

Scott Taylor (VA-02) Research Report

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Key Findings

Taylor Lost Re-Election, Stopped Showing Up For Work And Cashed In On His Shady Foreign Contacts

Taylor lost re-election and stopped showing up for work. *In November 2018, Taylor lost reelection to Elaine Luria. After he lost reelection, Taylor missed 32 or 37 percent of the votes that were taken. He missed votes on the National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act, the 9/11 Memorial Act, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act, among others.*

After Taylor lost re-election, he reported income from business associated with Qatar and other controversies. *In 2019, Taylor reported income from Stonington Global LLC, a firm headed by Nick Muzin. Muzin did work for the Qatari government, was associated with Michael Flynn, and had been scrutinized for being paid for foreign lobbying work through a “shadow firm.” In 2018, Muzin was accused of participating in an alleged Qatari conspiracy to steal and distribute a Republican donor’s private emails to embarrass him. In 2017, Stonington Global LLC’s registered to lobby for the Democratic Party of Albania, whose President was charged with money laundering in 2019. And according to a FARA filing, Taylor met with Muzin’s clients the Prime Minister and the Minister of Interior for the Qatari government as a member of congress. In 2019, Taylor also reported income from Espada Inc, a security and logistics support company that was accused of encouraging “vigilantism” in 2010 and was sued by a paramedic in 2019 for not paying wages. In 2019, Taylor reported income from “Cuba Vision,” but further research needs to be done to verify that this is “Cubavision,” a state-run television channel.*

A Trump’s lawyer and political fixer, Rudy Giuliani, tried to get Taylor appointed ambassador to Qatar. *Giuliani thought Taylor would be a better fit for ambassador than a career diplomat because he was more supportive of Trump’s agenda. Giuliani met with Taylor and offered to help usher him through the nomination process, and Taylor claimed that Trump approved of the nomination. A lobbyist for the Qatari government reached out to Leader McCarthy’s office the day that news of Taylor’s nomination was leaked to the press. Trump abandoned the nomination of a career diplomat in favor of Taylor, but Taylor was ultimately not nominated, and the position was left unfilled as of March, 2020.*

Taylor’s Campaign Committed “Out and Out Fraud”

Taylor is currently under investigation for efforts of his campaign to get independent candidate Shaun Brown on the 2018 ballot. *In 2018, four of Taylor’s campaign staffers worked to collect signatures to get Brown on the ballot in an effort to help his campaign beat Democrat Elaine Luria. Taylor admitted that he knew about the effort and political calculations were taken into account, but claimed his staff did nothing wrong.*

After there were reports that the signatures collected by Taylor’s campaign were fraudulent, a Special Prosecutor was appointed and Taylor and his staff were subpoenaed to court. *Reports claimed that there were 4 dead people and 59 fraudulent signatures found on petitions filed by Scott Taylor’s campaign. In 2018, Taylor’s staff was subpoenaed and took the 5th and Taylor himself was subpoenaed and refused to testify, citing Congressional duties. A judge ordered independent Shaun Brown’s name removed from the ballot, citing forged voter signatures and “out-and-out fraud.” The judge said Taylor’s signature collection scheme “was done so with the intent to defraud the Commonwealth and its elected officials.”*

Taylor withdrew from a debate and called a constituent who reported wrongdoing to intimidate her. *In 2018, Taylor withdrew from a WHRO-sponsored debate because he was upset with the station’s news coverage on the petition scandal. Taylor “personally called a constituent who had accused his reelection campaign of forging voters’ signatures and pressured her to withdraw the accusation.”*

Taylor claimed he was exonerated, but the Commonwealth's attorney did not agree and Taylor's staff pleaded guilty to charges. *The Roanoke Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney did not agree with Taylor's words that he was "exonerated." Former Taylor staffer Lauren Creekmore Peabody pleaded guilty to "willful neglect of election duty" in petition case and ultimately pled guilty to a reduced misdemeanor, was fined \$1,000 and given a 12 month suspended sentence.*

Taylor Failed To Pay His Taxes On Time, But Voted To Raise Taxes On The Middle Class

Taylor failed to pay his taxes on time. *In 2019 and 2018, there were reports that Taylor failed to pay property taxes on his rental properties on time. In 2018, his spokesman blamed the tardiness on Taylor being "preoccupied with legislative business and his recent June 12 GOP primary."*

Taylor voted to raise taxes on the middle class. *Taylor voted for the Republican tax scam and voted to make some provisions of the law permanent. The Republican Tax Cut and Jobs Act benefitted corporations and special interests while millions paid more in taxes*

Taylor Put His Party Bosses Over His Own Constituents

Taylor answered to party bosses. *Taylor voted with Trump 97.8 percent of the time tying Barbara Comstock for the highest percentage among members of the Virginia delegation. Taylor voted with his party 98 percent of the time.*

In Congress, Taylor sought to silence constituents who did not agree with him, in a potential violation of the First Amendment and House ethics rules. *Taylor was accused of blocking constituents on his Facebook page and the ACLU said Taylor may have violated their First Amendment rights. Taylor even dismissed his own constituents at town hall meetings.*

Taylor Was Bad For Virginia Families

Taylor was bad for Virginia seniors. *Taylor wanted to raise the retirement age for Social Security eligibility; 129,000 Virginia 2nd district residents received social security benefits in 2019. Taylor voted to gut Medicare and against lowering out of pocket drug costs on seniors; 21,000 Virginia 2nd District residents receive Medicare benefits. Taylor said he wanted to raise the retirement age for future generations and began drafting legislation to raise the retirement age within days of his election in 2016.*

Taylor was bad for Virginia health care. *Taylor voted for the American Health Care Act – the Republican health care repeal bill, thus breaking his promise to protect people with pre-existing conditions. In February 2017, Taylor would not answer directly when asked if he had read the Republican health care plan. Taylor said Trump promised to help Republicans in competitive districts win in 2018 if they voted for the repeal bill.*

Taylor was bad for Virginia safety. *Taylor had an "A" rating from the NRA and was endorsed by the group. Additionally, the group spent over \$10,000 to help get him elected. Taylor spoke out against new gun laws in Virginia and praised the efforts of Virginia Beach to become a 2nd amendment "sanctuary." Taylor voted to block consideration of bills to close gun safety loopholes. Taylor even said he opposed universal background checks for guns.*

Taylor was bad for Virginia women. *Taylor stated the only exception for abortion should be if the woman's life is in danger. Taylor voted to defund Planned Parenthood. Taylor voted against consideration of an amendment that prevented insurance plans from charging women higher premiums than men.*

Taylor is bad for working families. *Taylor voted for block a bill to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour in seven years. Taylor voted for undermining worker protections by allowing private-sector employees to swap overtime pay for “comp time.”*

Taylor was bad for the environment. *2018: Taylor came out against offshore drilling, though he supported it earlier in his career. In 2010, Taylor said he supported offshore drilling and that it did not interfere with Naval operations. Taylor admitted that climate change was real and a serious issue for Virginia Beach... but questioned how much of it was man-made and what there was to be done about it. The New York Times reported that Taylor favored “narrower measures” to address the dangerous effects of climate change and that he was “wary of hobbling fossil-fuel companies.”*

Taylor was bad for Virginians’ voting rights. *Taylor said he “doesn’t have a big problem with [the White House] looking into” voter fraud... even though he admitted that “we don’t have massive voter fraud problem” in Virginia. Taylor compared Trump’s voter fraud panel to the investigation into Russian interference in the election.*

Thematics

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Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor lost re-election and stopped showing up for work.*
- ✓ *In November 2018, Taylor lost reelection to Elaine Luria.*
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- ✓ *Taylor missed votes on the National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act, the 9/11 Memorial Act, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act, among others.*
- ✓ *2019: Trump's lawyer and political fixer, Rudy Giuliani, tried to get Taylor appointed ambassador to Qatar.*
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- ✓ *Giuliani met with Taylor and offered to help usher him through the nomination process.*
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- ✓ *Taylor reported income from Stonington Global LLC's, a firm headed by Nick Muzin, that had done work for the Qatari government, was associated with Michael Flynn, and had been scrutinized for being paid for foreign lobbying work through a "shadow firm."*
- ✓ *In 2017, Stonington Global LLC's registered to lobby for the Democratic Party of Albania, whose President was charged with money laundering in 2019.*
- ✓ *In 2018, the firm's founder was accused of participating in an alleged Qatari conspiracy to steal and distribute a Republican donor's private emails to embarrass him.*
- ✓ *According to a FARA filing, Taylor met with Muzin's clients the Prime Minister and the Minister of Interior for the Qatari government as a member of congress.*
- ✓ *Taylor reported income from Espada Inc, a security and logistics support company that was accused of encouraging "vigilantism" in 2010 and was sued by a paramedic in 2019 for not paying wages.*
- ✓ *Taylor reported income from "Cuba Vision." NOTE: further research needs to be done to verify that this is "Cubavision," a state-run television channel.*

- ✓ 2019-2020: Taylor also made at least two trips to the Middle East while a candidate for Senate and House.

Taylor Lost Reelection And Stopped Showing Up For Work

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2018 Virginia 2 nd Congressional District General Election		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Scott Taylor (R)	133,458	48.81%
Elaine Luria (D)	139,571	51.05%

[Virginia Public Access Project, [3/13/20](#)]

After Taylor Lost Election, Taylor Missed 32 Votes Or 37 Percent

Taylor Voting Attendance Record – GovTrack.US				
Time Period	Votes Eligible	Missed Votes	Percent	Percentile
2017 Jan-Mar	208	9	4.3%	80th
2017 Apr-Jun	136	3	2.2%	59th
2017 Jul-Sep	199	1	0.5%	37th
2017 Oct-Dec	167	12	7.2%	86th
2018 Jan-Mar	129	1	0.8%	24 th
2018 Apr-Jun	184	8	4.3%	65th
2018 Jul-Sep	102	6	5.9%	78 th
2018 Oct-Dec	85	32	37.6%	89th
Total	1210	72	5.9%	

[GovTrack.us, Rep. Scott Taylor, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

Taylor Missed Votes

Taylor Missed Vote						
Roll	Date	Issue	Question	Result	Title/Description	Taylor Present
500	21-Dec	S 3628	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act	N
499	21-Dec	H CON RES 148	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree	P	Correct Enrollment to S. 3628	N
498	21-Dec	MOTION	On Motion to Fix the Convening Time	P		N
497	21-Dec	H R 7388	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	F	National Flood Insurance Program Competition and Extension Act of 2018	N

496	21-Dec	S 3456	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	To redesignate Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge as the Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes	N
495	21-Dec	H R 6287	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment	P	9/11 Memorial Act	N
494	21-Dec	S 1934	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	F	Alaska Remote Generator Reliability and Protection Act	N
493	21-Dec	S 512	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act	N
492	21-Dec	S 3247	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Womens Entrepreneurship and Economic and Empowerment Act	N
491	21-Dec	S 1862	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act	N
490	21-Dec	S 1580	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Protecting Girls Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act	N
489	21-Dec	S 1158	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act	N
488	21-Dec	S 1023	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Tropical Forest Conservation Reauthorization Act	N
487	21-Dec	H R 2200	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment	P	Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act	N
486	21-Dec	S 3661	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended	P	75th Anniversary of World War II Commemoration Act	N

485	21-Dec	S 3277	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	F	Space Frontier Act of 2019	N
484	21-Dec	H R 4174	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment	P	Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act	N
483	21-Dec	H CON RES 149	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree	P	Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make certain corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 4174	N
482	21-Dec	S 3191	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act	N
481	21-Dec	S 3031	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Federal Personal Property Management Act	N
480	21-Dec	S 2276	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	GAO-IG Act	N
479	21-Dec	H R 7293	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Ayrault Road in Fairport, New York, as the Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office	N
478	21-Dec	S 3367	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Department of Transportation Reports Harmonization Act	N
477	21-Dec	H R 7329	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	To make technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018, and for other purposes	N

476	21-Dec	H R 7319	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	To amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to provide flexibility with respect to the leaseback of certain Federal real property, and for other purposes	N
475	21-Dec	H R 7318	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	To amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to ensure that the Public Buildings Reform Board has adequate time to carry out the responsibilities of the Board, and for other purposes	N
474	21-Dec	H RES 1063	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree	P	Designating room H-226 of the United States Capitol as the Lincoln Room	N
467	20-Dec	MOTION	On Motion to Table	P		N
437	19-Dec	H R 6615	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment	P	Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act	N
425	30-Nov	H R 6901	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended	P	Federal CIO Authorization Act of 2018	N
424	29-Nov	H R 7187	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	National Flood Insurance Program Further Extension Act	N

423	29-Nov	H RES 1160	On Agreeing to the Resolution	P	Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 88) to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parkers Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes	N
473	20-Dec	H R 6602	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	To reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, and for other purposes	Y
472	20-Dec	H R 695	On Motion to Concur in the Senate Adt to the House Adt to the Senate Adt with Adt	P	Child Protection Improvements Act of 2017	Y
471	20-Dec	H R 2606	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendments	P	Stigler Act Amendments	Y
470	20-Dec	H R 88	On Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment with an Amendment	P	Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act	Y
469	20-Dec	H RES 1183	On Agreeing to the Resolution	P	Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 695, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018	Y

468	20-Dec	H RES 1183	On Ordering the Previous Question	P	Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 695, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018	Y
466	20-Dec	S 3777	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Forever GI Bill Housing Payment Fulfillment Act	Y
465	20-Dec	S 3444	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs as the Douglas Fournet Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic	Y
464	20-Dec	H R 6418	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended	P	VA Website Accessibility Act	Y
463	20-Dec	S 2322	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	F	Codifying Useful Regulatory Definitions Act	Y
462	20-Dec	H R 767	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment	P	Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Act	Y
461	20-Dec	S 2200	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization Act	Y
460	20-Dec	S 7	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	NASA Enhanced Use Leasing Extension Act	Y
459	20-Dec	H R 5509	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment	P	Innovations in Mentoring, Training, and Apprenticeships	Y

458	20-Dec	S 2765	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	RBIC Advisers Relief Act	Y
457	20-Dec	S 2652	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Stephen Michael Gleason Congressional Gold Medal Act	Y
456	20-Dec	H R 4227	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendments	P	Vehicular Terrorism Prevention Act of 2018	Y
455	20-Dec	H R 7227	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended	P	Taxpayer First Act	Y
454	20-Dec	S 2679	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act	Y
453	20-Dec	S 2961	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act	Y
452	20-Dec	S 2896	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Justice Against Corruption on K Street Act	Y
451	20-Dec	H R 7093	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Clean Up the Code Act of 2018	Y
450	20-Dec	H R 5075	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment	P	Ashanti Alert Act of 2018	Y
449	20-Dec	H R 7328	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2018	Y
448	20-Dec	S 756	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment to House Amendment	P	First Step Act of 2018	Y

447	20-Dec	H RES 1181	On Agreeing to the Resolution	P	Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules	Y
446	20-Dec	H RES 1180	On Agreeing to the Resolution	P	Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 88); and providing for proceedings during the period from December 24, 2018, through January 3, 2019	Y
445	19-Dec	S 3530	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Museum and Library Services Act	Y
444	19-Dec	S 1520	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act	Y
443	19-Dec	H R 6652	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended	P	To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to the Kennewick Irrigation District, and for other purposes	Y
442	19-Dec	H R 6227	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment	P	National Quantum Initiative Act	Y
441	19-Dec	H R 7279	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Water Infrastructure Improvement Act	Y
440	19-Dec	H R 7327	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	SECURE Technology Act	Y

439	19-Dec	S 2278	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	State Offices of Rural Health Reauthorization Act	Y
438	19-Dec	S 2076	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimers Act	Y
436	19-Dec	H R 1222	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment	P	Congenital Heart Futures Reauthorization Act of 2017	Y
435	13-Dec	H RES 1091	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended	P	Calling on the Government of Burma to release Burmese journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo sentenced to seven years imprisonment after investigating attacks against civilians by Burmas military and security forces, and for other purposes	Y
434	12-Dec	H R 2	On Agreeing to the Conference Report	P	Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018	Y
433	12-Dec	JOURNAL	On Approving the Journal	P		Y
432	12-Dec	H RES 1176	On Agreeing to the Resolution	P	Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018, and for other purposes	Y
431	12-Dec	H RES 1176	On Ordering the Previous Question	P	Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018, and for other purposes	Y

430	11-Dec	S 825	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2017	Y
429	11-Dec	S 3029	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	PREEMIE Reauthorization Act	Y
428	11-Dec	H R 7217	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	Improving Medicaid Programs and Opportunities for Eligible Beneficiaries Act	Y
427	10-Dec	H R 3008	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	George W. Bush Childhood Home Study Act	Y
426	10-Dec	H RES 792	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended	P	Urging the Secretary of the Interior to recognize the historical significance of Roberto Clementes place of death near Pinones in Loiza, Puerto Rico, by adding it to the National Register of Historic Places	Y
422	27-Nov	H R 6207	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended	P	Democratic Republic of the Congo Democracy and Accountability Act of 2018	Y
421	27-Nov	H R 5273	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended	P	Global Fragility and Violence Reduction Act of 2018	Y
420	16-Nov	H R 6784	On Passage	P	Manage our Wolves Act	Y
419	16-Nov	H R 5787	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended	P	Strengthening Coastal Communities Act	Y

418	14-Nov	H RES 1142	On Agreeing to the Resolution	P	Providing for consideration of H.R. 6784, the Manage our Wolves Act; and providing for proceedings during the period from November 19, 2018, through November 26, 2018	Y
417	13-Nov	H R 2615	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment	P	Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act	Y
416	13-Nov	H R 6064	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	P	To rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge	Y

2019: Trump's Lawyer And Political Fixer, Rudy Giuliani, Tried To Get Taylor Appointed Ambassador To Qatar

Giuliani Thought Taylor Would Be A Better Fit To Push Trump's Agenda And Offered To Help Him Through The Nomination Process.

Giuliani Thought Taylor Would Be A Better Fit To Be Ambassador Because He Was More Supportive Of Trump's Agenda

Giuliani Felt That Taylor Would Be A Better Fit For Ambassador To Qatar. "The president's personal attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani was on the phone in late 2018, pressing administration officials about his latest agenda item. President Trump had nominated a career Foreign Service officer to become the U.S. ambassador to Qatar, a key post in a Middle Eastern country with tricky regional relationships, an important U.S. military installation and vast oil reserves. Giuliani, who has said he had held a cybersecurity contract with Qatar in 2017 and early 2018, proposed replacing her with someone he said would be a better fit — Scott W. Taylor, a Trump-supporting former congressman from Virginia defeated in his reelection bid in November 2018, according to people familiar with his outreach. Giuliani's previously unreported attempts to shape the pick for the U.S. envoy to Qatar are part of an un-or-tho-dox foreign policy portfolio he has carved out for himself while also working as a power-broker-for-hire with direct access to the president and top administration officials." [Washington Post, [12/8/19](#)]

Giuliani Argued That Taylor Would Be A Better Choice Than Phee Because He Would Be More Supportive Of Trump's Agenda. "In subsequent calls to administration officials, Giuliani argued that Taylor would be a better choice than Phee because he would be more supportive of Trump's agenda, according to multiple people familiar with the conversations." [Washington Post, [12/8/19](#)]

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“Giuliani’s interest in U.S. foreign policy has often tracked with countries where he has had a financial interest. That was the case with his efforts to shape the pick for ambassador to Qatar, where he did security consulting work in 2017 and 2018 related to a hacking incident, Giuliani told The Post earlier this year. He declined to describe the specific work he did but said his contract concluded before he was named Trump’s attorney in April 2018. He said that he did not register as a foreign lobbyist because he never lobbied U.S. officials on behalf of Qatar.” [Washington Post, [12/8/19](#)]

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Process. “Giuliani offered to promote Taylor as candidate for the post and help guide him through the process, according to a person familiar with his outreach. During a night at a cigar bar in Friendship Heights in December and a lunch meeting the following day at the Trump hotel, Giuliani described a plan to promote Taylor for the job, the person said. During the conversations, Giuliani told Taylor that he had done work in Qatar, but it was unclear why he was interested in shaping the ambassador pick.” [Washington Post, [12/8/19](#)]

Giuliani Said Trump Was “Enthusiastic” About The Prospect Of Taylor Being Ambassador To

Qatar. “As the process moved along, Giuliani also told Taylor he had discussed the idea with the president, who had seemed enthusiastic, one person said.” [Washington Post, [12/8/19](#)]

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Specifically. “Reached by phone, Taylor — who this summer launched a campaign to unseat Sen. Mark R. Warner (D) — declined to comment on Giuliani’s effort to get him the appointment, saying only, ‘I had a lot of advocates on that.’” [Washington Post, [12/8/19](#)]

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“Phee’s nomination expired when Congress adjourned last year and Trump has not renominated her. He also did not name Taylor, leaving the key job vacant.” [Washington Post, [12/8/19](#)]

American Foreign Service Association: The Post Of US Ambassador To Qatar Was Vacant. [AFSA, accessed [3/14/20](#)]

Lobbyists For Qatar Contacted Leader McCarthy’s Office The Night Trump Decided To Abandon Phee As Ambassador To Qatar

The Day The Decision Not To Renominate Phee Was Leaked To The Press, A Qatar Lobbyist Contacted Leader McCarty

The Day The Decision To Switch To Taylor Leaked To The Press, Lobbyists Working For Qatar Discussed The Ambassadorial Nomination With A Close Congressional Ally Of The President, Rep. Kevin McCarthy.

