** NEA opposed this amendment that adds a sense of Congress that the authority of the Department of Education and the Secretary of Education to operate or administer any office or program related to elementary or secondary education should be terminated on or before December 31, 2023. The amendment failed by a vote of 161-265 on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([House Vote 1-156](#))
- **Parents Bill of Rights Act (H.R. 5), Amendment #19 by Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX).** NEA opposed this amendment that would create a national private school voucher program, decimating Title I and taking public funds out of public schools to boost private schools that are not held to any of the requirements included in the underlying bill. The amendment failed by a vote of 113-311 on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([House Vote 1-158](#))
- **Parents Bill of Rights Act (H.R. 5), Amendment #20 by Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX).** NEA opposed this amendment that would make all funds available under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 block grants, which will lead to cuts to key programs serving students. The amendment failed by a vote of 83-331 on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([House Vote 1-159](#))
- **Parents Bill of Rights Act (H.R. 5) by Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA).** NEA opposed this bill because it diminishes the partnerships that exist between parents and educators, dismisses educators' professionalism, suggests the federal government should be a national school board, and will worsen book banning and impose unfunded mandates on schools. The legislation passed by a vote of 213-208 on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([House Vote 1-161](#))
- **Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act (H.R. 734) by Rep. Gregory Steube (R-FL).** NEA opposed this bill because it would exclude transgender students from participating in activities and opportunities that should be available to all students. The legislation passed by a vote of 219-203 on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([House Vote 1-192](#))
- **Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023 (H.R. 2811) by Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX).** NEA opposed this bill because it would hurt students, worsen educator shortages, and cause undue hardship for families by raising the cost of college, childcare, healthcare, and putting food on the table. The Limit, Save, Grow Act would slash federal funding by \$130 billion in FY2024. That translates to a 22 percent cut in essential programs, compounded by the imposition of spending caps for 10 more years. The cuts would be even bigger than 22 percent, and even more devastating, if certain programs are exempted—defense spending, for example. The legislation passed by a vote of 217-215 on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([House Vote 1-199](#))
- **Secure the Border Act of 2023 (H.R. 2) by Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL).** NEA opposed this bill because it would severely restrict—in effect, shut down—the U.S. asylum system with burdensome new rules. It would also restore Trump-era medieval solutions to modern-day problems, like resuming construction of a wall on the border between the United States and Mexico. The legislation passed by a vote of 219-213 on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([House Vote 1-209](#))
- **Congressional Review Act to Block President Biden's Student Debt Relief Program (H.J. Res 45) by Rep. Bob Good (R-VA).** NEA opposed this bill that seeks to overturn President Biden's student-debt relief program, it would affect more than 40 million borrowers across every state and congressional district. It would unwind the pause on federal student loan payments and could even reinstate 157,000 loans forgiven through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program. The CRA would also block President Biden's plan to cancel student loan debt for

people of modest means—90 percent of those who would benefit earn less than \$75,000 a year. The resolution passed by a vote of 218-203 on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([House Vote 1-234](#))

- **Resolution Seeking to Overturn ATFs Rule (H.J. Res 44) by Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-GA).** NEA opposed this bill. The U.S. Justice Department has issued a final rule to properly classify firearms that are equipped with a “stabilizing brace” that makes them especially lethal. Guns equipped with this brace have been used in several horrendous attacks, including the March shooting that left three children and three adults at Covenant School in Tennessee dead. H.J. Res.44 would condemn the rule, sending the message that Congress is oblivious to the mass shootings that have turned the places where Americans work, shop, celebrate, and learn into killing fields. The resolution passed by a vote of 219-210 on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([House Vote 1-252](#))
- **Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 (H.R. 4368) by Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD).** NEA opposes this bill because many of its components would worsen food insecurity and poverty, especially in the following areas: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), School Breakfast Program, School Nutrition Standards and School Cafeterias and Farm-to-School Programs. It fails to provide the assistance that working families need during difficult times and undercuts efforts aimed at keeping youth free from tobacco addiction. The legislation failed by a vote of 191-237 on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([House Vote 1-507](#))

## U.S. SENATE

- **Resolution to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (S.J. Res 4) by Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD).** NEA supported this resolution to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. The Equal Rights Amendment was first introduced in Congress a century ago, and its passage is long overdue. The resolution failed to advance on a 51-47 vote to invoke cloture on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([Senate Vote 1-99](#))
- **Nancy Abudu’s nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit.** NEA supported the nomination of Abudu, one of our nation’s leading appellate civil rights attorneys, Ms. Abudu has spent her career defending our democracy and protecting the constitutional rights of Americans. Ms. Abudu will be the first woman of color, and Black woman, to serve on the Eleventh Circuit, and the first person of color to serve on the circuit from Georgia. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 49-47 on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([Senate Vote 1-132](#))
- **Congressional Review Act to Block President Biden’s Student Debt Relief Program (H.J. Res 45) by Rep. Bob Good (R-VA).** NEA opposed this bill that seeks to overturn President Biden’s student-debt relief program, it would affect more than 40 million borrowers across every state and congressional district. It would unwind the pause on federal student loan payments and could even reinstate 157,000 loans forgiven through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program. The CRA would also block President Biden’s plan to cancel student loan debt for people of modest means—90 percent of those who would benefit earn less than \$75,000 a year. This resolution passed by a vote of 52-46 on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. ([Senate Vote 1-135](#))
- **Casey Pitt’s nomination to the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.** NEA supported the nomination of Pitts, one of our nation’s leading civil and workers’ rights advocates. He has spent his career fighting for economic justice and will be the court’s first openly LGBTQ+ judge. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 53-46 on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([Senate Vote 1-161](#))
- **Nusrat Choudhury’s nominations to the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York.** NEA supported the nomination of Choudhury, a leading civil rights attorney. She strives to ensure the justice system treats all people fairly—regardless of income, education, or geographic

location. Throughout her distinguished career, she has challenged discriminatory laws and policies that target communities of color and people who live in poverty. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 50-49 on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([Senate Vote 1-164](#))

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- **Anna Gomez’s nomination as Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.** NEA supported the nomination of Gomez, she has the experience and deep understanding of telecommunications issues, policies, and programs of particular concern to students and educators. Specifically, we support preservation and enhancement of the E-Rate program, which provides deep discounts to schools and libraries on broadband services and Wi-Fi services. We also support ongoing efforts to address the digital divide through the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) and Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and using E-Rate to support Wi-Fi on school buses. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 55-43 on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ([Senate Vote 1-222](#))