

## Health Care Reform: Votes on Abortion Mandate and Abortion Funding House Committee on Ways and Means, 111<sup>th</sup> Congress

On July 17, 2009, the House Committee on Ways and Means approved the America's Affordable Health Choices Act (H.R. 3200). During committee markup, Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX) offered an amendment to exclude an abortion mandate. The Johnson Amendment provided that no part of the bill would impose any requirement to cover or provide access to abortion or permit such a mandate by the Health Benefits Advisory Committee, the Secretary of HHS, the Health Choices Commissioner, or other governmental entity, except to save the mother's life or in cases of rape or incest. Vote 1: *The Johnson Amendment was defeated, 18-yes, 23-no.* "Yes" was a pro-life vote. Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA) offered an amendment to ensure that no public funds would go to plans that pay for abortion. Vote 2: *The Cantor Amendment was defeated, 19-yes, 22-no.* "Yes" was a pro-life vote.

Key: X = Pro-life O = Pro-abortion nv = Not voting

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<b>Democrats (26)</b>			<b>Republicans (15)</b>		
Charles Rangel, <i>Chairman (NY-15)</i>	O	O	Dave Camp, <i>Ranking Member (MI-4)</i>	X	X
Fortney Pete Stark (CA-13)	O	O	Wally Herger (CA-2)	X	X
Sander Levin (MI-12)	O	O	Sam Johnson (TX-3)	X	X
Jim McDermott (WA-7)	O	O	Kevin Brady (TX-8)	X	X
John Lewis (GA-5)	O	O	Paul Ryan (WI-1)	X	X
Richard Neal (MA-2)	O	O	Eric Cantor (VA-7)	X	X
John Tanner (TN-8)	X	X	John Linder (GA-7)	X	X
Xavier Becerra (CA-31)	O	O	Devin Nunes (CA-21)	X	X
Lloyd Doggett (TX-25)	O	O	Patrick Tiberi (OH-12)	X	X
Earl Pomeroy (ND-At Large)	X	X	Ginny Brown-Waite (FL-5)	X	X
Mike Thompson (CA-1)	O	O	Geoff Davis (KY-4)	X	X
John Larson (CT-1)	O	O	Dave Reichert (WA-8)	X	X
Earl Blumenauer (OR-3)	O	O	Charles Boustany, Jr. (LA-7)	X	X
Ron Kind (WI-3)	O	O	Dean Heller (NV-2)	X	X
Bill Pascrell, Jr. (NJ-8)	X	X	Peter Roskam (IL-6)	X	X
Shelley Berkley (NV-1)	O	O			
Joseph Crowley (NY-7)	O	O			
Chris Van Hollen (MD-8)	O	O			
Kendrick Meek (FL-17)	O	O			
Allyson Schwartz (PA-13)	O	O			
Artur Davis (AL-7)	O	X			
Danny K. Davis (IL-7)	O	O			
Bob Etheridge (NC-2)	O	O			
Linda T. Sanchez (CA-39)	O	O			
Brian Higgins (NY-27)	O	O			
John Yarmuth (KY-3)	O	O			