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Dear Lowell:

Here is the compilation. More attention has been given to recent than to earlier votes. I believe all roll calls that decided major questions in controversy in relation to appropriations and authorizations are covered. In some cases where votes are given on amendments to the bill you will see that there is no record of a final vote on the bill itself. This means that the bill was passed without a roll call, as is often done in the Senate after points of controversy have been settled.

Byrd has cast a lot of other interesting votes, but this summary has been confined in the main to those touching on appropriations. We have additional details on all these votes, if you want it.

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VOTING RECORD OF SENATOR HARRY F. Byrd
on Appropriation Bills - 1933-1938

1933

March 15: Economy Act Yea
March 30: \$500,000,000 relief bill Not recorded
April 28: Bonus amendment to farm bill Nay

1934

✓ Feb. 8: \$1,500,000,000 for C.W.A. Announced against
Feb. 21: Full restoration of government pay Nay
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cuts on July 1, 1934
Feb. 26: 90% restoration of Spanish War pensions Nay
Feb. 27: Steiwer-McCarran compromise on cuts in veterans' benefits Nay
Feb. 27: Continue pay cut for members of Congress Yea
Feb. 27: Immediate payment of bonus Nay
March 6: Vinson naval bill Yea
March 28: Override Independent Offices bill veto Nay

1935:

March 8: \$400,000,000 army bill Not recorded
March 15: Prevailing wage amendment Nay
March 19: Cut work relief appropriation to \$2,880,000,000 Yea
✓ March 21: Passage of work relief bill Nay
May 7: Patman bonus bill Nay
May 23: Override bonus bill veto Nay
May 24: \$460,000,000 navy bill Yea
June 24: Bankhead farm tenant bill Nay

1936

Jan. 20: Bonus bill Nay
Jan. 27: Override bonus bill veto Nay
Mar. 17: \$12,000,000 for Florida ship canal Nay
Mar. 23: Military appropriation bill Nay
May 8: Strike new building from naval bill Nay
May 30: Florida ship canal study Nay
May 30: Passamaquoddy project study Nay
June 1: Return control of relief to states Nay
✓ June 1: Relief appropriation bill Nay
June 16: Housing-slum clearance bill Paired against

1937

Mar. 22: \$522,800,000 naval appropriation bill Yea
May 12: Gilbertsville Dam authorization, committee amendment to 2nd deficiency bill Nay
May 20: Reduce salary of Robert Fechner from \$12,000 to \$10,000 Yea
May 20: Limit CCC extension to two years (Byrd amdt) Yea
May 20: CCC bill - passage Yea
June 15: Cancel unexpended balances of previous appropriations for relief (about \$200,000,000) Yea
June 21: Robinson amendment requiring states and localities to contribute 25% of cost of W.P.A. projects Yea
June 21: Byrnes amendment requiring 40% contribution Yea
July 22: Override veto of continuation of reduced interest rate on farm loans Yea

1937 (continued)		
✓ Aug. 4:	Byrd amendment to National Housing Authority bill to limit cost of construction to \$1,000 per room	Yea
✓ Aug. 6 :	National Housing Authority bill (passage)	Nay
1937 (special session)		
Dec. 21:	Reinstating an expired section of the housing act authorizing home modernization and repair loans	Nay
Dec. 21:	Prevailing wage rates on housing projects	Nay
Dec. 21:	Passage of housing bill	Yea
1938		
Feb. 1 :	Conference report on housing bill	Nay
Feb. 22:	Bone amendment to raise additional funds to be appropriated for relief during remainder of fiscal year from \$250,000,000 to \$400,000,000	Nay
Feb. 23:	Bailey amendment to require 25% local contributions to cost of WPA projects	Yea
Feb. 23:	Passage of \$250,000,000 appropriation for relief	Yea
Mar. 21:	Byrd amendment proposing a congressional declaration that regular expenditures (except for fixed charges) be reduced by 10% for fiscal year 1940	Yea
May 3 :	\$1,156,546,000 naval authorization bill	Yea
June 2:	Maloney amendment to prohibit use of relief funds for construction of projects to compete with privately-owned utilities, except under certain conditions	Yea
June 2:	Lodge amendment to strike out pumppriming and increase WPA appropriation by \$500,000,000	Not recorded
June 2:	Hatch amendment to prohibit use of authority by relief officials to influence "a convention, primary, or other election or the results thereof."	Yea
June 3:	Vandenberg amendment for administration of relief by local, bi-partizan boards, etc.	Yea
June 3:	Thomas amendment to provide monthly compensation of W.P.A. shall "in no case... be at the rate of less than \$40."	Nay
June 15:	Conference report on flood control authorization bill, permitting federal government, among other things, to acquire title to land without state consent	Nay
June 16:	Override veto of bill to continue reduced farm loan interest rates	Yea

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No roll calls in Senate on any appropriation measure to date.