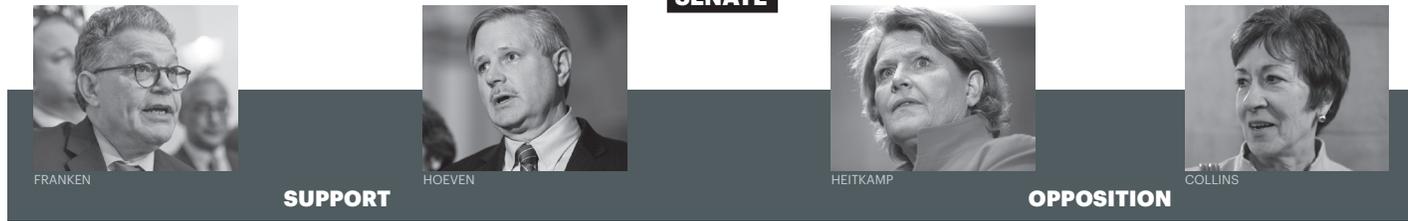


LEADING SCORERS: PARTY UNITY

Support shows those who, in 2017, voted most often with a majority of their party against a majority of the other party. **Opposition** shows those who voted most often against their party in these votes. Absences do not count. Members with identical scores are listed alphabetically.

SENATE



Democrats		Republicans		Democrats		Republicans	
Franken, Al	100.0	Hoeven, John	100.0	Manchin, Joe III	35.9	Collins, Susan	13.4
Cantwell, Maria	99.5	Inhofe, James M.	100.0	Heitkamp, Heidi	30.5	Paul, Rand	7.2
Merkley, Jeff	99.5	Johnson, Ron	100.0	Donnelly, Joe	26.3	McCain, John	7.0
Murray, Patty	99.5	Lankford, James	100.0	McCaskill, Claire	17.8	Heller, Dean	6.5
Van Hollen, Chris	99.5	Rubio, Marco	100.0	Warner, Mark	16.5	Murkowski, Lisa	6.3
Wyden, Ron	99.5	Scott, Tim	100.0	Tester, Jon	12.7	Corker, Bob	3.6
Baldwin, Tammy	99.1	Barrasso, John	99.6	Carper, Thomas R.	11.8	Lee, Mike	3.1
Blumenthal, Richard	99.1	Cotton, Tom	99.6	Nelson, Bill	11.8	Kennedy, John	2.7
Markey, Edward J.	99.1	Crapo, Michael D.	99.6	Bennet, Michael	9.4	Alexander, Lamar	2.3
Schumer, Charles E.	99.1	Ernst, Joni	99.6	Coons, Chris	8.9	Portman, Rob	2.2
Whitehouse, Sheldon	99.1	Risch, Jim	99.6	Cortez Masto, Catherine	6.5	Capito, Shelley Moore	1.8
Harris, Kamala	98.7	Thune, John	99.6	Kaine, Tim	6.3	Graham, Lindsey	1.8
Warren, Elizabeth	98.7	Wicker, Roger	99.6	Shaheen, Jeanne	5.4	Grassley, Charles E.	1.8
						Isakson, Johnny	1.6

