

THE Gun Owners

27 YEARS OF NO COMPROMISE – 1975-2002

GOA Releases 2002 Voting Guide

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One of the most important things we do at Gun Owners of America is to provide the bi-annual congressional candidate rating.

Each election determines what type of Congress we will be dealing with for the following two years.

Are we going to spend most of our time on defense, fighting the anti-gun agenda? Or will we be able to spend more time on offense, working to repeal the unconstitutional gun control laws that remain on the books?

Gun owners seem always to be on the defensive. And really, that should not come as a surprise. Our agenda is simply to protect and preserve the rights we already enjoy. By definition, then, we are in a defensive posture.

Unless gun rights are under attack, many gun owners are generally reluctant to engage themselves in the political process.

But we've lost a lot of ground over the years. The anti-gunners have taken huge bites out of the Second Amendment, and each victory for them is merely a building block for future gun control.

Consider that in 1968, the Congress prohibited felons from possessing guns. In 1994, mere restraining orders were added to the list and in 1996, an entire class of minor misdemeanors fell under the same law.

In 1993, the Brady bill was passed. Then, less than ten years later, we're told that the law has a 'loophole' and must be expanded to cover private sales at gun shows.

The same scenario is played out regarding small inexpensive guns, large expensive guns, ammunition, magazines, background checks, etc; there is no piece of gun control that has been enacted into law that has not been used as a platform for further gun control.

It is past time to regain lost ground. Gun owners have to take the offensive or we risk the continual erosion of our gun rights until we are left with nothing more than a single shot .22 rifle, if that.

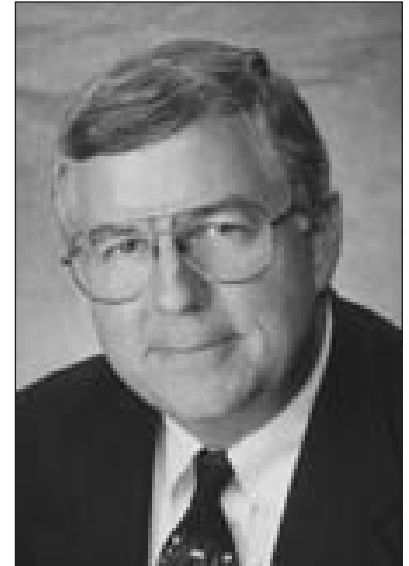
Frankly, we're not as good on offense as we need to be. Improvements must be made on our team.

And that's where the GOA rating comes in.

In your hands is a valuable tool. This rating will help you make informed choices on Election Day.

We cut through the hype and the rhetoric. In the case of incumbent congressmen, we rate them according to what they do, not what they say.

After all, it's easy for a congressman to claim he or she sup-



Republican Senators James Inhofe of Oklahoma (left) and Michael Enzi of Wyoming were two of only eight "A" rated Senators. Both Senators face anti-gun challengers this November.

ports the Second Amendment; it's quite another thing to vote that way.

The challengers are rated primarily by the comprehensive GOA Candidate Questionnaire.

We ask not only about supporting bills to repeal the Brady law, the misdemeanor gun ban and the gun free zones ban, but we also ask if they will introduce such legislation.

We must have elected officials who will do more than vote with us. We need people who will take a leadership role and introduce bills aimed at taking back our rights.

Challengers also have been rated based on legislative records at the state level whenever possible.

In cases where a challenger has no record and refuses to respond to our repeated request to return a questionnaire, they are rated NR (No Response).

Every Vote Counts

With the 2002 election just around the corner, it is worthwhile to remind ourselves just how crucial the votes of gun

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2002 Candidate Rating

Candidates who have established a voting record, either in the office for which they are running or in another elected office, are evaluated primarily on the basis of that voting record. However, sponsorship of pro or anti-gun legislation and other such facts can affect their grade.

If an incumbent or challenger has not established a voting record or demonstrated his or her position in some other way, that candidate is evaluated on the basis of his or her responses to the GOA 2002 Federal Candidate Questionnaire.

Every candidate, whether an incumbent or challenger, begins with an "A" and is then downgraded on the basis of each anti-gun position admitted to on the questionnaire or for each anti-gun vote.

A+: Pro-Gun Leader. Carries pro-gun bills, works with pro-gun groups and organizes against anti-gun legislation, speaks out for Second Amendment rights.

A & A-: Pro-Gun Voter. Philosophically sound. Always with pro-gun leadership but takes no leadership role.

B & B-: Pro-Gun compromiser. Generally leans our way but occasionally supports a particular anti-gun proposal.

C & C-: Leans Our Way: occasionally. No philosophical commitment. Must be constantly pressured by the pro-gun movement or, if left alone, will vote against us.

D & D-: Leans Anti-Gun: usually against us. Normally with the anti-gun movement, but strong pressure can sometimes move them into a non-vote (abstention) or an occasional pro-gun vote, if

they believe voting against us could cause their defeat.

F: Anti-Gun Voter. A philosophically committed anti-gunner. Does not carry anti-gun bills but can always be counted on to vote against us.

F-: Anti-Gun Leader. outspoken anti-gun advocate who carries or cosponsors anti-gun legislation, plots and plans with anti-gun organizations to take away our Second Amendment rights.

