



Sunday, January 26, 2025

HOW YOUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES VOTED

For the week that ended Jan. 25

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HOUSE: Melanie Stansbury (D) Teresa Leger Fernández (D) Gabe Vasquez (D)

ILLEGAL ALIENS AND CRIME:

The House has passed the **Laken Riley Act (S. 5)**, sponsored by Sen. Katie Britt, R-Ala., to require the Homeland Security Department to **detain illegal aliens in the U.S. who have been arrested on theft charges, and authorize state governments to sue for legal remedies from the federal government for damages resulting from its failure to enforce immigration laws**. A supporter, Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, said the lawsuit provision would help "ensure that we can stop any future administration that is not just refusing to enforce federal law but is actually abusing federal law to endanger our people, our citizens who we represent." An opponent, Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández, D-N.M., said, "**There are already existing laws for the detention and deportation of immigrants who commit violent crimes.**" The vote, on Jan. 22, was 263 yeas to 156 nays.

→ **NAYS:** Stansbury, Vasquez, Leger Fernández

ABORTION AND HEALTH CARE:

The House has passed the **Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 21)**, sponsored by Rep. Ann Wagner, R-Mo., to require health care providers to provide **adequate care to an infant who has survived an attempted abortion**. Wagner said: "This bill will save real lives, and it will give survivors a precious chance to build a future." An opponent, Rep. Timothy M. Kennedy, D-N.Y., said it "would levy criminal charges against healthcare practitioners and providers, jeopardizing their ability to deliver proper medical care to women." The vote, on Jan. 23, was 217 yeas to 204 nays, with 1 voting present.

→ **NAYS:** Stansbury, Vasquez, Leger Fernández

SENATE: Martin Heinrich (D) Ben Ray Luján (D)

DEPORTABLE CRIMINAL OFFENSES:

The Senate has approved an amendment sponsored by Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, to the Laken Riley Act (S. 5), to include crimes causing serious injury or death among those prompting detention and deportation of an illegal alien. Ernst said the amendment "will close the loopholes that for too long have allowed murderers who come here illegally to roam free in our communities and commit more crimes." The vote, on Jan. 20, was 75 yeas to 24 nays.

→ YEAS: Heinrich, Luján

ILLEGAL ALIENS AND CRIME:

The Senate has passed the **Laken Riley Act (S. 5)**, sponsored by **Sen. Katie Britt, R-Ala.** **Britt said the requirement would improve public safety by removing illegal aliens "before they get the opportunity to commit further, graver crimes" than theft.** An opponent, Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., said the bill was "neither focused on driving resources to the border or establishing a more robust and rigorous system of immigration." The vote, on Jan. 20, was 64 yeas to 35 nays.

→ **NAYS:** Heinrich, Luján

ABORTION AND HEALTH CARE:

The Senate has rejected a cloture **motion to proceed to consideration of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (S. 6)**, sponsored by Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla., which would have required health care providers to provide adequate care to an infant who has survived an attempted abortion. Lankford said the bill was needed to remove a legal "loophole that if an abortion was botched, everyone can just back away and watch the child die; they do not have to give that child medical care." An opponent, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said: "This bill cruelly substitutes the judgment of qualified medical professionals and the wishes of millions of families and allows the ultra-right ideology to dictate what they do." The vote, on Jan. 22, was 52 yeas to 47 nays, with a three-fifths majority required.