

House International Relations Committee Action on AIDS legislation (H.R. 1298)

H.R. 1298 was written as a bi-partisan bill, which required conservatives to introduce amendments during the International Relations Committee mark-up on April 2. These amendments encompassed key priorities called for by the President.

1. **Prioritizing Abstinence:** Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA) offered an amendment that would have given funding priority to prevention programs promoting abstinence over those featuring condom use. Rep. Barbara Lee, (D-CA) offered a weakening amendment by including condom use as a priority. Lee's amendment passed by a vote of 24 to 20. Then, Pitts' watered-down measure giving equal priority to abstinence, monogamy, and condoms passed by voice vote.

Vote Results on the Lee Amendment, (Republicans in Bold)

Eagle Forum urged a NO Vote.

VOTING YES: **Leach, Houghton**, Lantos, Berman, Ackerman, Payne, Menendez, Brown, Sherman, Wexler, Engel, Delahunt, Meeks, Lee, Crowley, Hoeffel, Blumenauer, Berkley, Napolitano, Schiff, Watson, Smith (WA), McCollum and Bell

VOTING NO: **Hyde, Smith (NJ), Burton, Gallegly, Ballenger, Rohrabacher, Royce, Chabot, Tancredo, Paul, Smith (MI), Pitts, Flake, Davis, Green, Weller, Pence, McCotter, Janklow and Harris.**

NOT VOTING: **Bereuter, McHugh, Ros-Lehtinen, Faleomavaega, Peter King**

2. **Protecting Faith-Based Groups:** Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA) offered an amendment to provide conscience protection for faith-based groups who wish to participate but have religious objections to distributing condoms as a HIV prevention method. The amendment failed 21 to 23.

Vote Results on the Pitts Conscience Clause Amendment

Eagle Forum urged a Yes vote.

VOTING YES: **Hyde, Leach, Bereuter, Smith (NJ), Ballenger, Rohrabacher, Royce, King, Chabot, Tancredo, Paul, Smith (MI), Pitts, Flake, Davis, Green, Weller, Pence, McCotter, Janklow and Harris.**

VOTING NO: **Houghton**, Lantos, Berman, Ackerman, Payne, Menendez, Brown, Sherman, Wexler, Engel, Delahunt, Meeks, Lee, Crowley, Hoeffel, Blumenauer, Berkley, Napolitano, Schiff, Watson, Smith (WA), McCollum and Bell.

NOT VOTING: **McHugh, Ros-Lehtinen, Burton, Gallegly, and Faleomavaega**

3. **Opposing Funds for Pro-Prostitution Groups:** Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) offered an amendment to require organizations to have an explicit policy opposing sexual trafficking and prostitution as a condition for receiving this AIDS money. Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA) attempt to gut the amendment narrowly failed 21 to 22. The Smith Amendment passed 24 to 22.

Vote Results of the Lantos Gutting Amendment

Eagle Forum urged a NO vote.

VOTING YES: Leach, Lantos, Berman, Ackerman, Payne, Menendez, Brown, Wexler, Engel, Delahunt, Meeks, Lee, Crowley, Hoeffel, Blumenauer, Berkley, Napolitano, Schiff, Watson, Smith (WA) and McCollum

VOTING NO: Hyde, Bereuter, Smith (NJ), Burton, Gallegly, Ballenger, Rohrabacher, Royce, King, Chabot, Houghton, Tancredo, Paul, Pitts, Flake, Davis, Green, Weller, Pence, McCotter, Janklow and Harris

NOT VOTING: McHugh, Ros-Lehtinen, Nick Smith, Faleomavaega, Sherman, Bell

Vote Results for the Smith Amendment

Eagle Forum urged a YES vote.

VOTING YES: Hyde, Leach, Bereuter, Smith (NJ), Burton, Gallegly, Ballenger, Rohrabacher, Royce, King, Chabot, Houghton, Tancredo, Paul, Smith (MI), Pitts, Flake, Davis, Green, Weller, Pence, McCotter, Janklow and Harris

VOTING NO: Lantos, Berman, Ackerman, Payne, Menendez, Brown, Sherman, Wexler, Engel, Delahunt, Meeks, Lee, Crowley, Hoeffel, Blumenauer, Berkley, Napolitano, Schiff, Watson, Smith (WA), McCollum and Bell

NOT VOTING: McHugh, Ros-Lehtinen, Faleomavaega

4. The Committee approved by unanimous consent language offered by Rep. JoAnn Davis (R-VA) that would require an analysis of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) in sub-Saharan Africa and the impact that condom usage has upon the spread of HPV in sub-Saharan Africa.

H.R. 1298 was approved by the House International Relations Committee 37 to 8.

Committee Passage Vote Results

Eagle Forum urged a NO vote.

VOTING YES: Hyde, Leach, Bereuter, Smith (NJ), Burton, Gallegly, Ballenger, Rohrabacher, Royce, King, Houghton, Green, Weller, McCotter, Janklow, Harris, Lantos, Berman, Ackerman, Payne, Menendez, Brown, Sherman, Wexler, Engel, Delahunt, Meeks, Lee, Crowley, Hoeffel, Berkley, Napolitano, Schiff, Watson, Smith (WA), McCollum and Bell

VOTING NO: Chabot, Tancredo, Paul, Smith (MI), Pitts, Flake, Davis, and Pence

NOT VOTING: Ros-Lehtinen, McHugh, Faleomavaega, Blumenauer