NR: The candidate refused to answer his or her questionnaire.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to space limitations, only Republicans and Democrats are listed. Grades of third party candidates are posted on the GOA website: <http://www.gunowners.org>

United States House of Representatives

Alabama

01 Belk (D) NR
Bonner (R) NR
02 EVERETT (R) A
Woods (D) NR
03 Rogers (R) A
Turnham (D) F
04 ADERHOLT (R) A
05 CRAMER (D) B
Engel (R) A
06 BACHUS (R) A-
07 Davis (D) NR

Alaska

01 YOUNG (R) B
Greene (D) NR

Arizona

01 Cordova (D) F
Renzi (R) A
02 Camacho (D) NR
Franks (R) A
03 SHADEGG (R) A
Hill (D) D-
04 PASTOR (D) F-
Barnert (R) A
05 HAYWORTH (R) A-
Columbus (D) D-
06 FLAKE (R) A-
Thomas (D) NR
07 Grijalva (D) NR
Hieb (R) A
08 KOLBE (R) C-
Ryan (D) NR

Arkansas

01 BERRY (D) F
Robinson (R) A
02 SNYDER (D) F
03 BOOZMAN (R) A
04 ROSS (D) B
Dickey (R) A-

California

01 THOMPSON (D) F
Wiesner (R) A-
02 HERGER (R) A-
Johnson (D) A
03 OSE (R) F
Beeman (D) NR
04 DOOLITTLE (R) A
Norberg (D) F
05 MATSUI (D) F-
Frankhuizen (R) D
06 WOOLSEY (D) F-
Erickson (R) A
07 MILLER (D) F-
Hargrave (R) C-
08 PELOSI (D) F-
German (R) D-
09 LEE (D) F-
Udinsky (R) C
10 TAUSCHER (D) F
11 POMBO (R) A
Shaw (D) F
12 LANTOS (D) F-
Moloney (R) NR
13 STARK (D) F-
Mahmood (R) D-
14 ESHOO (D) F-
Nixon (R) NR
15 HONDA (D) F
Hermann (R) C-
16 LOFGREN (D) F-
McNea (R) NR
17 FARR (D) F-
Engler (R) A
18 Cardoza (D) C
Monteith (R) A
19 RADANOVICH (R) A-
Veen (D) NR
20 DOOLEY (D) F
Minuth (R) NR
21 LaPere (R) F
Nunes (R) NR
22 THOMAS (R) B-

Corvera (D) F
23 CAPP (D) F-
Rogers (R) NR
24 GALLEGLY (R) C
Rudin (D) NR
25 McKEON (R) A-
Conaway (D) A-
26 DREIER (R) B-
Mikels (D) NR
27 SHERMAN (D) F-
Levy (R) B
28 BERMAN (D) F-
Hernandez (R) C-
29 SCHIFF (D) F-
Scileppi (R) D-
30 WAXMAN (D) F-
Goss (R) B
31 BECERRA (D) F-
Vega (R) D
32 SOLIS (D) F
Fischbeck (R) B
33 WATSON (D) F-
Kim (R) B
34 ROYBAL-ALLARD (D) F-
Miller (R) A
35 WATERS (D) F-
Moen (R) C-
36 HARMAN (D) F-
Johnson (R) NR
37 MIL-McDONALD (D) F-
Velasco (R) NR
38 NAPOLITANO (D) F-
Burrola (R) A
39 Escobar (R) A
Sanchez (D) NR
40 ROYCE (R) B
Avalos (D) F
41 LEWIS (R) A-
Johnson (D) D-
42 MILLER (R) A-
Waldron (D) NR
43 BACA (D) C
Neighbor (R) NR

44 CALVERT (R) A-
Vandenberg (D) NR
45 BONO (R) D
Kurpiewski (D) F
46 ROHRBACHER (R) A
Schipske (D) F
47 SANCHEZ (D) F
Chavez (R) NR
48 COX (R) B-
Graham (D) F
49 ISSA (R) A-
50 CUNNINGHAM (R) A-
Stewart (D) F
51 FILNER (D) F-
Garcia (R) B
52 HUNTER (R) A-
Moore-Kochlacs (D) NR
53 DAVIS (D) F
VanDeWeghe (R) A

Colorado

01 DeGETTE (D) F
Chlouber (R) A
02 UDALL (D) F
Hume (R) NR
03 McINNIS (R) A-
Berckefeldt (D) NR
04 Matsunaka (D) F
Musgrave (R) A+
05 HEFLEY (R) A+
Imrie (D) NR
06 TANCREDO (R) B
Wright (D) F
07 Beauprez (R) C-
Feeley (D) F

Connecticut

01 LARSON (D) F
Steele (R) D
02 SIMMONS (R) B
Courtney (D) NR
03 DeLAURO (D) F-
Elser (R) NR
04 SHAYS (R) F-
Sanchez (D) F

05 JOHNSON (R) F
MALONEY (D) F-

Delaware

01 CASTLE (R) F-
Miller (D) F

Florida

01 MILLER (R) A
Oram (D) NR
02 BOYD (D) C
McGurk (R) NR
03 BROWN (D) F-
Carroll (R) B
04 CRENSHAW (R) A-
05 THURMAN (D) D
Brown-Waite (R) NR
06 STEARNS (R) B-
Bruderly (D) NR
07 MICA (R) B-
Hogan (D) NR
08 KELLER (R) A
Diaz (D) NR
09 BILIRAKIS (R) B
Kalogianis (D) D-
10 YOUNG (R) C-
11 DAVIS (D) F
12 PUTNAM (R) A-
13 Harris (R) C
Schneider (D) NR
14 GOSS (R) C-
15 WELDON (R) B
Tso (D) NR
16 FOLEY (R) C-
17 MEEK (D) F-
18 ROS-LEHTINEN (R) D
Chote (D) NR
19 WEXLER (D) F-
Merkl (R) C
20 DEUTSCH (D) F-
21 DIAZ-BALART (R) F
22 SHAW (R) C-
Roberts (D) NR
23 HASTINGS (D) F-

