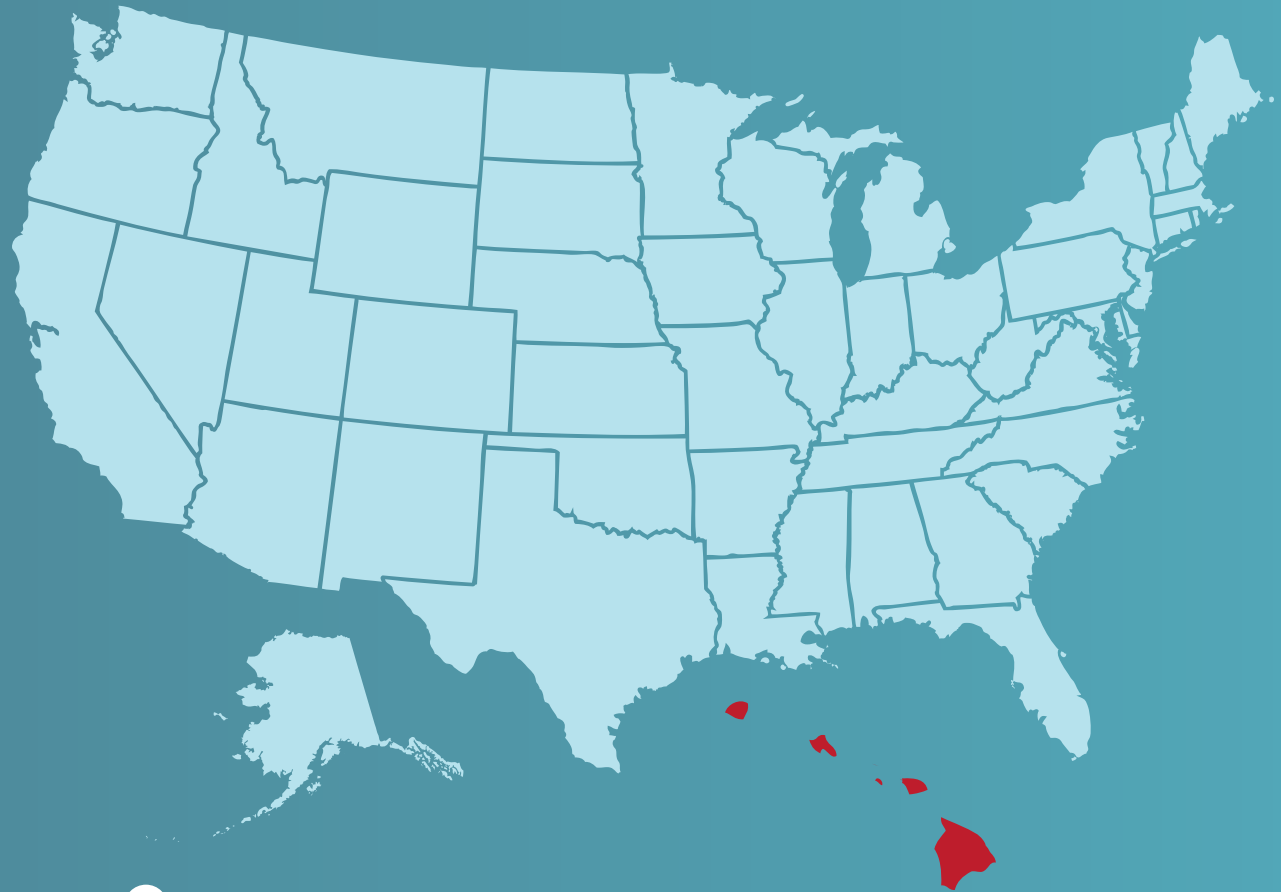
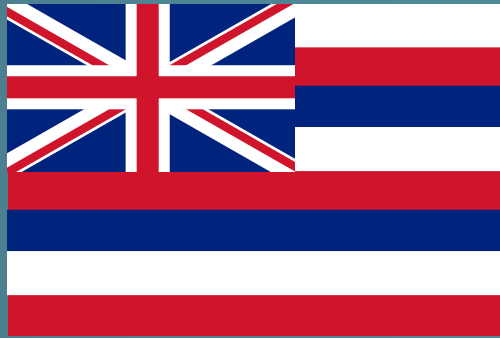




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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

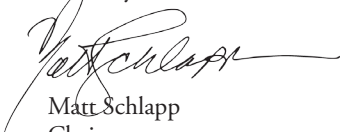
Dear Fellow Conservatives,

On behalf of our entire Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the American Conservative Union's 2014 Rating of the Hawaii State Legislature. Though our State Ratings program is newer than our 44-year old Federal Ratings program, it is quickly evolving into a comprehensive evaluative tool that uses principles of conservatism to rate the voting record of state legislators. Our pledge is to rate every state for each session so that every citizen in the nation knows how his or her state officials vote.

