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The Members of Congress (MoC) Watchdogs issue group developed this newsletter to help you track your MoCs. Various sources, including **VoteSpotter**, **Countable**, **GovTrack**, **VoteSmart**, and **FiveThirtyEight**, were used in the creation of this newsletter. We reached out directly to the MoC offices when we needed further clarification or information that could not be found through our sources. If you'd like to contribute or provide some feedback, please e-mail our editors at indivisibleca20@gmail.com.



Representative Jimmy Panetta
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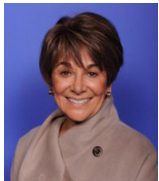
Representative Panetta was born in Washington DC. He earned a B.A. in International Relations from UC Davis and a JD from Santa Clara University School of Law. He interned for the US Department of State, served a tour in Afghanistan in the Navy, worked in Alameda County's prosecutor's office, and served as Deputy District Attorney for Monterey County. His father, Leon Panetta, was a Congressman for 26 years. Rep. Panetta is a freshman politician, who was elected this year to replace Rep. Sam Farr's vacated seat.



Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

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Senator Feinstein was born in San Francisco. She graduated from Stanford University with a B.A. in History in 1955. Senator Feinstein worked in city government in the 1960s. She served in the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1970 and served as San Francisco Mayor from 1978-1988. She and Barbara Boxer became the first female US Senators in California in 1992. Senator Feinstein has served in the senate for 25 years. She is the oldest currently serving US Senator.



Representative Anna Eshoo
(D-CA 18th District)

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Representative Anna Eshoo was born in New Britain, CT of Assyrian and Armenian heritage. She is a mother of two young adults and graduate of Canada College. She served on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for 10 years until she was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives in 1992.



Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA)

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Senator Harris was born in Oakland. She earned a J.D. from UC-Hastings in San Francisco in 1989. She served as District Attorney of San Francisco, then became the California Attorney General in 2010. As an Attorney General, she introduced the California Homeowner's Bill of Rights to help prevent illegal foreclosure and fought Federal Court supervision of prisons, which was intended to improve conditions. She is the first Indian-American elected to the U.S. Senate.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TRACKER *We tracked your MoCs relevant activities so that you don't have to.*

Member Of Congress	Committees & Task Forces	Public Statements	Town Halls in 2017	Voting Record
Jimmy Panetta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Agriculture Committee House Armed Services Committee (as of 7/13/17) National Security Task Force – Ensures the President submits the federally-mandated national security strategy report within 150 days of taking office. Trump was out of compliance with this on 6/19/17, so the US currently lacks a strategy to guide foreign and domestic policy. Trump is proposing a military spending increase of \$54 billion, without a national security strategy in place. Formerly House Committee on Natural Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5/23/17 - Opposed Trump's budget proposal. 5/25/17 - Opposed Trump's proposed cuts to Medicaid. 6/1/17- Opposed Trump's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/12/17 Immigration town hall at Hartnell College in Salinas 4/1/17 Joint town hall with Rep. Eshoo in Capitola 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 2017-July 2017: Missed 1 of 371 (0.3%) roll call votes. Votes in line with Trump's positions 18.9% of the time.
Diane Feinstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate Intelligence Committee – Interrogated Attorney General Jeff Sessions & former FBI Director James Comey. Judiciary Committee – Called for a full investigation into Trump's possible obstruction of justice. Senate Appropriations Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposes the Cadiz Water Extraction Project in the Mohave Desert Opposed Trump's nominee for Deputy Secretary of the Interior, lobbyist David Bernhardt. Opposed Trump's health care bill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4/17/17 Town hall in San Francisco 4/20/17 Town hall in Los Angeles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 2017- July 2017: Missed 24 out of 160 (15%) roll call votes. Votes in line with Trump's positions 31.0% of the time.
Kamala Harris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intelligence: She has been a force on the investigation into Russian interference in the election, interrogating US AG Jeff Sessions, former FBI head James Comey, US dep. AG Rod Rosenstein and DHS & FBI reps on aspects. She also questioned DHS Sec. Kelly on Trump's budget prioritizing Deportations over public safety Homeland Security & Govt. Affairs Environment and Public Works Budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sessions, former FBI head James Comey, US dep. AG Rod Rosenstein and DHS & FBI reps on aspects. She also questioned DHS Sec. Kelly on Trump's budget prioritizing Deportations over public safety Homeland Security & Govt. Affairs Environment and Public Works Budget 6/28/17 Underscored Danger 6/26/17: CBO score on Trumpcare: "this proposal is downright immoral" 6/15/17: Statement in support of DACA 2/3/17: "It's time for a new Civil Rights movement" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4/30/2017 Town hall in Los Angeles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 2017- July 2017: Missed 1 out of 160 (0.6%) roll call votes Votes in line with Trump's positions 14.0% of the time. Sponsored SR118, a resolution to condemn hate crimes against minorities –PASSED One of only four senators to vote NAY on USSM141, to confirm Scott Brown as ambassador to New Zealand
Anna Eshoo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy & Commerce Committee's subcommittee on Communication and Technology – 1st woman to serve as a ranking member Subcommittee on Communication and Technology Subcommittee on Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6/12/17 - Opposed FCC Chair AjiPai's efforts to unravel net neutrality protections. Sent letter to FCC Chairman Ajit Pai on unwanted robocalls, which are 1 of the top complaints from her constituents. Opposed the republican health care proposal. Sent letter to U. S. Trade Representative Robert re: the significant impact digital trade has on U.S. economy and the importance of modernizing the NAFTA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4/1/17 Joint town hall with Rep. Panetta in Capitola 7/22/17 Town hall at West Valley College Theatre in Saratoga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 2017- July 2017 Missed 1 out of 402 (0.2%) roll call votes. Votes in line with Trump's positions 16.2% of the time.

