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2007 Voting Record

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Bread for the World's Voting Record for the first session of the 110th Congress is a report on how senators and representatives have voted on legislation affecting hungry and poor people in our country and around the world. Specifically, the report tracks votes related to Bread for the World's two main priorities for 2007: broad reform in the farm bill and additional poverty-focused development assistance. This record simply states the actions of members of Congress, and does not address the attitudes, beliefs, or circumstances behind these decisions.

Voting records have limitations. On some occasions, the legislation we support has been subject to an unrecorded voice vote, folded into larger legislation, or never brought to the floor for vote. Your representative's and senators' actions on the issues important to Bread for the World, therefore, may not be reflected here in their entirety.

Yet the Voting Record can be a helpful resource for Bread for the World members. Members can use its information both to thank members of Congress for votes that supported our efforts to end hunger and poverty, and to voice concern about votes that had an adverse effect.

In addition to contacting Congress about past votes, Bread for the World members should also draw attention to our legislative agenda for 2008. Please urge your members of Congress to support more and better poverty-focused development assistance—funding for programs in the U.S. budget that give people in poor countries the tools and opportunities to permanently break the cycle of poverty. These include long-term investments in things like agriculture, education, nutrition, health and clean water. We appreciate your continued support in the fight against hunger and poverty. For more information, visit Bread for the World's Web site at www.bread.org.

Senate Votes:

Farm Bill

1 Farming, Ranching, Equity, Stewardship and Health ("FRESH") Amendment (S.A. 3711) to the Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act of 2007, H.R. 2419: To broaden the agricultural safety net by making a free revenue insurance program available to all farmers and saving billions of dollars to invest in nutrition programs, specialty crop programs, critical conservation programs and the McGovern-Dole international school feeding program. Sponsored by Senators Lugar (R-IN) and Lautenberg (D-NJ) with 10 bipartisan co-sponsors, Bread for the World supported this amendment. It made a strong showing but was defeated 37-58 on December 11, 2007.

2 Klobuchar Amendment (S.A. 3810) to the Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act of 2007, H.R. 2419: To reform income eligibility rules of the commodity payment system to prevent farm couples who clear \$750,000 annually in household income [and part-time farm couples—those who earn more than one-third of their income off the farm—who clear \$250,000] from receiving commodity payments. Savings would be redirected into conservation, rural development, healthy foods and energy programs. Bread for the World supported this amendment. A procedural agreement worked out between Democratic leadership and the bill's sponsors required 60 yes votes for passage. On December 13, 2007, it won the support of a majority—48 yeas to 47 nays—short of the 60-vote requirement.

3 Dorgan/Grassley Amendment (S.A. 3695) to the Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act of 2007, H.R. 2419: To establish a hard cap for commodity payments at \$250,000 per household per year, helping ensure that payments are targeted where they are needed; to require payments to flow to working farmers rather than their landlords. Savings would be redirected into nutrition and conservation programs. Bread for the World supported this amendment. Under the same procedural agreement as above, the Dorgan/Grassley amendment received majority support, 56-43, but failed to receive the 60 required votes.

Poverty-Focused Development Assistance

There was no clear vote representative of senators' positions on poverty-focused development assistance.

House of Representatives Votes:

Poverty-Focused Development Assistance

1 Jordan Amendment to Fiscal Year 2008 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations bill, H.R. 2764: A proposed \$3 billion cut from the total funding in the bill, returning the bill to 2007 funding levels. Bread for the World members opposed the amendment, which failed in the House 152-268 on June 22, 2007.

2 Price Amendment to Fiscal Year 2008 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations bill, H.R. 2764: A proposed 1 percent across-the-board cut to all programs, cutting \$342 million from total international affairs spending, including a reduction of \$147 million from poverty-focused development assistance. Bread for the World members opposed the amendment, which failed in the House 168-252 on June 22, 2007.

3 Musgrave Amendment to Fiscal Year 2008 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations bill, HR 2764: A proposed .5 percent across-the-board cut to all programs, cutting \$171 million from total international affairs spending, including a reduction of \$74 million from poverty-focused development assistance. Bread for the World members opposed the amendment, which failed in the House 179-241 on June 22, 2007.

