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Congressional Scorecard 116-1

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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★ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	? Did not Vote	Vote
			YES ✗
			YES ★
			YES ✗
			YES ✗
			YES ✗
			YES ✗

Estimated cost per household: **-\$2,590.00/year.**

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\$290,860

U.S. National Debt Per Household as of June 3, 2026

Why do these votes matter?

1. USMCA

As Republican Congressman Thomas Massie recently explained to The New American magazine, the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement preserves virtually all of NAFTA, then adopts major parts of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

The agreement also serves to expand the burgeoning institutions of “North American” governance, including transnational bureaucracy, courts, and regulations. The rules and laws that govern the United States should be made by Americans — not by unelected Mexican and Canadian bureaucrats and “judges” sitting on USMCA/NAFTA committees and tribunals. Plus, the Constitution delegates these powers to Congress and American states, not foreigners or regional governments.

2. On Agreeing to the Amendment 33 to H R 2500

One of the more important bills we scored, it would have protected the constitutionally guaranteed right not to be indefinitely detained without trial. This would seem to be a no-brainer. After all, one of the reasons America’s Founders declared independence from the British Crown is that the King was depriving colonists of their right to a trial by jury.

Unfortunately, many members of Congress today, in both parties, think that the military should be able to detain anyone forever — including Americans, without even charging them with a crime, and without giving them any opportunity to contest their detention. This is a grotesque abuse of power and an assault on one of the most fundamental God-given rights of every citizen in this nation.

3. Equality Act

Under this extreme legislation, religious liberty and the First Amendment would face a potentially fatal blow. In short, the federal government would become a persecutor of Christians and others of faith who hold to traditional, biblical beliefs about marriage and gender. Even churches are not exempt from the LGBT mandates, with the bill specifically stating that “religious freedom” is not a defense. This blatantly unconstitutional bill passed in the House but has not yet been voted on by the U.S. Senate.

4. Paris Agreement

Another crucial component of the war on America is the use of the discredited man-made, global-warming hypothesis as a pretext to surrender U.S. sovereignty, dismantle American industry, and centralize more power at the United Nations. As such, anyone voting to keep the U.S. government in the UN “Paris Agreement” after Trump announced our withdrawal received a negative score. Carbon dioxide is an essential gas exhaled by people and required by plants — it is not pollution!

5. Firearms Background Checks

The Second Amendment also came under attack in this Congress. This bill would have banned virtually all private firearm sales under the guise of mandating “universal background checks.” This means the government would have to approve every single gun transfer, making the God-given right to keep and bear arms into a mere privilege that the government could (and would) revoke at will. Remember what Robert “Beto” O’Rourke said: “Yes, we are coming to take your guns.”

6. Consolidated Appropriations (H.J.R. 31)

At \$23 trillion and counting, not including the estimated \$200 trillion in unfunded liabilities, the U.S. government is in more debt than any entity in all of recorded human history. Plus, the Consolidated Appropriations bill was packed with hundreds of billions of dollars in funding for unconstitutional agencies, programs, and schemes — many of which are key parts of the War on America. Members of Congress, who swore an oath to uphold the Constitution, had a duty to reject this reckless spending. Most didn’t.