

117th Congress 1st Session Scorecard Summaries

HOUSE

1. Equality Act

Sponsored by Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI), the *Equality Act* (H.R. 5) would overhaul our federal civil rights framework to mandate special privileges for sexual orientation and gender identity, expand abortion access, and severely erode religious liberty and conscience protections.

(Passed 2/25/2021, 224 yeas to 206 nays, Roll Call No. 39)

FRC Action Opposed this Bill.

<https://clerk.house.gov/evs/2021/roll039.xml>

2. American Rescue Plan Act

Sponsored by Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY), the *American Rescue Plan Act of 2021* (H.R. 1319) is the most substantial deviation from Hyde Amendment principles in decades. This \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package appropriates over \$400 billion that can be used to pay for abortion and health plans that cover abortion.

(Passed 02/27/2021, 219 yeas to 212 nays, Roll Call No. 49)

FRC Action Opposed this Bill.

<https://clerk.house.gov/evs/2021/roll049.xml>

3. For the People Act

Sponsored by Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD), the *For the People Act of 2021* (H.R.1) contains several provisions of notable concern that would stifle free speech and limit individuals' and non-profit organizations' ability to continue engaging in robust public policy debates.

(Passed 3/3/2021, 220 yeas to 210 nays, Roll Call No. 62)

FRC Action Opposed this Bill.

<https://clerk.house.gov/evs/2021/roll062.xml>

4. Senate Amendment to the American Rescue Plan Act

Amended in the Senate by Schumer Amendment #891, the final text of the \$1.9 trillion COVID relief package contained additional tax subsidies for abortion. The final package included over \$450 billion that can be used to pay for abortion and health plans that cover abortion.

(Passed 03/10/2021, 220 yeas to 211 nays, Roll Call No. 72)

FRC Action Opposed this Bill.

<https://clerk.house.gov/evs/2021/roll072.xml>

5. Removing the Deadline for the Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

Sponsored by Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA), this resolution (H.J.Res.17) seeks to remove the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) ratification deadline, which expired approximately 40 years

ago. If ratified, the ERA could roll back women's civil rights protections and clear the way for taxpayers to subsidize abortion on demand. Even with a resolution to remove the ratification deadline, the Department of Justice has said the current ERA is dead, and the process to ratify the amendment would need to start over.

(Passed 03/17/2021, 222 yeas to 204 nays, Roll Call No. 82)

FRC Action Opposed this Resolution.

<https://clerk.house.gov/evs/2021/roll082.xml>

6. Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization

Sponsored by Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), the *Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021* (H.R. 1620) contains language that undermines the bill's intent and disregards the privacy and safety of abused women, the largest population of victims. It also allows Planned Parenthood to be a grantee despite a documented pattern of failing to report statutory rape, sexual assault, and abuse.

(Passed 03/17/21, 244 yeas to 172 nays, Roll Call No. 86)

FRC Action Opposed this Bill.

<https://clerk.house.gov/evs/2021/roll086.xml>

SENATE

1. Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Amendment

Offered by Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE), S.Amdt.192 to the Senate Budget Resolution (S.Con.Res.5) would require health care practitioners to provide the same medical care to infants born alive after a failed abortion as they would to any other infant born at the same gestational age. This amendment needed 60 votes to pass.

(Failed 02/4/2021, 52 yeas to 48 nays, Roll Call No. 23)

FRC Action Supported this Amendment.

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=117&session=1&vote=00023

2. Amendment to Protect Religious Freedom

Offered by Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT), S.Amdt.821 to the Senate Budget Resolution (S.Con.Res.5) would prohibit the infringement of the free exercise of religion in employment, commerce, social services, faith and community partnerships, and access to housing, health care, and education.

(Failed 02/04/2021, 50 yeas to 50 nays, Roll Call No. 34)

FRC Action Supported this Amendment.

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=117&session=1&vote=00034

3. Amendment to Promote the Ability of Churches to Worship

Offered by Sen. James Lankford (R-OK), S.Amdt.837 to the Senate Budget Resolution (S.Con.Res.5) would prohibit the violation of First Amendment protection for speech, religious exercise, and belief for houses of worship and faith-based organizations by ensuring they are treated the same as secular organizations with respect to coronavirus-related restrictions.

(Passed 02/05/2021, 51 yeas to 49 nays, Roll Call No. 44)

FRC Action Supported this Amendment.

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=117&session=1&vote=00044

4. Amendment to Restrict Planned Parenthood from the Paycheck Protection Program

Offered by Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), S.Amdt.1014 to S.Amdt.891 to the *American Rescue Plan Act* (H.R. 1319) would strike language from the bill that would have allowed Planned Parenthood to be eligible to receive loans under the Paycheck Protection Program.

(Failed 03/06/2021, 47 yeas to 51 nays, Roll Call No. 88)

FRC Action Supported this Amendment.

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=117&session=1&vote=00088

5. Amendment to Restrict Taxpayer Funding for Abortion

Offered by Sen. James Lankford (R-OK), S.Amdt.1031 to S.Amdt.891 to the *American Rescue Plan Act* (H.R. 1319) would apply the Hyde Amendment to key provisions of the bill, thereby restricting funding from being used on elective abortions. This amendment needed 60 votes to pass.

(Failed 03/06/2021, 52 yeas to 47 nays, Roll Call No. 94)

FRC Action Supported this Amendment.

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=117&session=1&vote=00094

6. Amendment to Restrict Funding to Schools that Allow Men to Compete in Women's Sports

Offered by Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL), S.Amdt.1386 to S.Amdt.891 to the *American Rescue Plan Act* (H.R. 1319) would prohibit the distribution of certain funds to states, local educational agencies, and institutions of higher education that permit any student whose biological sex is male to participate in an athletic program or activity designated for women or girls. This amendment needed 60 votes to pass.

(Failed 03/06/2021, 49 yeas to 50 nays, Roll Call No. 97)

FRC Action Supported this Amendment.

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=117&session=1&vote=00097

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(Passed 03/6/2021, 50 yeas to 49 nays, Roll Call No. 110)

FRC Action Opposed this Bill.

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=117&session=1&vote=00110

8. Cloture on Xavier Becerra as Secretary of HHS

This vote was a procedural motion to end debate and proceed to the final vote on the confirmation of Xavier Becerra to the position of secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

(Passed 3/17/2021, 50 yeas to 49 nays, Roll Call No. 124)

FRC Action Opposed this Cloture Vote.

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=117&session=1&vote=00124

9. Confirmation of Xavier Becerra as Secretary of HHS

Xavier Becerra has established himself as an ardent champion for abortion and other liberal causes during his 12 terms in Congress and his tenure as California's attorney general. Additionally, Becerra lacks the necessary experience to lead the nation's largest public health agency during a global pandemic.

(Confirmed 3/18/2021, 50 yeas to 49 nays, Roll Call No. 125)

FRC Action Opposed this Confirmation.

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=117&session=1&vote=00125

10. Confirmation of Rachel Levine as Assistant Secretary for Health at HHS

Rachel Levine has a track record of prioritizing a radical LGBT agenda and partisan politics over public health. Levine has advocated for children to choose their gender, obtain hormone blockers, and begin transitioning into the opposite sex early in life. Also, Levine failed to protect vulnerable patients in Pennsylvania during the COVID-19 pandemic.

(Confirmed 3/24/2021, 52 yeas to 48 nays, Roll Call No. 134)

FRC Action Opposed this Confirmation.

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=117&session=1&vote=00134