“Earlier this year, President Trump suddenly retracted the nomination of a career diplomat set to be U.S. Ambassador to Qatar. Media reports at the time stated that the president intended to instead nominate a former congressman with a history of pro-Qatar statements for the ambassadorship, with no explanation of what prompted the abrupt change. Documents recently filed under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), however, offer some new insight. They show that the very day this decision leaked to the press, lobbyists working for Qatar discussed the ambassadorial nomination with a close congressional ally of the president, Rep. Kevin McCarthy.” [CREW, [5/16/19](#)]

The Gallagher Group Contacted McCarthy’s Office To Discuss The Ambassadorial Nomination And Followed Up The Next Day. “While Rep. McCarthy has no official authority over ambassadorial nominations, he does have the president’s ear, which suggests that foreign countries have sought to influence the Trump administration’s foreign policy decisions by targeting allies of the president for influence. President Trump first nominated Mary Catherine Phee, a career State Department official, to be U.S. Ambassador to Qatar on November 13, 2018. After the 115th Congress ended on January 3, 2019, Phee’s nomination automatically expired pending its resubmission to the new Congress. On January 11, according to a FARA supplemental statement filed earlier this month, the Gallagher Group, a lobbying firm working for Qatar, contacted the office of House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy to discuss an ‘Ambo Nom [ambassadorial nomination] question.’ The firm contacted Rep. McCarthy’s office again the next day to follow up.” [CREW, [5/16/19](#)]

Lobbyist James Gallagher Said He Was Forwarding The CNN Article To McCarthy. “Update: Following publication of this blog post, James Gallagher, the principal at The Gallagher Group, contacted CREW and stated that he ‘did not lobby Rep. Kevin McCarthy or his staff about the vacant Ambassadorial post’ as that ‘is not my role.’ Mr. Gallagher also stated in reference to his January 11 contact ‘with a staff member in the Office of the Majority Leader, Rep. Kevin McCarthy,’ that ‘the contact in question was a text message at 6:58 pm on 11 January with a URL link to the CNN report referenced in [CREW’s] article. It was not to lobby the Minority Leader or his staff, it was simply forwarding, without comment, the link to the CNN report.’ Mr. Gallagher also objected to the last sentence of the blog post, stating that ‘[t]o view a text message to a Congressional staff member of a link to a CNN story in this vein is not correct.’” [CREW, [5/16/19](#)]

Trump Was Expected To Replace A Career State Department Official With Taylor As Nominee For Ambassador To Qatar**Trump Expected To Ditch Career Diplomat And Nominate Former GOP Congressman As Qatar Ambassador**

HEADLINE: Trump Expected To Ditch Career Diplomat And Nominate Former GOP Congressman As Qatar Ambassador. [CNN, [1/12/19](#)]

January 2019: The Trump Administration Was Planning On Abandoning The Nomination Of Career Diplomat Molly Phee In Favor Of Taylor To Be Ambassador To Qatar. “Molly Phee, a career State Department official and former US ambassador to South Sudan, was nominated by the Trump administration in late 2018. However, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee did not act on the nomination before the end of the last congressional session and it and other nominations expired. The White House is expected not to resubmit her nomination for the Qatar post and will instead put the former Republican congressman and Navy SEAL forward.” [CNN, [1/12/19](#)]

January 2019: Sources Said That Trump Himself Made The Decision To Switch Nominees And That Taylor Was Someone The White House Wanted To Look After. “One source familiar says the decision to change nominees was made by President Donald Trump himself. Another source familiar with the situation said Taylor is someone whom ‘the White House obviously wants to look after.’ The White House declined to

comment. However, a White House source told CNN that a number of ambassador nominations are due to be submitted to the Senate on Monday.” [CNN, [1/12/19](#)]

Taylor Reported Income From Business Associated With Qatar And Other Controversies

2019: Taylor Was Paid For Consulting Work By Four Firms Including One That Lobbied For Qatar

2019 Taylor Compensation	
Duties	Source
Consulting	Stonington Global LLC, <i>Washington, DC</i>
Consulting	Espada Inc, <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
Consulting	Cuba Vision, <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
Consulting	MI Systems, <i>Houston, TX</i>

[Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

2019: Taylor Founded The Elah Group LLC And Paid Himself \$130,000 In Salary

2019: Taylor Reported \$130,000 In Earned Income. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

2019 Taylor Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
The Elah Group LLC	Salary	\$130,000.00

[Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

March 2019: Taylor Was Behind The Incorporation Of The Elah Group LLC, A Virginia Based Limited Liability Corporation

March 2019: The Commonwealth Of Virginia Incorporated The Elah Group LLC. “The State Corporation Commission has found the accompanying articles submitted on behalf of THE ELAH GROUP LLC to comply with the requirements of law, and confirms payment of all required fees. Therefore, it is ORDERED that this CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION be issued and admitted to record with the articles of organization in the Office of the Clerk of the Commission, effective March 18, 2019. STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION, By, Judith Williams Jagdmann, Commissioner.” [Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, 3/18/19]

March 2019: Taylor Was The Organizer Of Elah Group LLC’s Articles Of Organization. According to the Commonwealth of Virginia’s State Corporation Commission, Scott Taylor was the Organizer of The Elah Group LLC’s Articles of Organization. [Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, 3/18/19]

ORGANIZER:

/s/ SCOTT TAYLOR Date: March 18, 2019
SCOTT TAYLOR

[Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, 3/18/19]

Elah Group LLC Was Registered At Taylor’s Home

Taylor's Address Was 3924 Whispering Oaks Pl Apt 102 Virginia Beach, VA 23455. According to a Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Taylor's address was 3924 Whispering Oaks Pl Apt 102 Virginia Beach, VA 23455. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Scott Taylor, accessed 3/11/20]

The Elah Group LLC's Principal Office Location Was 3924 Whispering Oaks Pl Apt 102 Virginia Beach, VA 23455. "The address of the limited liability company's principal office where the records of the limited liability company are to be kept is 3924 WHISPERING OAKS PL APT 102, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23455." [Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, 3/18/19]

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Taylor Reported Income From A Lobbying Group That Was Associated With Michael Flynn And Received Millions Through A "Shadow Firm"...

Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Stonington Global LLC, A Lobbying Firm That Did Work For The Qatari Government

2019: Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Stonington Global LLC. According to his 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, Taylor reported consulting compensation from Stonington Global LLC. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 12/19/19]

Stonington Global LLC's Mission Was Meant To Build On The US-Qatari Relationship. "Nick Muzin is pleased to announce the formation of a new consulting firm, Stonington Global LLC. With offices in Washington, the firm will help domestic and international clients navigate global equity markets and facilitate interactions with governments. In addition to lobbying, procurement, and public affairs, the firm will help investors, including Service sovereign wealth funds, find opportunities in the United States and abroad. In launching the new firm, Nick Muzin & his team plan to build on their success representing the State of Qatar, which in the course of eight months saw the Gulf Emirate go from isolation, blockade, and criticism from the

White House, to a strengthening the US-Qatari security and economic relationship, culminating in the US-Qatari Strategic Dialogue and subsequent Oval Office meeting between President Donald Trump and the Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani.” [Stonington Global, about, accessed [3/15/20](#)]

January 2019: Stonington Was Scrutinized For Payments Received From A PR-Firm Connected To The Qatari Government For Lobbying Work. “Two lobbyists known for helping Qatar curry favor among allies of President Donald Trump received nearly \$4 million from a mysterious PR firm that appears to be tied to the Qatari government—another indication that a shadow war in the Middle East has taken root in the DC swamp with little oversight. Nick Muzin and Joey Allaham have previously attracted attention for their unconventional lobbying in the United States for Qatar. This work involved courting 250 people they believed could influence Trump’s view of the small Gulf state and earned them more than \$3 million. But filings submitted to the federal government reveal that Stonington Strategies, a firm Muzin runs, received another \$3.9 million in payments in the fall of 2017 for work related to Qatar. Muzin, a former top aide to Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), reported paying \$2.3 million of that sum to a consulting company set up by Allaham, who once owned several high-end kosher restaurants in New York City.” [Mother Jones, [1/8/19](#)]

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HEADLINE: Qatari Lobbyists Received Millions Through Shadow Firm. [Mother Jones, [1/8/19](#)]

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Wall Street Journal: Headline: “Judge Dismisses Qatar’s Lobbyist Nick Muzin From Elliott Broidy Hacking Lawsuit. [Wall Street Journal, [8/17/18](#)]

As A Member Of Congress, Taylor Even Met With The Lobbyists Qatari Clients



[FARA, Muzin Capitol Partners Amendment, filed [4/4/17](#)]

Taylor Was Close To The Qatari Government, After Visiting In 2017 And Speaking At Their 2018 National Day Celebration In DC. “Taylor was close to the Qatari government during his time in Congress. In late 2017, he visited Qatar and met with its Emir, Prime Minister, and Foreign Minister, praising the country in a Facebook post the following day. In 2018, Taylor spoke at Qatar’s National Day celebration in Washington, D.C. At the event, the country’s ambassador expressed gratitude to him for his efforts to promote U.S.-Qatar ties.” [CREW, [5/16/19](#)]

The Firm Lobbied On Behalf Of The Democratic Party Of Albania, A Conservative Albanian Political Party Whose President Was Charged With Money Laundering

March 2017: Muzin Registered As A Foreign Agent Of The Democratic Party of Albania

March 2017: Muzin Registered As A Foreign Agent Of The Democratic Party of Albania And Was Paid \$75,000 To Promote The Party In The U.S. [FARA Registration Statement, Registration No. 6414, [3/31/17](#)]

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<p>3. Residence Address(es) On file with FARA Unit.</p>	<p>4. Business Address(es) On file with FARA Unit.</p>												
<p>5. Year of Birth 1975 Nationality Canada Present Citizenship USA</p>	<p>6. If present citizenship was not acquired by birth, indicate when, and how acquired. Naturalized, April 2010</p>												
<p>7. Occupation attorney</p>													
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<p>10. List every foreign principal to whom you will render services in support of the primary registrant. Democratic Party of Albania</p>													
<p>11. Describe separately and in detail all services which you will render to the foreign principal(s) listed in Item 10 either directly, or through the primary registrant listed in Item 8, and the date(s) of such services. (If space is insufficient, a full insert page must be used.) Designing a political campaign for the 2017 Albania elections. Promoting the vision and goals of the Democratic Party of Albania to business and political leaders in the U.S.</p>													
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<p>12. Do any of the above described services include political activity as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, describe separately and in detail such political activity. Promoting the Democratic Party of Albania, and the conservative movement and leaders in Albania to U.S. policy makers.</p>													
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[FARA Registration Statement, Registration No. 6414, [3/31/17](#)]

Muzin Lobbied On Behalf Of Former Albanian President Lulzim Basha, Who Was Charged With Money Laundering In 2019

2017: Muzin Lobbied On Behalf Of Then-President Of Albania, Lulzim Basha. [FARA Registration Statement, Registration No. 6414, [3/31/17](#)]

7. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

a) Principal address

*Bolevardi Zhan D'Art no 11
Tirana, Albania 1001*

b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals

Lulzim Basha, President

c) Principal aim

electoral

[FARA Registration Statement, Registration No. 6414, [3/31/17](#)]

2019: Basha Was Charged With Money Laundering For Payments He Made To Muzin Through A Scottish Shell Company. “Prosecutors in Albania on Thursday announced plans to file criminal charges against Lulzim Basha, the head of the country’s main conservative party, regarding more than \$600,000 in payments that his party reportedly made in 2017 to a Republican lobbyist in Washington, DC. [...] Prosecutors added that the DPA had declared making only \$25,000 in lobbying payments, without revealing another \$650,000 in expenditures. In filings with the Justice Department’s Foreign Agents Registration Act office, Muzin reported receiving that larger sum as his total compensation for his work for the DPA. Albanian prosecutors also said in March they had corresponded with authorities in the United States and Scotland about fees paid by the DPA and a shell company, Biniatta Trade, to a lobbying firm run by Muzin. (According to Albanian publications, the Justice Department was the agency that provided information to the Albanian prosecutors.) Muzin and the Sonoran Policy Group, which currently lobbies for the DPA in the United States, did not respond to requests for comment on Thursday.” [Mother Jones, [6/13/19](#)]

March 2017 – May 2017: Stonington Was Paid \$650,000 By “Biniatt Trade,” A Company Based in Edinburgh, UK, TO Lobby On Behalf Of The Albanian Democratic Party

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Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Espada, Inc. A Security And Logistics Support Company That Was Involved With Various Controversies Over The Years

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Espada Was A Security And Logistics Support Company “Founded in 2004, ESPADA is a leading worldwide security and logistics support company. Since the beginning, ESPADA redefined the industry by delivering innovative solutions for our customers. We are a trusted partner to each of our customers. We deliver high-quality professionals equipped with the latest in training and technology. We institute proven management strategies to provide unparalleled communication and support. ESPADA provides our clients with critical, country-specific expertise. We are committed to: ➤ Delivering innovative and continuous improvement; with best-in-class local and regional services responsive to your dynamic environment and customized for your evolving needs ➤ Presenting a consistent, high standard of performance through a standardized Quality Control Program ➤ Providing value added options to drive efficiencies, through the introduction of technologically advanced solutions, designed to lower your cost of operations.” [Espada, about, accessed [3/15/20](#)]

Espada Conducted Trainings And Logistics Support For Their Clients. “ESPADA is a proven international security and logistics company that provides superior service in all types of environments. We deliver the best training, thoughtful consulting, and efficient security/logistics solutions world-wide. For over 10 years ESPADA customers have placed their trust in us to perform in difficult locations with assurance and confidence. Just some of the things we do: Active Shooter/Workplace Violence Training Security Assessments for domestic and international operations Crisis Consulting and Risk Mitigation Security Personnel and Training Air and Land Based Logistics Support Maritime Security Solutions ESPADA's blend of professionals provides us with the ability to design custom strategic solutions for our clients in all areas of the world. We adhere to the highest level of legal, moral, and ethical standards in our service, while protecting the safety, confidentiality, dignity, and privacy of our clients.” [LinkedIn, Espada Logistics and Security Group, accessed [3/15/20](#)]

Espada Was Registered In San Antonio, Texas. [Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, accessed 3/15/20]

2010: Espada Inc. Sold Armed Security Boats To Private Shipping Companies Trying To Ward Off Pirates In The Middle East; Critics Said Espada Was Encouraging Vigilantism

2010: Espada Inc. Sold Armed Boats To Shipping Companies Operating In The Middle East And Africa Who Had To Deal With The Threat Of Pirates. “As the world struggles to stop piracy in the waters off the coast of Africa and the Middle East, several companies have stepped forward to provide armed escort boats for commercial ships. Small, fast boats with a handful of armed mariners are an ‘emerging way to handle the [piracy] problem in a safe way,’ said Jim Jorrie, CEO of Espada Logistics and Security-MENA, a San Antonio-based company offering such services.” [Stars and Stripes, [2/15/10](#)]

Critics Said Espada’s Business Was Encouraging “Vigilantism” And Threatened To Cause Unnecessary Deaths And Legal Troubles For Shipping Companies. “But shipping industry experts frown on the practice. ‘It slightly smacks of vigilantism to me,’ said Tony Mason, secretary general of the International Chamber of Shipping and International Shipping Federation. ‘It poses a lot of questions, like under what rules of engagement will they operate?’ Mason asked. ‘We would not speak against [companies] that choose to embark security teams, but as an industry, we are opposed to private forces on ships. They are unregulated and present potential legal problems. We oppose private escort boats for the same reasons.’ Legal issues could arise, he said, if anyone were killed during one of the escort boat’s operations. ‘There are laws against a private individual killing a private individual, even if they are perceived to be pirates,’ Mason said. ‘You can’t go on the high seas, just like you can’t go on the streets of London, and shoot people likely to do harm to you.’” [Stars and Stripes, [2/15/10](#)]

2019: A Paramedic Who Worked For Espada In Puerto Rico Sued The Company In Federal Court, Alleging That They Did Not Compensate Him For Overtime Wages That He Was Owed

2019: A Paramedic Who Worked For Espada In Puerto Rico From 2018-19 Sued Espada, Alleging That They Did Not Pay Him Overtime Wages That He Was Owed. “Plaintiff is a resident of Louisiana. His written consent is attached as Exhibit A. 9. Plaintiff worked as a paramedic for Defendants from February 2018 until February 2019 in Puerto Rico. [...] Plaintiff brings this action individually and on behalf of all other similarly situated workers (regardless of employee or independent contractor classification) who were paid by Defendants’ day-rate system. Defendants paid each of these workers a flat amount for each day worked and failed to pay them overtime for all hours that they worked in excess of 40 hours in a workweek. The class of similarly situated employees or potential class members sought to be certified is defined as follows (the ‘Day Rate Class’).” [U.S. District Court Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, Case 5:19-cv-00286-DAE, [3/20/19](#)]

1. SUMMARY

1. EJ LeJeune (“LeJeune” or “Plaintiff”) brings this lawsuit to recover unpaid overtime wages and other damages from Mammoth Energy Services, Inc. d/b/a Cobra Energy (“Cobra”) and Espada Logistics and Security Group, Inc. (“Espada”) (collectively, “Defendants”) under the provisions of section 216(b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (the “FLSA”), as amended 29 U.S.C. §§ 201, et seq. and the Puerto Rico Wage Payment Statute (the “PRWPS”), 29 L.P.R.A. §§ 171, et seq., §§ 250, et seq., and §§ 271, et seq.

[U.S. District Court Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, Case 5:19-cv-00286-DAE, [3/20/19](#)]

8. Plaintiff is a resident of Louisiana. His written consent is attached as Exhibit A.

9. Plaintiff worked as a paramedic for Defendants from February 2018 until February 2019 in Puerto Rico.

10. Plaintiff would provide medical services to those individuals who were injured as a result of, or in the wake of Hurricane Irma and Maria.

11. Initially, Plaintiff was classified as an independent contractor and paid a day rate of \$327 regardless of the number of hours he worked.

12. Later during his employment with Defendants, Plaintiff was reclassified as a W-2 employee and paid a day rate of \$274 regardless of the number of hours he worked.

13. Regardless of his classification, Plaintiff normally worked 8-12 hours a day six to seven days a week.

14. Plaintiff was not paid overtime for hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

[U.S. District Court Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, Case 5:19-cv-00286-DAE, [3/20/19](#)]

Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Cuba Vision

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Note: Further research needed.

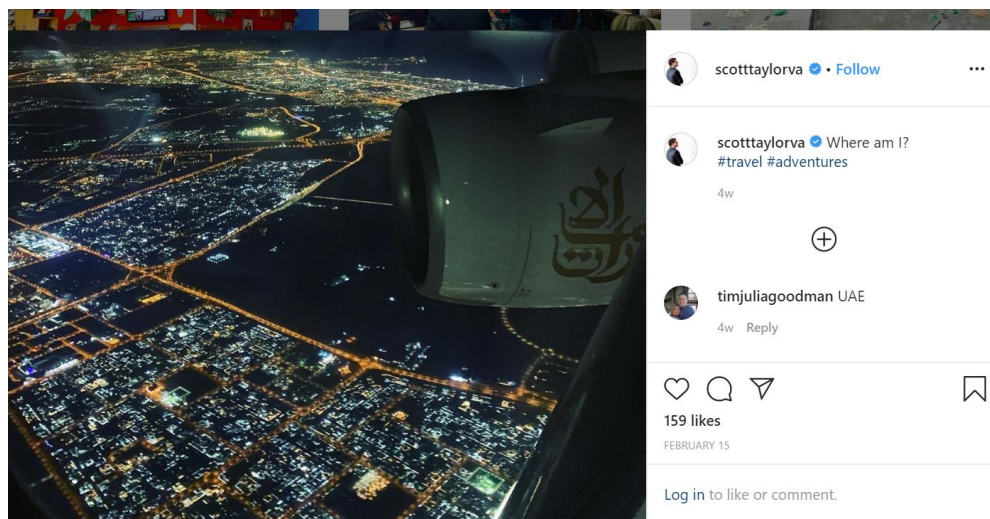
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Cubavision Was A Government Run Channel. “Cuba has five channels that are all run by the state. One of them, Cubavision International, can only be seen over cable television. It broadcasts official Cuban news and culture to the world 24 hours a day.” [Reuters, [4/3/08](#)]

2019-2020: Taylor Traveled To The Middle East At Least Twice During The Time He Was A Senate And House Candidate

February 2020: Taylor Was In Dubai

February 2020: Taylor Posted A Photo On Instagram Of Him In A Plane Over Dubai, UAE. [Instagram, Scott Taylor, [2/15/20](#)]



[Instagram, Scott Taylor, [2/15/20](#)]

October 2019: Taylor Was In Muscat, Oman For “Produced Water Middle East 2019”

2019: Produced Water Middle East 2019 Had Its 3rd Annual Conference In Muscat, Oman On October 23-24. [Produced Water Middle East, accessed [3/15/20](#)]

The Conference Was Attended By Oil And Gas Executives From Many International Firms. [Produced Water Middle East, accessed [3/15/20](#)]

Taylor Posted Photos Of Himself On Instagram From The Conference. [Instagram, Scott Taylor, [10/24/19](#)]



[Instagram, Scott Taylor, [10/24/19](#)]



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Taylor's Campaign Committed "Out and Out Fraud"

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor is currently under investigation for efforts of his campaign to get independent candidate Shaun Brown on the 2018 ballot.*
 - ✓ *Four of Taylor's campaign staffers worked to collect signatures to get Brown on the ballot.*
 - ✓ *Taylor's campaign wanted Brown on the ballot to split the democratic vote.*
 - ✓ *Taylor was part of the political calculations involved in getting Brown on the ballot.*
- ✓ *Taylor said his staff did nothing wrong, but a special prosecutor was appointed to investigate claims that the campaign forged signatures.*
 - ✓ *Taylor's staff was subpoenaed and took the 5th.*
 - ✓ *Taylor was subpoenaed and refused to testify, citing Congressional duties.*
- ✓ *A judge ordered independent Shaun Brown's name removed from the ballot, citing forged voter signatures and "out-and-out fraud."*
 - ✓ *The judge said Taylor's signature collection scheme "was done so with the intent to defraud the Commonwealth and its elected officials."*
 - ✓ *4 dead people, 59 fraudulent signatures found on petitions filed by Scott Taylor's campaign.*
- ✓ *In 2018, Taylor withdrew from a WHRO-sponsored debate because he was upset with the station's news coverage on the petition scandal.*
- ✓ *Taylor "personally called a constituent who had accused his reelection campaign of forging voters' signatures and pressured her to withdraw the accusation."*
- ✓ *Taylor claimed he was exonerated, but the Commonwealth's attorney did not agree and Taylor's staff pleaded guilty to charges.*
 - ✓ *Former Taylor staffer Lauren Creekmore Peabody pleaded guilty to "willful neglect of election duty" in petition case.*
 - ✓ *Roanoke Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney did not agree with Taylor's words that he was "exonerated."*
 - ✓ *Taylor's staffer ultimately pled guilty to a reduced misdemeanor, was fined \$1,000 and given a 12 month suspended sentence.*

Taylor's Campaign Collected Signatures For An Independent Candidate In An Effort To Help His Campaign...

