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113th CONGRESS SCORECARD (2013-2014)

The National Tax Limitation Committee (NTLC) was organized in 1975 to seek constitutional and other limits on taxes, spending and deficits at the federal, state and local levels of government, in keeping with the principles, policies and objectives of Ronald Reagan. Each Congress, NTLC analyzes the voting records of US Senators and Representatives, as it has done for the past 30 years. This report on the Congress covers the period from January 2013 through August 2014.

The November 2010-2012 election results dramatically changed the composition of the US House of Representatives for the benefit of taxpayers. As a result, the House has since acted firmly and swiftly on budget and other fiscal issues, only to have the liberal Reid-led Senate and the Obama White House stonewall the budget and “legislate” through Executive Orders of the White House and through rules and regulations of the White House-controlled “administrative agencies.”

While federal spending soared, our Nation’s annual economic growth rate has tanked. Rapid economic growth is the *sine qua non* of a healthy nation and a prosperous people. In response to the question, “What is the most powerful force on earth,” Albert Einstein is reported to have said “compound interest.” At 4% per year growth – instead of the 1% or so of the Obama Administration – the US economy would double every 17 years. That – not redistribution – is the way to income maximization and opportunity for all Americans. Our scorecard looks for Members whose voting records reveal that they share those views and values.

While deficits are to be abhorred, increased government spending is worse. It is *the size of government* that is the key barometer for NTLC, as our late mentor and founder of NTLC, Milton Friedman, underscored regularly. At approximately 40% of Gross Domestic Produce (GDP) spending and the cost of regulation at all levels of government is far above the optimal level to assure maximum national economic growth. On the taxpayer protection front, during the 113th Congress, NTLC fought alongside our allies to build support for killing the death tax. That remains one of our key objectives in the next Congress, as does major tax reform.

Criteria for congressional ratings: Each score is reflective of the Member’s public position on key votes. Some 26 House and 18 Senate votes were used in the preparation of the scorecard. In selecting votes, NTLC placed special emphasis on tax, budget and appropriation measures that would have a major impact on long-term taxing and spending programs of the government. Also selected were votes that may have relatively small fiscal consequences in a particular year, but, nevertheless, provide a good “litmus test” of the attitude or philosophy of the legislator with respect to government regulation, private property rights, federalism and the size of the federal government. Every action considered for this rating – floor votes on bills or amendments, votes on procedural motions, etc. – has been weighted and tallied to present an accurate “fiscal responsibility score” for each Member. The votes used in this scorecard are listed on the back cover. (Fewer Senate vote records were available because Senate Majority Leader Reid did not bring many measures to a vote.)

Voting scores for Members of Congress in percentage and letter grades: Scores for Members of the House and Senate are expressed in percentage of all votes cast on those selected by NTLC. The Member may or may not have been present and voting on each and every roll call, the percentage reflects actual votes only. A Member was not penalized for missing up the three votes. A perfect score, one most favorable to the taxpayer in our view, is 100%. The worst score is 0%. To convert percentage to letter grades, use the following schedule: 80-100% = A; 60-79% = B; 40-59% = C; 20-39% = D; under 19% = F. (Members in several states and districts died, resigned or otherwise left office during the 112th Congress; only the scores of their successors are set forth here.)

How to read the scorecard: Following the state name, the two US Senators are listed first (in bold print), then the Representatives opposite their district numbers. Democrats are in italics. The right-hand column lists the percentage scores.