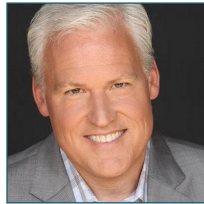
Our scoring focuses on the full array of policy issues, including taxes, budgets, religious freedom, 2nd Amendment, government regulation, life, and education. Though Reagan's presidential term ended years ago, his legacy and philosophy live on, continuing to guide modern day conservatives.

While we take note how conservatives in State Legislatures cast their votes when choosing legislation to score, we at the ACU are ultimately guided by the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the principles of free markets that articulate the inviolate principles of Life, Liberty, and Property. The goal of our ratings is to educate voters about how the liberal agenda is out of sync with mainstream Americans' desire for common sense legislation. It serves also to highlight and educate all Americans about how conservative solutions produce better results. As part of that educational initiative, we are proud to include Hawaii in the 2014 ratings.

Sincerely,



Matt Schlapp
Chairman
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HOW WE SELECTED THE VOTES

As the nation's oldest grassroots conservative organization, the American Conservative Union serves as an umbrella organization for conservatives in America.

The ACU tracks a wide range of issues before Congress and State Legislatures to determine which issues and votes serve as a clear litmus test separating those representatives who defend liberty and liberal members who have turned their backs on our founding principles – constitutionally limited government, individual liberty, free markets, a strong national defense and traditional values.

As a result, the ACU Ratings have included a wide variety of issues covering votes on taxes, wasteful government spending, cultural issues, defense and foreign policy.

The votes selected by the ACU are not always considered the “most important” votes as defined by others, instead the votes selected are chosen to create a clear ideological distinction among those casting them.



2014 WINNERS & LOSERS

90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

SENATE

N/A

HOUSE

N/A

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

SENATE

SLOM

HOUSE

N/A

<10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

SENATE

N/A

HOUSE

Belatti	Nakashima
Brower	Nishimoto
Evans	Ohno
Hashem	Onishi
Ichiyama	Rhoads
Ing	Saiki
Kobayashi	Souki
Lee	Takai
Lowen	Takayama
Luke	Woodson
McKelvey	Wooley
Morikawa	Yamashita



HAWAII SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **SB 2196 Energy Tax.** This bill extends the expiring special energy tax on fossil fuel for 15 years. ACU opposes these discriminatory taxes that drive up the cost of energy to consumers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 4, 2014 by a vote of 24-1.

2. **HB 1539 Government Housing Programs.** This bill requires the return of a government housing voucher upon the death or removal from government assistance of the last original household member or when the youngest minor of the household reaches 21. ACU supports this reform that lessens generational dependency on government and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 4, 2014 by a vote of 25-0.

3. **HB 2293 Hospital Subsidies.** This bill extends the Hospital Sustainability Program for another year. This convoluted program assesses a fee on hospitals, uses that revenue to obtain matching federal funds, and then gives the combined amount back to the hospital to mitigate uncompensated care. ACU opposes a program that duplicates that was supposed to be unnecessary under Obamacare and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 25-0.

4. **HB 1700 Budget.** The \$12.1 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2015 includes increased taxes to pay for spending increases without eliminating wasteful programs. ACU opposes this type of fiscal irresponsibility and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 24-1.

5. **SB 2470 Obamacare Implementation.** This bill makes a \$1.5 million emergency appropriation for the Obamacare state-based exchange that was supposed to be self-sustaining when the federal funds ran out. It also authorizes new “user fees” to keep the program running. ACU opposes Obamacare and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 23-2.

6. **HB 2543 Renewable Energy Subsidies.** This bill authorizes \$50 million in bonds to subsidize a biofuel facility. ACU opposes adding to the state’s debt to subsidize one energy source and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 23-1.

7. **HB 2590 Same Day Voter Registration.** This bill allows same day voter registration beginning in 2018. ACU opposes same day voter registration that increases the risk of voter fraud and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 24-1.