Farm Bill

4 Fairness in Farm and Food Policy Amendment to the Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act of 2007, H.R. 2419: A bipartisan amendment introduced by Reps. Ron Kind (D-WI) and Jeff Flake (R-AZ) to improve the farm safety net by replacing the current commodity programs with a revenue-based safety net, developed by USDA experts to better protect family farmers from declines in crop prices and crop yields at a lower cost. Savings would be reinvested in nutrition programs, rural development and conservation programs. Bread for the World supported this amendment. House leadership encouraged members to vote against the amendment; it was defeated 117-309 on July 26, 2007.

Senate 2007 Votes

	1	2	3		1	2	3
Alaska				Montana			
Murkowski	+	-	+	Baucus	-	-	-
Stevens	-	-	+	Tester	-	-	+
Alabama				Nebraska			
Sessions	-	-	-	Hagel	+	-	+
Shelby	-	-	-	Nelson	-	+	-
Arkansas				Nevada			
Lincoln	-	-	-	Ensign	+	+	+
Pryor	-	-	-	Reid	-	+	+
Arizona				New Hampshire			
Kyl	+	+	-	Gregg	+	+	-
McCain	X	X	X	Sununu	+	+	+
California				New Jersey			
Boxer	+	+	+	Lautenberg	+	+	+
Feinstein	+	+	+	Menendez	+	+	+
Colorado				New Mexico			
Allard	+	-	+	Bingaman	-	+	+
Salazar	-	-	-	Domenici	+	-	-
Connecticut				New York			
Dodd	X	X	+	Clinton	X	X	+
<i>Lieberman</i>	+	+	-	Schumer	+	+	+
Delaware				North Carolina			
Biden	X	X	+	Burr	-	-	-
Carper	+	-	+	Dole	-	-	-
Florida				North Dakota			
Martinez	-	-	-	Conrad	-	-	-
Nelson	+	+	+	Dorgan	-	+	+
Georgia				Ohio			
Chambliss	-	-	-	Brown	+	+	+
Isakson	-	-	-	Voinovich	+	+	-
Hawaii				Oklahoma			
Akaka	-	-	+	Coburn	-	-	-
Inouye	-	-	-	Inhofe	-	-	-
Idaho				Oregon			
Craig	-	-	-	Smith	-	-	+
Crapo	-	-	-	Wyden	-	+	+
Illinois				Pennsylvania			
Durbin	+	+	+	Casey	+	+	+
Obama	X	X	+	Specter	+	+	+
Indiana				Rhode Island			
Bayh	-	+	+	Reed	+	+	+
Lugar	+	+	+	Whitehouse	+	+	+
Iowa				South Carolina			
Grassley	-	+	+	DeMint	+	-	-
Harkin	-	+	+	Graham	-	-	-
Kansas				South Dakota			
Brownback	-	+	+	Johnson	-	+	+
Roberts	-	-	-	Thune	-	+	+
Kentucky				Tennessee			
Bunning	+	-	-	Alexander	-	-	-
McConnell	+	-	-	Corker	-	-	-
Louisiana				Texas			
Landrieu	-	-	-	Cornyn	-	-	-
Vitter	-	-	-	Bailey Hutchison	-	-	-
Maine				Utah			
Collins	+	+	+	Bennett	-	-	-
Snowe	+	+	-	Hatch	-	-	+
Maryland				Vermont			
Cardin	+	+	+	Leahy	-	-	-
Mikulski	+	+	+	<i>Sanders</i>	-	+	+
Massachusetts				Virginia			
Kennedy	+	+	+	Warner	+	+	+
Kerry	+	+	+	Webb	+	+	+
Michigan				Washington			
Levin	-	+	+	Cantwell	-	+	+
Stabenow	-	+	-	Murray	-	+	+
Minnesota				West Virginia			
Coleman	-	-	-	Byrd	-	+	+
Klobuchar	-	+	+	Rockefeller	-	-	-
Mississippi				Wisconsin			
Cochran	-	-	-	Feingold	-	+	+
Wicker	N/A	N/A	N/A	Kohl	-	+	+
Missouri				Wyoming			
Bond	-	-	-	Barrasso	+	-	+
McCaskill	-	+	-	Enzi	+	-	+