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Ratings

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Laurie (R) D
 24 Feeney (R) A
 Jacobs (D) NR
 25 Betancourt (D) NR
 Diaz-Balart (R) NR

Georgia
 01 KINGSTON (R) A
 Smart (D) D
 02 BISHOP (D) C
 03 Clay (R) A
 Marshall (D) NR
 04 Majette (D) NR
 Van Auken (R) C
 05 LEWIS (D) F-
 06 ISAKSON (R) B-
 Weisberger (D) NR
 07 LINDER (R) B-
 Berlon (D) NR
 08 COLLINS (R) A
 Petrakopoulos (D) NR
 09 NORWOOD (R) A
 Irwin (D) NR
 10 DEAL (R) A-
 11 Gingrey (R) B
 Kahn (D) A
 12 Burns (R) A
 Walker (D) NR
 13 Cox (R) NR
 Scott (D) F

Hawaii
 01 ABERCROMBIE (D) F-
 Terry (R) A
 02 MINK (D) F-
 McDermott (R) B

Idaho
 01 OTTER (R) A
 Richardson (D) NR
 02 SIMPSON (R) A-
 Kinghorn (D) NR

Illinois
 01 RUSH (D) F-
 Wardingley (R) D-
 02 JACKSON (D) F-
 Nelson (R) A
 03 LIPINSKI (D) F-
 04 GUTIERREZ (D) F-
 Lopez-Cisneros (R) D
 05 Augusti (R) F
 Emanuel (D) F
 06 HYDE (R) C-
 Berry (D) C
 07 DAVIS (D) F-
 Tunney (R) F
 08 CRANE (R) A
 Bean (D) F
 09 SCHAKOWSKY (D) F-
 Duric (R) NR
 10 KIRK (R) F
 Perritt (D) F
 11 WELLER (R) C-
 Van Duyn (D) NR
 12 COSTELLO (D) C
 Sadler (R) B
 13 BIGGERT (R) C-
 Mason (D) C
 14 HASTERT (R) C-
 Quick (D) F
 15 JOHNSON (R) B
 Hartke (D) F
 16 MANZULLO (R) A
 Kutsch (D) F
 17 EVANS (D) F-
 Calderone (R) B
 18 LaHOOD (R) B-

19 PHELPS (D) B
 SHIMKUS (R) A-

Indiana
 01 VISCLOSKEY (D) F
 Leyva (R) B
 02 Chocola (R) A
 Thompson (D) D
 03 SOUDER (R) B-
 Rigdon (D) NR
 04 BUYER (R) A-
 Abbott (D) NR
 05 BURTON (R) A
 Carr (D) NR
 06 PENCE (R) A
 Fox (D) NR
 07 CARSON (D) F-
 McVey (R) B
 08 HOSTETTLER (R) A+
 Hartke (D) NR
 09 HILL (D) C
 Sodrel (R) A

Iowa
 01 NUSSLE (R) C
 Hutchinson (D) NR
 02 LEACH (R) F
 Thomas (D) NR
 03 BOSWELL (D) C-
 Thompson (R) A-
 04 LATHAM (R) C
 Norris (D) NR
 05 King (R) A
 Shomshor (D) NR

Kansas
 01 MORAN (R) B
 02 RYUN (R) A
 Lykins (D) F
 03 MOORE (D) F
 Taff (R) NR
 04 TIAHRT (R) A-
 Nolla (D) C

Kentucky
 01 WHITFIELD (R) A-
 Alexander (D) A
 02 LEWIS (R) A
 Williams (D) F
 03 NORTHUP (R) C-
 Conway (D) NR
 04 LUCAS (D) B
 Davis (R) A
 05 ROGERS (R) B-
 Bailey (D) D
 06 FLETCHER (R) A-

Louisiana
 01 VITTER (R) A-
 02 JEFFERSON (D) F
 03 TAUZIN (R) A-
 04 McCRERY (R) B-
 05 Alexander (D) NR
 Barham (R) A
 Fletcher (R) A
 Holloway (R) NR
 Melton (D) B
 Wright (R) NR
 06 BAKER (R) A-
 07 JOHN (D) C

Maine
 01 ALLEN (D) F
 Joyce (R) B
 02 Michaud (D) B
 Raye (R) NR

Maryland
 01 GILCHREST (R) F
 Tamlyn (D) F
 02 Bentley (R) C
 Ruppertsberger (D) NR
 03 CARDIN (D) F-
 Conwell (R) NR

04 WYNN (D) F-
 Kimble (R) D
 05 HOYER (D) F
 Crawford (R) NR
 06 BARTLETT (R) A+
 DeArmon (D) NR
 07 CUMMINGS (D) F-
 Ward (R) A
 08 MORELLA (R) F-
 Van Hollen (D) F