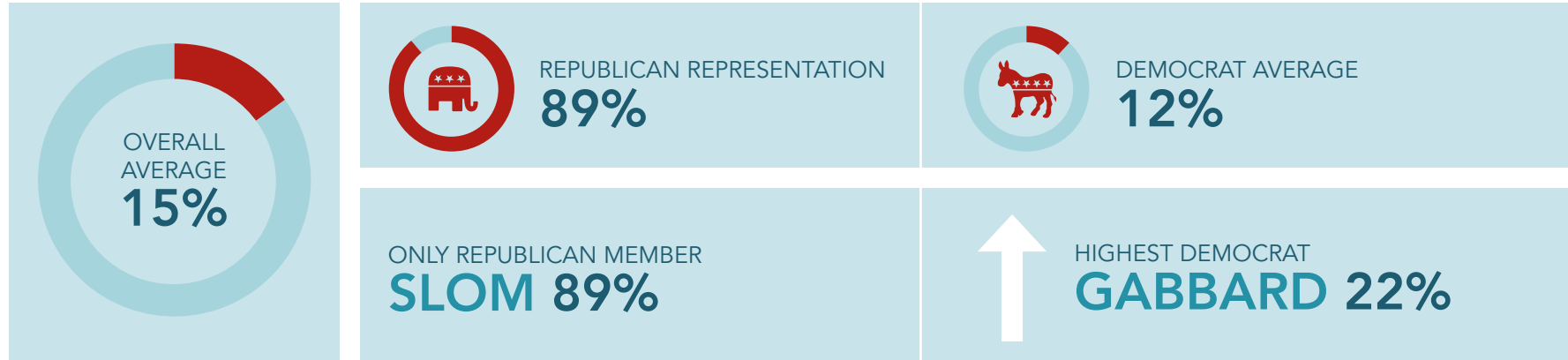
8. **SB 2609 Minimum Wage.** This bill increases the minimum wage by 30 percent over three years. ACU opposes an artificial wage that costs jobs among those who need them most, such as students and less educated workers, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 24-1.

9. **SB 2866 Government Run Hospitals.** This bill makes an “emergency” appropriation of \$15 million to the state’s government-run hospitals. The hospitals claimed they have been losing money because of Obamacare, which they supported. ACU supports efforts to privatize these hospitals that have asked for an “emergency” appropriation year after year and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 24-1.



HAWAII SENATE SCORES

HAWAII SENATE STATISTICS



HAWAII SENATE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	District	SB 2196	HB 1539	HB 2293	HB 1700	SB 2470	HB 2543	HB 2590	SB 2609	SB 2866	ACU Votes	Votes Cast	ACU %
Baker	D	6	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Cruz	D	22	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
English	D	7	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Espero	D	19	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Gabbard	D	20	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	2	9	22%
Galuteria	D	12	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Green	D	3	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Hee	D	23	-	+	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	1	8	13%
Ige	D	16	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Ihara	D	10	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Kahele	D	1	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Keith-Agaran	D	5	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Kidani	D	18	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Kim	D	14	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Kouchi	D	8	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%

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Nishihara	D	17	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Oakland	D	13	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Ruderman	D	2	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Shimabukuro	D	21	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
SLOM	R	9	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	8	9	89%
Solomon	D	4	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Taniguchi	D	11	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Thielen	D	25	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Tokuda	D	24	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%
Wakai	D	15	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	11%



HAWAII HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **HB 1624 Religious Freedom.** This bill would have given legal protection against government action against the free exercise of religion unless the government can show a “compelling interest” to do so. ACU supports religious freedom and supported this bill. The House refused to take up the bill on February 14, 2014 by a vote of 18-28.

2. **HB 2293 Hospital Subsidies.** This bill extends the Hospital Sustainability Program for another year. This convoluted program assesses a fee on hospitals, uses that revenue to obtain matching federal funds, and then gives the combined amount back to the hospital to mitigate uncompensated care. ACU opposes a program that duplicates what was supposed to be unnecessary under Obamacare and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2014 by a vote of 50-0.

3. **SB 2196 Energy Tax.** This bill extends the expiring special energy tax on fossil fuel for 15 years. ACU opposes these discriminatory taxes that drive up the cost of energy to consumers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 8, 2014 by a vote of 39-12.

4. **HB 1700 Budget.** The \$12.1 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2015 includes increased taxes to pay for spending increases without eliminating wasteful programs. ACU opposes this type of fiscal irresponsibility and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 49-0.

5. **SB 2470 Obamacare Implementation.** This bill makes a \$1.5 million emergency appropriation of the Obamacare state-based exchange that was supposed to be self-sustaining when the federal funds ran out. It also authorizes new “user fees” to keep the program running. ACU opposes Obamacare and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 37-13.

6. **HB 2543 Renewable Energy Subsidies.** This bill authorizes \$50 million in bonds to subsidize a biofuel facility. ACU opposes adding to the state’s debt to subsidize one energy source and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 50-0.

7. **HB 2590 Same Day Voter Registration.** This bill allows same day voter registration beginning in 2018. ACU opposes same day voter registration that increases the risk of voter fraud and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 40-10.