ALABAMA	25 McKeon 72	06 DeSantis 100	09 Schakowsky 0	MARYLAND
SEN. Shelby 89	26 Brownley 3	07 Mica 100	10 Schneider 3	SEN. Mikulski 0
SEN. Sessions 94	27 Chu 0	08 Posey 89	11 Foster 0	SEN. Cardin 0
01 Byrne 62	28 Schiff 0	09 Grayson 7	12 Enyart 11	01 Harris 97
02 Roby 83	29 Cardenas 4	10 Webster 89	13 Davis 69	02 Ruppel 8
03 Rogers 89	30 Sherman 0	11 Nugent 93	14 Hultgren 93	03 Sarbanes 0
04 Aderholt 80	31 Miller 56	12 Bilirakis 96	15 Shimkus 65	04 Edwards 0
05 Brooks 100	32 Napolitano 0	13 Jolly 100	16 Kinzinger 69	05 Hoyer 4
06 Bachus 77	33 Waxman 0	14 Castor 0	17 Bustos 7	06 Delaney 3
07 Sewell 8	34 Becerra 0	15 Ross 97	18 Schock 71	07 Cummings 0
	35 Negrete McLeod 0	16 Buchanan 86		08 Van Hollen 0
ALASKA	36 Ruiz 4	17 Rooney 93	INDIANA	MASSACHUSETTS
SEN. Murkowski 65	37 Bass 0	18 Murphy 18	SEN. Donnelly 0	SEN. Warren 0
SEN. Begich 20	38 Sánchez 0	19 Clawson 100	SEN. Coats 89	SEN. Markey 0
AL Young 60	39 Royce 85	20 Hastings 0	01 Visclosky 3	01 Neal 0
ARIZONA	40 Roybal Allard 0	21 Deutch 0	02 Walorski 89	02 McGovern 0
SEN. McCain 94	41 Takano 0	22 Frankel 0	03 Stutzman 100	03 Tsongas 0
SEN. Flake 94	42 Calvert 75	23 Schultz 0	04 Rokita 97	04 Kennedy 0
01 Kirkpatrick 12	43 Waters 0	24 Wilson 00	05 Brooks 86	05 Clark 0
02 Barber 14	44 Hahn 0	25 Diaz-Balart 57	06 Messer 93	06 Tierney 3
03 Grijalva 0	45 Campbell 48	26 Garcia 7	07 Carson 0	07 Capuano 3
04 Gosar 92	46 Sanchez 0	27 Ros-Lehtinen 60	08 Bucshon 87	08 Lynch 0
05 Salmon 100	47 Lowenthal 0		09 Young 79	09 Keating 0
06 Schweikert 97	48 Rohrabacher 93	GEORGIA	IOWA	MICHIGAN
07 Pastor 0	49 Issa 82	SEN. Chambliss 94	SEN. Grassley 100	SEN. Levin 6
08 Franks 100	50 Hunter 97	SEN. Isakson 94	SEN. Harkin 0	SEN. Stabenow 0
09 Sinema 14	51 Vargas 0	01 Kingston 92	01 Braley 3	01 Benishek 84
ARKANSAS	52 Peters 7	02 Bishop 22	02 Loeb sack 3	02 Huizenga 100
SEN. Pryor 18	53 Davis 0	03 Westmoreland	03 Latham 68	03 Amash 93
SEN. Boozman 88		81 Johnson 0	04 King 90	04 Camp 73
01 Crawford 76	COLORADO	04 Lewis 0		05 Kildee 0
02 Griffin 83	SEN. Udall 0	05 Price 100	KANSAS	06 Upton 79
03 Womack 83	SEN. Bennet 0	07 Woodall 100	SEN. Roberts 100	07 Walberg 96
04 Cotton 97	01 DeGette 0	08 Scott 90	SEN. Moran 94	08 Rogers 79
CALIFORNIA	02 Polis 0	09 Collins 89	01 Huelskamp 97	09 Levin 0
SEN. Feinstein 0	03 Tipton 88	10 Broun 89	02 Jenkins 93	10 Miller 97
SEN. Boxer 0	04 Gardner 87	11 Gingrey 96	03 Yoder 90	11 Bentivolio 100
01 LaMalfa 100	05 Lamborn 100	12 Barrow 44	04 Pompeo 100	12 Dingell 0
02 Huffman 0	06 Coffman 89	13 Scott, David 0	KENTUCKY	13 Conyers 0
03 Garamendi 4	07 Perlmutter 4		SEN. McConnell 100	14 Peters 4
04 McClintock 100	CONNECTICUT	HAWAII	SEN. Paul 100	MINNESOTA
05 Thompson 0	SEN. Blumenthal 0	SEN. Schatz 0	01 Whitfield 71	SEN. Klobuchar 0
06 Matsui 0	SEN. Murphy 0	SEN. Hirono 0	02 Guthrie 89	SEN. Franken 0
07 Bera 7	01 Larson 0	01 Hanabusa 0	03 Yarmuth 4	01 Walz 4
08 Cook 93	02 Courtney 0	02 Gabbard 3	04 Massie 93	02 Kline 92
09 McNerney 0	03 DeLauro 0	IDAHO	05 Rogers 72	03 Paulsen 96
10 Denham 68	04 Himes 0	SEN. Crapo 100	06 Barr 86	04 McCollum 0
11 Miller 0	05 Esty 0	SEN. Risch 100	LOUISIANA	05 Ellison 0
12 Pelosi 0	DELAWARE	01 Labrador 100	SEN. Landrieu 12	06 Bachmann 89
13 Lee 0	SEN. Carper 0	02 Simpson 76	SEN. Vitter 94	07 Peterson 46
14 Speier 0	SEN. Coons 0	ILLINOIS	01 Scalise 100	08 Nolan 3
15 Swalwell 0	AL Carney 0	SEN. Durbin 0	02 Richmond 12	MISSISSIPPI
16 Costa 22	FLORIDA	SEN. Kirk 89	03 Boustany 86	SEN. Cochran 80
17 Honda 0	SEN. Nelson 0	01 Rush 0	04 Fleming 100	SEN. Wicker 88
18 Eshoo 0	SEN. Rubio 100	02 Kelly 4	05 McAllister 64	01 Nunnelee 83
19 Lofgren 0	01 Miller 85	03 Lipinski 11	06 Cassidy 93	02 Thompson 4
20 Farr 0	02 Southerland 96	04 Gutierrez 0	MAINE	03 Harper 78
21 Valadao 54	03 Yoho 100	05 Quigley 0	SEN. Collins 44	04 Palazzo 96
22 Nunes 66	04 Crenshaw 82	06 Roskam 79	SEN. King (I) 0	
23 McCarthy 75	05 Brown 3	07 Davis 0	01 Pingree 0	
24 Capps 0		08 Duckworth 0	02 Michaud 0	