Four Of Taylor's Campaign Staffers Worked To Collect Signatures To Get Brown On The Ballot

Four Of Taylor's Campaign Staff Collected Signatures For Brown. "Now comes a new development in this story. Following an anonymous tip, WHRV's Paul Bibeau contacted four people whose names and addresses appear on the petition documents collected by Taylor's workers, and they said they never signed them. A fifth says she has no memory of signing. Another who appears on the petition is deceased. His widow will discuss the matter on HearSay with Cathy Lewis. Four workers on Taylor's campaign collected the signatures in the last days before Virginia's primary election." [WHRO, [8/6/18](#)]

WHRO: "The Payments Made To Them Were Described As 'Payroll' Or 'Campaign Consulting – Staff' In FEC Records." "The payments made to them were described as 'payroll' or 'campaign consulting – staff' in FEC records. Shaun Brown has said she had no knowledge of the effort. A Taylor spokesman acknowledged the Congressman knew his team gathered these signatures, but he did not comment on these latest developments after being contacted." [WHRO, [8/6/18](#)]

Daily Press: "Taylor's Staffers Gathered More Than 570 Signatures In A Two-Day Blitz Shortly Before The June 12 Deadline To File." "They went out to gather signatures two months after Brown decided to drop her bid for the Democratic nomination, saying she planned to run as an independent. Taylor's staffers gathered more than 570 signatures in a two-day blitz shortly before the June 12 deadline to file. Independent candidates for Congress need 1,000 valid signatures to be on the ballot. Brown supporters gathered about 1,350 by the deadline, including about 1,100 before the Taylor staffers hit the streets." [Daily Press, [8/6/18](#)]

Taylor's Campaign Wanted To Get Independent Candidate Shaun Brown On The Ballot To Split The Democratic Vote

Taylor: If Brown Gets "On The Ballot It's Probably Worse For Elaine Than It Is For Me. So What? They Shouldn't Have Disenfranchised Her." "If [Brown gets] on the ballot it's probably worse for Elaine than it is for me. So what? They shouldn't have disenfranchised her." [Washington Post, [8/7/18](#)]

Daily Press: "Stephen Farnsworth, A Political Scientist At The University Of Mary Washington, Said The Effort By Taylor's Campaign Is More Likely An Effort To Split The Vote Against Him." "Stephen Farnsworth, a political scientist at the University of Mary Washington, said the effort by Taylor's campaign is more likely an effort to split the vote against him. 'The first rule of politics is to figure out a way to divide your opposition,' Farnsworth said. 'It's one of the oldest tricks in the book ... it's right out of John F. Kennedy's (1946) congressional playbook. And he wasn't the first to do it.'" [Daily Press, [8/1/18](#)]

Virginia Pilot Editorial Board: "Taylor's Campaign Should Never Have Gotten Involved In Helping To Place Brown On The Ballot, Which Was An Underhanded Move To Hurt Luria And Tilt The Election More In The Republican's Favor." "Taylor initially said his campaign staff did nothing wrong, and he dismissed concerns about possible fraudulent signatures. He has since said that his campaign has zero tolerance for inappropriate activities and that it will cooperate with the investigation. But Taylor's campaign should never have gotten involved in helping to place Brown on the ballot, which was an underhanded move to hurt Luria and tilt the election more in the Republican's favor. And once Brown learned of the Taylor campaign's involvement, she should have realized that she was part of a crass ploy to undercut a rival and distanced herself from the lists immediately." [Virginia-Pilot, Editorial Board, [8/9/18](#)]

Virginia Pilot Editorial Board: "The Notion That His Campaign Supporters Would, On Their Own, Rescue A Struggling Opponent In An Unselfish Defense Of Democracy Does More Than Strain Credulity." "The notion that his campaign supporters would, on their own, rescue a struggling opponent in an unselfish defense of democracy does more than strain credulity. The fact that they were subsequently paid by the Taylor campaign provides a better clue as to their motives." [Virginia-Pilot, Editorial Board, [8/9/18](#)]

Chesley: “Taylor Didn’t Support Brown’s Bid In Some Act Of Political Munificence. His Move Was Cowardly. He Had But One Goal: Drain Votes That Might Go To Luria, A Businesswoman Who Won Her Party Primary In June.” “Taylor didn’t support Brown’s bid in some act of political munificence. His move was cowardly. He had but one goal: Drain votes that might go to Luria, a businesswoman who won her party primary in June. Taylor, by the way, trounced Brown in 2016, when she was the Democratic standard-bearer for an open seat. So you know he isn’t worried about her in 2018. I’ve heard of candidates backing independents to muck things for up another opponent. Or offering public or private support. But this is beyond the pale. It means Taylor is feeling rising pressure from Luria’s bid.” [Virginia Pilot, Roger Chesley, [8/6/18](#)]

Headline: “Taylor Proves, With His Deceitful Support For An Independent, He's Scared Of Luria.” [Virginia Pilot, Roger Chesley, [8/6/18](#)]

Washington Post Headline: “A Republican Congressman Helped A Rival Collect Signatures To Get On The Ballot. Some Of Those Signatures Were Fake.” [Washington Post, [9/4/18](#)]

...Taylor Said He Knew About The Effort And Political Calculations Were Taken Into Account

Taylor Knew About The Effort

Taylor Spox: “Yep, Of Course He Knew” His Staff Was Collecting Petitions For Brown. “Brown was still pushing hard on deadline day to nail down enough signatures — she herself gathered more than 50 that day, the elections department records show. Federal Election Commission records, meanwhile, show that Taylor’s four staff members — Lauren Creekmore, Roberta Marciano, Nicholas Hornung and Heather Guillot — were each paid more than \$1,200 the week after turning in the signatures. Asked if Taylor was aware of what the four were doing, spokesman Scott Weldon replied: ‘Yep, of course he knew.’” [Daily Press, [8/1/18](#)]

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Taylor Spox Said Political Calculations Were Taken Into Place When The Decided To Help Brown. “In response to further questions, Taylor’s campaign spokesman told News 3 those political calculations were taken into consideration. ‘Sure it was,’ Scott Weldon texted a reporter. ‘People saw that Washington insiders were trying to force in a candidate who voted for Scott Taylor twice and squeeze out the former second district nominee.’ Taylor defeated Brown by about 70,000 votes in 2016.” [WTKR, [8/3/18](#)]

Taylor Said His Staff Volunteered To Get Brown On The Ballot After Democrats “Disenfranchised An African-American Woman,” And Said “That’s Cool, Man. That’s Democracy

Taylor Said His Staff Volunteered To Get Brown On The Ballot After Democrats “Disenfranchised An African-American Woman,” And Said “That’s Cool, Man. That’s Democracy.” “Asked about that, Taylor said the effort for Brown was something the four decided to do on their own. Taylor’s spokesman previously told the Daily Press the congressman was aware of the staff’s actions. Taylor said the four felt the Democratic establishment had ‘disenfranchised an African-American woman’ when the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee took the unusual step of endorsing a primary candidate, shortly after Brown was indicted on federal corruption charges. ‘They wanted to volunteer to get Shaun on the ballot, and that’s cool, man. That’s democracy,’ he said.” [Daily Press, [8/6/18](#)]

Taylor Said His Staff Did Nothing Wrong, But A Special Prosecutor Was Appointed After Claims That The Signatures They Collected Were Fraudulent

Taylor Said His Staff Did Nothing Wrong

Taylor Said His Staff Did Nothing Wrong And “Anyone Who’s Ever Gathered Signatures Knows About 20 Percent Aren’t Going To Be Good.” “Taylor said he is satisfied that his staff did nothing wrong in gathering the signatures. They went out to gather signatures two months after Brown decided to drop her bid for the Democratic nomination, saying she planned to run as an independent. [...] The fact that some names on a petition don’t check out is fairly common, Taylor said. ‘Anyone who’s ever gathered signatures knows about 20 percent aren’t going to be good, you’ll get some people signing Mickey Mouse or something ... that’s why you gather more signatures than you need,’ he said. ‘Shaun Brown had plenty of signatures on her own.’” [Daily Press, [8/6/18](#)]

Richmond Times-Dispatch: “Taylor Said He’s Investigated And Found That His Staff Did Nothing Inappropriate.” “A Hampton Roads widow said she’s hurt and confused about how her late husband’s signature ended up on a ballot petition that staff for Rep. Scott Taylor, R-2nd, gathered for another candidate. Another woman said she moved from Virginia Beach to Nevada, where she’s been registered to vote since 2014, and has no idea how her name ended up on a petition a Taylor staffer gathered. Taylor said he’s investigated and found that his staff did nothing inappropriate. He said he’s not sure how signatures of someone who is deceased or moved could have shown up on a petition his staff gathered. ‘You have no idea when you’re collecting signatures who’s signing,’ he said. ‘So who knows?’” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [8/6/18](#)]

A Special Prosecutor Was Appointed...

WTVR CBS News Headline: “Va. Congressman Under Investigation, Accused Of Meddling In Election” [WTVR, [8/8/18](#)]

WTKR: “Special Prosecutor Has Been Appointed To Investigate Whether A Petition To Get A Local Congressional Candidate On The Ballot Violated Election Or Forgery Laws.” “Commonwealth’s Attorney Colin Stolle says a special prosecutor has been appointed to investigate whether a petition to get a local congressional candidate on the ballot violated election or forgery laws. Donald Caldwell, the Commonwealth’s Attorney in Roanoke, has been appointed to investigate, and if necessary, prosecute any potential charges. The order was signed by Circuit Court Judge Glenn Croshaw.” [WTKR, [8/7/18](#)]

Headline: WTKR: “Special Prosecutor Appointed To Investigate Petition Issue In Virginia Beach Congressional Race.” [WTKR, [8/7/18](#)]

...To Investigate Claims That Taylor’s Campaign Forged Signatures

A Special Prosecutor Is Investigating Claims That Aids To Taylor “Illegally Forged Signatures.” “A special prosecutor was appointed Tuesday to investigate claims that aides to Rep. Scott W. Taylor (R-Va.) illegally forged signatures to help an independent candidate get on the ballot [...]” [Washington Post, [8/7/18](#)]

A Special Prosecutor Will Investigate Reports That False Names Were Entered On Ballot Petitions For Shaun Brown That Were Collected By Taylor’s Campaign Staff. “A special prosecutor will look into reports that false names were entered on ballot petitions gathered for Shaun Brown to run as an independent in the 2nd Congressional District. The names were collected by paid staff and others associated with the re-election campaign for Rep. Scott Taylor, R-Virginia Beach. Virginia Beach Commonwealth’s Attorney Colin Stolle’s request Tuesday for a special prosecutor was granted within hours.” [Daily Press, [8/7/18](#)]

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Virginian-Pilot: 4 dead people, 59 fraudulent signatures found on petitions filed by Scott Taylor's campaign.
[Virginian-Pilot, [8/24/18](#)]

...Taylor And His Staff Were Subpoenaed...

Taylor's Staff Was Subpoenaed And Took The 5th

Five Taylor Associates Have Invoked Their Fifth Amendment Rights Against Self-Incrimination. "Four Taylor staffers and a former campaign consultant signed affidavits invoking their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination in response to a series of questions about what happened." [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/5/18](#)]

AP: "Taylor's Campaign Staffers And His Former Campaign Consultant Signed Affidavits Saying They Planned To Invoke Their Fifth Amendment Right." "During Wednesday's hearing, Jeffrey Breit, an attorney for the Democratic Party of Virginia, said that several of Taylor's campaign staffers and his former campaign consultant had signed affidavits saying they planned to invoke their Fifth Amendment right against selfincrimination if called to testify about forged signatures." [Associated Press, [9/5/18](#)]

Taylor Was Subpoenaed And Refused To Testify, Citing Congressional Duties

Taylor's "Attorney Persuaded The Judge That State Law Protects Him From" Appearing In Court "While The House Of Representatives Is In Session." "The Democrats subpoenaed the congressman to testify Wednesday, but his attorney persuaded the judge that state law protects him from such demands while the House of Representatives is in session." [Virginian-Pilot, [9/5/18](#)].

Taylor's Lawyer Argued That The Subpoena Should Be Quashed. "Earlier in the day, Judge Rupe ruled Rep. Scott Taylor did not have to testify in a lawsuit that accuses members of his campaign staff of forging signatures to help Brown get on the ballot. Rupe quashed the subpoena after agreeing with Taylor's lawyer that under state law, he is exempt from the subpoena while the House of Representatives is in session." [13 News Now, [9/6/18](#)]

...And A Judge Subsequently Found "Out and Out Fraud" With An Intent To "Defraud" The State

A Judge Ordered Independent Shaun Brown's Name Removed From The Ballot, Citing Forged Voter Signatures And "Out-And-Out Fraud"

Judge Rupe Said There Was No Doubt That "There Are Instances Of Forgery...And Out-And-Out Fraud." "I'm buying almost all of what you all are selling," Rupe said, looking at attorneys Jeffrey Breit and Aria Branch. "There's no doubt in my mind that there are instances of forgery ... perjury and out-and-out fraud." [Virginian-Pilot, [9/5/18](#)]

Richmond Circuit Court Judge Found "Out And Out Fraud" In The Effort By Taylor's Campaign. "A Richmond Circuit Court judge on Wednesday ruled that independent Shaun Brown should be removed from the 2nd District congressional ballot, finding 'out and out fraud' in the effort to gather her signatures. At least four staffers for the re-election campaign of Rep. Scott Taylor, R-2nd, helped gather signatures to get Brown on the ballot as an independent." [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/5/18](#)]

The Judge Said It "Was Done So With The Intent To Defraud The Commonwealth And Its Election Officials"

WTKR: "Rupe Wrote That Each Petition Circulated By The Staffers 'Was Done So With The Intent To Defraud The Commonwealth And Its Election Officials.'" "Taylor's staffers collected 600 signatures to help get

Brown on the ballot, according to the written opinion. Rupe wrote that each petition circulated by the staffers ‘was done so with the intent to defraud the Commonwealth and its election officials.’ Separately from the lawsuit, a special prosecutor is investigating whether Taylor’s staff did anything illegal.” [WTKR, [9/6/18](#)]

Taylor Dropped Out Of A Debate Because He Opposed The Stations Coverage Of The Scandal And Tried To Intimidate A Constituent That Reported Wrong Doing

Taylor Withdrew From A WHRO-Sponsored Oct. 23 Debate With Democratic Candidate Elaine Luria Because He Was Upset With The Station’s News Coverage On The Petition Scandal

Taylor Withdrew From A WHRO-Sponsored Oct. 23 Debate With Democratic Candidate Elaine Luria Because He Was Upset With The Station’s News Coverage On The Petition Scandal. “U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor withdrew from a WHRO-sponsored Oct. 23 debate with Democratic candidate Elaine Luria because he is upset with the station’s news coverage of a controversy involving his campaign staff helping an independent candidate get on the ballot, WHRO president Bert Schmidt said Monday.” [Virginian-Pilot, [8/13/18](#)]

Taylor “Personally Called A Constituent Who Had Accused His Reelection Campaign Of Forging Voters’ Signatures And Pressured Her To Withdraw The Accusation”

TPM: Taylor “Personally Called A Constituent Who Had Accused His Reelection Campaign Of Forging Voters’ Signatures And Pressured Her To Withdraw The Accusation.” “Rep. Scott Taylor (R-VA), a wellknown Republican congressman and former Navy SEAL, personally called a constituent who had accused his reelection campaign of forging voters’ signatures and pressured her to withdraw the accusation, four people with knowledge of the call described to TPM.” [TPM, [8/29/18](#)]

Constituent Said She Felt Like Taylor Was Trying To Intimidate Her. “Taylor, according to Terry, said that Guillot ‘should’ and ‘probably will’ take legal action against her. Terry said Taylor was ‘trying to play the good guy,’ telling her that he didn’t ‘want to see any lawsuits happening,’ while also insinuating ‘that she was going to sue me — threatening a lawsuit on her behalf, in that sense. He was insinuating that I should take it down,’ she said. ‘I told him I wouldn’t. I told him I’d re-word it and, basically, take out me saying that she’d forged it. I did compromise with him on that.’ ‘It’s an intimidation factor to try and make me back down on it’ Terry said, adding separately: ‘I felt like he was trying to intimidate.’” [TPM, [8/29/18](#)]

Taylor Claimed He Was Exonerated, But The Commonwealth’s Attorney Did Not Agree And Taylor’s Staff Pleaded Guilty To Charges

Taylor Claimed He Was Exonerated, But The Commonwealth’s Attorney Did Not Agree

When Taylor Claimed He Had Been Exonerated, The Roanoke Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney John Beamer Said: “Those Are His Words. We Did Not Say That. I’d Refer Back To Our Previous Statement.” “The Roanoke Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney, John Beamer, was in court Tuesday as part of the prosecution. According to Beamer, the investigation into the Taylor campaign petition scandal remains ongoing and that we’re ‘likely to see more’ indictments and legal action come. Taylor has previously said that he has been exonerated by the investigation, but Beamer cautioned, ‘Those are his words. We did not say that. I’d refer back to our previous statement.’” [13 News Now, [3/3/20](#)]

The Previous Statement Said The Petition Case Was “Still A Subject Of Investigation.” “While Caldwell released some information on Monday, he says the investigation is continuing. He says Taylor has cooperated in the investigation, but other key individuals have not. ‘At this point in time, what actually happened within the campaign headquarters is still a subject of investigation due primarily to the lack of cooperation of key

individuals with the [Virginia State Police] investigator,' he wrote." [WTKR, [5/6/19](#)]

Commonwealth Attorney Did Not Agree

Taylor On The Prosecutor Investigating The Petition Case: "It's Extremely Difficult For Me Not To See An Ulterior Political Motive From This Democrat Prosecutor To Drag It Out And Potentially Harm Me From Making A 2020 Run." "Former Virginia congressman Scott Taylor says he's concerned that a special prosecutor investigating allegations of petition fraud against Taylor's former campaign staffers is dragging out the investigative process for political purposes. One person was indicted on May 6, about nine months after Roanoke Commonwealth's Attorney Don Caldwell was assigned as a special prosecutor based on the recommendation of Virginia Beach Commonwealth's Attorney Colin Stolle." [...] He said he's troubled with the length of time the investigation is taking and with a previous statement by Caldwell. [...] 'It's very troubling to me that you have a Democrat prosecutor, who after my loss comes out and says the loss was 'poetic justice' while he's overseeing the investigation,' Taylor said. 'Given his comments after my election - which are clearly biased - given his party affiliation, and given the time that has taken for this case that's quite simple, it's extremely difficult for me not to see an ulterior political motive from this Democrat prosecutor to drag it out and potentially harm me from making a 2020 run.'" [Richmond.com, [5/20/19](#)]

The Commonwealth Attorney Claimed "Key Individuals" Were Not Cooperating In The Investigation. "Former Virginia congressman Scott Taylor says he's concerned that a special prosecutor investigating allegations of petition fraud against Taylor's former campaign staffers is dragging out the investigative process for political purposes. One person was indicted on May 6, about nine months after Roanoke Commonwealth's Attorney Don Caldwell was assigned as a special prosecutor based on the recommendation of Virginia Beach Commonwealth's Attorney Colin Stolle. [...] Caldwell issued a statement that day saying the case remained open because 'key individuals' wouldn't cooperate with Virginia State Police and said a 'full explanation of what happened will hopefully be answered in the months to come.'" [Richmond.com, [5/20/19](#)]

Taylor's Staff Pleaded Guilty To "Willful Neglect Of Election Duty"

Former Taylor Staffer Lauren Creekmore Peabody Pleaded Guilty To "Willful Neglect Of Election Duty" In Petition Case. "A staffer who worked on former Congressman Scott Taylor's 2018 re-election campaign has pleaded guilty to 'willful neglect of election duty' over improperly gathered petition signatures. Taylor was the incumbent Republican who lost the 2nd Congressional District seat to Democrat Elaine Luria in 2018. Questions arose about efforts of Taylor's campaign to get independent candidate Shaun Brown on the ballot. An investigation resulted in one of Taylor's staffers, Lauren Creekmore Peabody, being charged with election fraud." [13 News Now, [3/3/20](#)]

VIDEO: Former Scott Taylor Campaign Staffer Pleads Guilty In Petition Scandal. [13 News Now, [3/3/20](#)]

Taylor Campaign Staffer Was Indicted In May 2019. "A campaign staffer for former Congressman Scott Taylor has been indicted on two felony charges of election fraud, court records show. Lauren Creekmore helped collect signatures to get an independent candidate on the ballot last summer. A special prosecutor says her actions violated Virginia law. Donald Caldwell, the Commonwealth's Attorney of Roanoke, announced his actions in a press release on Monday. 'It is clear that individuals decided to engage in activity that was a violation of Virginia law,' he wrote." [WTKR, [5/6/19](#)]

Taylor's Staffer Plead Guilty To A Reduced Misdemeanor, Was Fined \$1,000 And Given A 12 Month Suspended Sentence

Taylor's Staffer Plead Guilty To A Reduced Misdemeanor, Was Fined \$1,000 And Given A 12 Month Suspended Sentence. "A staffer who worked on former Congressman Scott Taylor's 2018 re-election campaign has pleaded guilty to 'willful neglect of election duty' over improperly gathered petition signatures. [...] On

Tuesday, Peabody pleaded guilty to a reduced misdemeanor charge. She was fined \$1,000, ordered to pay court costs, and given a 12-month suspended sentence based on a year of good behavior.” [13 News Now, [3/3/20](#)]

Taylor Failed To Pay His Taxes On Time, But Voted To Raise Taxes On The Middle Class

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor failed to pay his taxes on time.*
 - ✓ *2019: Taylor failed to pay property taxes on his rental properties on time.*
 - ✓ *2018: Taylor had delinquent property tax payments. His spokesman blamed the tardiness on Taylor being “preoccupied with legislative business and his recent June 12 GOP primary.”*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to raise taxes on the middle class.*
 - ✓ *Taylor voted for making several provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent.*
 - ✓ *Taylor voted for final passage of the Republican tax scam bill.*
 - ✓ *The Republican Tax Cut and Jobs Act benefitted corporations and special interests while millions paid more in taxes.*

Taylor Failed To Pay His Taxes On Time

2019: Taylor Failed To Pay Property Taxes On His Rental Properties On Time

Taylor “Failed To Pay His Norfolk Property Taxes On Multiple Properties On Time.” “But Taylor’s scandals may continue to haunt him. After coming under fire for repeated failure to pay his local — a spokesman claimed in 2018 he had gotten ‘busy’ and it had ‘slipped his mind’ — the Virginian-Pilot reported in July that he had again failed to pay his Norfolk property taxes on multiple properties on time.” [American Independent, [12/9/19](#)]

HEADLINE: Scott Taylor Pays Norfolk Property Taxes Late — Again. [Virginian-Pilot, [7/12/19](#)]