Massachusetts
 01 OLVER (D) F-
 Kinnaman (R) NR
 02 NEAL (D) F-
 03 MCGOVERN (D) F-
 04 FRANK (D) F-
 05 MEEHAN (D) F-
 McCarthy (R) NR
 06 TIERNEY (D) F-
 Smith (R) NR
 07 MARKEY (D) F-
 08 CAPUANO (D) F-
 09 LYNCH (D) F
 10 DELAHUNT (D) F-
 Gonzaga (R) NR

Michigan
 01 STUPAK (D) F-
 Hooper (R) A-
 02 HOEKSTRA (R) B-
 Wrisley (D) NR
 03 EHLERS (R) D-
 Lynnes (D) NR
 04 CAMP (R) B-
 Hollenbeck (D) D
 05 KILDEE (D) F
 06 UPTON (R) D
 Giguere (D) NR
 07 SMITH (R) F
 Simpson (D) A
 08 ROGERS (R) A-
 McAlpine (D) D
 09 KNOLLENBERG (R) A-
 Fink (D) NR
 10 Marlinga (D) NR
 Miller (R) A
 11 McCotter (R) A
 Kelley (D) NR
 12 LEVIN (D) F
 Dean (R) NR
 13 KILPATRICK (D) F-
 14 CONYERS (D) F-
 Stone (R) A
 15 DINGELL (D) D
 Kaltenbach (R) B

Minnesota
 01 GUTKNECT (R) B-
 Andreasen (D) NR
 02 LUTHER (D) F-
 Kline (R) A
 03 RAMSTAD (R) F
 Stanton (D) NR
 04 MCCOLLUM (D) F-
 Billington (R) A-
 05 SABO (DFL) F-
 Mathias (R) C
 06 KENNEDY (R) A-
 Robert (D) NR
 07 PETERSON (D) A
 Stevens (R) A
 08 OBERSTAR (D) D
 Lemen (R) A

Mississippi
 01 WICKER (R) A-
 Weathers (D) NR
 02 THOMPSON (D) F-
 LeSueur (R) NR
 03 PICKERING (R) A-
 SHOWS (D) A-
 04 TAYLOR (D) A-
 Mertz (R) A

Missouri
 01 CLAY (D) F-
 Schwadron (R) D
 02 AKIN (R) A
 Hogan (D) NR
 03 GEPHARDT (D) F-
 Enz (R) B
 04 SKELTON (D) C
 Noland (R) B
 05 MCCARTHY (D) F-
 Gordon (R) D
 06 GRAVES (R) A-
 Rinehart (D) NR
 07 BLUNT (R) A-
 Lapham (D) NR
 08 EMERSON (R) A-
 Curtis (D) NR
 09 HULSHOF (R) A-
 Deichman (D) NR

Montana
 01 REHBERG (R) A-
 Kelly (D) F

Nebraska
 01 BEREUTER (R) F
 02 TERRY (R) A-
 Simon (D) F
 03 OSBORNE (R) C

Nevada
 01 BERKLEY (D) F
 Boggs-McDonald (R) A
 02 GIBBONS (R) B
 Souza (D) NR
 03 Herrera (D) NR
 Porter (R) A

New Hampshire
 01 Bradley (R) C-
 Clark (D) F
 02 BASS (R) C
 Swett (D) F

New Jersey
 01 ANDREWS (D) F-
 02 LOBIONDO (R) D
 Farkas (D) F
 03 SAXTON (R) D
 Strada (D) F
 04 SMITH (R) F
 Brennan (D) F
 05 Garrett (R) A
 Sumers (D) F
 06 PALLONE (D) F-
 Medrow (R) D
 07 FERGUSON (R) F
 Carden (D) NR
 08 PASCRELL (D) F-
 Silverman (R) NR
 09 ROTHMAN (D) F-
 Glass (R) D-
 10 PAYNE (D) F-
 Wirtz (R) NR
 11 FRELINGHUYSEN (R) F
 Pawar (D) F
 12 HOLT (D) F-
 Soaries (R) F
 13 MENENDEZ (D) F-
 Geron (R) NR

New Mexico
 01 WILSON (R) B-
 Romero (D) F
 02 Pearce (R) A-
 Smith (D) NR
 03 UDALL (D) F-

New York
 01 GRUCCI (R) D
 Bishop (D) NR
 02 ISRAEL (D) F-
 Finley (R) A

03 KING (R) D-
 Finz (D) NR
 04 McCARTHY (D) F-
 O'Grady (R) NR
 05 ACKERMAN (D) F-
 Reich (R) NR
 06 MEEKS (D) F-
 07 CROWLEY (D) F-
 Brawley (R) NR
 08 NADLER (D) F-
 Farrin (R) F
 09 WEINER (D) F-
 Donohue (R) NR
 10 TOWNS (D) F-
 11 OWENS (D) F-
 Cleary (R) NR
 12 VELAZQUEZ (D) F-
 13 FOSSELLA (R) C
 Mattson (D) NR
 14 MALONEY (D) F-
 Srdanovic (R) NR
 15 RANGEL (D) F-
 Fields (R) D
 16 SERRANO (D) F-
 Dellavalle (R) A
 17 ENGEL (D) F-
 Vanderhoef (R) NR
 18 LOWEY (D) F-
 19 KELLY (R) C
 Selendy (D) NR
 20 SWEENEY (R) A-
 Stoppenbach (D) NR
 21 MCNUTLY (D) F
 Rosenstein (R) NR
 22 HINCHEY (D) F
 Hall (R) NR
 23 MCHUGH (R) B
 24 BOEHLERT (R) F
 25 WALSH (R) D
 Aldersley (D) NR
 26 REYNOLDS (R) B-
 Nariman (D) NR
 27 QUINN (R) F
 Crotty (D) NR
 28 SLAUGHTER (D) F-
 Wojtaszek (R) NR
 29 HOUGHTON (R) D
 Peters (D) D