MISSOURI		04	McCarthy	0	14	Joyce	72	TENNESSEE		VERMONT					
SEN. McCaskill	6	05	Meeks	0	15	Stivers	79	SEN. Alexander	88	SEN. Leahy	0				
SEN. Blunt	94	06	Meng	3	16	Renacci	86	SEN. Corker	82	SEN. Sanders (I)	0				
01	Clay	0	07	Velázquez	0	OKLAHOMA		01	Roe	93	AL	Welch	0		
02	Wagner	83	08	Jeffries	0	SEN. Inhofe	100	02	Duncan	97	VIRGINIA				
03	Luetkemeyer	79	09	Clarke	0	SEN. Coburn	100	03	Fleischmann	93	SEN. Warner	0			
04	Hartzler	88	10	Nadler	0	01	Bridenstine	97	04	DesJarlais	92	SEN. Kaine	6		
05	Cleaver	0	11	Grimm	61	02	Mullin	86	05	Cooper	15	01	Wittman	89	
06	Graves	88	12	Maloney	3	03	Lucas	78	06	Black	97	02	Rigell	86	
07	Long	97	13	Rangel	0	04	Cole	72	07	Blackburn	100	03	Scott	0	
08	Smith	85	14	Crowley	0	05	Lankford	84	08	Fincher	89	04	Forbes	83	
MONTANA		15	Serrano	0	OREGON			09	Cohen	0	05	Hurt	96		
SEN. Tester	6	16	Engel	3	SEN. Wyden	6	TEXAS		SEN. Cornyn	100	06	Goodlatte	100		
SEN. Walsh	0	17	Lowey	0	SEN. Merkley	6	SEN. Cruz	100	01	Gohmert	96	07	Cantor	78	
AL	Daines	89	18	SP Maloney	11	01	Bonamici	0	02	Poe	93	08	Moran	4	
NEBRASKA		19	Gibson	55	02	Walden	83	03	Johnson	100	09	Griffith	86		
SEN. Johanns	94	20	Tonko	0	03	Blumenauer	0	04	Hall	83	10	Wolf	61		
SEN. Fischer	94	21	Owens	18	04	DeFazio	0	05	Hensarling	100	11	Connolly	3		
01	Fortenberry	76	22	Hanna	52	05	Schrader	3	06	Barton	97	WASHINGTON			
02	Terry	90	23	Reed	65	PENNSYLVANIA		07	Culberson	86	SEN. Murray	0			
03	Smith	93	24	Maffei	7	SEN. Casey	0	08	Brady	93	SEN. Cantwell	0			
04	Horsford	4	25	Slaughter	0	SEN. Toomey	100	09	Green, Al	12	01	DelBene	3		
NEVADA		26	Higgins	0	01	Brady	0	10	McCaul	97	02	Larsen	11		
SEN. Reid	0	27	Collins	71	02	Fattah	0	11	Conaway	93	03	Herrera	67		
SEN. Heller	76	NORTH CAROLINA			03	Kelly	82	12	Granger	86	04	Hastings	82		
01	Titus	3	SEN. Burr	94	04	Perry	96	13	Thornberry	100	05	McMorris			
02	Amodei	68	SEN. Hagan	12	05	Thompson	72	14	Weber	97	Rodgers	86			
03	Heck	76	01	Butterfield	0	06	Gerlach	78	15	Hinojosa	7	06	Kilmer	0	
NEW HAMPSHIRE		02	Ellmers	89	02	Meehan	65	16	O'Rourke	0	07	McDermott	0		
