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Senate Vote #1: RS 2477 RIGHTS-OF-WAY ON FEDERAL LANDS. The 1997 Interior Appropriations bill included language to repeal an Interior Department directive that stopped states from claiming rights-of way on Federal lands under RS 2477. Senator Dale Bumpers (D-AR) offered an amendment to strike that section of the bill. Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK) made a motion to table (kill) the Bumpers Amendment. Motion agreed to 51-49 on May 7, 1997. The Property Rights vote was an S to support the Stevens motion.

Senate Vote #2: REPEAL THE "DEPLETION ALLOWANCE" FOR HARDROCK MINING COMPANIES. Senator Dale Bumpers (D-AR) offered an amendment to the Fiscal 1998 Budget Reconciliation Act to revise the Internal Revenue code and repeal the "depletion allowance" tax break currently available to hardrock mining companies. Senator Frank Murkowski (R-AK) raised a point of order against the Bumpers' Amendment that it conflicted with the Budget Act. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) countered with a motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to the Murkowski point of order. Gregg's Motion was rejected 36-63 on June 26, 1997. (A three-fifths majority -60- vote of the total Senate is required to waive the Budget Act. Subsequently, the chair upheld the Murkowski point of order and the amendment failed.) Property rights supporters voted to oppose Gregg's motion.

Senate Vote #3: JURISDICTION OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. Senator Diane Feinstein (D-CA) offered an amendment to strike sections of the 1998 Commerce, Justice and State Appropriations that revised the jurisdiction of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She attempted to replace the jurisdiction language with language that set up a 10-member commission to study reorganization of the Federal Court of Appeals system, with emphasis on the Ninth Circuit. The Feinstein Amendment was rejected 45-55 on July 24, 1997. Property rights advocates voted no.

Senate Vote #4: FUNDING FOR FOREST SERVICE LOGGING ROADS. Senator Richard Bryan (D-NV) offered an amendment to reduce funding for Forest Service road construction by \$10 million and eliminate the Purchaser Credit Program. The amendment was rejected 49-51 on September 17, 1997. The private property vote was no.

Senate Vote #5: INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS - AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVERS. Senator Tim Hutchinson (R-AR) offered an amendment that would require congressional approval before President Clinton could implement the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) made a motion to table (kill) the Hutchinson Amendment. The D'Amato motion was agreed to 57-42 on September 18, 1997. The private property position was no.

Senate Vote #6: INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS - MINING AND ROYALTY FEES. Senator Slade Gorton (R-WA) made a point of order against an amendment by Senator Dale Bumpers (D-AR) which would revise royalty and reclamation fees regarding mining operations on public lands. The point of order was for violating the Constitution by originating a revenue bill in the Senate and breaching the principles of the Supreme Court decision in Buckley vs. Valeo. The point of order was upheld 59-39 on September 18, 1997. The private property vote was yes.

Senate Vote #7: OMNIBUS PROPERTY RIGHTS ACT. This is not a vote of record. The Senate has not yet voted on S-781, which Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) introduced in 1997. The League of Private Property Voters is using sponsorship of S-781 as one element in the 1998 Vote Index. S-781 would establish a more efficient federal process for protecting property owners' rights guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment. It would compensate property owners for the "taking" of their property, or limiting the use of their property, by federal regulation, so that the fair market value has been reduced by 33%. S-781 is similar to a bill approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee with bipartisan approval during the 104th Congress but was not voted on by the full Senate.

SENATE KEY

S: Supported Private Property Position; O: Opposed Private Property Position; ? : Did Not Vote; I: Ineligible to vote

Private Property

Position:

Y N N N N Y Y

% Support:

