

Issue Description

ACEC Position

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| Issue 1: Cosponsor S292, which would repeal the 3% withholding mandate on federal, state, and some local government contracts set to take effect in 2012. This mandate was approved by Congress without debate and would harm honest taxpayers, especially small businesses. | Supports cosponsorship |
| Issue 2: Final passage of HR 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which includes over \$130 billion in new investments for public buildings and transportation, environmental and energy infrastructure, as well as delays implementation of the 3% withholding mandate to 2012. The bill passed by a vote of 60-38. | Supports the bill |
| Issue 3: Senate passage of HR3357, which transferred \$7 billion to preserve the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund and prevent devastating funding cuts to state highway programs. The bill passed by a vote of 79-17. | Supports the bill |
| Issue 4: Cosponsor S1504, which would overturn Supreme Court precedent ruling that plaintiffs should not be able to bring a lawsuit in federal court if there is no plausible basis for their claims. Eliminating this threshold would open the floodgates to baseless lawsuits, increase litigation costs for large and small businesses, and divert resources from job creation and investment. | Opposes cosponsorship |
| Issue 5: Senate passage of HR2847, the "Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act" which included an extension of federal highway and transit programs through December 31, 2010 and a restoration of \$19.5 billion to the Highway Trust Fund, returning interest on the balance and preventing devastating cuts to state and local transportation programs. The bill also expanded the popular and successful Build America Bonds program for infrastructure development. The bill passed by a vote of 70-28. | Supports the bill |
| Issue 6: Senate passage of amendments to H.R. 1586, to reauthorize Federal Aviation Administration funding and programs for fiscal years 2010 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity and provide stable funding for the national aviation system, including airport development. The bill included ACEC-backed increases to the Airport Improvement Program. It passed by a vote of 93-0. | Supports the bill |
| Issue 7: Senator Mike Johanns (R-NE) offered an amendment to the small business jobs bill that would have repealed the provision in the health care reform law that expands IRS Form 1099 filing requirements to include payments for goods as well as services, and corporate vendors as well as non-corporate vendors. The amendment failed to achieve cloture by a vote of 46 to 52. | Supports the amendment |
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