SEN. Shaheen	6	03	Jones	78	08	Fitzpatrick	64	17	Flores	97	08	Reichert	65		
SEN. Ayotte	83	04	Price	0	09	Shuster	84	18	Jackson	4	09	Smith	0		
01	Shea-Porter	3	05	Fox	96	10	Marino	76	19	Neugebauer	97	10	Heck	4	
02	Kuster	3	06	Coble	81	11	Barletta	76	20	Castro	3	WEST VIRGINIA			
NEW JERSEY		07	McIntyre	56	12	Rothfus	93	21	Smith	93	SEN. Rockefeller	0			
SEN. Menendez	0	08	Hudson	100	13	Schwartz	0	22	Olson	93	SEN. Manchin	28			
SEN. Booker	0	09	Pittenger	96	14	Doyle	4	23	Gallego	18	01	McKinley	72		
01	Vacant		10	McHenry	100	15	Dent	65	24	Marchant	97	02	Capito	72	
02	LoBiondo	54	11	Meadows	100	16	Pitts	93	25	Williams	100	03	Rahall	43	
03	Runyan	54	12	Watt	0	17	Cartwright	0	26	Burgess	97	WISCONSIN			
04	Smith	57	13	Holding	100	18	Murphy	75	27	Farenthold	90	SEN. Johnson	100		
05	Garrett	96	NORTH DAKOTA			RHODE ISLAND			28	Cuellar	40	SEN. Baldwin	0		
06	Pallone	0	SEN. Hoeven	89	SEN. Reed	0	SEN. Whitehouse	0	29	Green	15	01	Ryan	93	
07	Lance	81	SEN. Heitkamp	6	01	Cicilline	0	30	Johnson, EB	0	02	Pocan	0		
08	Sires	3	AL	Cramer	76	02	Langevin	0	31	Carter	82	03	Kind	0	
09	Pascrell	0	OHIO			SOUTH CAROLINA			32	Sessions	93	04	Moore	0	
10	Payne	0	SEN. Brown	0	SEN. Graham	94	SEN. Scott	100	33	Veasey	3	05	Sensenbrenner		
11	Frelinghuysen	71	SEN. Portman	78	01	Sanford	85	34	Vela	19	100	06	Petri	89	
12	Holt	0	01	Chabot	100	02	Wilson	100	35	Doggett	0	07	Duffy	96	
NEW MEXICO		02	Wenstrup	97	03	Duncan	100	36	Stockman	100	08	Ribble	93		
SEN. Udall	0	03	Beatty	0	04	Gowdy	97	UTAH			WYOMING				
SEN. Heinrich	0	04	Jordan	100	05	Mulvaney	100	SEN. Hatch	94	SEN. Enzi	94				
01	Grisham	4	05	Latta	93	06	Clyburn	0	SEN. Lee	100	SEN. Barrasso	100			
02	Pearce	89	06	Johnson	93	07	Rice	93	01	Bishop	93	AL	Lummis	97	
03	Luján	3	07	Gibbs	93	SOUTH DAKOTA			02	Stewart	89				
NEW YORK		08	Boehner	SPKR	09	Kaptur	0	SEN. Johnson	0	03	Chaffetz	88			
SEN. Schumer	0	10	Turner	72	11	Fudge	0	SEN. Thune	94	04	Matheson	47			
SEN. Gillibrand	0	11	Tiberi	82	12	Ryan	4	AL	Noem	81					
01	Bishop	0	13	Ryan	4										
02	King	67													
03	Israel	3													