Senator

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

When Voting

All Votes

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Alabama

Sessions (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86
Shelby (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86
Alaska									
Murkowski (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86
Stevens (R)	S	S	S	S	?	S	O	86	71
Arizona									
Kyl (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86
McCain (R)	S	S	S	S	O	S	O	71	71
Arkansas									
Bumpers (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Hutchinson (R)	O	S	S	S	S	S	S	86	86
California									
Boxer (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Feinstein (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Colorado									
Allard (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86
Campbell (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86
Connecticut									
Dodd (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Lieberman (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Delaware									
Biden (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Roth (R)	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	43	43
Florida									
Graham (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Mack (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86
Georgia									
Cleland (D)	O	S	O	O	O	O	O	14	14
Coverdell (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100
Hawaii									
Akaka (D)	O	O	O	O	O	?	O	0	0
Inouye (D)	S	S	O	O	O	S	O	43	43
Idaho									
Craig (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100
Kempthorne (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100
Illinois									
Durbin (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Moseley-Braun (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0

Indiana

Coats (R)	S	O	S	S	S	O	O	57	57
Lugar (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86

Iowa

Grassley (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86
Harkin (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0

Kansas

Brownback (R)	S	S	S	O	S	S	O	71	71
Roberts (R)	S	?	S	S	S	S	S	100	83

Kentucky

Ford (D)	O	S	O	O	O	O	O	14	14
McConnell (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86

Louisiana

Breaux (D)	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	43	43
Landrieu (D)	O	S	O	O	O	O	O	14	14

Maine

Cohen (R)	O	O	S	S	O	O	O	29	29
Snowe (R)	O	O	S	S	O	O	O	29	29

Maryland

Mikulski (D)	O	O	O	O	O	S	O	14	14
Sarbanes (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0

Massachusetts

Kennedy (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Kerry (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0

Michigan

Abraham (R)	S	S	S	S	O	S	O	71	71
Levin (D)	O	O	O	S	O	O	O	14	14

Minnesota

Grams (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86
Wellstone (D)	O	O	O	O	O	?	O	0	0

Mississippi

Cochran (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100
Lott (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100

Missouri

Ashcroft (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86
Bond (R)	S	S	S	S	O	S	O	71	71

Montana

Baucus (D)	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	43	43
Burns (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100

Nebraska

Hagel (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100
Kerrey (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0

Nevada

Bryan (D)	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	43	43
Reid (D)	O	S	O	O	O	S	O	29	29

New Hampshire

Gregg (R)	S	O	S	O	O	O	O	29	29
Smith (R)	S	O	S	S	S	S	O	71	71

New Jersey

Lautenberg (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Torricelli (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0

New Mexico

Bingaman (D)	O	S	O	O	O	S	O	29	29
Domenici (R)	S	S	S	S	O	S	O	71	71

New York

D'Amato (R)	S	S	S	O	O	S	O	57	57
Moynihan (D)	O	S	O	O	O	O	S	14	14

North Carolina

Faircloth (R)	S	S	S	S	O	O	O	57	57
Helms (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100

North Dakota

Conrad (D)	S	S	O	O	S	O	O	41	41
Dorgan B (D)	S	S	O	O	S	S	O	57	57

Ohio

DeWine (R)	S	S	S	O	O	O	O	41	41
Glenn (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0

Oklahoma

Inhofe (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86
Nickles D (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86

Oregon

Smith (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100
Wyden (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0

Pennsylvania

Santorum (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86
Specter (R)	S	S	S	S	O	S	O	71	71

Rhode Island

Chafee (R)	O	O	S	O	O	S	O	29	29
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Reed (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
South Carolina									
Hollings (D)	O	O	S	O	O	S	O	29	29
Thurmond (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100
South Dakota									
Daschle (D)	O	S	O	O	O	S	O	29	29
Johnson (D)	O	S	O	O	O	S	O	29	29
Tennessee									
Frist (R)	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	43	43
Thompson (R)	S	S	S	O	O	S	O	57	57
Texas									
Gramm (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100
Hutchison (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100
Utah									
Bennett (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100
Hatch (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100
Vermont									
Jeffords (R)	O	O	S	O	O	O	O	14	14
Leahy (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Virginia									
Robb (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Warner (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100
Washington									
Gorton (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	86	86
Murray (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
West Virginia									
Byrd (D)	O	S	O	S	S	O	O	43	43
Rockefeller (D)	O	O	O	O	S	O	O	14	14
Wisconsin									
Feingold (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Kohl (D)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	0	0
Wyoming									
Enzi (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100
Thomas (R)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	100	100