

On Same-State Senators

UTAH, TEXAS, WYO., OHIO SENATORS DISAGREE MOST OFTEN

United States Senators from the same state disagreed on an average of 23 percent of the roll-call votes in 1967. Congressional Quarterly reviewed the 315 Senate roll calls taken during the first session of the 90th Congress and found that same-state Senators disagreed as often as 50 percent (Utah) and as seldom as 4 percent (Washington). (For state scores, see chart, p. 160.)

In 1966 the highest disagreement score was 73 percent (Wyoming), and the lowest was 4 percent (Nebraska and North Carolina). The Wyoming delegation in 1966 was composed of Gale W. McGee (D) and Milward L. Simpson (R). When Clifford P. Hansen (R) replaced Simpson in 1967, the disagreement score dropped to 47 percent, the third highest mark.

In the 1967 Congressional session there were 18 "mixed" Senate delegations (one Senator from each party) and 23 Democratic and 9 Republican delegations.

The Democratic and Republican delegations that scored highest in disagreement in 1967 were the traditional leaders. Ohio's Senators Frank J. Lausche and Stephen M. Young, both Democrats, had the highest disagreement percentage of all Democratic delegations for the fifth straight year.

Changes of note occurred in delegations with freshman Senators. Among these were:

Illinois. When Paul H. Douglas (D) was in the Senate, he and Everett McKinley Dirksen (R) consistently were among the leaders in disagreement. Their score in 1966 was 62 percent disagreement. Charles H. Percy (R) replaced Douglas in 1967 and disagreed with Dirksen on only 18 percent of the votes, the average GOP score.

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Massachusetts. Edward W. Brooke (R) took the place of Leverett Saltonstall (R) in 1967 and the percent of disagreement with Edward M. Kennedy (D) dropped from 49 percent to 22 percent.

Oregon. Democrats Wayne Morse and Maurine B. Neuberger agreed 77 percent of the time in 1966. When a Republican, Mark O. Hatfield, replaced Mrs. Neuberger in 1967, he and Morse agreed on 70 percent of the votes -- above average for a "mixed" delegation.

Tennessee. Another switch from a Democratic to a "mixed" delegation occurred in this state, and disagreement rose. Albert Gore (D) and Ross Bass (D) disagreed on 15 percent of the votes in 1966. In 1967, Howard H. Baker Jr. (R) and Gore disagreed 35 percent of the time.

Ground Rules

DISAGREEMENT SCORE -- Percent of roll-call votes on which Senators from the same state took opposite sides by either voting, announcing their stands or answering a CQ poll. Roll calls on which one or both Senators failed to take a stand were excluded from computation. Therefore, the percentage base varied from state to state.

Virginia. For many years Democrats Harry F. Byrd and A. Willis Robertson agreed on 90 percent or more of the votes. This continued when Byrd's son succeeded him. In 1967, however, Robertson lost his seat to William B. Spong Jr. (D) and the Virginia agreement score dropped to 83 percent -- the average for Democratic delegations.

High Scorers

AGREEMENT

Senate delegations that scored highest in "agreement" during the first session of the 90th Congress (1967) by taking the same sides on roll-call votes:

Solid Republican

	Percent of				
	Agreement				
Nebraska (Curtis-Hruska)	93%				
Colorado (Allott-Dominick)	92				
Iowa (Hickenlooper-Miller)	86				
Solid Democratic					
Washington (Jackson-Magnuson)	96				
Mississippi (Eastland-Stennis)	9 3				
New Mexico (Anderson-Montoya)	91				
Mixed					
New York (Kennedy-Javits)	83				
Massachusetts (Kennedy-Brooke)	78				
New Jersey (Williams-Case)	78				

DISAGREEMENT

Senate delegations that scored highest in "disagreement" during the first session of the 90th Congress by taking opposite sides on roll-call votes:

Solid Republican

	Percent of Disagreement
Delaware (Boggs-Williams)	28%
Kentucky (Cooper-Morton)	26
California (Kuchel-Murphy)	24
Solid Democratic	
Ohio (Lausche-Young)	45
Arkansas (Fulbright-McClellan)	30
Alaska (Bartlett-Gruening)	22
Mixed	
Utah (Moss-Bennett)	50
Texas (Yarborough-Tower)	48
Wyoming (McGee-Hansen)	47

How Much Senators Disagreed in 1967 and 1966

- 1. DISAGREEMENT SCORE, 1967 -- Percentage of roll-call votes in 1967 on which a state's Senators took opposite sides in voting, announcing their stands, or in answering a CQ Poll. Each delegation's score was based on those roll calls -- among the 315 taken in 1967 -- on which both Senators took a position.
- 2. DISAGREEMENT SCORE, 1966 -- Percentage of roll-call votes in 1966 on which a state's Senators took opposite sides in voting, announcing their stands, or in answering a CQ Poll. Each delegation's score was based on those roll calls -- among the 235 taken in 1966 -- on which both Senators took a position.

HEADNOTES

- -- Delegation not the same in 1966.
- Delegation not eligible for all roll calls in 1966.
- † Delegation not eligible for all roll calls in 1967.

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ALABAMA Hill Sparkman	12	7	INDIANA Bayh Hartke	16	18	NEBRASKA Curtis Hruska	7	4	DISAGREEING SENATORS			
ALASKA Bartlett Gruening	22	21	IOWA Hickenlooper Miller	14	18	NEVADA Bible Cannon	14	11		7	2	
ARIZONA Hayden Fannin	39	38	KANSAS Carlson Pearson	16	11	NEW HAMPSHIRE McIntyre Cotton	43	40	SOUTH CAROUNA Hollings Thurmond	26		
ARKANSAS Fulbright McClellan	30	35	KENTUCKY Cooper Morton	26	14	NEW JERSEY Williams Case	22	15	SOUTH DAKOTA McGovern Mundt	35	52	
CAUFORNIA Kuchel Murphy	24	31	LOUISIANA Ellender Long	21	32	NEW MEXICO Anderson Montoya	9	9	TENNESSEE Gore Baker	35		
COLORADO Allott Dominick	8	8	MAINE Muskie Smith	29	25	NEW YORK Kennedy Javits	17	18	TEXAS Yarborough Tower	48	57	
CONNECTICUT Dodd Ribicoff	18†	12	MARYLAND Brewster Tydings	11	15	NORTH CAROLINA Ervin Jordan	12	4	UTAH Moss Bennett	50	63	
DELAWARE Boggs Williams	28	32	MASSACHUSETTS Kennedy Brooke	22		NÖRTH DAKOTA Burdick Young	34	53	VERMONT Aiken Proutu	23	19	
RORIDA Holland Smathers	13	16	MICHIGAN Hart Griffin	36	40*	OHIO Lausche Young	45	52	VIRGINIA Byrd, Jr. Spong	17		
GEORGIA Russell Talmadge	12	17	MINNESOTA McCarthy Mondale	14	10	OKLAHŌMA Harris Monroney	16	14	WASHINGTON Jackson Magnuson	4	9	
HAWAII Inouye Fong	26	34	MISSISSIPPI Eastland Stennis	7	8	OREGON Morse Hatfield	30		WEST VIRGINIA Byrd Randolph	20	14	
IDAHO Church <i>Jordan</i>	38	49	MISSOURI Long Symington	16	19	PENNSYLVANIA Clark Scott	30	44	WISCONSIN Nelson Proxmire	17	17	
ILLINOIS Dirksen Percy	18		MONTANA Mansfield Metcalf	21	17	RHODE ISLAND Pastore Pell	14	11	WYOMING McGee Hansen	47		

Democrats in this type; Republicans in italics