Taylor’s Property Management Firm Deviated From Standard Practice And Failed To Pay Property Taxes On Time For Two Rental Properties He Refinanced. “Norfolk property taxes were due June 5, but former one-term congressman Scott Taylor, who announced a bid for U.S. Senate this week, has taken more than a month to pay his overdue bills for two properties he owns. Taylor, a real estate investor who owns a company called Assurance Holdings LLC, owes the city of Norfolk \$1,097, including nearly \$100 in late fines. The two homes were refinanced on May 6, and the Virginia Beach law firm that handled the closings said the office ‘deviated from our standard practice’ and didn’t collect or pay the property taxes for either home as is typically done when residential closings happen within 30 days of the property tax due date. The law firm, Jones Walker and Lake, wrote in a letter Taylor provided to The Virginian-Pilot on Friday that Taylor wasn’t aware of the missed payments because he wasn’t there for the homes’ closings and used a power of attorney to sign all the documents. ‘I apologize for all the confusion that this situation has caused,’ Kimberly Shepherd, an attorney with the firm, wrote. ‘I’ve accepted the apology of the firm for the error, corrected the mistake, and intend to remain a loyal customer,’ Taylor said in an email.” [Virginian-Pilot, [7/12/19](#)]

2018: Taylor Had Delinquent Property Tax Payments

Taylor Was Delinquent In Paying \$11,842 In Property Taxes Which He Blamed On How Busy He Was Running For Reelection

June 2018: HEADLINE- Rep. Taylor Has Been Delinquent In Paying \$11,842 In Property Taxes. [Virginian-Pilot, [6/21/18](#)]

June 2018: Taylor Was Delinquent In Paying \$11,842 In Property Taxes, Interests And Penalty Charges On His Rental Properties In Norfolk And Virginia Beach. “U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor has been delinquent in paying \$11,842 in property taxes, interests and penalty charges on his rental properties in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, according to city tax and property records. Taylor, a real estate investor, apparently ignored accumulating tax bills sent every three months since last fall for six rental houses, a duplex and a vacant lot in Norfolk and a townhouse in Virginia Beach. Taxes on a second Beach townhouse owned by Taylor were up to date. When contacted by The Pilot on Thursday morning about the delinquencies, Taylor spokesman Scott Weldon said the congressman told him the overdue bills were paid Wednesday. As of Thursday afternoon, Norfolk's treasurer had not received the payments. No payment was recorded on Virginia Beach records Thursday. Treasurer John Atkinson said any payments received Thursday wouldn't be recorded online until after business hours.” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor's Spokesman Blamed The Late Tax Payments On Taylor Being “Preoccupied With Legislative Business And His Recent June 12 GOP Primary.” “Weldon, who acknowledged that Taylor personally handles the tax bills, said they went unpaid because the Virginia Beach Republican was preoccupied with legislative business and his recent June 12 GOP primary. ‘He got busy with everything going on. ... It slipped his mind,’ Weldon said. ‘I think he just got caught up with everything in Washington. All the traveling and the primary and everything. It was just a lapse. ... That's what he said to me.’ Stanley Stein, an administrator in Norfolk Treasurer's office, said it's possible there's a lag between when a taxpayer sends a payment and the city receives it. All payments are processed and posted immediately, he said. Property taxes are billed every three months to the owner – or the mortgage holder. If they are not paid, the next bill – sent three months later – includes the overdue amount along with any interest and penalties. If an owner ignores 12 months of billings, state law requires cities send a ‘demand letter’ warning the taxpayer that legal action will be taken if the bills aren't paid, Stein said. ‘The demand basically just tells you you're delinquent and you're subject to be being turned over for judicial review,’ Stein said. Taylor's properties were close to that deadline. All of his Norfolk properties have been delinquent at least three quarters. He made a late partial or complete payment for each property's August bill on Oct. 16, 2017, but has not paid quarterly bills sent in October, February and April. The most recent bill was due June 5.” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted To Raise Taxes On The Middle Class

Taylor Voted For Making Several Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent

Taylor Voted For Making Several Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would make permanent a number of tax provisions that would otherwise expire in 2025. The provisions from the 2017 tax overhaul (PL 115-97) that would become permanent include: reduced tax rates and modified tax bracket breakpoints for the seven tax brackets, the standard deduction amount, the elimination of personal exemptions for each taxpayer and dependent, and the increased child tax credit.” The bill passed 220-19. [HR 6760, [Vote #414](#), 9/28/18; CQ, [9/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Final Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill

Taylor Voted For Adopting The Conference Report Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In December 2017, Taylor voted for “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal

personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for “pass-through” business income through 2025.” The conference report was adopted 227-203. [HR 1, [Vote #692](#), 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment.

In December 2017, Taylor voted for “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for “pass-through” business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.” The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, [Vote #699](#), 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/17](#)]

House Was Forced To Vote For A Second Time On The Final Bill After Small Changes Were Made To Comply With Senate Budget Rules. “The House, forced to vote a second time on the \$1.5 trillion tax bill, moved swiftly to pass the final version on Wednesday, clearing the way for President Trump to sign into law the most sweeping tax overhaul in decades. House lawmakers approved the tax bill 224 to 201 on Wednesday, after being forced to vote on the bill again after last-minute revisions were made to it in the Senate, which passed the measure 51 to 48 early Wednesday morning. The final House vote was essentially a formality, as the changes, which were made to comply with Senate budget rules, did not significantly alter the overall bill.” [New York Times, [12/20/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Benefitted The Wealthy, Corporations, And Special Interests...

Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

...While Millions Of Americans Would Pay More In Taxes

Politifact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025. “Gillibrand said the Republican ‘tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.’ That’s not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand’s statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill’s individual provisions expire that year. There’s no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill.” [Politifact, [12/22/17](#)]

Tax Policy Center: In 2018, 5 Percent Of Taxpayers Would Pay More In Taxes Under The GOP Tax Bill, But Would Increase To 53 Percent Of Taxpayers In 2027. “Some taxpayers would pay more in taxes under the proposal in 2018 and 2025 than under current law: about 5 percent of taxpayers in 2018 and 9 percent

in 2025. In 2027, however, taxes would increase for 53 percent of taxpayers compared with current law.” [Tax Policy Center, [12/18/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased The Federal Debt – And Republicans Planned To Pay For It With Cuts To Medicare And Social Security

Official CBO Estimate Found Final Tax Bill Would Increase The Federal Deficit By \$1.46 Trillion.

“Republicans decided it would be all right to go into debt up to \$1.5 trillion to fund the tax cut. In the end, they nearly hit that mark. The official estimate -- released Friday evening alongside the bill -- came in at \$1.46 trillion.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

Center For A Responsible Federal Budget Found True Cost of Tax Bill Would Be \$2 Trillion Or More, After Budget Gimmicks Were Accounted For. “Adding these gimmicks to the cost of the bill would increase the total cost to \$2.0 trillion to \$2.2 trillion. Though the dynamic effect of making the bill permanent is unknown, we estimate a permanent bill would produce roughly \$450 billion of feedback,* leading to a dynamic cost of roughly \$1.6 trillion to \$1.7 trillion. With interest, these costs would rise to \$2.4 trillion to \$2.5 trillion, or \$1.9 trillion to \$2 trillion with dynamic effects included, over a decade.” [CRFB, [12/18/17](#)]

After Passing A Tax Bill That Added Trillions To The Deficit, Speaker Ryan Said Medicare And Medicaid Would Need To Be “Reformed” In Order To Decrease The Deficit. “With his dream of tax reform now realized, Ryan is hoping to make progress on two other issues he’s targeted during his two-decade career in Washington: entitlement and welfare reform. ‘We’re going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,’ Ryan, a former Budget Committee chairman, said in a recent interview this month on the Ross Kaminsky radio talk show. Medicare and Medicaid are the ‘big drivers of debt,’ Ryan said, suggesting Republicans could once again use the budget reconciliation process to avoid a Democratic filibuster. Medicare is the ‘biggest entitlement that’s got to have reform,’ Ryan added.” [The Hill, [12/27/17](#)]

HEADLINE: After Tax Overhaul, GOP Sets Sights on Medicare, Social Security [US News, [12/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Ryan says Republicans to target welfare, Medicare, Medicaid spending in 2018
[Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Paul Ryan Pushes to Keep Overhaul of Safety-Net Programs on GOP Agenda [Wall Street Journal, [2/4/18](#)]

AP: “A Wide Range Of Economists And Nonpartisan Analysts Have Warned That The Bill Will Likely Escalate Federal Debt, Intensify Pressure To Cut Spending On Social Programs And Further Widen America’s Troubling Income Inequality.” “The tax overhaul of 2017 amounts to a high-stakes gamble by Republicans in Congress: That slashing taxes for corporations and wealthy individuals will accelerate growth and assure greater prosperity for Americans for years to come. The risks are considerable. A wide range of economists and nonpartisan analysts have warned that the bill will likely escalate federal debt, intensify pressure to cut spending on social programs and further widen America’s troubling income inequality.” [Associated Press, [12/17/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Included Provision That Would Reduce Taxes For Dozens Of Members Of Congress

HEADLINE: “Dozens Of Lawmakers Stand To Reap A Tax Windfall Due To A GOP Loophole.” [CNBC, [12/20/17](#)]

Four Dozen Members Of Congress Stood To Benefit From Change In Tax Treatment Of Real Estate Income Under GOP Tax Bill. “The provision, which gives favorable tax treatment to a common form of real estate income, would also create generous tax saving for President Donald Trump, who derives much of his personal fortune from real estate. The measure — added late Friday to the \$1.5 trillion package of tax cuts — reduces the tax

rate on ‘pass-through’ income derived from real estate. Owners of such businesses are allowed to ‘pass through’ the profits from these enterprises to their individual tax returns, which lowers the amount of tax they owe. Those benefits will now go to roughly four dozen Republican House and Senate members who voted for the bill, according to an analysis of personal financial disclosures for CNBC by the Center for Responsive Politics.” [CNBC, [12/20/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase Incentives To Move Jobs Overseas

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas.

“What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. ‘This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,’ said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Lead To More Expensive Health Insurance; 13 Million More Uninsured

Final Tax Bill Eliminated Central Affordable Care Act Provision, Leading To 13 Million Fewer Americans With Insurance. “The individual mandate is part of the Affordable Care Act, and removing it was a top priority for Trump and congressional Republicans. The Congressional Budget Office projects the change will increase insurance premiums and lead to 13 million fewer Americans with insurance in a decade, while also cutting government spending by more than \$300 billion over that period.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

GOP Tax Bill Would Cause Health Insurance Premiums To Rise, And Could Lead Insurers To Drop Out Of Regional Markets. “The final GOP plan will repeal the Affordable Care Act’s individual insurance mandate, which would allow young and healthy people to leave the insurance pool, forcing insurers to compensate by raising prices due to the higher costs of insuring only less-healthy people. Not only would premiums likely rise, but many insurers could drop out of regional markets.” [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Republican Tax Plan Will Make Health Insurance More Expensive [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Failed To Live Up To Republican Promises

HEADLINE: “New Tax Code Will Still Be Complicated Despite GOP Promise To Simplify.” [CNN Money, [12/18/17](#)]

CNN Money: Final Tax Bill “Adds Plenty Of Complications, Particularly For Small Businesses.” “But the plan Republicans and Trump came up with almost certainly won’t put tax preparers out of business. The final tax bill, released on Friday, does indeed deliver some simplification, but not as much as promised. And it adds plenty of complications, particularly for small businesses.” [CNN Money, [12/18/17](#)]

Time: Republicans Failed To Follow Through On The “Central Promises” Of Their Tax Bill – To Allow People To File On A Postcard And To Benefit Working And Middle Class Americans. “As they pushed their sweeping tax bill through Congress, Republicans made two central promises. First, that the bill would simplify the U.S. tax code, allowing citizens to file their taxes ‘on the back of a postcard.’ And second, that the overhaul would primarily benefit working Americans and the middle class. The first claim proved false. And economic experts are skeptical about the second, arguing that the bill aids businesses at the expense of middle-class taxpayers.” [Time, [12/19/17](#)]

Taylor Put His Party Bosses Over His Own Constituents

Significant Findings

- ✓ Taylor voted with Trump 97.8 percent of the time tying Barbara Comstock for the highest percentage among members of the Virginia delegation.
- ✓ Taylor voted with his party 98 percent of the time.
- ✓ In Congress, Taylor sought to silence constituents who did not agree with him, in a potential violation of the First Amendment and House ethics rules.
- ✓ Taylor was accused of blocking constituents on his Facebook page and the ACLU said Taylor may have violated their First Amendment rights.
- ✓ Taylor dismissed his own constituents at town hall meetings.
- ✓ Taylor was a staunch Trump supporter.
- ✓ On Charlottesville, Taylor echoed Trump's rhetoric: "[Trump] talked about on both sides. Like I said, there was premeditated lawlessness on both sides" and also claimed that although the "responsibility lies with [hate groups]... that also doesn't excuse lawlessness on any side for that matter.

Taylor Was A Staunch Trump Supporter

Taylor Has Been Trump's Most Reliable Vote In The Virginia Delegation At 97.8 Percent

Taylor Voted In Line With Trump's Position 97.8% Percent Of The Time, Tying Barbara Comstock For The Highest Percentage Among Members Of The Virginia Delegation

FiveThirtyEight: Taylor Voted In Line With Trump's Position 97.8% Percent Of The Time, Tying Barbara Comstock For The Highest Percentage Among Members Of The Virginia Delegation. [FiveThirtyEight, accessed [3/12/20](#)]

Virginia Delegation Votes In Line With Trump			
Member	Party	District	Trump Score
Scott Taylor	R	VA-2	97.8%
Barbara Comstock	R	VA-10	97.8%
Bob Goodlatte	R	VA-6	95.8%
Robert J. Wittman	R	VA-1	92.7%
H. Morgan Griffith	R	VA-9	90.2%
Dave Brat	R	VA-7	88.4%
Thomas A. Garrett Jr.	R	VA-5	80.0%
Mark R. Warner	D	VA Senator	35.3%
Tim Kaine	D	VA Senator	29.4%
Gerald E. Connolly	D	VA-11	16.9%
A. Donald McEachin	D	VA-4	15.03%
Bobby Scott	D	VA-3	13.3%

Donald S. Beyer Jr.	D	VA-8	13.0%
[FiveThirtyEight, accessed 3/12/20]			

Taylor Has Been Spotted At The Trump Hotel Bar, On Air Force One

Taylor Went To The Trump Hotel Bar. “Speaking of the Trump Hotel, I bump into—last night, at the bar—at the Trump Hotel at about four, five o’clock, I guess it was about five, I was sitting there with former Speaker of the House of Georgia, Mark Burkholder, and in comes Scott Taylor, and I says, ‘Scott, you gotta come on my show tomorrow.’ And so here he is. Scott, good to have you with us, man. [TAYLOR] ‘Good morning, John, and great to see you at the Trump Hotel as well. Always have a good time there.’” [WHKT, [9/8/17](#)] *Note: Recording saved on drive.*

Taylor Travelled With Trump On Air Force One To Newport News To Commission The USS Gerald R. Ford Aircraft Carrier. “And the perks rarely cross party lines. When Trump traveled to Newport News, Va., to commission the USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier, he brought along GOP Reps. Rob Wittman (Va.) and Scott Taylor (Va.). But Democratic Rep. Bobby Scott (Va.), who represents the district, wasn’t invited.” [The Hill, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Repeatedly Worked To Protect Trump Throughout The Russian Investigation

Taylor Claimed He Supported A Bipartisan Congressional Investigation Into Russia But Voted Repeatedly To Block One

Taylor On An Investigation Into Russian Interference In The Election: “I Do Support This Investigation Because I Think It’s Responsible And They Feel Like It’s Necessary.” “RUHLE: Congressman, I want to talk about Russia for a moment. You said last night you fully supported an investigation into Russia meddling in our election. How about step two? Would you support that investigation if the focus shifted to the president’s ties to Moscow? TAYLOR: Well, what I will tell you right now, and — and I think this is the responsible thing to say is, listen, the — the intelligence community has a — a duty with oversight and if they feel it’s necessary to provide oversight over the executive branch, then they should do so. And of course, they had a classified meeting with the FBI and bipartisan. They came out and said that this — this warrants further — an investigation, a bipartisan one. And two, Russia meddling into — into this election. I think that’s important. I’m not gonna speak on hypotheticals. I’m happy to come back on your program and answer where I am if that — something like that does come up. But I — I do support this investigation because I think it’s responsible and they feel like it’s necessary. So, let’s see what they find.” [MSNBC, 2/21/17]

As Of May 2017, Taylor Had Voted Seven Times Against Establishing A Commission To Look Into Russian Interference In The Election. [HR 1343, [Vote #215](#), 4/4/17; HRes 233, [Vote #203](#), 3/29/17; HRes 229, [Vote #197](#), 3/28/17; HRes 156, [Vote #115](#), 3/1/17; HRes 123, [Vote #93](#), 2/15/17; HRes 116, [Vote #90](#), 2/14/17; HRes 33, [Vote #26](#), 1/10/17]

Taylor Dismissed The “Hysteria” Over Russian Interference And Claimed “Regular American Folks” Were Not Interested In Knowing More

Taylor Said There Was “A Lot Of Hysteria And Overplaying From The Other Side” And That “Regular American Folks” Were “Not So Swept Up.” “At the same time, there’s a lot of hysteria and overplaying from the other side as well, too. You know, I talked to a lot of folks that are just on the street, regular American folks, who may not watch cable news, for example, and they’re not so swept up and they’re not so hell bent on every single thing being a Russian conspiracy. They want to see results.” [CNN, [7/17/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Opposed The Appointment Of An Independent Investigator

Taylor Said He Was Not Supportive Of An Independent Investigation With A Special Prosecutor Into The Trump-Russia Investigation. “BLITZER: That explains why Darrell Issa, who was the chairman of the Government Oversight Committee, over the weekend came out in favor of a special prosecutor, an independent investigation, completely independent. He’s a Republican. Are you with him on that? TAYLOR: I’m not yet. Not yet. I have been very clear on several programs I’m not there yet. I’m confident in the FBI. I’m confident in their investigation. I’m confident in Senator Mark Warren and Burr, who believe they have a reason to look further into it. And we will see what happens. If they get more, some other information, which as you heard both the chairman, Nunes, as well as Schiff come out and say there is nothing there yet. One of them said there is nothing yet. The other one said there is nothing there yet. If something comes, then we will talk about it then.” [CNN, [2/27/17](#)]

Taylor: “I Don’t Want This To Devolve Into A Witch-Hunt, Obviously.” “BLITZER: Because the argument is that if nothing wrong occurred, no one on the president’s campaign did anything wrong in having inappropriate contacts with Russian operatives, what’s the problem? Go ahead and have your investigation, check it all out, and the administration if they did nothing wrong will be cleared. TAYLOR: What I will tell you is, I don’t want this to devolve into a witch-hunt, obviously. And there is some partisanship at play here.” [CNN, [2/27/17](#)]

Taylor Would Not Commit To The Need For An Independent Investigation Into Comey’s Firing

Taylor Claimed That “Republican Or Democrat...They Have To Have The Confidence of The American People For Objective Investigations. And I’m Not Saying That There Has To Be An Independent One At This Moment But We’ll See.” “I don’t know — I don’t think — look, as I said before, I mean, the FBI — I don’t want them to become political, right — this political football — on either side — CUOMO: Right. TAYLOR: — Republican or Democrat, you know. They have to have the confidence of the American people for objective investigations. And I’m not saying that there has to be an independent one at this moment but we’ll see. You know, like I said, there’s two concerns I have. One, a president has to have confidence in his director — that his prerogative or hers and, we have to have the confidence in the process for the American people. Let’s see who gets appointed next so the Senate, in a bipartisan way, can have confidence that they will carry out an objective investigation.” [CNN, [5/12/17](#)]

Taylor Said If Trump Failed To Appoint An “Independent And Nonpolitical” Successor To Comey, Then “A Select Committee Or Special Prosecutor” Might Be Necessary. “‘Director Comey made missteps, but if they were significant enough for his dismissal, it should have happened months ago,’ [Taylor] said, adding that he has seen no evidence of Trump administration officials colluding with Russia. He warned that if Trump fails to appoint an ‘independent and nonpolitical’ replacement for Comey then ‘a select committee or special prosecutor’ might be necessary.” [Washington Post, [5/10/17](#)]

After Trump Revealed Classified Information To Russian Diplomats, Taylor Said Trump’s “Stumbles” Showed Trump Was Not “Perfect,” But “I Think He’s Still Fit To Be President”

Taylor: “There Was Some Stumbles This Week, And There Will Be More Stumbles. There Always Are With Every President. So, The Answer Is No, I Think He’s Still Fit To Be President. [...] Is He Perfect? Absolutely Not. But No One Is.” “There’s no question that there were some stumbles this week. No question about it. He talked about classified information, I would be a complete hypocrite if I said that it is not worrisome for leaking of classified information, to put people’s live in jeopardy, and obviously shake alliances. [...] I haven’t lost my confidence in the president to be our president. Look, I just haven’t. So, there was some stumbles this week, and there will be more stumbles. There always are with every president. So, the answer is no, I think he’s still fit to be president. [...] Is he perfect? Absolutely not. But no one is.” [CNN, Erin Burnett OutFront, [5/19/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

HEADLINE: “Trump Revealed Highly Classified Information To Russian Foreign Minister And Ambassador.” [Washington Post, [5/15/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Donald Trump’s Son-In-Law Jared Kushner ‘Person Of Interest In Russia Investigation.’” [Independent, [5/19/17](#)]

Taylor Defended Trump’s Right To Fire Comey

Taylor On Comey’s Firing: “A President Has To Have Confidence In His Director.” “TAYLOR: I don’t know — I don’t think — look, as I said before, I mean, the FBI — I don’t want them to become political, right — this political football — on either side — CUOMO: Right. TAYLOR: — Republican or Democrat, you know. They have to have the confidence of the American people for objective investigations. And I’m not saying that there has to be an independent one at this moment but we’ll see. You know, like I said, there’s two concerns I have. One, a president has to have confidence in his director — that his prerogative or hers and, we have to have the confidence in the process for the American people. Let’s see who gets appointed next so the Senate, in a bipartisan way, can have confidence that they will carry out an objective investigation.” [CNN, [5/12/17](#)]

Taylor Defended The Legality Of Trump’s Choice To Remove Comey As Trumps “Prerogative.” “CUOMO: There is a meaningful silence coming from the GOP leadership about this clear deception from the White House as to why James Comey was fired. [...] What do you make of this obvious disconnect between what we were told this was about and now what the president says it was really about? TAYLOR: There certainly is a disconnect in messaging. But what I will say of the front end — it is important to say this. But it is the prerogative of the president. CUOMO: Yes. TAYLOR: The director serves at his — at his pleasure. CUOMO: True. TAYLOR: And he can remove him. That is his legal authority, for sure. Yes, the messaging is off; the timing is off. And you — I know that folks will report things on all stations on either side. And Democrats will say things. Republicans will say things. But in the end it is his prerogative. He serves at his pleasure.” [CNN, [5/12/17](#)]

Taylor: “There Has Been Zero Evidence Of Collusion With Russia”