North Carolina
 01 Ballance (D) D-
 Dority (R) A
 02 ETHERIDGE (D) F
 Ellen (R) B
 03 JONES (R) A
 04 PRICE (D) F
 Nguyen (R) NR
 05 BURR (R) B-
 Crawford (D) NR
 06 COBLE (R) A
 07 McINTYRE (D) C
 Adams (R) B
 08 HAYES (R) A-
 Kouri (D) NR
 09 MYRICK (R) C-
 McGuire (D) F
 10 BALLENGER (R) A-
 Daugherty (D) NR
 11 TAYLOR (R) A
 Neill (D) NR
 12 WATT (D) F
 Kish (R) C
 13 Grant (R) NR
 Miller (D) F

North Dakota
 01 POMEROY (D) F
 Clayburgh (R) A-

Ohio
 01 CHABOT (R) A-
 Harris (D) F

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Hall of Fame for 2001-2002



Guts. That is the one word which describes **Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX)** best. Perhaps the most consistent vote in the Congress, he can be expected to oppose any unconstitutional expansion of government, no matter how politically difficult that vote might be.

He was one of only three Congressmen to vote against the USA Patriot Act which passed last year in the aftermath of September 11 — a bill which removes many of the delicate checks and balances protecting our freedoms.

Paul has been a powerful advocate for the Second Amendment and has introduced bills to repeal the Clinton semi-auto ban and the Brady registration act.



Rep. Virgil Goode (I-VA) has led the charge to prevent more and more Americans from being disarmed. His bill to challenge the so-called Lautenberg gun ban would do this by

repealing one of the most dangerous laws on the books — a law that has stripped millions of otherwise law-abiding Americans of their right to own a gun because of very minor offenses that include pushing, shoving or, in some cases, even yelling at a family member.

Goode also took on the DC gun ban in 1999, failing only narrowly in his attempt to repeal the ban. However, the following year he did succeed in getting an important pro-gun amendment passed by the

House. While it was later stripped in a conference committee, the Goode amendment would have prevented Clinton officials from rewarding Smith & Wesson executives for imposing new restrictions upon gun buyers and dealers.



A member of the Judiciary Committee, **Rep. John Hostettler (R-IN)** is one man on whom gun owners can rely to fight the forces of darkness behind enemy lines. Because most anti-gun bills originate in this committee, Rep.

Hostettler's presence there is especially crucial. This year, he was one of only two Congressmen to oppose a measure in committee that would have extended the provisions of the original Brady gun control act to prevent even more Americans from buying guns.

But Hostettler has done more than fight defensive battles. He has introduced several pro-gun bills — including one to allow concealed carry holders to travel between states while armed and another to protect the gun industry from anti-gun lawsuits.

Hostettler was one of the lead Representatives in the House who fought for the ability of pilots to arm themselves against terrorists. He also led the victorious charge against the HUD-sponsored lawsuits that former President Clinton wanted to level against the gun industry.



Rep. John Doolittle (R-CA) was one of the chief organizers who fought against the Incumbent Protection Bill, and he has been an outspoken advocate in favor of gun owners' rights.

Last Congress, when President Clinton made a full frontal assault on the Bill of Rights following the tragedy at Columbine High School, Rep. Doolittle was one of the key leaders in the House who stepped in the gap to defend gun owners.

Doolittle went to the floor of the House to speak against the various Clinton gun control proposals and offered legislation to protect the ability of groups like GOA to publish voter guides, such as the one which is included in this issue of *The Gun Owners*.



Back in 1992 when **Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD)** was first elected, the only gun bills in Congress were those that proffered to take away Americans' gun rights. All that changed with the election of

Rep. Roscoe Bartlett. He is most famous for his Citizen's Self-Defense Act which would protect Americans who use a gun in self-defense from the overzealous antics of anti-gun prosecutors.

His bill to protect the right of self-defense has garnered 77 cosponsors this year. Moreover, he has also introduced a resolution urging the President to reject any agreement or treaty adopted by the United Nations which would infringe upon the Second Amendment rights of U.S. citizens.



Because **Sen. Bob Smith (R-NH)** will no longer be serving in Washington, DC next year, he will be greatly missed by freedom-loving Americans all over the country. Sen. Smith established himself as the premier advocate of Second Amendment rights and has been a true friend of gun owners on Capitol Hill.

Standing virtually alone in the Senate, Smith used parliamentary maneuvers to slow down President Clinton's gun control agenda in 1999 and 2000. Due in large part to Smith's leadership, gun owners emerged victorious as Congress failed to enact Clinton's proposals before the elections of 2000. More recently, he is the one man who is chiefly responsible for pushing legislation through the Senate to arm commercial pilots.

No doubt, his presence will be sorely missed in 2003.