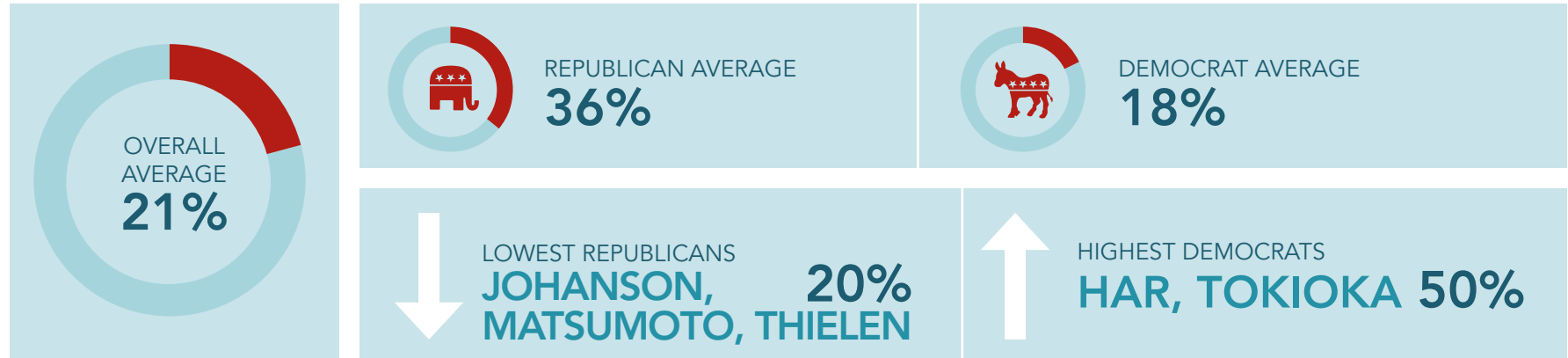
8. **SB 2609 Minimum Wage.** This bill increases the minimum wage by 30 percent over three years. ACU opposes an artificial wage that costs jobs among those who need them most, such as students and less educated workers, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 47-1.

9. **SB 2866 Government Run Hospitals.** This bill makes an “emergency” appropriation of \$15 million to the state’s government-run hospitals. The hospitals claimed they have been losing money because of Obamacare, which they supported. ACU supports efforts to privatize these hospitals that have asked for an “emergency” appropriation year after year and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 50-0.

10. **HB 1539 Government Housing Programs.** This bill requires the return of a government housing voucher upon the death or removal from government assistance of the last original household member or when the youngest minor of the household reaches 21. ACU supports this reform that lessens generational dependency on government and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 29, 2014 by a vote of 49-1.

HAWAII HOUSE SCORES

HAWAII HOUSE STATISTICS



HAWAII HOUSE VOTE DETAIL*

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Aquino	D	38	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	3	10	30%
Awana	D	43	E	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	4	9	44%
Belatti	D	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Brower	D	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Cabanilla	D	41	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	2	10	20%
Cachola	D	30	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	9	11%
Carroll	D	13	E	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	2	9	22%
Choy	D	23	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	3	10	30%
Creagan	D	5	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	9	11%
Cullen	D	39	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	3	10	30%
Evans	D	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
FALE	R	47	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	5	10	50%
FUKUMOTO	R	36	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	5	10	50%
Hanohano	D	4	E	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	4	9	44%
Har	D	42	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	5	10	50%



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Hashem	D	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Ichiyama	D	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Ing	D	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
JOHANSON	R	31	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	2	10	20%
Jordan	D	44	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	3	10	30%
Kawakami	D	14	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	3	10	30%
Kobayashi	D	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Lee	D	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Lowen	D	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Luke	D	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
MATSUMOTO	R	45	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	2	10	20%
MCDERMOTT	R	40	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	6	10	60%
McKelvey	D	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Mizuno	D	28	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	9	11%
Morikawa	D	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Nakashima	D	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Nishimoto	D	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Ohno	D	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Onishi	D	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Oshiro	D	46	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	4	10	40%
Rhoads	D	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Saiki	D	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Say	D	20	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	3	10	30%
Souki	D	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Takai	D	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Takayama	D	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Takumi	D	35	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	9	11%

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THIELEN	R	50	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	2	10	20%
Tokioka	D	15	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	5	10	50%
Tsuji	D	2	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	2	10	20%
WARD	R	17	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	3	10	30%
Woodson	D	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Wooley	D	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%
Yamane	D	37	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	3	10	30%
Yamashita	D	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10%

* The following member of the House did not vote on enough of the selected votes and as a result was not rated: Ito.

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