Key to Symbols

Numbers next to the names of House members indicate their congressional districts.
 Republicans are in regular type • **Democrats are in bold type** • *Independents are in italic*
Votes: + Voted for the BFW position - Voted against the BFW position X Did not vote
 N/A not a member at time of vote

House of Representatives 2007 Votes

	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
Alaska					10 Young	-	-	-	+	8 Van Hollen	+	+	+	-	18 Lowey	+	+	+	+	Texas				
AtL Young	+	+	+	X	11 Castor	+	+	+	-	Massachusetts				19 Hall	+	+	+	-	1 Gohmert	-	-	-	-	
Alabama					12 Putnam	-	-	-	-	1 Olver	+	+	+	+	20 Gillibrand	+	+	+	-	2 Poe	-	-	-	-
1 Bonner	X	X	X	-	13 Buchanan	-	-	-	-	2 Neal	+	+	+	-	21 McNulty	+	+	+	+	3 Johnson	-	-	-	-
2 Everett	-	-	-	-	14 Mack	-	-	-	-	3 McGovern	+	+	+	+	22 Hinchey	+	+	+	+	4 Hall	-	-	-	-
3 Rogers	-	-	-	-	15 Weldon	-	-	-	-	4 Frank	+	+	+	+	23 McHugh	+	+	+	-	5 Hensarling	-	-	-	+
4 Aderholt	-	-	-	-	16 Mahoney	+	+	+	-	5 Tsongas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	24 Arcuri	+	+	+	-	6 Barton	-	-	-	-
5 Cramer	X	X	X	-	17 Meek	+	+	+	-	6 Tierney	+	+	+	+	25 Walsh	+	+	+	-	7 Culberson	-	-	-	-
6 Bachus	-	-	-	-	18 Ros-Lehtinen	-	-	-	-	7 Tierney	+	+	+	+	26 Reynolds	-	-	-	-	8 Brady	-	-	-	-
7 Davis	+	+	+	-	19 Wexler	+	+	+	-	8 Capuano	+	+	+	+	27 Higgins	+	+	+	-	9 Green	+	+	+	-
Arkansas					20 Wasserman Schultz	+	+	+	-	9 Lynch	+	+	+	-	28 Slaughter	+	+	+	-	10 McCaul	-	-	-	-
1 Berry	+	+	+	-	21 Diaz-Balart	-	-	-	-	10 Delahunt	+	+	+	-	29 Kuhl	+	+	-	-	11 Conaway	-	-	-	-
2 Snyder	+	+	+	-	22 Klein	+	+	+	-	Michigan					North Carolina					12 Granger	-	-	-	-
3 Boozman	-	-	-	-	23 Hastings	+	+	+	-	1 Stupak	+	+	+	-	1 Butterfield	+	+	+	-	13 Thornberry	-	-	-	-
4 Ross	+	+	+	-	24 Feeney	-	-	-	-	2 Hoekstra	-	-	-	-	2 Etheridge	+	+	+	-	14 Paul	-	-	-	+
Arizona					25 Diaz-Balart	-	-	-	-	3 Ehlers	+	+	+	+	3 Jones	-	-	-	-	15 Hinojosa	+	+	+	-
1 Renzi	-	-	-	-	Georgia					4 Camp	-	-	-	-	4 Price	+	+	+	-	16 Reyes	+	+	+	-
2 Franks	-	-	-	-	1 Kingston	-	-	-	-	5 Kildee	+	+	+	-	5 Foxx	-	-	-	-	17 Edwards	+	+	+	-
3 Shadegg	-	-	-	-	2 Bishop	+	+	+	-	6 Upton	-	-	-	-	6 Coble	-	-	-	-	18 Jackson-Lee	+	+	+	-
4 Pastor	+	+	+	-	3 Marshall	+	+	+	-	7 Walberg	-	-	-	-	7 McIntyre	+	+	+	-	19 Neugebauer	-	-	-	-
5 Mitchell	+	-	-	+	4 Johnson	X	X	X	-	8 Rogers	-	-	-	-	8 Hayes	-	-	-	-	20 Gonzalez	+	+	+	-