Taylor: “There Has Been Zero Evidence Of Collusion With Russia.” “Reps. Scott Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, and Robert C. ‘Bobby’ Scott, D-Newport News, and Democratic Sens. Mark Warner and Tim Kaine all raised questions about the timing of the firing. Taylor said Democrats must stop ‘politicizing this firing as they were calling for Comey’s dismissal as well and there has been zero evidence of collusion with Russia’ but also said the decision is troubling.” [Daily Press, [5/11/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed Other Countries Had Also Interfered In The Election

Taylor: “[Interference In The Election] Is From Other Countries, Too! We Know That For A Fact.” “CUOMO: Whatever political problems [Trump] has with the intelligence community, do you have any reason to question the intelligence community’s conclusions about Russian interference in the election? TAYLOR: No, I don’t have any reason to. And I think, you know, a couple things there. You know, the President said — he admitted that it could have been from Russia, it could have been from other countries. It is from other countries, too! We know that for a fact.” [CNN, [7/6/17](#); YouTube, [7/6/17](#)]

Taylor: “I Believe That [Russia] [Was] Attempting To Mess With Our Election, I Do. I Think That Other Countries Were As Well.” “CABRERA: Is the president to blame by calling it a hoax, by calling it a witch hunt, by not taking it seriously and not — and not believing his Intelligence Community who concluded that Russia was behind the election meddling? TAYLOR: Let me say what I believe. I believe that they were attempting to mess with our election, I do. I think that other countries were as well. And I think that it’s going to be sophisticated moving forward, which is why we have to have a policy.” [CNN, [7/16/17](#)]

Taylor Repeatedly Voted Against Releasing Trump’s Tax Returns

Shot: Taylor: “I Think” Trump “Should” Release His Tax Returns

When Asked If Trump Should Release His Tax Returns, Taylor Replied, “I Think He Should. I Think It’s A Reasonable Request.” “CAMEROTA: I do want to mention. I want to get to that. But what’s your answer to whether or not the president should release his tax returns? TAYLOR: I think he should. I think it’s certainly a reasonable request.” [CNN, [2/23/17](#)]

Chaser: Taylor Said Trump Was Not Obligated To Release His Tax Returns

Taylor Admitted That It Was “Certainly A Reasonable Request” That Trump Should Release His Tax Returns But “He Doesn’t Have To.” “CAMEROTA: I do want to mention. I want to get to that. But what’s your answer to whether or not the president should release his tax returns? TAYLOR: I think he should. I think it’s certainly a reasonable request. He doesn’t have to. But I think he should, sure.” [CNN, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor: “It’s Up To The American People To Hold Him Accountable For That, Of Course, At The Ballot Box If They Think That’s The Biggest Issue.” “It’s up to the American people to hold him accountable for that, of course, at the ballot box if they think that’s the biggest issue. But the reality is, whether you want to see it or not, he’s still the president and he still will be the president even if he shows it.” [CNN, [2/23/17](#)]

Lime: Taylor Repeatedly Voted Against Releasing Trump’s Tax Returns

- **Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns.** [H Res 879, [Vote #173](#), 5/9/18; CQ, [5/9/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/9/18](#)]
- **Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require The Disclosure Of The President’s Tax Returns.** [H Res 831, [Vote #143](#), 4/18/18; CQ, [4/18/18](#); Congressional Record, H 3409, [4/18/18](#)]
- **Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #392](#), 7/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/17]
- **Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #311](#), 6/21/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/21/17]
- **Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #292](#), 6/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/17]
- **Voted To Require Major Party Candidates For President To Release Three Most Recent Tax Returns.** [HR 305 (HRes 275), [Vote #224](#), 4/26/17; CQ, [4/26/17](#)]
- **Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #219](#), 4/5/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/5/17]
- **Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #201](#), 3/28/17; CQ Floor Votes, [3/28/17](#)]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of Requiring Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [H Res 230, [Vote #199](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of A Vote Appealing A Ruling That Forcing Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns Is Not A House Privilege.** [Motion, [Vote #182](#), 3/22/17; CQ, [3/22/17](#)]
- **Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #161](#), 3/15/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/15/17]
- **Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #128](#), 3/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/7/17]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns.** [H Res 150, [Vote #103](#), 2/28/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/28/17](#)]
- **Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #101](#), 2/27/17; CQ Floor Votes, 2/27/17]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of The Presidential Tax Transparency Act.** [H Res 55, [Vote #62](#), 1/24/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/24/17](#)]

Taylor Repeatedly Voted Against Addressing Conflicts Of Interest In Trump's Administration

Taylor Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials. In March 2018, Taylor voted against: “Connolly D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent changes in financial regulations in the bill from being made at the request of, or for the personal gain of, the president, a member of his family, or other senior Executive Branch official.” The motion to recommit failed 182-232. [HR 1116, [Vote #107](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials. In March 2018, Taylor voted against: “Clark, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit a federal financial regulator from including certain rules in its review under the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 if such rules were issued or made at the ‘request of and for the personal gain of’ the president, the president’s family members, or senior executive branch officials who are required to file annual financial disclosure forms.” According to Rep. Clark, the “amendment simply states that before taking any action to eliminate or change a regulation, regulators must disclose any communications from the White House or the President’s family advocating for the action and whether the President, his family, or any senior administration officials would benefit financially from such action.” The motion was rejected, 182-228. [HR 4607, [Vote #94](#), 3/6/18; CQ, [3/6/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted To Block The House Of Representatives From Investigating Trump's Potential Conflicts Of Interest. In April 2017, Taylor voted for “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 280).” Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer a resolution that, “would direct certain officials of the Trump Administration to provide information to the House of Representatives that will enable the House to meet its constitutional responsibility to conduct oversight of the Trump Administration by investigating potential conflicts of interests of President Donald J. Trump.” A vote yes was a vote against the Democrats’ resolution. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-193. [HRes 280, [Vote #229](#), 4/27/17; CQ, [4/27/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Consideration Of An Amendment Prohibiting The President From Making Public Communications About Or Advocating For His Business Interests. In March 2017, Taylor did not vote on the “Jayapal, D-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit the president from making public communications that refer to a business in which the president has an equity interest and would prohibit the president from publicly advocating on behalf of such business interests.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1004, [Vote #125](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Recommitting The SCRUBS Act With An Amendment Exempting Rules Related To Conflict Of Interest And Bribery. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Raskin, D-Md., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions rules related to laws governing potential conflicts of interest and financial disclosures for executive branch employees, and would exempt rules related to bribery.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 998, [Vote #113](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill To Address The Financial Conflicts Of Interest Of The President. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 371, to address financial conflicts of interest of the President and Vice President.” The previous question passed 232-168. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 40, [Vote #32](#), 1/11/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/11/17](#)]

On Charlottesville, Taylor Stood With Trump

Taylor Echoed Trump's Rhetoric About Charlottesville: "There Was Premeditated Lawlessness On Both Sides"

Taylor: "[Trump] Talked About On Both Sides. Like I Said, There Was Premeditated Lawlessness On Both Sides." "I think, you know, [Trump] talked about on both sides. Like I said, there was premeditated lawlessness on both sides. That should be reported in the press and one of you had a guest who I think was trying to get that out I think a couple of minutes ago, but that should be. The facts should certainly be reported." [CNN via YouTube, Virginia2RawFootage, [8/15/17](#)]

Then, One Day Later, Taylor Said Trump Comments On Charlottesville Were "Disappointing And A Failure Of Leadership"

Taylor: "Today's Statement By President Trump At His Press Conference Were Disappointing And A Failure Of Leadership..." "Today's statements by President Trump at his press conference were disappointing and a failure of leadership, which starts at the top, with him. I hope the President will focus on bringing people together and to challenge hate in the strongest unequivocal terms moving forward. There is no home for hate here in Virginia or America." [U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, Press Release, [8/16/17](#)]

Taylor: "The Responsibility Lies With [Hate Groups]. But That Also Doesn't Excuse Lawlessness On Any Side For That Matter"

Taylor: "The Nazis, The KKKs...The Responsibility Lies With Them. But That Also Doesn't Excuse Lawlessness On Any Side For That Matter." "Like I said, there was premeditated lawlessness on both sides. [...] The facts should certainly be reported. That does not alleviate the responsibility of the Nazis, the KKKs, the groups that organized this to cause problems. There's no question about it, the responsibility lies with them. But that also doesn't excuse lawlessness on any side for that matter." [CNN via YouTube, Virginia2RawFootage, [8/15/17](#)]

Taylor's 2nd Vote In Congress Was Cast To Elect Paul Ryan Speaker Of The House

Taylor Voted For Rep. Paul Ryan For Speaker Of The House

January 2017: Taylor Voted To Elect Rep. Paul Ryan Speaker Of The House. In January 2017, Taylor voted for "the Nomination of Paul D. Ryan, D-Wis., and Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., for Speaker of House of Representatives for the 115th Congress." Ryan was elected by a vote of 239-189. [[Vote #2](#), 1/3/17; CQ, [1/3/17](#)]

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CQ Voting Studies

(Updated: February 2018)

	Voting Participation	Presidential Support	Party Unity	Conservative Coalition
Year		SupportOppose	SupportOppose	SupportOppose
2017	96%	100% 0%	98% 2%	-- --

[Explanation of Vote Studies](#)

[CQ, accessed [4/2/20](#)]

As Congressman, Taylor Sought To Silence Constituents Who Did Not Agree With Him, In A Potential Violation Of The 1st Amendment And House Ethics Rules

March 2017: Constituents Accused Taylor Of Blocking Constituents' Comments From His Facebook Page

HEADLINE: "Rep. Scott Taylor's Facebook Page Scrubbed Of Constituents' Posts." [Southside Daily, [3/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "Local Women Say They Were Blocked From Rep. Scott Taylor's Facebook Page." [WAVY, [3/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "Constituents Hammer Virginia Republican To Block Them: 'If You Can't Take It—Stop Using Facebook.'" [Raw Story, [3/6/17](#)]

Taylor Defended Blocking "Out Of Line" Comments, Blamed The Women's March

Taylor Defended Blocking Users Who Acted "Out Of Line" And Blamed Activist Groups That Sprang Up After The Women's March For Disruptive Behavior. "Taylor said his staff is authorized to block users from his Facebook page if they act 'out of line,' and he complained that activist groups that sprang up from the Women's March were organized to 'disrupt' public meetings and social media pages." [Raw Story, [3/6/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "Rep. Taylor Defends Booting Opponents Off Facebook Page; Critics Claim Free Speech Rights Violated." [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

ACLU Claimed Taylor May Have Violated First Amendment Rights Of Constituents He Blocked

June 2017: Virginia ACLU Sent Taylor A Letter Claiming That He Had Violated The First Amendment Rights of His Constituents. "According to multiple complaints from Congressman Scott Taylor's constituents, they were blocked or had their comments removed from Taylor's government-sponsored social media, including his Twitter and Facebook pages, even though their comments didn't contain any profane, threatening, or discriminatory language. We sent Taylor a letter explaining how his censorship of opposing viewpoints in a limited public forum violates his constituents' rights to free speech." [American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, [6/22/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "Virginia ACLU To Rep. Taylor: Stop Blocking Constituents." [Williamsburg Yorktown Daily, [6/29/17](#)]

In A Separate Case, A Federal Court Ruled That The First Amendment Prohibited Public Officials From Blocking Any Social Media Users In Davison V. Loudoun County Board Of Supervisors. "This week, a

federal court weighed in on the question in a case with obvious parallels to Trump's. It determined that the First Amendment's Free Speech Clause does indeed prohibit officeholders from blocking social media users on the basis of their views. *Davison v. Loudoun County Board of Supervisors* involved the chair of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, Phyllis J. Randall." [Slate, [7/28/17](#)]

The ACLU Asserted That Taylor Might Have Violated The First Amendment. "However, the head of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia said Wednesday that Taylor may be violating the Constitution's First Amendment protection of free speech. Taylor and Weldon, who have conferred with House of Representatives administrators, disagree. They argue that constituents have many other ways, including another Facebook site, to speak to the lawmaker. The dispute, sparked by some members of local groups formed to oppose President Donald Trump's administration, centers on one of Taylor's two Facebook pages. He has removed several comments that he or Weldon decided were disagreeable from Taylor's self-described unofficial political page that he started almost a decade ago." [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

The State ACLU Stated That Taylor's Personal Page Could Be Viewed As A Protected "Limited Public Forum." "Claire Guthrie Gastañaga, executive director of the state's ACLU, said Taylor's personal page can be viewed as a protected 'limited public forum' that constituents use to reach their congressional representative. 'It's no different than a city council meeting,' she said. 'I think there are some pretty significant questions raised about whether he's engaged in viewpoint discrimination in violation of the First Amendment in a limited public forum,' Gastañaga said. 'He was using the Facebook page as a place to meet his constituents and engage them. ... It means you cannot discriminate based on the content of the speech.'" [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

Taylor Argued That There Was No Free-Speech Restrictions Because All Of His Constituents Could Reach Him Or His Staff. "Taylor argues there is no free-speech restriction because all of his constituents can reach him or his staff by many mediums including Facebook, email, traditional mail, telephone or a visit to his office. He acknowledged his decision to remove comments that he dislikes can upset opponents. 'It's the member's discretion, and then of course you have to deal with your constituency,' he said. The Congressional Research Service advised federal legislators in an October report that they can have 'non-official social media accounts, such as campaign or personal accounts' separate from their official web pages. Those non-official accounts can't use government resources. Weldon, who said he is paid by Taylor's campaign to be its part-time political director in addition to his full-time congressional job as Taylor's communications director, noted he works on the unofficial page only while away from his government duties." [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "Rep. Scott Taylor Calls Out ACLU For Criticizing His Removal Of Negative Facebook Comments." [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

Virginia Beach Ministers Called For An Ethics Investigation Into Taylor's Use Of His Campaign Social Media Accounts For Official Purposes

Members Of The Interdenominational Ministers Conference Led By President James Allen Sent A Letter To The Congressional Ethics Office Claiming That Taylor Used His Campaign Social Media Accounts For Official Purposes. "VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (WAVY) – Members of the Interdenominational Ministers Conference want the Office of Congressional Ethics to launch an investigation into the social media activity of Representative Scott Taylor. The group's president, James Allen, sent a letter complaining that Rep. Taylor has used his campaign social media accounts for official purposes." [WAVY, [4/12/17](#)]

Allen Alleged That Taylor Was Violating A House Code Of Official Conduct Rule Stating That Members Should Behave In A Manner That Reflects Creditably On The House. "Allen sent a three-page letter and nine pages of what he calls evidence, to support his claim. 'You can't mix campaign and official business. If you do so, then you are violating a very important ethics rule,' Allen said. 'Basically all we're asking Congressman Taylor to do is to make sure that he does things properly and by the rules of the Congressional office.' According to the complaint, Allen alleges Representative Taylor is violating Rule 23 of the House Code

of Official Conduct. It says members of the House shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House.” [WAVY, [4/12/17](#)]

Taylor Called The Complainant A “Radical Liberal Activist With A Political Ax To Grind.” “The allegations made in the complaint are demonstrably false. Further, this complaint was filed by a radical liberal activist with a political ax to grind. He and those around him have repeatedly used up my staff’s time and taxpayer resources to advance their liberal political agenda.” [WAVY, [4/12/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed His Pages Were Not Official

Taylor Had Two Facebook Pages, One Official And One He Called An “Unofficial Political Page.” “The dispute, sparked by some members of local groups formed to oppose President Donald Trump’s administration, centers on one of Taylor’s two Facebook pages. He has removed several comments that he or Weldon decided were disagreeable from Taylor’s self-described unofficial political page that he started almost a decade ago.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

A Constituent Pointed To The Discrepancy Between Followers Of Taylor’s Unofficial And Official Accounts As Proof That Taylor Was Using His ‘Unofficial’ Account In An Official Capacity. “In the letter, Mehta also claimed that Taylor uses his unofficial social media accounts in an official capacity, citing the discrepancy in the number of followers his unofficial and official Facebook pages have – 56,000 to 2,000, respectively. ‘It is also evident that you communicate with your constituents in an official capacity on the unofficial page, discussing voting decisions, policy and descriptions/photos of public appearances in your official capacity as a congressman,’ Mehta wrote.” [Williamsburg Yorktown Daily, [6/29/17](#)]

Taylor: “If You Want To Be Able To Come On My Unofficial Facebook And Troll It...Say Bad Things...And Be Offensive Or Abusive - I Don’t Think So.” “Taylor said his personal page is not a platform for his opponents to have free rein to speak out to its more than 55,000 followers. The page has been used regularly by Taylor and his supporters for election or legislative information, comments and news reports, as well as for offering live and recorded video of his town halls. ‘Every campaign in this nation does that. We have that discretion,’ he said. ‘If you want to be able to come on my unofficial Facebook and troll it ... say bad things ... and be offensive or abusive - I don’t think so.’ Taylor notes that his relatively new official page, which has just under 200 followers, does not remove comments as long as they don’t violate his standards for abuse or profanity. He said comments that offer different political views are not removed.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

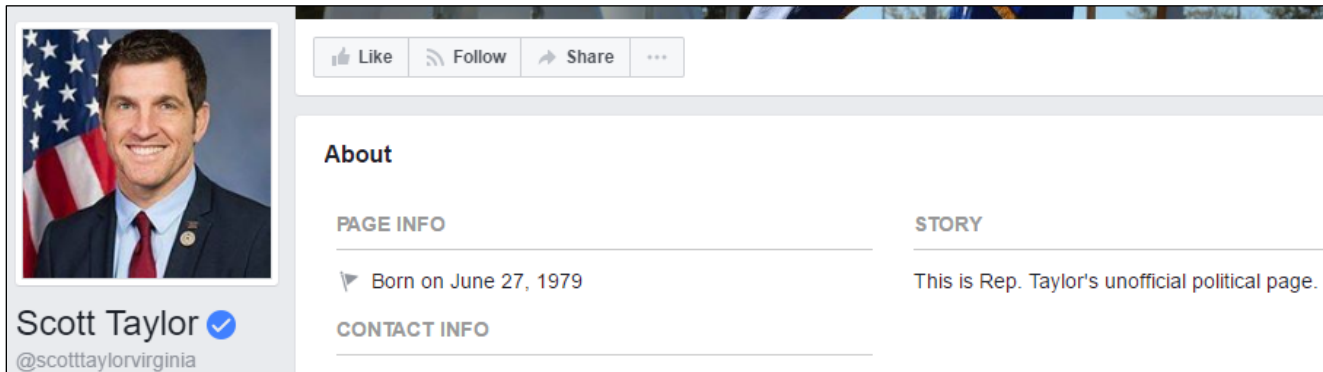
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Political Director Claimed Taylor Was Within His Rights To Block Posts On His Personal Facebook. “Some opponents of Rep. Scott Taylor are crying foul that the Virginia Beach Republican is blocking their comments on his personal Facebook page. It’s true that some people’s comments or postings are removed, but Taylor is well within his rights to do so, his political director, Scott Weldon, said Wednesday. Democrats aren’t allowed to ‘rabble-rouse’ on the legislator’s personal page, Weldon said.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

Political Director Defined The Unofficial Page As Taylor’s Campaign Page And Defended Blocking People: “Democratic Activists Do Not Get To Dictate The Dialogue About How Our Campaign Page Is

Run, Period.” “100 percent of our constituents have official access to us via email, a physical office, phone lines, official social media, etc. We not only ask for the opinions of everyone, we also do not mind dissent from Rep. Taylor’s beliefs. That being said, if people are rude or abusive towards anyone on our unofficial political page we reserve the right to revoke their posting privileges; this has been the case with Republicans and Democrats. Furthermore, we do not shy away from those who disagree with us, this was clearly demonstrated during recent town halls and on the page itself. Lastly, democrat activists do not get to dictate the dialogue about how our campaign page is run, period.” [WAVY, [3/7/17](#)]

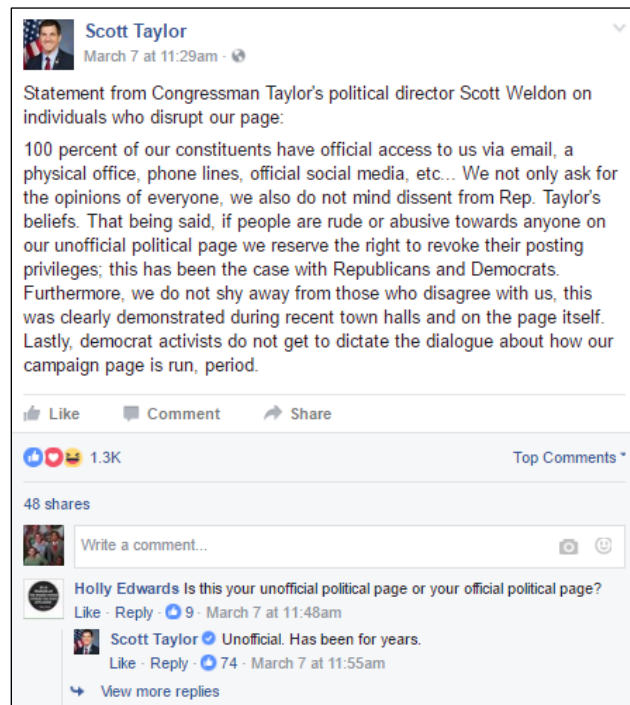
Taylor Maintained A Facebook Page He Described As “Rep. Taylor’s Unofficial Political Page.” As of March 10th, 2017, under the “Story” section of the “About” page, it states: “This is Rep. Taylor’s unofficial political page.” Below is a screenshot of the page. [Scott Taylor campaign Facebook, accessed [3/10/17](#)]



Taylor’s Political Director Posted On Facebook Page, Called It Scott Taylor’s “Unofficial” Page

March 7th, 2017: Taylor’s Political Director Posted On Campaign Facebook Page, Stated It Was Scott Taylor’s “Unofficial” Page. “Statement from Congressman Taylor’s political director Scott Weldon on individuals who disrupt our page: 100 percent of our constituents have official access to us via email, a physical office, phone lines, official social media, etc... We not only ask for the opinions of everyone, we also do not mind dissent from Rep. Taylor’s beliefs. That being said, if people are rude or abusive towards anyone on our unofficial political page we reserve the right to revoke their posting privileges; this has been the case with Republicans and Democrats. Furthermore, we do not shy away from those who disagree with us, this was clearly demonstrated during recent town halls and on the page itself. Lastly, democrat activists do not get to dictate the dialogue about how our campaign page is run, period.” Below is a screenshot of the post and a comment response. [Scott Taylor campaign Facebook, [3/07/17](#)]