Hall of Shame for 2001-2002



As a representative in the House, **Charles Schumer (D-NY)** established himself as one of the premier anti-gun legislators in the nation's capitol. He was the author of the Brady registration act and also

was Clinton's bulldog in pushing the ban on semi-automatic firearms through the House in 1994.

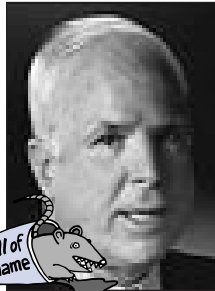
Since moving to the Senate, Schumer has — not surprisingly — continued his anti-self defense ways. In addition to introducing several anti-gun bills, he has forced votes on amendments that would cripple gun makers, regulate the internet sales of firearms, and use taxpayers monies for the purpose of "buying back" guns from the public.



A committed gun grabber, **Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)** switched parties and became a Democrat in hopes of introducing anti-self defense legislation once elected to Congress.

She has not disappointed her supporters, not the least of which is Sarah Brady, who is the head of the group formerly known as Handgun Control, Inc.

Rep. McCarthy has introduced a host of restrictions, including one bill forcing the FBI to increase the registration period on gun owners to 90 days and another bill creating a national holiday honoring the misguided advocates of the Million Mom March. In 1999, she also forced a vote on legislation banning the private sales of firearms at gun shows.



A media-darling, **Senator John McCain (R-AZ)** has left the cause of gun owners, who first helped get him elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986. In recent years, McCain has supported increasing levels

of firearms restrictions — to the point where he is now one of the chief cosponsors of a bill that would most likely eliminate gun shows all across the country.

McCain has stumped for gun restrictions in many television and screen ads that have been broadcast across the nation. This year, McCain was one of the chief opponents of arming the pilots — favoring, instead, a much inferior proposal to issue them stun guns. And he was one of the chief sponsors of the anti-gun Incumbent Protection Act which restricts the ability of groups like GOA to inform gun owners of an incumbent's record before an election.



Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) has authored many extreme gun control proposals, including a bill to register handguns in the same manner as machine guns. Even more astounding, he was one of only

six anti-gun Senators who had the audacity to vote against the arming of pilots in September, 2002.



Famous for her ban on more than 180 semi-automatic firearms, **Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)** has probably authored more anti-gun legislation than anyone

else in Senate over the past decade. Her semi-auto ban, which also bans many magazines for home use, was signed by President Clinton in 1994. This year, Feinstein threatened to filibuster the highly popular armed pilots legislation, and as a result, was able to force supporters of the measure to adopt compromise language.



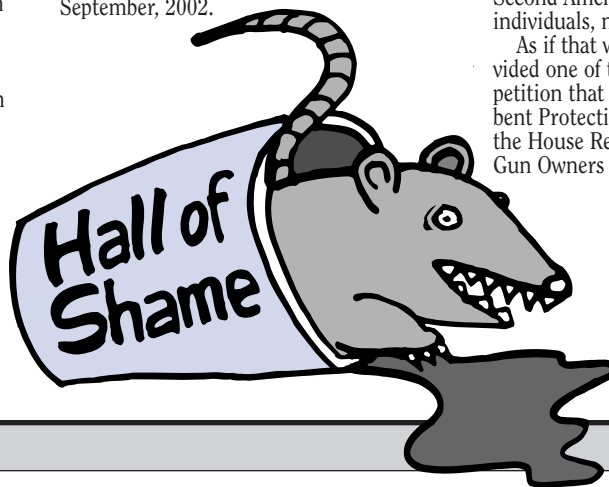
After New Hampshire incumbent Dick Swett betrayed gun owners in 1994 when he cast the deciding vote in favor of the Clinton-Feinstein semi-auto ban, gun owners in the Granite State led

the effort to oust the turncoat in favor of the fledgling **Charles Bass (R-NH)**.

Initially rated an "A" Congressman based on his pledge to support the Second Amendment, Bass' grade has dropped steadily over the years as he has supported more and more gun control proposals.

Now secure in his incumbency, Bass cast one of the six deciding votes this year AGAINST a measure recognizing the Second Amendment as a protection for individuals, not the National Guard.

As if that were not enough, Bass provided one of the last four signatures on a petition that forced passage of the Incumbent Protection Act over the objections of the House Republican leadership and Gun Owners of America.



Ratings

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02 PORTMAN (R)	C
Sanders (D)	C
03 Carne (D)	NR
Turner (R)	NR
04 OXLEY (R)	C
Clark (D)	D
05 GILLMOR (R)	C
Anderson (D)	F
06 STRICKLAND (D)	B
Halleck (R)	A
07 HOBSON (R)	C
Anastasio (D)	NR
08 BOEHNER (R)	B
Hardenbrook (D)	D
09 KAPTUR (D)	F
Emery (R)	NR
10 KUCINICH (D)	F-
Heben (R)	D
11 JONES (D)	F-
Pappano (R)	F
12 TIBERI (R)	A
Brown (D)	NR
13 BROWN (D)	F
Oliveros (R)	B
14 LATOURETTE (R)	C
Blanchard (D)	F
15 PRYCE (R)	B
Brown (D)	NR
16 REGULA (R)	C
Rice (D)	NR
17 Benjamin (R)	NR
Ryan (D)	NR
18 NEY (R)	A
Oklahoma	
01 SULLIVAN (R)	A
Dodd (D)	NR
02 CARSON (D)	B
Pharaoh (R)	A
03 LUCAS (R)	A
Cole (R)	B
Roberts (D)	NR
05 ISTOOK (R)	A
Barlow (D)	NR
Oregon	
01 WU (D)	F-
Greenfield (R)	NR
02 WALDEN (R)	B
Buckley (D)	NR
03 BLUMENAUER (D)	F-
Seale (R)	A
04 DEFAZIO (D)	F
VanLeeuwen (R)	A
05 HOOLEY (D)	F
Boquist (R)	A
Pennsylvania	
01 BRADY (D)	F-
Delaney (R)	A-
02 FATTAH (D)	F-
Dougherty (R)	NR
03 ENGLISH (R)	C
04 HART (R)	B
Drobac (D)	D
05 PETERSON (R)	A-
06 Gerlach (R)	NR
Wofford (D)	NR
07 WELDON (R)	D
Lennon (D)	NR
08 GREENWOOD (R)	D
Reece (D)	NR
09 SHUSTER (R)	A
Henry (D)	D
10 SHERWOOD (R)	A-
11 KANJORSKI (D)	C
Barletta (R)	C
12 MURTHA (D)	C-
Choby (R)	A