6 Flake	-	-	-	+	5 Lewis	+	+	+	-	9 Knollenberg	+	+	+	+	9 Myrick	-	-	-	-	21 Smith	-	-	-	-
7 Grijalva	+	+	+	-	6 Price	-	-	-	+	10 Miller	-	-	-	-	10 McHenry	-	-	-	-	22 Lampson	+	+	+	-
8 Giffords	+	+	+	-	7 Linder	-	-	-	-	11 McCotter	-	-	-	-	11 Shuler	+	-	-	-	23 Rodriguez	+	+	+	-
California					8 Westmoreland	-	-	-	-	12 Levin	+	+	+	-	12 Watt	+	+	+	+	24 Marchant	-	-	-	-
1 Thompson	+	+	+	-	9 Deal	-	-	-	-	13 Kilpatrick	+	+	+	-	13 Miller	+	+	+	-	25 Doggett	+	+	+	+
2 Herger	-	-	-	-	10 Broun	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	14 Conyers	+	+	+	-	North Dakota					26 Burgess	-	-	-	-
3 Lungren	-	-	-	-	11 Gingrey	-	-	-	-	15 Dingell	+	+	+	+	1 Pomeroy	+	+	+	-	27 Ortiz	X	X	X	-
4 Doolittle	+	+	+	-	12 Barrow	+	+	+	-	Minnesota					Ohio					28 Cuellar	+	+	+	-
5 Matsui	+	+	+	-	13 Scott	+	+	+	-	1 Walz	+	+	+	-	1 Chabot	-	-	-	+	29 Green	+	+	+	-
6 Woolsey	+	+	+	-	Hawaii					2 Kline	-	-	-	-	2 Schmidt	-	-	-	-	30 Johnson	+	+	+	-
7 Miller	+	+	+	+	1 Abercrombie	+	+	+	-	3 Ramstad	+	-	-	+	3 Turner	-	-	-	-	31 Carter	-	-	-	-
9 Lee	+	+	+	+	2 Hirono	+	+	+	-	4 McCollum	+	+	+	-	4 Jordan	-	-	-	-	32 Sessions	-	-	-	-
10 Tauscher	+	+	+	+	Iowa					5 Ellison	+	+	+	+	5 Latta	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Utah				
11 McNerney	+	+	+	-	1 Braley	+	+	+	-	6 Bachmann	-	-	-	-	6 Wilson	+	+	+	-	1 Bishop	-	-	-	-
12 Vacant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2 Loebsack	+	+	+	-	7 Peterson	+	+	+	-	7 Hobson	-	+	+	-	2 Matheson	+	-	-	-
13 Stark	+	+	+	+	3 Boswell	+	+	+	-	8 Oberstar	+	+	+	-	8 Boehner	-	-	-	-	3 Cannon	-	-	-	+
14 Eshoo	+	+	+	+	4 Latham	+	+	+	-	Mississippi					9 Kaptur	+	+	+	-	Virginia				
15 Honda	+	+	+	+	5 King	-	-	-	-	1 Wicker*	-	-	-	-	10 Kucinich	+	+	+	-	1 Wittman	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
16 Lofgren	+	+	+	+	Idaho					2 Thompson	+	+	+	-	11 Jones	+	+	+	-	2 Drake	-	-	-	-
17 Farr	+	+	+	-	1 Sali	-	-	-	-	3 Pickering	-	-	-	-	12 Tiberi	-	-	-	-	3 Scott	+	+	+	-
18 Cardoza	+	+	+	-	2 Simpson	-	-	-	-	4 Taylor	-	-	-	-	13 Sutton	+	+	+	-	4 Forbes	-	-	-	-
19 Radanovich	-	-	-	-	Illinois					Missouri					14 LaTourette	+	+	+	-	5 Goode	-	-	-	-
20 Costa	+	+	+	-	1 Rush	+	+	+	-	1 Clay	+	+	+	-	15 Pryce	+	+	+	-	6 Goodlatte	-	-	-	-
21 Nunes	-	-	-	-	2 Jackson	+	+	+	+	2 Akin	-	-	-	-	16 Regula	+	+	+	-	7 Cantor	-	-	-	+