113TH CONGRESS (SENATE – FIRST SESSION)

(Roll Call Vote 4) HR 15 – Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 – Laden with pork (Community Development Block Grants) without offsets – on final passage. Approved 62-36. Vote No. **(Roll Call Vote 67)** Thune amendment to budget bill S.Con.Res. 8 to kill the federal death tax. Defeated 46-53. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 75)** Scott amendment to budget bill to prevent automatic deduction of union dues from federal employee compensation. Defeated 43-56. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 76)** Inhofe amendment to budget bill to block EPA regulations on greenhouse gases predicated on global warming. Defeated 47-52. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 90)** Portman amendment to budget bill to require dynamic (macroeconomic) scoring of tax proposals. Approved 51-48. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 92)** Final passage of Senate budget bill which increased taxes and spending. Approved 50-49. Vote no. **(Roll Call Vote 113)** Vote on S.743 (Marketplace Farmers Act of 2013); extends state commercial power beyond state boundaries through taxation overreach (internet sales tax). Approved 69-27. Vote no. **(Roll Call Vote 208)** H.J.Res. 59 – continuing resolution. Reid amendment to remove Obamacare defunding from continuing resolution. Approved 54-44. Vote No. **(Roll Call Vote 242)** Vote to sustain ruling of the chair to keep 60-vote requirement for Executive appointees. Failed 48-52. Vote yes.

113TH CONGRESS (SENATE – SECOND SESSION)

(Roll Call Vote 2) S.1845 – Unemployment insurance extension cloture vote on the motion to proceed. Approved 60-37. Vote no. **(Roll Call Vote 10)** Cloture vote S.1845. Rejected 55-45 (needed 3/5). Vote no. **(Roll Call Vote 101)** On passage of H.R.3979 – “emergency” extension of unemployment insurance benefits. Passed 59-38. Vote no. **(Roll Call Vote 117)** Cloture on S.2223 – federal minimum wage increase. Rejected 54-42. Vote no. **(Roll Call Vote 142)** On cloture of Sheehan-Portman Energy Emergency Bill. Rejected 55-36. Vote no. **(Roll Call Vote 185)** S.2432 – student loan bill; cloture on the motion to proceed. Rejected 56-38. Vote No. **(Roll Call Vote 228)** S.2578 – imposing women’s health issues on employers; cloture on motion to proceed. Rejected 56-43. Vote no. **(Roll Call Vote 249)** S.2569 – a “jobs” bill containing counterproductive tax provisions; cloture vote. Rejected 54-42. Vote no. **(Roll Call Vote 252)** S.2648 – Supplemental Appropriations Act; motion to waive all applicable budgetary discipline. Rejected 50-44. Vote no.