March 2017: Scott Weldon Listed As Rep. Taylor’s Communications Director. As of March 2017, Scott Weldon is listed as Rep. Taylor’s official-side Communications Director. [CQ Member Profiles, accessed [3/10/17](#)]



But Taylor’s Own Congressional Staff Maintained The Pages

Scott Weldon Removed Disagreeable Comments From Taylor’s ‘Unofficial’ Page. “The dispute, sparked by some members of local groups formed to oppose President Donald Trump’s administration, centers on one of Taylor’s two Facebook pages. He has removed several comments that he or Weldon decided were disagreeable from Taylor’s self-described unofficial political page that he started almost a decade ago.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

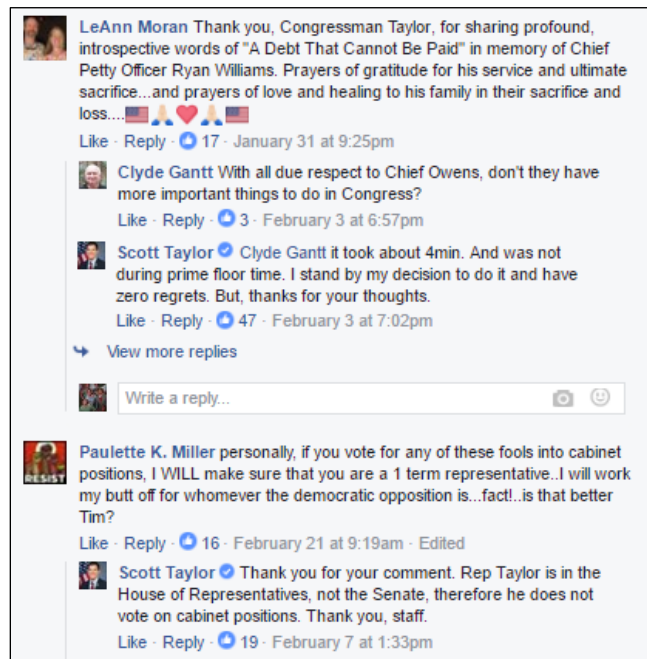
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Weldon Was Simultaneously Taylor’s Campaign Political Director As Well As His Congressional Communications Director. “Weldon, who said he is paid by Taylor’s campaign to be its part-time political director in addition to his full-time congressional job as Taylor’s communications director, noted he works on the unofficial page only while away from his government duties.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

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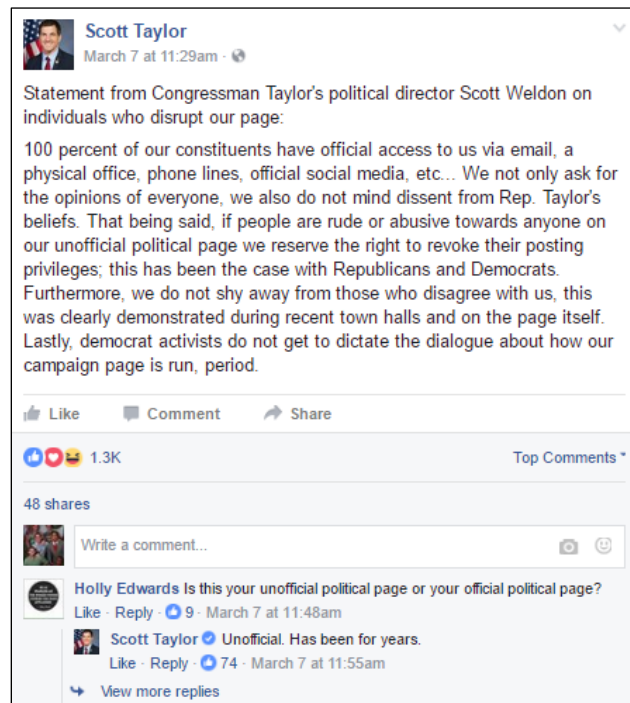
Taylor And His Staff Responded To Facebook Comments. On February 3rd, 2017, Rep. Scott Taylor responded to a comment about his floor speech, defending his decision to do it, saying, “Clyde Gantt it took about 4min. And

was not during prime floor time. I stand by my decision to do it and have zero regrets. But, thanks for your thoughts.” On February 7th, 2017, Rep. Taylor’s staff responded to a Facebook comment from the same post, saying, “Thank you for your comment. Rep Taylor is in the House of Representatives, not the Senate, therefore he does not vote on cabinet positions. Thank you, staff.” [Scott Taylor Facebook, [1/31/17](#)]



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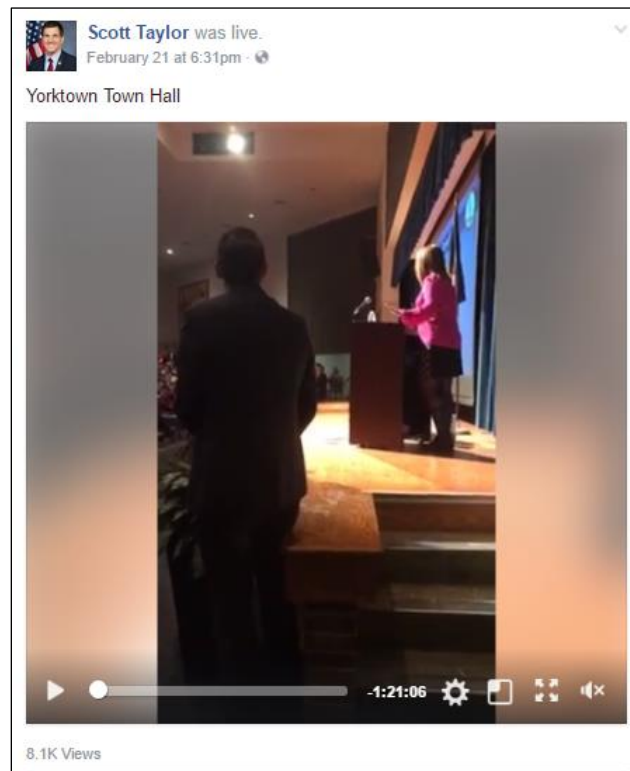
And Taylor's "Contact Info" Section Listed Official District Office Phone Number

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And Taylor Often Used The Page To Promote His Official Duties

February 21st, 2017: Posted Video Of Official Town Hall. On February 21st, 2017, Scott Taylor's campaign Facebook posted video of his official Yorktown town hall. A screenshot of the post is below. [Scott Taylor campaign Facebook, [2/21/17](#)]



February 14th, 2017: Posted Information About Official Town Hall, Invited People. On February 14th, 2017, Scott Taylor's campaign Facebook posted information about an upcoming official town hall. According to the *Virginian-Pilot*, which the post links to, the town halls were for the official side. Below is a screenshot of the post. [Scott Taylor campaign Facebook, [2/14/17](#); The *Virginian-Pilot*, [2/14/17](#)]



January 30th, 2017: Posted Facebook Live Of Official Town Hall. On January 30th, 2017, Scott Taylor's campaign Facebook posted a Facebook Live stream of an official town hall event. Below is a screenshot of the post. [Scott Taylor campaign Facebook, [1/30/17](#)]



Including Posting Videos Of Taylor's House Floor Speeches

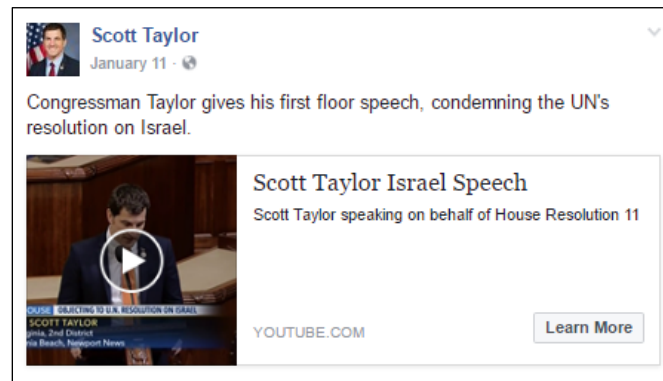
January 31st, 2017: Posted Video Of House Floor Speech. On January 31st, 2017, Rep. Scott Taylor posted a video of himself speaking on the House floor. Below is a screenshot of the post. [Scott Taylor Facebook, [1/31/17](#)]



January 13th, 2017: Posted House Floor Speech. On January 13th, 2017, Scott Taylor's campaign Facebook posted a speech he made from the House floor about Gen. Mattis. Below is a screenshot of the post. [Scott Taylor campaign Facebook, [1/13/17](#)]



January 11th, 2017: Posted House Floor Speech. On January 11th, 2017, Scott Taylor’s campaign Facebook posted a speech he made from the House floor about the UN’s resolution on Israel. Below is a screenshot of the post. [Scott Taylor campaign Facebook, [1/11/17](#)]



Previously, Taylor Posted Multiple Campaign-Related Posts On Facebook

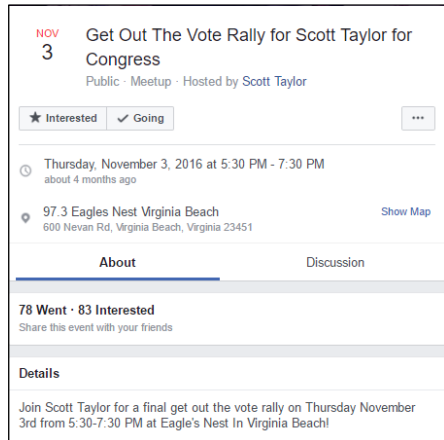
September 26th, 2016: Posted General Campaign Fundraising Request. On September 26th, 2016, Scott Taylor’s campaign Facebook posted a fundraising request for the campaign. According to the post, “The countdown Continues! We have 2 days until an important fundraising deadline. We have already reached over half of our \$50,000 goal. Do you think you can help me reach my goal with a \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 or even \$1,000 contribution today? Click the link below to give!” Below is a screenshot of the post. [Scott Taylor Facebook, [9/26/16](#)]



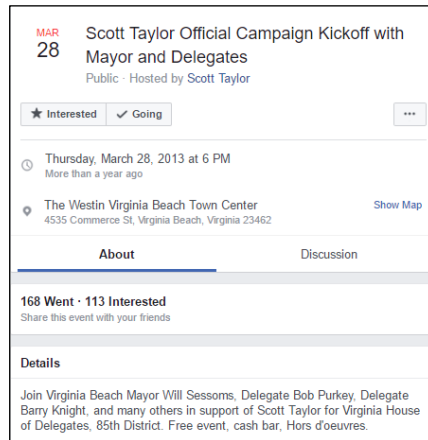
May 30th, 2016: Posted Primary Campaign Event. On May 30th, 2016, Scott Taylor’s campaign Facebook posted the following: “Please share and invite your friends to this event at Eagles Nest Rockin Country Bar! This is our last campaign rally before the election! Come listen to Cheap Thrills VA, get some food/drinks, and support our campaign for Congress! This is about our future. Washington is broken and we need a fresh start! Vote Taylor for U.S. Congress June 14th”. A screenshot of the post is below. [Scott Taylor Facebook, accessed [5/30/16](#)]



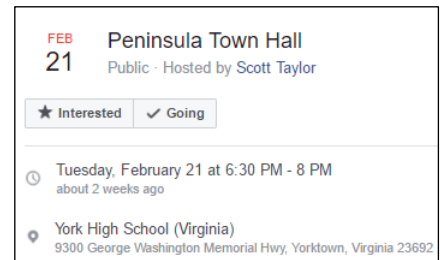
2013-17: Multiple Campaign And Official Events Posted In “Events” Section. From 2013 to 2017, in the “Events” section, Scott Taylor’s Facebook page had posted multiple campaign – both state and federal – events in addition to official events. Below is a screenshot of a few of the events. A full screenshot is also saved to the drive and can be accessed here. [Scott Taylor Facebook, accessed [3/10/17](#)]



[Scott Taylor Facebook, [11/03/16](#)]



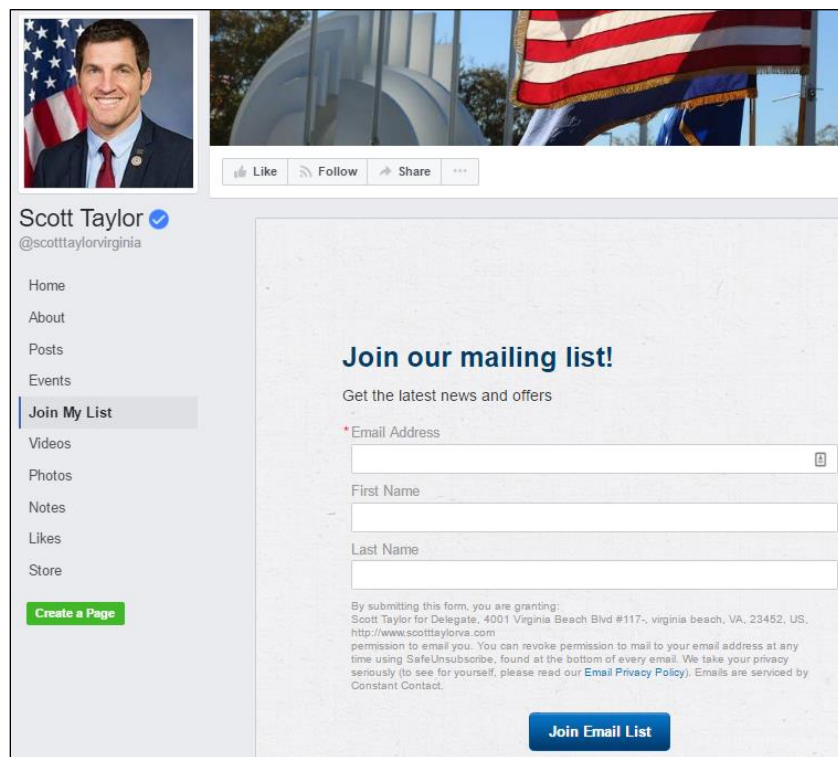
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And Taylor's "Join My List" Section Referred To State Delegate Information

"Join My List" Section Referred To State Delegate Information. "By submitting this form, you are granting: Scott Taylor for Delegate, 4001 Virginia Beach Blvd #117-, virginia beach, VA, 23452, US, <http://www.scotttaylorva.com> permission to email you." Screenshot is below. [Scott Taylor Facebook, accessed [3/10/17](#)]



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Taylor Dismissed His Own Constituents At Town Hall Meetings

Taylor Claimed Most Of The Attendees At His Town Halls Were Democrats

Taylor: "...Most Of The Folks That Are In My Town Hall Are On The Other Side Of Me Politically."
 "TAYLOR: There's definitely some strong feelings in my town halls for sure. And to be fair and to be factual, most

of the folks that are in my town hall are on the other side of me politically. And that's fine. Usually that's the type of folks who show up to town halls, when they have a grievance. But there's issues, of course, with the president." [CNN, [2/23/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

Taylor: "We Had A Couple People That Are Actually From The Local Democrat Party Who Were Trying To Make People Cheer And Rabble-Rouse...I Can See Them Start To Try To Get The Crowd To Shout—Chant Unnecessarily, Not Even For Policies, But Just Chant." "TAYLOR: You did have a couple people -- we had a couple people that are actually from the local Democrat Party who were trying to make people cheer and rabble-rouse, if you will. And those kind of folks, you need to isolate them, because they're -- you know, energy happens really quickly. CAVUTO: Well, how do you isolate -- how do you isolate them? TAYLOR: Call them out. Call them out. I'm from here, right? So, I know the people in that party. And I can see them start to try to get the crowd to shout -- chant unnecessarily, not even for policies, but just chant." [Fox News, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor Criticized Democrats In The Audience As Rabble-Rousers And "Agitators"

Taylor Attributed The "Loudness" At His Town Hall To Democratic Activists: "I Think It Went Fine. This Is Pretty Much What I Expected. People Were Loud. We Had The Virginia Beach Democratic Party. They Were The Ones Initiating The Chanting." "Rep. Scott Taylor will be hosting three town halls in the area this week. The first was held Monday inside Kempsville High School where Rep. Taylor fielded questions for about 90 minutes. The questions centered around the Affordable Care Act, the environment, President Trump's ties to Russia and whether the president should release his tax returns. Congressman Taylor at times seemed to get rattled from the majority-Democrat crowd, which booed a lot of his answers. 'I think it went fine. This is pretty much what I expected. People were loud. We had the Virginia Beach Democratic Party. They were the ones initiating the chanting,' he said. 'There are a lot of concerned people that didn't vote for the president that feel they have legitimate issues and I feel some of them are legitimate too.'" [CBS – 3 WTKR, 2/20/17]

Taylor Criticized Democrats At His Town Hall: "I Saw A Lot Of Members Of The Virginia Beach Democratic Party...I'm Embarrassed By Their Tactics...Inciting People To Shout Over People." "The audience was noticeably larger at U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor's town hall Tuesday at Yorktown High School but avoided the verbal brawl that marred his forum Monday in Virginia Beach. Taylor was booed for some answers he gave to questions from the 900-plus people in the Yorktown audience and was applauded for others. But he endured considerably fewer shouts and catcalls than at Kempsville High School on Monday night. [...] Taylor is convinced the protesters' comments do not represent the views of most residents of the 2nd Congressional District. He blamed Democrats. 'I saw a lot of members of the Virginia Beach Democratic Party. ... I'm embarrassed by their tactics ... inciting people to shout over people,' he said." [Virginian-Pilot, [2/20/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Would Advise His Fellow Congressmen Who Held Town Halls That If A "Rabble Rouser" Seemed Intent On Disrupting To "Isolate Them" Until They Were Shamed Into Silence. "For example, Taylor said he'd counsel his colleague to wait silently whenever their room breaks out into sustained applause or jeers - rather than attempt to talk over protests. But if a 'rabble rouser' seems intent on disrupting, he's got another strategy: 'you isolate them' until they're shamed into silence." [Politico, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Argued That The Views Of The Town Hall Audiences Were "Not Representative" Of His District

Taylor Called The Crowds Attending His Town Halls "Legitimate" But Added That Just Because It's Real Doesn't Mean The Views Of Town Hall Attendees Reflect Broader Popular Opinion: "It's Not Representative Of My Whole District. It's Just Not." "Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Va.), who held three town halls on consecutive days this week in his coastal district also called his crowds 'legitimate' and compared it to the tea party unrest that swept House Republicans into power in 2010. But just because it's real, he added, doesn't mean the

views of town hall attendees reflect broader popular opinion. ‘It’s not representative of my whole district. It’s just not,’ he said. ‘That being said, they’re just as important as anybody else in my district.’” [Politico, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor Implied That Democratic Protesters Were Stepping Over The Line

Taylor Claimed That A Protester Had Been Charged With Assault At One Of His Town Halls: “One Of My Protesters Was Charged With Assault...So What I’m Saying To You Is I Don’t Agree With The Behavior.”

“BERMAN: You also say that protestors on either side will be serving in Congress -- you know, beside you -- and these protestors were not charged with assault as the new congressman was but I do get your point. You spoke out. You said -- you said -- TAYLOR: One of my protestors was charged with assault, sir, at one of my -- at one of my town halls, so what I’m saying to you is I don’t agree with the behavior. I think it’s unacceptable for an elected official. There’s no question about that. ...He will deal with those consequences. And I will tell you that I wish that all leaders on both sides would call for a reduction in emotions and tensions across our nation. That is the right thing to do.” [CNN, [5/26/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

Taylor Stated That He Wished Nancy Pelosi Criticized “Protesters That Are Out There That Are Also Stepping Over The Line In Protests On Her Side.”

“BERMAN: You know, Paul Ryan said [Gianforte]’s going to be a valuable, conservative voice -- bygones. You know, has the bar been lowered here for what’s acceptable in our society? TAYLOR: Well, look, there’s no question that I’m not going to agree with a lot of things that Nancy Pelosi, but look, it’s tense out there and people need to be calm. And there’s no question that the behavior is unacceptable and he will pay for any consequences that come out of that, of course. So when I listen to that statement it’s very partisan, of course. I would wish that and hope that she would also say the same thing about some of the -- some protestors that are out there that are also stepping over the line in protests on her side. So I think the country, in general, has to -- has to calm down.” [CNN, [5/26/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

Taylor Suggested That Local Media Coverage Of His First Town Hall Of Three Had Discouraged His Conservative Supporters From Attending The Other Two.

“Taylor, aware that the next election will be different, scheduled three straight evenings of town hall meetings this week to help his constituents get to know their new congressman. Before taking questions Tuesday, he counseled the audience to avoid chanting and shouting so that everyone could be heard. He even suggested that local media coverage of Monday’s meeting had scared away some of his conservative supporters.” [Washington Post, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Described The Last Of His Three Town Halls As “Calm...We Didn’t Have The Same Agitators Quite Frankly.”

