

Congressman Rothman's Voting Record for the Week Ending April 28

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Please see below for information about how Rep. Steve Rothman voted for the week that ended April 28. An inaccurate tally of his votes was printed in the Bergen Record due to a production error. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Congressman Rothman's Washington, DC office at (202) 225-5061.

Intelligence budget: Members passed, 327-96, a 2007 budget for U.S. spy agencies, estimated at \$44 billion. The bill permits warrantless arrests of Intelligence staffers suspected of information leaks. A yes vote backed HR 5020 over arguments it neglects Congress' oversight role. Rothman voted NO.

Domestic spying: Members defeated, 195-230, a Democratic bid to curb the administration's program of domestic electronic surveillance. A yes vote was to stipulate that Congress' post-9/11 force resolution did not authorize the warrantless eavesdropping on Americans. (HR5020) Rothman voted YES.

Nuclear Iran: Members blocked, 228-194, a Democratic bid to require administration reports to the House Intelligence Committee every 90 days on Iran's nuclear-weapons program. A yes vote was to block the motion on grounds that the panel can always request updates. (HR5020) Rothman voted NO.

Pressure on Iran: Members passed, 397-21, a bill (HR282) authorizing the United States to financially back efforts by pro-democracy groups inside and outside of Iran to undermine the current Islamic regime. A yes vote was to pass a bill that also expands economic sanctions on Iran. Rothman voted YES.

Ethics, lobbying rules: Members advanced, 216-207, a bill in response to ethics and lobbying scandals afflicting Capitol Hill. The bill remained in debate. A yes vote was to advance legislation (HR4975) that requires the secretive appropriations known as earmarks to be publicly identified. Rothman voted NO.

Oil company taxes: Members defeated, 190-232, a non-binding Democratic bid to remove oil-company tax breaks from a bill (HR4297) now in House-Senate negotiations. A yes vote was to strip the bill of breaks valued at \$5 billion over five years. In part, they concern taxes on inventories. Rothman voted YES.

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