HOUSE



Democrats		Republicans		Democrats		Republicans	
Grijalva, Raúl M.	100.0	Scalise, Steve	100.0	Peterson, Collin C.	32.1	Jones, Walter B.	41.5
Jayapal, Pramila	100.0	Allen, Rick W.	99.8	Sinema, Kyrsten	24.6	Fitzpatrick, Brian	24.2
Lewis, John	100.0	Black, Diane	99.6	Cuellar, Henry	24.0	LoBiondo, Frank A.	20.6
McGovern, Jim	100.0	Chabot, Steve	99.6	Costa, Jim	20.5	Amash, Justin	20.4
Schakowsky, Jan	100.0	Chaffetz, Jason	99.6	Gottheimer, Josh	17.1	Smith, Christopher H.	17.0
Bass, Karen	99.8	Gowdy, Trey	99.6	Murphy, Stephanie	13.8	Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana	16.0
Khanna, Ro	99.8	Johnson, Sam	99.6	Cooper, Jim	13.6	Costello, Ryan A.	16.0
Lee, Barbara	99.8	Ross, Dennis A.	99.6	Schrader, Kurt	13.1	Curbelo, Carlos	15.9
Pallone, Frank Jr.	99.8	Bilirakis, Gus	99.4	O'Halleran, Tom	13.0	Lance, Leonard	15.5
Raskin, Jamie	99.8	DesJarlais, Scott	99.4	Peters, Scott	12.5	Katko, John	14.6
Sarbanes, John	99.8	Ferguson, Drew	99.4	Schneider, Brad	12.1	Faso, John J.	13.6
Slaughter, Louise M.	99.8	Olson, Pete	99.4	Lipinski, Daniel	11.5	Meehan, Patrick	12.7
Tonko, Paul	99.8	Sessions, Pete	99.4	Suoizzi, Tom	11.3	Reichert, Dave	12.5
		Webster, Daniel	99.4			MacArthur, Tom	12.2

the other side.

Among Republicans, Susan Collins of Maine scored 87 percent, John McCain of Arizona and Rand Paul of Kentucky both scored 93 percent and Dean Heller of Nevada and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska both scored 94 percent. Heller faces a competitive re-election race this year.

For Senate Democrats, low party unity scores reflected a poten-

tially tough campaign in a red or purple state.

Joe Manchin III of West Virginia scored 64 percent; Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, 70 percent; Joe Donnelly of Indiana, 74 percent; Angus King of Maine, an independent who sits with the Democrats, 81 percent; and Claire McCaskill of Missouri, 82 percent. All five are up for re-election in 2018.

In the House, Republicans moved priorities for the most part by

regular order through committee, but also set a modern record with 58 closed rules in the first session of the 115th Congress, beating the previous record of 48 closed rules in 2015.

Rules Chairman Pete Sessions of Texas says the closed-rule milestone was inflated by a drive to reverse pending Obama-era regulations with disapproval resolutions under the Congressional Review Act.

But he attributes the high level of party unity among House Republicans to efforts by party leaders to settle disputes and rally support.

“This was our own internal effort,” he says.

Trump did not play a formal role in such consensus-building efforts, but David R. Mayhew, an emeritus professor of political science at Yale University, says the president’s stands on certain issues sent a clear message to the party’s base and to House conservatives.

“Trump has helped on the House side to keep the tea party people in line, to get them to line up behind Ryan. They can defy Ryan. I think it’s hard for them to defy Trump,” Mayhew says.

While House Republicans unified behind top priorities, Rep. Louise M. Slaughter of New York, ranking Democrat on Rules, complained in a written statement that the spate of closed rules and other hardball tactics made the first session of the 115th Congress the “most closed” session in history, and prevented Democrats from “doing their job representing their constituents and amending legislation.”

As in the Senate, some House members still found room to break ranks.

Among Republicans, Walter B. Jones of North Carolina scored 58 percent; Bryan Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania, 76 percent; Frank A. LoBiondo of New Jersey, 79 percent; Justin Amash of Michigan, 80 percent; Christopher H. Smith of New Jersey, 83 percent; Ryan A. Costello of Pennsylvania, and Carlos Curbelo and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, both of Florida, each at 84 percent.

For Democrats, Collin C. Peterson of Minnesota scored 68 percent; Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, 75 percent; Henry Cuellar of Texas, 76 percent; Jim Costa of California, 80 percent; and Josh Gott-heimer of New Jersey, 83 percent.

As the midterm elections approach, endangered incumbents may feel more pressure to switch sides. But Pitney predicts firm GOP control of floor votes and strong party cohesion on both sides.

“At a time when it’s possible that either party could gain control of either chamber, the outcome of the next election is going to shape every roll-call vote,” Pitney says. ■