“CAMEROTA: Yes. OK. I want to get to a couple other issues with you, but first, about last night, you’re again, the constituents came loaded for bear. So, what did you do to lull them into submission? Because everybody described that town hall as much calmer. TAYLOR: Well, it was calm. You know, with the same concerns -- of course, there are folks there had the same legitimate concerns. I’m so appreciative they were there in the first place. They -- you know, we didn’t have the same agitators quite frankly. And you hear about agitators, it only takes a couple people to generate a lot of emotion in a room, right, no doubt about it.” [CNN, [2/23/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

Taylor Compared Negotiating With Armed Tribesmen In Yemen To Talking With Constituents At His Town Hall

Taylor Likened Dealing With Constituents At His Town Hall To Negotiating With Armed Tribesmen In Yemen: “I’ve Dealt With A Lot Of Crowds Before...I Mean, Literally With AK 47s With People Pissed Off In The Arabian Desert.” “‘Listen, calm’s contagious, especially in events. So is crazy emotions,’ [Taylor] told POLITICO after the town hall, his third in three days across his northeastern Virginia district. ‘I think it’s important to be calm. My demeanor should always be calm.’ Not all of Taylor’s experience, of course, is replicable. ‘I’ve dealt with a lot of crowds before ... I mean, literally with AK 47s with people pissed off in the Arabian desert,’ he

said, alluding to his service in Iraq and Yemen. ‘You understand very quickly how to read body language.’ But he said there are ‘mechanisms’ to reduce the likelihood of disruption and confrontation.” [Politico, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Was Bad For Virginia Families

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor is bad for seniors*
 - ✓ *Taylor wanted to raise the retirement age for Social Security eligibility; 129,000 Virginia 2nd district residents received social security benefits in 2019.*
 - ✓ *Taylor voted to gut Medicare and against lowering out of pocket drug costs on seniors; 21,000 Virginia 2nd District residents receive Medicare benefits.*
 - ✓ *Taylor said he wanted to raise the retirement age for future generations and began drafting legislation to raise the retirement age within days of his election in 2016.*
- ✓ *Taylor is bad for Virginia health care.*
 - ✓ *Taylor voted for the American Health Care Act – the Republican health care repeal bill.*
 - ✓ *In February 2017, Taylor would not answer directly when asked if he had read the Republican health care plan.*
 - ✓ *Taylor said Trump promised to help Republicans in competitive districts win in 2018 if they voted for the repeal bill.*
 - ✓ *Taylor broke his promise on protecting people with pre-existing conditions by voting for AHCA.*
- ✓ *Taylor is bad for Virginia safety.*
 - ✓ *Taylor had an “A” rating from the NRA and was endorsed by the group. Additionally, the group spent over \$10,000 to help get him elected.*
 - ✓ *Taylor spoke out against new gun laws in Virginia and praised the efforts of Virginia Beach to become a 2nd amendment “sanctuary.”*
 - ✓ *Taylor voted to block consideration of bills to close gun safety loopholes.*
 - ✓ *Taylor said he opposed universal background checks for guns.*
- ✓ *Taylor is bad for Virginia women.*
 - ✓ *Taylor stated the only exception for abortion should be if the woman’s life is in danger.*
 - ✓ *Taylor voted to defund Planned Parenthood.*
 - ✓ *Taylor voted against consideration of an amendment that prevented insurance plans from charging women higher premiums than men.*
- ✓ *Taylor is bad for working families.*
 - ✓ *Taylor voted to block a bill to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour in seven years.*

- ✓ *Taylor voted for undermining worker protections by allowing private-sector employees to swap overtime pay for “comp time.”*
- ✓ *Taylor is bad for the environment.*
- ✓ *2018: Taylor came out against offshore drilling, though he supported it earlier in his career.*
- ✓ *Taylor admitted that climate change was real and a serious issue for Virginia Beach... but questioned how much of it was man-made and what there was to be done about it.*
- ✓ *The New York Times reported that Taylor favored “narrower measures” to address the dangerous effects of climate change and that he was “wary of hobbling fossil-fuel companies.”*
- ✓ *Taylor is bad for Virginians’ voting rights.*
- ✓ *Taylor said he “doesn’t have a big problem with [the White House] looking into” voter fraud... even though he admitted that “we don’t have massive voter fraud problem” in Virginia.*
- ✓ *Taylor compared Trump’s voter fraud panel to the investigation into Russian interference in the election.*

Taylor Is Bad For Virginia Seniors

2019: 21,069 Residents Of Virginia’s 2nd District Received Some Medicare Benefits

2019: 21,069 Residents Of Taylor’s District Received Medicare Benefits. [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [2019 Congressional District Report](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Republican Budget That Would Gut Medicare

Taylor Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

AP: House Budget “Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.” “The House on Thursday passed a \$4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party’s efforts to repeal the “Obamacare” health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul.” [Associated Press, [10/5/17](#)]

Medicare Part D

2017: Taylor Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors

Taylor Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Demings, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would exempt regulations that significantly lower seniors’ out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D. It would remove the bill’s provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to

an agency's interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules." The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-233. [HR 5, [Vote #44](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

2018: 129,256 Residents Of The Virginia 2nd District Received Some Social Security Benefits

2018: 129,256 Residents Of Taylor's District Received Social Security Benefits Worth Nearly \$179,498,000. [Social Security Administration, Congressional Statistics, released [May 2019](#)]

In Taylor's District, Social Security Beneficiaries Include 99,870 Seniors; 93,283 Were Retirees. Of the 112,950 social security beneficiaries in Taylor's district, 99,870 were aged 65 or older; 93,283 were retirees. [Social Security Administration, Congressional Statistics, released [April 2018](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Republican Study Committee Budget That Included Increasing The Social Security Retirement Age And Said He Began Drafting Legislation To Raise The Retirement Age Shortly After Being Elected

Taylor Voted For A Republican Study Committee Budget That Included Increasing The Social Security Retirement Age

2017: Taylor Voted For A Republican Study Committee Alternative FY18 Budget. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #555](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

RSC Budget Would Gradually Raise The Retirement Age For Social Security To 69. "The RSC budget would eliminate Social Security's long-run shortfall and make the program sustainably solvent by adopting Representative Sam Johnson's (R-TX) 'Social Security Reform Act,' which would slow initial benefit growth for higher-earners, gradually raise the normal retirement age to 69, and means-test annual cost-of-living adjustments, which would be calculated based on the chained Consumer Price Index (CPI)." [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, [9/11/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Wanted To Raise The Minimum Retirement Age For Younger Generations

February 2017: Taylor Said He Wanted To Raise The Minimum Retirement Age For Social Security For Younger Generations. "To free up more defense funds, Taylor said he and other Republicans want to reduce spending on some government assistance, such as food stamps, and potentially cut outdated military programs. Looking more broadly, Taylor said he also supports raising the minimum age for Social Security benefits for younger generations in order to keep the program solvent." [Washington Times, [2/12/17](#)]

Taylor Began Drafting Legislation To Raise The Retirement Age For Social Security Within Days OF His Election

November 2016: Upon Winning Congressional Seat, Taylor Claimed That He Was Already Writing Legislation To Raise The Social Security Age By Three Years. "Republican state Del. Scott Taylor won Virginia's 2nd Congressional District seat, outdoing Democratic community activist Shaun Brown to join the House of Representatives. [...] Afterward, he told reporters he's already drafting legislation to raise the age to qualify for government entitlements such as Social Security by three years for individuals currently younger than 41, and he plans to look at mandated budget cuts called sequestration." [Virginian-Pilot, [11/8/16](#)]

Taylor Promised That His Constituents Could "Expect [Him] To Look At Entitlement Reform And Raising The Age." "[Taylor] said 2nd District voters can expect him to leap into that and a couple of other signature issues right off the bat. 'They can expect me to look at entitlement reform and raising the age,' Taylor said." [Daily Press, [11/8/16](#)]

Taylor Wanted To Raise The Age Requirement For Both Social Security And Medicare: “We Need To Raise The Age Up Three Years.” “Scott Taylor, a former U.S. Navy SEAL and now real estate investor, has represented Virginia Beach’s 85th District in the Virginia House of Delegates since 2014. Taylor has taken aim at so-called entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare, saying he’d push Congress to take a good hard look at them. ‘Obviously entitlements are the big elephant in the room that nobody wants to talk about,’ Taylor said. ‘I believe my generation, 40 and under, will have to step up to the plate to reform entitlements to say, ‘Look, we’re living longer, we have more time, we need to raise the (retirement) age up three years.’” [Daily Press, [11/6/16](#)]

Taylor Is Bad For Virginia Health Care

Taylor Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill

May 2017: Taylor Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill. In May 2017, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the current system. It would, in 2020, convert Medicaid into a capped entitlement that would provide fixed federal payments to states and end additional federal funding for the 2010 law’s joint federal-state Medicaid expansion. It would prohibit federal funding to any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortions and receives more than \$350 million a year in Medicaid funds. As amended, it would give states the option of receiving federal Medicaid funding as a block grant with greater state flexibility in how the funds are used, and would require states to establish their own essential health benefits standards. It would allow states to receive waivers to exempt insurers from having to provide certain minimum benefits, would provide \$8 billion over five years for individuals with pre-existing conditions whose insurance premiums increased because the state was granted a waiver to raise premiums based on an individual’s health status, and would create a \$15 billion federal risk sharing program to cover some of the costs of high medical claims.” The bill was passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, [Vote #256](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Begin The Process Of Repealing Affordable Care Act. “The House of Representatives began the process of dismantling the Affordable Care Act on Friday, approving a budget resolution on a mostly party line vote. The vote was 227-198. The Senate passed the measure earlier this week. It allows Republicans on Capitol Hill to use a process known as ‘budget reconciliation’ to roll back major parts of the health care law. Top Republican leaders are also saying they plan to move to replace Obamacare along the same track, but they are still struggling to come up with the details on how it will work.” [S Con Res 3, [Vote #58](#), 1/13/17; CNN, [1/3/17](#)]

February 2017: Taylor Would Not Answer Directly When Asked If He Had Read The Republican Health Care Plan

When Asked If He Had Seen The New Republican Health Care Plan, Taylor Replied, “It’s Not That Simple.” “BALDWIN: And just even back -- if you go back to mid-January and ‘The Washington Post’ interviewed the president and he said at the time he was nearing completion of a plan. I’m getting different stories from Republicans on the Hill and when this actually happens. Congressman, have you seen the plan? TAYLOR: It’s not that simple. BALDWIN: It’s not. TAYLOR: There’s a nuanced answer here, of course. And people don’t want to hear that. And I will say, repeal and replace sounds like one thing, right? It sounds very quick. It sounds easy. It’s not. BALDWIN: But the president did say he had a plan. I’m just going by the president’s words. TAYLOR: Let me finish. BALDWIN: OK. TAYLOR: It doesn’t matter what -- I’m not in the executive branch. I’m in the legislative branch. So, what I will tell you is, there’s reconciliation. There’s executive actions and then there’s legislation. And it is imperative an important that my party, who overwhelmingly was sent across the nation into power, right? So, people have confidence in us.” [CNN, Newsroom, [2/22/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

March 2017: Taylor Said Trump Promised To Help Republicans In Competitive Districts Win In 2018 If They Voted For The Repeal Bill

Taylor Claimed That Trump Told Republicans On The Fence That If They Were In Competitive Districts And Voted For The Bill, He'd Help Them Win Re-Election. “Freshman Rep. Scott Taylor, R-2nd, backs the bill. His district is centered in Virginia Beach. ‘There are those who say this bill doesn’t do 100 percent of what they want it to do; I believe 85 percent of something in the right direction is much better than nothing,’ he said in a statement on his website. After Trump briefed House Republicans on Tuesday, Taylor said in an interview, a few members who were on the fence may have shifted to a ‘yes’ vote. Trump told them if they were in competitive districts and voted for the bill, he’d help them win re-election, Taylor said.” [Roanoke Times, [3/22/17](#)]

Taylor Broke His Promise On Protecting People With Pre-Existing Conditions By Voting For AHCA**RHETORIC: Taylor Repeatedly Promised To Protect People With Pre-Existing Conditions**

Taylor: “I Want To Protect People With Pre-Existing Conditions.” “TAYLOR: Well, there is no doubt about it that many people and everyone out there knows people with pre-existing conditions. So I want to protect people with pre-existing conditions. [...] We have federal protections and the state. Even if the state, if they waiver, not an opt out, there is a waiver process, it is not simply an opt out. They have to have a plan in place to protect people with pre-existing conditions at the state level if they choose to get a waiver that they would use to not force you or other folks to buy insurance that they may not want or need. But they still have to protect them. So if there is in fact a change that further protects them, then great. I’m all for it because I want to make sure people with pre-existing conditions are protected.” [CNN, Newsroom, [5/3/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Taylor: “Whatever Replaces ACA Will Have To Cover Pre-Existing Conditions.” “YORK COUNTY - U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, faced an angry crowd of protesters and constituents during a town hall in York County Tuesday evening. [...] Taylor stood firm on his support for repealing the Affordable Care Act, also called Obamacare, because he said the health care law has done more harm than good. ‘I believe my party has been sent to Washington to repeal Obamacare,’ Taylor said over a chorus of boos. ‘C’mon guys, we’re better than that,’ he scolded the audience. Taylor said he combed through more than 500 responses on whether ACA should be repealed. ‘Many families who want it repealed are paying a lot - people are having to make very hard choices in their lives just to pay for health care. That’s not the way it should be.’ He waited through another round of boos, with one man shouting, ‘Taylor doesn’t care about poor people!’ The congressman got some applause when he responded to another ACA question about keeping the pre-existing conditions clause, which bars insurance companies from denying insurance because of pre-existing conditions. ‘I won’t support something that doesn’t include pre-existing conditions,’ Taylor said. ‘Whatever replaces ACA will have to cover pre-existing conditions.’” [Daily Press, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Co-Sponsored A Bill That “Will Deal With People With Pre-Existing Conditions.” “TAYLOR: What I’m saying to you, Chris, is I believe that we can do it better. I think that we can actually reduce the cost curve, which the ACA clearly does not. Listen, the vast majority of people, in my district, I’ve asked them. And the vast majority of people who were for the ACA, who were worried about pre-existing conditions. We support that. And I co-sponsored a bill that says that we will -- we will deal with people with pre-existing conditions. My mother has a pre-existing condition. Sorry, Mom.” [CNN, New Day, [2/28/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

REALITY: The AHCA, Which Taylor Supported, Would Gut Coverage For People With Pre-Existing Conditions**With MacArthur Amendment, AHCA Undermined Protections For Pre-existing Conditions**

Politifact Found That AHCA “Would Weaken Protections” For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions, “Would Allow States To Give Insurers The Power To Charge People Significantly More.” “An ad by the American Action Network says that under the American Health Care Act ‘people with pre-existing conditions are protected.’ The only kernel of truth here is that the amendment has language that states insurers can’t limit access to coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions. However, the ad omits that the House GOP health plan would weaken protections for these patients. The legislation would allow states to give insurers the power to charge people significantly more if they had a pre-existing condition. While Republicans point to the fact that those patients could get help through high-risk pools, experts question their effectiveness. Current law does not allow states to charge people with pre-existing conditions significantly more. We rate this claim Mostly False.” [Politifact, [5/24/17](#)]

Washington Post Fact Check On AAN Ad Found Claim That Bill “Protected” Those With Preexisting Conditions To Be “Misleading.” ““Protected” is an odd word choice here. As we have noted, people with preexisting conditions would not be denied coverage. But if they have a gap in coverage, they still could face higher, unaffordable premiums for a year. (Much would depend on what individual states do.) So this is misleading language.” [Washington Post, [5/24/17](#)]

Washington Post: CBO Found That People With Pre-Existing Condition Would Be Far From “Protected” By AHCA, Undermining Claims Made By GOP Leaders. “The CBO found that while insurers could not deny coverage to sick Americans, they would be far from being ‘protected.’ In states that choose to waive certain insurance coverage mandates as allowed under the GOP bill, the report stated, ‘people who are less healthy (including those with preexisting or newly acquired medical conditions) would ultimately be unable to purchase comprehensive nongroup health insurance at premiums comparable to those under current law, if they could purchase it at all.’ [...] The analysis undermines not only the claims made by GOP leaders, but also shows that their bill could, by undoing what is perhaps the Affordable Care Act’s single most popular provision, throw consumers back into insurance markets where their ability to purchase affordable insurance would depend on their health.” [Washington Post, [5/26/17](#)]

Politifact: MacArthur Amendment Would Allow Health Insurers In Some States “To Charge Sicker People More,” And Overall “Seems To Weaken Existing Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions.” “Trump said of the GOP health care amendment, ‘Pre-existing conditions are in the bill.’ The amendment says that health insurers can’t limit access to coverage for people with pre-existing conditions, but that insurers can charge people more if states agree. In some states, health insurers would be able to charge sicker people more. And experts warn that high-risk pools -- the mechanisms meant to keep premiums lower for sick people -- might not be effective. Overall, the latest proposal seems to weaken existing protections for people with pre-existing conditions, not strengthen them. We rate the statement Mostly False.” [Politifact, [5/1/17](#)]

9 News Colorado: 30 Million People With Pre-Existing Conditions Could Be Impacted By Waivers For Community Rating, Depending On What Their State Decides To Do. “The second waiver deals with people who let their coverage lapse for 63 days or more in a year. This one would let insurance companies take a person’s health into account when deciding how much he or she should pay in premiums for one year. It could be a substantial jump in price if someone had a chronic illness or disease, but it will depend on what his or her state decides to do. How many people might that affect? The Commonwealth Fund estimated 30 million adults had a gap in coverage like that in 2016.” [9 News Colorado, [6/6/17](#)]

FiveThirtyEight: CBO Found That “Many People With Pre-Existing Conditions Would Be Priced Out Of The Marketplace Where The Waivers Are Used.” “The CBO’s findings align with what many health policy experts expected: Many people with pre-existing conditions would be priced out of the marketplace where the waivers are used. The CBO doesn’t say where exactly it thinks that will happen, but it estimates that the waivers would affect areas where about one-sixth of the U.S. population lives.” [FiveThirtyEight, [5/24/17](#)]

The Virginian-Pilot Editorial Board Called The AHCA A “Deeply Cynical And Reckless Play”

The Virginian-Pilot: [ACA Repeal] “Is A Deeply Cynical And Reckless Ploy... The Senate...May Not Follow In the Irresponsible Footsteps Of The Other Chamber, But It Cannot Erase What The House—including Reps. Taylor And Wittman—Voted To Do.” “THE CONGRESSIONAL Budget Office recently confirmed suspicions that the American Health Care Act passed by the House last month is an irresponsible farce, little better than its previous iteration. [...] So it’s a gamble: Republicans are betting that they can deliver lower premiums and substantial tax cuts while millions of Americans lose their insurance coverage and programs that serve the poorest among us are hacked. It is a deeply cynical and reckless ploy, as the CBO makes clear. The Senate, which now has the bill, may not follow in the irresponsible footsteps of the other chamber, but it cannot erase what the House -- including Reps. Taylor and Wittman -- voted to do.” [Virginian-Pilot, Editorial Board editorial, [6/1/17](#)]

Taylor Is Bad For Virginia Safety

2018: Taylor Had An “A” Rating From The NRA

2018: Washington Times: Taylor Had An “A” Rating From The NRA. “Rep. Scott Taylor said Monday that both political parties want to address the issue of gun violence and mass shootings, but said he doesn’t see universal background checks as a way to do that. ‘What I will tell you is I think there’s an equality of desire to prevent these things from happening. I think you can do things. I think there can be action that’s done,’ Mr. Taylor, Virginia Republican, said on CNN. He said that while he is not a member of the National Rifle Association, plenty of his constituents are, adding that targeting the organization isn’t getting anyone closer to solving the issue of gun violence. He does have an ‘A’ rating from the organization.” [Washington Times, [2/26/18](#)]

Headline: Washington Times: “Rep. Scott Taylor: NRA Seen As The 'Boogeyman' In The Gun Debate, Not Helpful To Solving The Issue.” [Washington Times, [2/26/18](#)]

2016: The National Rifle Association Endorsed Taylor For Congress

The NRA Endorsed Taylor In His Run For Congress. “Endorsed by the National Rifle Association, Taylor has said he opposes attempts to further restrict gun ownership.” [Virginian-Pilot, [11/8/16](#)]

Taylor’s Issues Platform Running For Congress Included Opposition To Any Attempts To Restrict Gun Ownership. “Endorsed by the National Rifle Association, Taylor has said he opposes attempts to further restrict gun ownership.” [Virginian-Pilot, [11/8/16](#)]

2016 And 2018: NRA Spent Over \$10,000 To Get Taylor Elected

Taylor Money From The NRA	
Year	Amount
2018	\$1,000
2016	\$3,500
Total	\$4,500

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 3/31/20]

2018: The NRA Spent \$7,888 On Independent Expenditures For Scott Taylor. According to Center for Responsive Politics, the NRA spent \$7,888 on independent expenditures for Scott Taylor. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/31/20](#)]

Taylor Said He Opposed Universal Background Checks For Guns

TRACKING FOOTAGE: Taylor Said He Opposed Background Checks “Like The Majority Of His District.” [YouTube, Virginia2RawFootage, [2/27/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Taylor Supported Exploring Ways To Empower Family Members To Temporarily Remove Guns From Relatives Who Are Exhibiting Disturbing Signs. “Taylor is looking at one potential legislative fix. He says he’s exploring ways to empower family members to temporarily remove guns from relatives who are exhibiting disturbing signs. ‘So, I’m actually researching something right now that would be similar to like a restraining order, where you could, in extremis, in a family member or someone close, present evidence to a judge and say ‘Hey, listen. This guy shouldn’t get guns.’ The that should go right to the FBI database, temporary hold. He or she could, of course, defend themselves, just like a restraining order thing. You know, I think we have to empower individuals more.” [WVTF, [3/17/18](#)]

Taylor: “I Don’t Support Universal Background Checks — I Don’t Support You Coming And Me Having To Have A Sale If I’m — Paperwork And Stuff Like That — If I’m Giving My Gun To My Son. I Don’t Agree With Gun Registration — I Don’t Agree With It.” “After that point, Taylor could come up with nothing beyond repeatedly insisting that he’s opposed to more background checks now because he’s been opposed to them the past. ‘I’m not supportive of universal background checks — I’m not supportive of it Chris,’ Taylor said. ‘I’m not supportive of it.’ ‘Why?’ Cuomo asked. ‘I don’t agree with universal background checks — I don’t agree with it, I haven’t supported it,’ Taylor reiterated. ‘I don’t support universal background checks — I don’t support you coming and me having to have a sale if I’m — paperwork and stuff like that — if I’m giving my gun to my son. I don’t agree with gun registration — I don’t agree with it.’ [Think Progress, [2/27/18](#)]

Headline: Think Progress: “House Republican Asked 11 Times Why He Opposes Universal Background Checks And Has No Answers: “Paperwork And Stuff Like That.” [Think Progress, [2/27/18](#)]

Taylor Spoke Out Against New Gun Laws In Virginia And Praised The Efforts Of Virginian Beach To Become A 2nd Amendment “Sanctuary”

Taylor On Gun Laws Proposed In The State Assembly As “Unfair, Unjust, And Unconstitutional.” “A gun rights movement spreading across Virginia came to the heart of Democrat [Elaine Luria](#)’s swing district Monday night, when city officials voted to make Virginia Beach — the site of a 2019 mass shooting — a ‘sanctuary’ for Second Amendment rights. The resolution is one of more than 100 similar measures passed in Virginia localities since Democrats flipped the state legislature in November on a platform that included gun control, prompting [blowback](#) from some conservatives who say it could be a rallying cry up and down the ballot in Virginia and other purple states in the 2020 elections. So far, the ‘Second Amendment sanctuary’ movement has focused on pressuring state and local officials to buck state-level gun control efforts, but that hasn’t stopped congressional candidates and lawmakers from weighing in. That was the case Monday night in Virginia Beach, where Ben Loyola, former Rep. Scott Taylor, Jarome Bell and Andy Baan, who are seeking the GOP nod to challenge Luria in the 2nd District, joined the crowd in the packed City Council chambers to voice full-throated support. [...] Taylor, whom Luria unseated in 2018, called the state’s proposed gun control measures ‘unfair, unjust and unconstitutional.’” [Roll Call, [1/7/20](#)]