22 McCarthy	-	-	-	-	3 Lipinski	+	+	+	-	3 Carnahan	+	+	+	-	17 Ryan	+	+	+	-	8 Moran	+	+	+	-
23 Capps	+	+	+	-	4 Gutierrez	+	+	+	-	4 Skelton	+	+	+	-	18 Space	+	+	+	-	9 Boucher	+	+	+	-
24 Gallegly	-	-	-	-	5 Emanuel	+	+	+	+	5 Cleaver	+	+	+	X	Oklahoma					10 Wolf	+	+	+	+
25 McKeon	-	-	-	+	6 Roskam	-	-	-	+	6 Graves	-	-	-	-	1 Sullivan	X	X	X	-	11 Davis	+	+	+	-
26 Dreier	-	-	-	+	7 Davis	+	+	+	+	7 Blunt	-	-	-	-	2 Boren	+	+	+	-	Vermont				
27 Sherman	+	+	+	+	8 Bean	+	-	-	+	8 Emerson	+	+	+	-	3 Lucas	-	-	-	-	AtL Welch	+	+	+	+
28 Berman	+	+	X	-	9 Schakowsky	+	+	+	+	9 Hulshof	-	-	-	-	4 Cole	+	-	-	-	Washington				
29 Schiff	+	+	+	+	10 Kirk	+	+	+	+	Montana					5 Fallin	-	-	-	-	1 Inslee	+	+	+	+
30 Waxman	+	+	+	+	11 Weller	+	+	-	-	1 Rehberg	-	-	-	-	Oregon					2 Larsen	+	+	+	-
31 Becerra	+	+	+	-	12 Costello	X	X	X	-	Nebraska					1 Wu	+	+	+	+	3 Baird	+	+	+	+
32 Solis	+	+	+	-	13 Biggert	-	-	-	+	1 Fortenberry	+	+	+	-	2 Walden	-	-	-	-	4 Hastings	-	-	-	-
33 Watson	+	+	+	-	14 Vacant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2 Terry	-	-	-	-	3 Blumenauer	+	+	+	+	5 Morris Rodgers	-	-	-	-
34 Roybal-Allard	+	+	+	-	15 Johnson	+	+	-	-	3 Smith	-	-	-	-	4 DeFazio	-	+	+	+	6 Dicks	+	+	+	-
35 Waters	+	+	+	+	16 Manzullo	-	-	-	-	Nevada					5 Hooley	+	+	+	-	7 McDermott	+	+	+	+
36 Harman	+	+	+	+	17 Hare	+	+	+	-	1 Berkley	+	+	+	-	Pennsylvania					8 Reichert	+	+	+	+
37 Richardson	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18 LaHood	+	+	-	X	2 Heller	-	-	-	+	1 Brady	+	+	+	-	9 Smith	+	+	+	+
38 Napolitano	X	X	X	-	19 Shimkus	-	-	-	-	3 Porter	+	+	+	-	2 Fattah	+	+	+	+	Wisconsin				
39 Sanchez	+	+	+	+	Indiana					New Hampshire					3 English	-	-	-	-	1 Ryan	-	-	-	+
40 Royce	-	-	-	+	1 Visclosky	+	+	+	-	1 Shea-Porter	+	+	+	-	4 Altmire	+	-	-	-	2 Baldwin	+	+	+	+
41 Lewis	+	+	+	-	2 Donnelly	+	+	+	-	2 Hodes	+	+	+	+	5 Peterson	-	-	-	-	3 Kind	+	+	+	+
42 Miller	-	-	-	+	3 Souder	+	+	+	-	New Jersey					6 Gerlach	+	+	+	+	4 Moore	+	+	+	+
43 Baca	+	+	+	-	4 Buyer	-	-	-	-	1 Andrews	+	+	+	+	7 Sestak	+	+	+	+	5 Sensenbrenner	-	-	-	+
44 Calvert	+	-	-	-	5 Burton	-	-	-	-	2 LoBiondo	+	+	+	+	8 Murphy	+	+	+	-	6 Petri	-	-	-	+
45 Bono	-	-	-	-	6 Pence	-	-	-	-	3 Saxton	+	+	+	+	9 Shuster	-	-	-	-	7 Obey	+	+	+	-
46 Rohrabacher	-	-	-	+	7 Vacant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4 Smith	+	+	+	+	10 Carney	+	+	+	-	8 Kagen	+	+	-	-
47 Sanchez	X	X																						