Significant Bills and Votes in Question : Representative Jimmy Panetta

Bill	Bill Information	Vote	Info from Panetta Office	Opposing Opinion
HR 1004 Regulatory Integrity Act of 2017	Requires each executive branch agency to publish pending regulations and related public statements on their websites.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures federal agencies conduct their rule-making process in an open, timely, and transparent manner. • Requires daily updates on agencies' public websites with the information that they already collect during the rule-making process. • Resulted from a situation in which the EPA had begun to use a social media tool to engage in grassroots lobbying to actively solicit public support for a certain rule. Those actions were illegal. • The nonpartisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) recommended that Congress clarify the rule-making process to prevent the same situation from happening again, and HR 1004 reflects those recommendations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would prohibit federal agencies from making any public communication about a pending agency regulatory action that could be interpreted as propaganda, seeking publicity, or direct advocacy. • Based on this definition, virtually any action an agency might take to communicate the benefits of a rule could be viewed as advocating for the rule, publicity, or propaganda. • Could leave the public less informed about agency activities because agencies would likely restrict communications with the public in order to avoid the possibility of violating the prohibitions the bill contains.
HR 2353 Career and Technical Education Act	Reforms career and technical education (CTE) to ensure that such programs meet the needs of today's workforce. Has the Department of Education cede to the states control over CTE funds.	Not recorded (voice vote)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office does not know how Rep. Panetta voted on this bill, given that it was passed by voice vote, and individual votes were not recorded. Office assumes he supported this bill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current law requires that federally-funded institutions work to promote gender equity and holds them accountable for participation and completion rates in programs non-traditional to a students' gender. • Under this bill, states would set their own goals for participation and completion with minimal input from the Department of Education.

Significant Bills and Votes in Question : Senator Diane Feinstein

Bill	Bill Information	Vote	Info from Feinstein Office	Opposing Opinion
PN90	Confirmation of Sonny Perdue as Secretary of Agriculture	Yea	None	A goal of Indivisible is for the Democrats to present a united front opposing all of President Trump's nominees, esp. on the cabinet
USSM127	Confirmation of Robert Lighthizer as trade representative	Yea	None	A goal of Indivisible is for the Democrats to present a united front opposing all of President Trump's nominees, esp. on the cabinet
USSM131	Confirmation of Courtney Elwood as CIA General Counsel	Yea	None	A goal of Indivisible is for the Democrats to present a united front opposing all of President Trump's nominees, esp. on the cabinet
USSM133	Confirmation of Terry Branstad as ambassador to China	Yea	None	A goal of Indivisible is for the Democrats to present a united front opposing all of President Trump's nominees, esp. on the cabinet
USSM141	Confirmation of Scott Brown as ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa	Yea	None	A goal of Indivisible is for the Democrats to present a united front opposing all of President Trump's nominees, esp. on the cabinet

Significant Bills and Votes in Question : Senator Kamala Harris

Bill	Bill Information	Vote	Info from Harris Office	Opposing Opinion
USSM133	Confirmation of Terry Branstad as ambassador to China	Abstained	Senator Harris' office did not respond to numerous emails and calls asking for comment	A goal of Indivisible is for the Democrats to present a united front opposing all of President Trump's nominees, esp. on the cabinet
USSM131	Confirmation of Courtney Elwood as CIA General Counsel	Yea	Senator Harris' office did not respond to numerous emails and calls asking for comment	A goal of Indivisible is for the Democrats to present a united front opposing all of President Trump's nominees, esp. on the cabinet