

115th Congress Scorecard – Vote Descriptions

Senate

1. **House Joint Resolution 37** – legislation to repeal the so-called “blacklisting” rule, which would have imposed problematic new reporting requirements on firms competing for federal projects, requiring firms to report both actual and *alleged* violations of federal and state labor laws. Passed the Senate 49-48 (Roll Call #81). ACEC supported passage.
2. **Omnibus Appropriations Bill for FY’17** – final spending bill for Fiscal Year 2017 included increases in funding for several major infrastructure programs, and avoided the threat of a year-long “continuing resolution” with flat funding. Passed the Senate 79-18 ([Roll Call #121](#)). ACEC supported passage.
3. **Public Buildings Renewal Act (S. 326)** – a bill introduced by Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) that would authorize \$5 billion in private activity bonds for municipal public buildings, such as schools, courthouses, libraries, and public safety facilities. ACEC supports cosponsorship (12 cosponsors).
4. **FY’18 Omnibus Appropriations Bill** – final spending bill for FY’18 included increases in funding for several major infrastructure programs, and also included ACEC-requested language adopted in the House and Senate that urges the US Agency for International Development (USAID) to “increase the use of United States professional engineers and architects in the design, build, and oversight of construction projects funded by this Act.” The bill also directs the agency to report on progress made to correct problems cited in a 2014 construction assessment report, which highlighted, among other issues, the lack of proper engineering oversight of agency construction projects. Passed the Senate 65-32 ([Record Vote Number: 63](#)). ACEC supported passage.
5. **Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (H.R. 1)** – legislation to reform the federal tax code and provide balanced tax relief to C corporations and passthrough firms, including S corporations, partnerships, and sole proprietorships. The final version of the bill, now law, includes ACEC-backed language to ensure that A/E passthrough firms have full access to the new 20% tax deduction. Passed the Senate 51 – 48 (Record Vote #323). ACEC supported passage.
6. **FAA Reauthorization** – Reauthorizes federal aviation programs and airport funding for five years, including a new \$1 billion annual discretionary grant program for small and medium-sized airports; an expansion of QBS requirements on airports using AIP funds at any stage of a project; and, favorable provisions to expand the commercial uses of unmanned aircraft systems. The final bill also includes the Disaster Recovery Reform Act to reform FEMA programs to increase focus on pre-disaster mitigation and resilient construction to lessen the impact and cost of future disasters. Passed the Senate 93-6 (House amendment to H.R. 302, [Senate vote #220](#)). ACEC supported passage.

7. **WRDA Reauthorization** – S. 3021, America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 includes the House-passed bill (H.R. 8) as Title I, authorizing \$6.1 billion in federal spending for 12 new Army Corps of Engineers projects and modifications to 3 previously authorized projects. S. 3021 also authorizes \$4.4 billion for the Safe Drinking Water Act State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs to finance drinking water infrastructure and reauthorizes and expands the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) to give states and utilities more access to low cost financing for water projects. Passed the Senate 99-1 ([Senate Roll Call Vote 225](#)). ACEC supported passage.