13 HOFFEL (D)	F-
Brown (R)	NR
14 DOYLE (D)	F
15 TOOMEY (R)	A-
O'Brien (D)	NR
16 PITTS (R)	A-
17 GEKAS (R)	B
HOLDEN (D)	C
18 Machek (D)	NR
Murphy (R)	NR
19 PLATTS (R)	C
Rhode Island	
01 KENNEDY (D)	F-
Rogers (R)	NR
02 LANGEVIN (D)	F-
Matson (R)	D
South Carolina	
01 BROWN (R)	A-
02 WILSON (R)	A
03 Barrett (R)	A
Brighttharp (D)	A-
04 DEMINT (R)	A
Ashy (D)	F
05 SPRATT (D)	F
06 CLYBURN (D)	F-
McLeod (R)	A
South Dakota	
01 Janklow (R)	A-
Herseth (D)	NR
Tennessee	
01 JENKINS (R)	A-
02 DUNCAN (R)	A
Greene (D)	NR
03 WAMP (R)	C
Wolfe (D)	NR
04 Bowling (R)	A
Davis (D)	NR
05 Cooper (D)	NR
Duvall (R)	A
06 GORDON (D)	B
Garrison (R)	NR
07 Blackburn (R)	A
Barron (D)	F
08 TANNER (D)	B
McClain (R)	A
09 FORD (D)	F-
Texas	
01 SANDLIN (D)	C
Lawrence (R)	A
02 TURNER (D)	C
Brookshire (R)	A
03 JOHNSON (R)	A-
Molera (D)	NR
04 HALL (D)	A
Graves (R)	B
05 Hensarling (R)	A-
Chapman (D)	NR
06 BARTON (R)	A
Alvarado (D)	F
07 CULBERSON (R)	A
08 BRADY (R)	C
09 LAMPSON (D)	C
Williams (R)	A
10 DOGGETT (D)	F
11 EDWARDS (D)	F
Farley (R)	A
12 GRANGER (R)	A-
13 THORNBERRY (R)	B-
Reese (D)	B
14 PAUL (R)	A+
Windham (D)	NR
15 HINOJOSA (D)	F-
16 REYES (D)	F
17 STENHOLM (D)	C
Beckham (R)	A
18 JACKSON LEE (D)	F-
Abbott (R)	A
19 COMBEST (R)	A
20 GONZALEZ (D)	F-

21 SMITH (R)	A-
Courage (D)	F
22 DeLAY (R)	A
Riley (D)	NR
23 BONILLA (R)	A-
Cuellar (D)	NR
24 FROST (D)	F
Ortega (R)	A
25 Bell (D)	C
Reiser (R)	B
26 Burgess (R)	NR
LeBon (D)	F
27 ORTIZ (D)	C
Ahumada (R)	A
28 RODRIGUEZ (D)	F
Perales (R)	A
29 GREEN (D)	C
30 JOHNSON (D)	F-
Bush (R)	C
31 Bagley (D)	D-
Carter (R)	A
32 SESSIONS (R)	A
Dixon (D)	NR
Utah	
01 Bishop (R)	A
Thomas (D)	C-
02 MATHESON (D)	C
Swallow (R)	A
03 CANNON (R)	A
Woodside (D)	A
Vermont	
01 SANDERS (I)	F
Meub (R)	NR
Virginia	
01 DAVIS (R)	A-
02 SCHROCK (R)	A-
03 SCOTT (D)	F-
04 FORBES (R)	A-
05 GOODE (R)	A
Richards (D)	NR
06 GOODLATTE (R)	A-
07 CANTOR (R)	B-
Jones (D)	NR
08 MORAN (D)	F-
Tate (R)	B
09 BOUCHER (D)	B
Katzen (R)	A
10 WOLF (R)	D
Stevens (D)	NR
11 DAVIS (R)	D
Washington	
01 INSLEE (D)	F
Marine (R)	A
02 LARSEN (D)	D
Smith (R)	A
03 BAIRD (D)	D
Zarelli (R)	A
04 HASTINGS (R)	A-
Mason (D)	D
05 NETHERCUTT (R)	A-
Haggin (D)	NR
06 DICKS (D)	F-
Lawrence (R)	A
07 McDERMOTT (D)	F
Cassady (R)	A
08 DUNN (R)	B-
Behrens-Benedict (D)	F
09 SMITH (D)	C
Casada (R)	A
West Virginia	
01 MOLLOHAN (D)	A-
02 CAPITO (R)	B
Humphreys (D)	NR
03 RAHALL (D)	A-
Chapman (R)	NR
Wisconsin	
01 RYAN (R)	B-
Thomas (D)	NR