113TH CONGRESS (HOUSE – FIRST SESSION)

(Roll Call Vote 23) H.R.152 – Sandy Recovery Relief Act of 2013 – excessive and pork-laden. Passed 241-180. Vote no. **(Roll Call Vote 68)** H.R.890 – Welfare Reform; preserves TANF work requirement, reversing Obama Executive Order. Passed 246-181. Vote Yes. **(Roll Call Vote 142)** H.R.807 – Full Faith and Credit Act; if debt ceiling reached, pay debt and Social Security obligations first. Passed 221-207. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 179)** H.R.3 – Northern Route Approval Act – OKs moving forward on Keystone XL pipeline. Passed 241-175. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 208)** H.R.2217 – Homeland Security Appropriation; King (IA) amendment barring funding for amnesty for illegals. Passed 224-201. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 257)** H.R.1947 – Farm Bill; Foxx (NC) amendment imposing spending caps. Passed 267-156. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 283)** H.R.1947 – Huelskamp (KS) amendment: food stamp work requirements; reduces spending. Defeated 175-250. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 304)** – H.R.2231 – Offshore Energy & Jobs Act – expand outer continental shelf oil & gas development. Passed 235-186. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 445)** H.R.367 (REINS) Act of 2013 – requires Congress to approve all major regulations promulgated by Executive agencies. Passed 232–183. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 478)** H.J.Res.59 – continuing resolution which defunds Obamacare. Passed 230-189. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 604)** H.R.278 – “Protecting States’ Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act” – preserves “fracking” regulations primarily at the state level. Passed 235-187. Vote yes.

113TH CONGRESS (HOUSE – SECOND SESSION)

(Roll Call Vote 30) H.R.7 – No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act – except in cases of rape, incest or danger to life of mother. Passed 227-188. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 61)** S.340 – “Clean” Debt Limit Suspension; suspends debt limit to March 2015 without spending or borrowing controls. Passed 221-201. Vote no. **(Roll Call Vote 69)** H.R.3865 – “Stop Targeting of Political Beliefs by the IRS Act” of 2014 – restricts scope of IRS review of 501(c)(4) social welfare organizations. Passed 243-176. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 177)** H.Con.Res. 6 – “RSC Back to Basics Budget” – reduce spending, pass pro-growth tax reform and balance the budget in four years. Passed 219-205. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 235)** H.R.4435 – Jenkins (KS) amendment to defense authorization bill to keep outsourcing instead of creating government jobs. Failed 179-244. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 253)** H.R.4660- Scott (GA) amendment to CJS appropriation bill to eliminate funding for Legal Services Corporation. Failed 116-290. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 256)** H.R.4660 – Blackburn (TN) amendment to cut CJS funding 1% except FBI. Failed 198-208. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 264)** H.R.4660 – Duffy (WI) amendment to CJS appropriation to protect US control of internet domain system. Passed 229-178. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 301)** H.R.400 – Broun (GA) amendment to reduce duplicative agricultural research costs. Failed 130-290. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 334)** H.R.4870 – Gosar (AZ) amendment to defense appropriations bill to stop DOD purchase of expensive biofuels. Failed 205-208. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 359)** H.R.6 – Domestic Property & Global Freedom Act – expedite export licenses for natural gas. Passed 266-150. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 400)** H.R.4923 – Hudson (NC) amendment to reduce Dept. of Energy spending to FY-2008 levels. Failed 131-289. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 404)** H.R.4718 – permanent bonus depreciation; reform tax code allowing current year expensing of 50% of the cost of capital investments. Passed 258-160. Vote yes. **(Roll Call Vote 435)** H.R.1022 – rare earth taxpayer-supported program. Passed 260-143. Vote no. **(Roll Call Vote 479)** HR.5272 – Blackburn (TN) amendment to stop funding Obama’s assistance to alien children Passed 216-192. Vote yes.