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## Congressional Scorecard 112-1

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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

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✗

2. **Amendment to S990 Patriot Act** (Firearms Purchase Records) (Tabled 85 to 10 on 5/26/2011, Roll Call 82). Amendment that would have banned the use of Patriot Act searches for American citizens' firearms records. **YES**  
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3. **Amendment to HR2832 Trade Promotion Authority** (Rejected 45 to 55 on 9/20/2011, Roll Call 141). Amendment to reinstitute trade promotion authority through 2013 for the purpose of expediting approval of trade bills. **NO**  
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4. **Amendment to S2038 Congressional Term Limits** (Rejected 24 to 75 on 2/2/2012, Roll Call 11). Amendment to propose an amendment to the Constitution that limits the number of terms a Member of Congress may serve. **NO**  
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6. **S3240 Farm Bill** (Passed 64 to 35 on 6/21/2012, Roll Call 164). Authorized federal farm and food assistance programs for five years. The programs include crop subsidies, food stamps, and foreign food aid. **YES**  
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Estimated cost per household: **-\$8,003.00/year.**

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