02 BALDWIN (D)	F
Greer (R)	B
03 KIND (D)	D
Arndt (R)	NR
04 KLECZKA (D)	F-
05 SENSENBRENNER (R)	A
06 PETRI (R)	B

07 OBEY (D)	D
Rothbauer (R)	C
08 GREEN (R)	B-
Becker (D)	F
Wyoming	
01 CUBIN (R)	A
Akin (D)	D

United States Senate

Alabama	
SESSIONS (R)	C
Parker (D)	NR
Alaska	
STEVENSON (R)	D
Vondersaar (D)	NR
Arkansas	
HUTCHINSON (R)	B-
Pryor (D)	NR
Colorado	
ALLARD (R)	B
Strickland (D)	NR
Delaware	
BIDEN (D)	F
Clatworthy (R)	NR
Georgia	
CLELAND (D)	F-
Chambliss (R)	A-
Idaho	
CRAIG (R)	B
Blinken (D)	NR
Illinois	
DURBIN (D)	F-
Durkin (R)	D
Iowa	
HARKIN (D)	F-
Ganske (R)	F
Kansas	
ROBERTS (R)	C
Kentucky	
McCONNELL (R)	C-
Combs Weinberg (D)	NR
Louisiana	
LANDRIEU (D)	F-
Brown (D)	NR
Cooksey (R)	B
Perkins (R)	A
Skillman (R)	NR
Terrell (R)	NR
Maine	
COLLINS (R)	D-
Pingree (D)	F
Massachusetts	
KERRY (D)	F-
Michigan	
LEVIN (D)	F-
Raczkowski (R)	A
Minnesota	
WELLSTONE (D)	F-
Coleman (R)	B
Mississippi	
COCHRAN (R)	D

Missouri	
CARNAHAN (D)	F-
Talent (R)	B
Montana	
BAUCUS (D)	F
Taylor (R)	A
Nebraska	
HAGEL (R)	C-
Matulka (D)	B-
New Hampshire	
Shaheen (D)	NR
Sununu (R)	B
New Jersey	
TORRICELLI (D)	F-
Forrester (R)	NR
New Mexico	
DOMENICI (R)	D
Tristani (D)	NR
North Carolina	
Bowles (D)	F
Dole (R)	D
Oklahoma	
INHOFE (R)	A
Walters (D)	NR
Oregon	
SMITH (R)	D-
Bradbury (D)	NR
Rhode Island	
REED (D)	F-
Tingle (R)	C
South Carolina	
Graham (R)	B-
Sanders (D)	NR
South Dakota	
JOHNSON (D)	F-
Thune (R)	B
Tennessee	
Alexander (R)	C
Clement (D)	D
Texas	
Cornyn (R)	NR
Kirk (D)	NR
Virginia	
WARNER (R)	F
West Virginia	
ROCKEFELLER (D)	F
Wolfe (R)	NR
Wyoming	
ENZI (R)	A
Corcoran (D)	NR

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Senator Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO) led the fight for Vermont-style carry in her state and is now seeking election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

owners can be in charting the course of public debate and policy.

How important are the votes of gun owners? Just ask former Vice-President Al Gore.

Due to the historic controversy in Florida, many people overlooked the fact that on Election Night 2000, Tennessee, Arkansas and West Virginia were unexpectedly 'red' Bush states instead of 'blue' Gore states.

Michael Barone's *Almanac of American Politics* notes that Gore was "the only major party

less and will continue into next year.

It is likely that efforts will be made to expand the time limit for the retention of records through the NICS system.

Then there are the offensive battles.

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Stalwart Congressmen like Ron Paul (R-TX), John Hostettler (R-IN), Virgil Goode (R-VA) and Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) already have bills to repeal some of these laws that are set to be reintroduced next year.

This election will determine if they will have more allies or more enemies in the 108th Congress.



This pro-gun stalwart, Steve King (R-IA) killed several anti-gun bills in the Iowa state senate and wants to do the same thing in Congress.

nominee to lose his home state [Tennessee] in 85 years" while West Virginia "hadn't voted for a Republican in an open Presidential race since 1928."

Without the votes of pro-gun Republicans and Democrats in Tennessee, West Virginia and Arkansas, Florida would not have mattered and Al Gore would be sitting in the Oval Office.

Former Clinton Press Secretary Joe Lockhart told *The Washington Post* on July 31, 2001, that, "I believed in the [gun control] issue and thought it was good politics. Put simply, I got it wrong . . . [G]un control cost Al Gore the presidency and the Democrats control of the House and Senate."

Rural Virginia Congressman Rick Boucher (D) echoed that sentiment; "Had [Gore] not been in favor of gun control, he'd be president today."

A Look Ahead

We know already that the next Congress will have to deal with several issues relating to the Second Amendment.

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Also, because of redistricting, several new seats are up for grabs. The winners might well become entrenched incumbents for a decade or more.

So please, make use of this voter guide. Copy it, pass it around to family and friends and help people make informed decisions on November 5th.■

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