

112th ACEC Congressional Scorecard

Senate Descriptions

SENATE ACTIONS

1. **3% Withholding Repeal** – Senate passage of HR 674, legislation to repeal the withholding mandate, which was scheduled to take effect January 1, 2013 and would have withheld 3% from all federal and state contracts, as well as contracts from counties and municipalities that purchase at least \$100 million a year in goods and services. The Senate passed HR 674 by a vote of 95-0 ([Vote #204](#)). ACEC Position: Support passage of HR 674.
2. **1099 Filing Mandate Repeal** – Senate passage of HR 4, legislation to repeal a new mandate included in the health care reform law that would significantly expand the number of IRS Form 1099 filings. The Senate passed HR 4 by a vote of 87-12 ([Vote #49](#)). ACEC Position: Support passage of HR 4.
3. **MAP-21** -- Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (H.R. 4348), [Vote #172](#). Final passage of conference report of two-year highway and transit program reauthorization bill with stable funding and ACEC-backed project delivery reforms. Passed 74-19. ACEC position: Support
4. **Airport Projects Funding** -- FAA Modernization and Reform Act (H.R. 658), [Vote #15](#). Final passage of conference report of four-year aviation bill, including stable funding for airport improvement projects and endorsement of QBS on PFC-funded projects. Passed 75-20. ACEC position: Support
5. **Tax Increase on Small Firms/Passthroughs** -- S 3412, the Middle Class Tax Cut Act, [Vote #184](#). S 3412 extends the 2001/2003 tax cuts for one year, except for individuals earning more than \$200,000 and families earning more than \$250,000. Passed 51-48. ACEC position: Oppose
6. **Export Finance Assistance** -- HR 2072 (PL 112-122), the Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act, [Vote #96](#), which extended authority to 2014 and raised the loan limit to \$140 billion. Passed 78-20. ACEC position: Support
7. **Keystone XL Pipeline** -- Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) offered an amendment to the surface transportation reauthorization bill that approves the Keystone XL pipeline project and provides for environmental protection and government oversight. The amendment failed 56-42 ([Vote #34](#)) because it did not achieve 60 votes in the affirmative. ACEC position: Support

- 8. *Reduction of Highway Funding*** – an amendment (S. Amdt. 621) offered by Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) to the transportation extension bill (HR 2887) which would have reduced outlays from the Highway Trust Fund to current revenue levels, resulting in a 34% cut in current funding to the states. The Senate rejected the amendment by a vote of 14-84 ([Vote #136](#)). ACEC Position: Oppose the Paul Amendment.
- 9. *Reduction of Aviation Funding*** -- an amendment (S. Amdt. 622) offered by Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) to the transportation extension bill (HR 2887) which would have reduced FAA funding to 2008 levels. The Senate rejected the amendment by a vote of 36-61 ([Vote #137](#)). ACEC Position: Oppose the Paul Amendment.
- 10. *Bonding for Water Projects*** – S 939, the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Investment Act, would exempt water and wastewater projects from the state volume cap on private activity bonds and significantly expanding the availability of low-cost financing for water infrastructure projects. ACEC Position: Support Co-sponsorship of S 939.