Taylor Spoke In Favor Of Virginia Beach Becoming A Second Amendment “Sanctuary.” “In Virginia Beach, former GOP Congressman Scott Taylor, who was running against Democratic Sen. Mark Warner but may instead seek to reclaim his old seat from Luria this fall, didn’t miss the chance to get in front of the pro-gun crowd trying to pressure Virginia Beach into adopting a sanctuary measure. ‘I guarantee you there are Republicans, independents, Democrats, people who aren’t politically active but want to protect their families and their property, and that is why they are here and you are seeing this across the commonwealth,’ Taylor said, according to WTKR.” [Virginia Mercury, [12/26/19](#)]

Taylor Voted To Block Consideration Of Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes. In March 2018, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Thompson’s (CA) bill H.R. 4240; Mr. Clyburn’s bill H.R. 3464; Mr. Carbajal’s bill H.R. 2598; and Ms. Murphy’s bill H.R. 1478. These four bills close the dangerous gun show, internet sale, and classified ad background check loopholes; prevent the sale of guns without a completed background check; ensure that people who are a danger to themselves or others can be prevented from purchasing or possessing a gun; and allow the government to sponsor scientific research on the causes of gun violence.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bills.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-182. [H Res 780, [Vote #113](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/15/18](#)]

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Taylor Said ATF Should Reevaluate Bump Stocks After The Las Vegas Shooting

Taylor Said ATF Should Reevaluate Bump Stocks After The Las Vegas Shooting. “Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Va.) in an interview broadcast Sunday said the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) should re-evaluate bump stocks in the wake of last week’s mass shooting in Las Vegas. ‘I think that should be re-evaluated,’ Taylor told ABC News’s ‘This Week’ during an interview focusing on gun legislation with Rep. Seth Moulton (D-Mass.). ‘I’m not willing to impede on someone’s rights just because of emotional rhetoric,’ Taylor said in the interview.” [The Hill, [10/9/17](#)]

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Taylor Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons. The bill would require a twice-annual certification by all federal agencies, federal courts and state governments, in coordination with the Department of Justice, to verify that all relevant data has been reported and uploaded to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System regarding individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms.” The bill passed 231 to 198. [HR 38, [Vote #663](#), 12/6/17; CQ, [12/6/17](#)]

NRA Called The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act Its “Highest Legislative Priority In Congress.” “The House Judiciary Committee approved the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act on a 19-11 party-line vote, then passed the Fix NICS Act on a 17-6 bipartisan vote. The National Rifle Association this week called the concealed-carry bill, which requires states to honor permits issued elsewhere, its ‘highest legislative priority in Congress.’ The group says mandatory reciprocity would prevent ‘abuses’ in states with strict firearms laws and allow gun owners ‘to exercise their rights nationwide with peace of mind.’” [Washington Post, [11/29/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Domestic abusers could carry concealed guns under US House-passed bill [Columbus Dispatch, [12/6/17](#)]

15 States Allowed Domestic Abusers To Carry A Handgun. “Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, meanwhile, said Texas, despite being a strong gun rights state, has a ‘very thoughtful’ concealed carry process

that includes a background check and safety test. Other states don't necessarily have such requirements, he said. Fifteen states, for example, allow domestic abusers to carry a handgun." [Columbus Dispatch, [12/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 645) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 38) that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons." The rule was adopted 232 to 194. [H Res 645, [Vote #660](#), 12/6/17; CQ, [12/6/17](#)]

Concealed Carry In Virginia

2016: Taylor Co-Sponsored A Bill Overturning A Motion By The Virginia Attorney General To Not Recognize Concealed Carry Permits From Other States. "Attorney General Mark Herring recently set off a firestorm when he said Virginia will no longer recognize concealed carry permits from many other states. [...] That set off a Republican effort to overturn Herring's decision. 'I want to keep their freedoms,' says Virginia Beach Delegate Scott Taylor. He is among the Republicans outraged with the Attorney General's decision. He is co-sponsoring a bill that would overturn it. 'I'm not expanding gun rights, I'm protecting gun rights,' Taylor told NewsChannel 3." [CBS – 3 WTKR, [1/18/16](#)]

Gov. McAuliffe And Virginia Republicans Struck A Deal To Restore Concealed Carry Reciprocity In Exchange For More Restrictions On Gun Ownership. "In an unexpected turn, the Democratic governor of Virginia struck a deal with Republicans to continue recognizing gun carry permits from 25 states despite the state attorney general's decision late last year to do away with the recognition. The deal, which will be moved through the legislature and signed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe, will restore the reciprocity agreements Virginia has with dozens of states. In exchange for restoring the agreements, Republicans have agreed to prohibit those with a protective order against them from carrying a firearm during the life of the order and to staffing gun shows with state police officers specifically dedicated to performing voluntary background checks on private gun sales. The deal would also keep Virginians who can't obtain Virginia carry permits from using another state's permit to carry in Virginia." [Free Beacon, [1/28/16](#)]

Taylor Is Bad For Virginia Women

Taylor Stated The Only Exception For Abortion Should Be If The Woman's Life Is In Danger

2010: Taylor Opposed Abortion And Said That The Only Exceptions For Abortion Should Be In The Case That The Woman's Life Is In Danger. "While all oppose abortion, how they define 'pro-life' varies. [...] Scott Taylor of Virginia Beach said the only exception should be when the woman's life is in danger." [Virginian-Pilot, [5/31/10](#)]

Taylor Voted To Defund Planned Parenthood

2017: Taylor Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill

2017: Taylor Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill – Which Would Defund Planned Parenthood. In May 2017, Taylor voted for "Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law [...] It would prohibit federal funding to any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortions and receives more than \$350 million a year in Medicaid funds." The bill was passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, [Vote #256](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted To Make It Possible For States To Withhold Federal Grants From Planned Parenthood

Taylor Voted For Reversing Obama Rule Preventing States From Withholding Grants From Planned Parenthood. In February 2017, Taylor voted for overturning “an Obama-era rule banning states from denying federal funds to Planned Parenthood and other health care providers that perform abortions. The rule was designed to prohibit states from withholding family planning funding from providers for reasons other than their ability to offer family-planning services.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 230-188. [HJRes 43, [Vote #99](#), 2/16/17; USA Today, [2/16/17](#)]

Taylor Actively Voiced Support For Defunding Planned Parenthood: “Two Dozen Other Facilities In The Area Provide Eight Times More Services”

2017: Taylor Said He Supported Eliminating All Federal Funding For Planned Parenthood. “Questioners in the audience of roughly 750 people pressed Rep. Scott W. Taylor (Va.), a former state lawmaker and Navy SEAL, on President Trump’s connections to Russia and the specifics of what pieces of the Affordable Care Act he wants to keep. They rained down a chorus of boos when he said he opposes federal funding for Planned Parenthood.” [Washington Post, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Argued That “Two Dozen Other Facilities In The Area Provide Eight Times More Services For Women.” “When asked about Planned Parenthood, Taylor, who was elected in November, was booed when he said he supported stopping all the organization’s federal funding. Two dozen other facilities in the area provide eight times more services for women, Taylor said, adding that ‘none of those facilities spend money attacking people politically.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/21/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment That Prevented Insurance Plans From Charging Women Higher Premiums Than Men

Taylor Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment That Prevented Insurance Plans From Charging Women Higher Premiums Than Men. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Schakowsky, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would state that the bill could not be interpreted to allow health insurance plans to charge women higher premiums than they charge men.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 187-235. [HR 7, [Vote #64](#), 1/24/17; CQ, [1/24/17](#)]

Taylor Is Bad For Working Families

2017: Taylor Voted To Block Increasing The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour In Seven Years

Taylor Voted To Block A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour In Seven Years. In June 2017, Taylor voted for a motion to order the previous question. A yes vote would block consideration of “H.R. 15, The Raise The Wage Act., which would give workers the raise they deserve, and increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour within 7 years.” The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3003, [Vote #331](#), 6/28/17; CQ, [6/28/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [9/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Undermine Worker Protections By Allowing Private-Sector Employees To Swap Overtime Pay For ‘Comp Time’

Taylor Voted To Allow Private-Sector Employees To Swap Overtime Pay For ‘Comp Time.’ In May 2017, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. To be eligible, employees would be required to have worked at least 1,000 hours in a 12-month period. Employees would be limited to 160 hours of compensatory time and employers would be required to provide monetary compensation by Jan. 31, for any unused

compensatory time accrued during the preceding year. The bill's provisions would sunset five years after enactment." The bill was passed by a vote of 229-197. [HR 1180, [Vote #244](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

NBC News: Democrats Opposed The Bill, Saying It Weakened Worker Protections And Could Allow Employers, Who Would Have Final Say On Scheduled Comp Time, To “Kick The Can Down The Road On Money You Earned Putting In Extra Hours.” “The House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday that would allow employees to swap overtime pay for “comp time,” a rules change congressional Republicans have tried to push through for more than two decades. [...] Where do the Democrats stand? They really don’t like this bill. Many progressives in the House argue that the proposal would chip away at protections for hardworking Americans and undermine the Fair Labor Standards Act. The measure, among other rules, would give employers the final say on when comp time can be used. In other words, House Dems fear, your boss could conceivably kick the can down the road on money you earned putting in extra hours. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a fierce advocate for workers’ rights, blasted the bill as a ‘disgrace.’” [NBC News, [5/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Blocking Protections From The Bill For Employees Who Receive Seven Or More Sick Days From Their Employers, Which Can Be Used To Seek Care For Pre-Existing Medical Conditions. In May 2017, Taylor voted against “Scott, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions employees who receive seven or more sick days from their employer.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 192-234. [HR 1180, [Vote #243](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Waive Certain Rules Making It Easier For The House To Pass A Bill To Allow Employees To Trade Overtime Pay For Comp Time. In May 2017, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 299) that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. It would waive, through the legislative day of May 5, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. It also would provide for consideration of measures under suspension of the rules on the legislative days of May 4 and May 5, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-193. [HR 1180 (HRes 299), [Vote #241](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Taylor Is Bad For The Environment

2018: Taylor Came Out Against Offshore Drilling, Though He Supported It Earlier In His Career

2018: Taylor Supported Offshore Drilling

January 2018: HEADLINE- Rep. Scott Taylor Of Virginia Beach Comes Out Against Offshore Drilling. [Washington Post, [1/8/18](#)]

January 2018: Taylor Came Out Against Off-Shore Drilling Off The Coast Of His District. “Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Va.) says he is opposed to drilling off the coast of his Virginia Beach district, breaking with President Trump who last week moved to erase a ban on oil drilling in the Atlantic Ocean and elsewhere. The freshman congressman, who represents all of Virginia’s oceanfront land as well as the Navy base in Norfolk, said drilling could interfere with military training and faces stiff opposition from coastal communities and industries in his district. ‘The reality is, in my district every locality has opposed it,’ he said in an interview Monday. ‘Business and industry oppose it. The Navy has problems with it. I have to listen to my people.’ It is the first time since taking office in 2017 that Taylor has taken a position on the issue. Both political parties consider Taylor’s district the most politically vulnerable in Virginia, after the northern Virginia district represented by Republican Barbara Comstock. “ [Washington Post, [1/8/18](#)]

April 2017: Taylor “Leaned In Favor Of Offshore Drilling”

April 2017: Washington Post: On Off-Shore Drilling, Taylor “Lean[ed] In Favor Of Drilling, But There [Were] Too Many Unanswered Questions For Him To Take A Definitive Position.” “The Virginia congressional delegation is generally split along party lines over whether the federal government should allow oil and gas drilling off the state’s coast. The issue reemerged last week when President Trump signed an executive order that aimed to reverse an Obama administration moratorium on extracting fuel from the ocean floor. [...] Republican members say they favor drilling - except for Rep. Scott W. Taylor, who is undecided. [...] Taylor, a former Navy SEAL and first-term Republican representing Virginia Beach, said he leans in favor of drilling, but there are too many unanswered questions for him to take a definitive position. ‘It’s a big decision for our community and for Virginia,’ he said.” [Washington Post, [4/30/17](#)]

May 2017: Virginia Beach Residents Protested The Drilling Off Of Virginia Beach And Gathered Signatures For A Petition To Be Presented To Taylor. “About three dozen Eastern Shore of Virginia residents gathered at Willis Wharf on Saturday to protest the prospect of the federal government allowing oil drilling off the Virginia Coast. The event, called ‘Hands Across the Sand Eastern Shore,’ was part of a larger movement that included events in 20 states and three countries during the weekend — it was the seventh annual event, but the first time the Eastern Shore of Virginia held its own gathering. People also signed a petition that will be presented to Rep. Scott Taylor this week.” [Delmarva Now, [5/22/17](#)]

Washington Post: “More Than 120 Municipalities, Including Accomack And Northampton Counties, Opposed Offshore Drilling, Citing Threats To Marine Life, Coastal Communities And Local Economies.” “More than 120 municipalities, including Accomack and Northampton counties, oppose offshore drilling, citing threats to marine life, coastal communities and local economies, according to the advocacy group Oceana. The Virginia Beach restaurant and hotel associations also are opposed.” [Washington Post, [5/1/17](#)]

Navy Said Offshore Drilling Would Interfere With Most Of Its Training Exercises. “Connolly, another Northern Virginia Democrat, added that the Navy, which operates its largest base in Norfolk, said offshore drilling would interfere with most of its training exercises. Between the military’s concerns and the potential environmental risk, drilling ‘would be a tragic mistake,’ he said. ‘If the worst happened, it would mean catastrophic and immeasurable damage.’” [Washington Post, [5/1/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed He Was “Neutral” To Offshore Drilling

June 2016: Taylor Claimed He Was “Neutral” To Offshore Drilling. “Forbes said recently he no longer supports offshore drilling after a recent Navy report opposing the practice convinced him to change his stance. Cardwell and Taylor said they would not support drilling if the Navy continues to object. ‘Right now I’m neutral,’ Taylor said. ‘It it can be done safely, it does create many jobs ... but I would not support something that would impede our national security.’” [Virginia Pilot, [6/5/16](#)]

2010: Taylor Supported Offshore Drilling

AP: Taylor Expressed Support For Drilling In 2010. “A freshman Republican congressman from Virginia has announced his opposition to oil drilling off the coast of his district, breaking with President Donald Trump and the rest of Virginia’s Republican congressional delegation. Rep. Scott Taylor told The Washington Post on Monday that offshore drilling is opposed by coastal communities and industries in his district, and could interfere with military training. Taylor hadn’t previously taken a stance since assuming office in 2017, although he expressed support for drilling in 2010.” [AP, [1/19/18](#)]

WTOP Mentioned Taylor’s 2010 Support For Offshore Drilling. [WTOP, [1/9/18](#)] (AUDIO)

WWBT Mentioned That Taylor Was In Support Of Offshore Drilling In 2010. [WWBT, [1/10/18](#)] (VIDEO)

WVEC Covered DCCC Statement On Taylor’s Record On Offshore Drilling. [WVEC, [1/9/18](#)] (VIDEO)

2010: Taylor Supported Offshore Drilling And Did Not Believe It Would Conflict With Ongoing Naval, And NASA Operations In The Region. “REPORTER: You support offshore drilling here in Virginia, yet you also want to keep the Navy here in Hampton Roads. DOD has indicated—as well as NASA at Wallops Island—that they are opposed to offshore drilling, as both groups operate in the proposed drilling zone. How do you reconcile these two goals? TAYLOR That depends who you talk to. Let me say first and foremost that I support offshore drilling as well as wind, and here in Virginia Beach we can plug our wind-generated power directly into the grid. I believe these (offshore drilling) efforts would not conflict with ongoing Naval, and NASA operations in the region. I am confident we can come up with a solution. Also, I would like to add that I would propose a 37.5 percent royalty fee for Virginia for offshore drilling revenues, as there is precedence for that in the Gulf states.” [ALT Daily, [4/20/10](#)]

Taylor: “There Are Technologies Now That Prevent Disaster [...] There Are Ways To Get Around The National Security Issue, As Well As The Environmental.” “REPORTER: There seems to be bipartisan support for the fact that offshore drilling revenue is federal money, and not to be funneled into individual states. TAYLOR: I understand what he is saying, but I disagree with him. There are technologies now that prevent disaster; there are even technologies now to drill under the surface. I mean, there are ways to get around the National Security issue, as well as the environmental, and there will of course be environmental impact studies conducted before any of this can be done.” [ALT Daily, [4/20/10](#)]

Many Local Voices Spoke Out Against Trump’s Plan To Allow Off-Shore Drilling In Virginia Beach

Headline: Editorial: Meet Here About Offshore Drilling. [Virginia Pilot, Editorial Board, [2/15/18](#)]

Headline: Virginia Pilot: Will Sessoms: Offshore Drilling Would Be Bad For Virginia. [Virginia Pilot, Will Sessoms, [2/11/18](#)]

Headline: Virginia-Pilot Editorial: Offshore Drilling Is Still A Damaging Idea For Virginia And North Carolina. [Virginia Pilot, Editorial, [1/12/18](#)]

Headline: Virginia Pilot: Daniel Barshis: Offshore Drilling A Serious Threat To Virginia. [Virginia-Pilot, [11/26/17](#)]

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2017: Taylor Said Climate Change Was Real And A Serious Issue For Virginia Beach...

Taylor: “On The Shore We Can See That, We Can See It Eroding...So It Is Absolutely An Issue That I Acknowledge Needs Work.” “Taylor said he agrees that climate change, recurrent flooding and sea-level rise are issues that need attention. ‘On the Shore we can see that, we can see it eroding, whether you’re on the barrier islands or on Tangier Island, as well as Virginia Beach, as well as Norfolk. So it is absolutely an issue that I acknowledge needs work,’ he said.” [Delmarva Daily Times, [2/25/17](#)]

...But Questioned How Much Of It Was Man-Made And What There Was To Be Done About It

Taylor Admitted That Climate Change And The Sinking Of Virginia Beach Was “Real” And “Absolutely A Problem” But Asked “How Much Is Man Responsible For It And How Much Can Man Do About It?” “As for the sinking of his district, he said it’s ‘absolutely a problem.’ But he has no specific plans for how to address it. ‘Is climate change real? Of course it is. It’s changing, and we have an issue with flood resiliency down in our area,’ Taylor said. ‘I think the question, more importantly, is how much is man responsible for it and how much can man do about it? And that’s where the argument is.’ [Environment and Energy Daily, [1/31/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Military Hero Not Quite Ready For War On Climate Change.” [Environment and Energy Daily, [1/31/17](#)]

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Republican Members Scored Low On Their Environmental Votes, As Per The League Of Conservation Voters. “Republican members of the bipartisan ‘Climate Solutions Caucus’ scored an average of just 16 percent on scorecard released Tuesday by League of Conservation Voters that tracks how lawmakers voted on major environmental issues last year. The group, which now counts 35 Republicans in its ranks along with an equal number of Democrats, was formed to great fanfare in 2016 with hope it could break through congressional gridlock on climate legislation. But it’s drawn criticism as being a vehicle to help politically endangered Republicans burnish their green credentials without having to take hard votes. ‘Republicans are using the caucus to provide cover to hide their extreme anti-environmental record,’ said Alex Taurel, the Washington-based environmental group’s deputy legislative director. ‘What we need is action, not just talk.’” [Bloomberg, [2/27/18](#)]

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Taylor Voted Against Striking A Provision From The NDAA Stating Climate Change Poses A Threat To National Security. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would express the sense of Congress that climate change is a direct threat to national security, and would eliminate the provision that would require the secretary of Defense to report to Congress on vulnerabilities to military installations and combatant commands resulting from climate change-related effects.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 185-234. [H R 2810, [Vote #368](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Is Bad For Virginians’ Voting Rights

Taylor Said He “Don’t Have A Big Problem With [The White House] Looking Into” Voter Fraud

Taylor: “I Don’t Believe [There Is Widespread Voter Fraud]. But I Don’t Know. And I Don’t Have A Big Problem With Them Looking Into It.” “CAMEROTA: But just for your -- but just for your opinion, since you’re in Congress, do you think that there’s widespread voter fraud? TAYLOR: I don’t believe so. But I don’t know. And I don’t have a big problem with them looking into it.” [CNN, [7/3/17](#); YouTube, Act Now 2017, [7/3/17](#)]

Taylor: “We All Know [Voter Fraud] Does Exist.” “We don’t have massive voter fraud. There’s been some instances here, of course. And it’s something that’s important and should be important to everyone to look into, route out any potential voter fraud. But sure, I think it’s important to show some evidence that -- for mass voter fraud. We all know it does exist, and we should certainly take precautions to keep the integrity of our elections in this country.” [CNN, [2/13/17](#); YouTube, Trump White House, [2/22/17](#)]

...Even Though Taylor Admitted That “We Don’t Have Massive Voter Fraud” In Virginia

2017: Taylor: “We Don’t Have Massive Voter Fraud” In Virginia. “CAMEROTA: President Trump, one of his top advisors, Stephen Miller, went on the Sunday shows and claimed again, without providing any evidence, that there was vast voter fraud during those past presidential elections. Do you believe that? TAYLOR: Well, I can see - - and I represent the 2nd District of Virginia, and I don’t know. We don’t have massive voter fraud. There’s been some instances here, of course.” [CNN, [2/13/17](#); YouTube, Trump White House, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Compared Trump’s Voter Fraud Panel To The Investigation Into Russian Interference In The Election

Taylor Compared Trump’s Voter Fraud Investigation To “Looking Into Russian Meddling In An Election.” “CAMEROTA: ... there’s not widespread voter fraud. TAYLOR: You say that, but that’s... CAMEROTA: Because of the numbers. I mean, I’m just reporting the data. TAYLOR: You say that. You say that, but what’s the problem in looking to [sic] it? Just like what’s the problem of looking to [sic] Russian meddling in an election? I don’t see a problem with that; I think it’s important to do so. So you know...” [CNN, [7/3/17](#); YouTube, Act Now 2017, [7/3/17](#)]

Key Visuals

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Petition Scandal

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- [WVEC](#): Judge: Shaun Brown Won't Be On the Ballot
- [WTKR](#): Democrats Filed Lawsuit Claiming Signatures Collected By Scott Taylor's Staff Were Bogus.
- [WVBT](#); [WVEC](#): Taylor Announced He Would Not Participate In WHRO Debate
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- [WVEC](#): Reports Show Taylor's Staff Helped Brown Get On The Ballot
- [Facebook Video](#): Taylor Claims He Would Fire People On His Staff If He Found Out They Were Involved; Also Claimed Campaign Was Not Involved In Forgery.
- Other video can be found [here](#).

February 2020: Taylor Said He's Always "Failed Forward"

February 2020: Taylor Said He's Always "Failed Forward." [00:00:13] TAYLOR: "I've always failed forward." [Republican Accountability, via YouTube, [2/6/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Note: video is saved on the drive in case it gets removed from YouTube

October 2018: Taylor Posed With Pence At A Rally In Norfolk, VA

October 2018: Mike Pence Tweeted Photos With Taylor From A Campaign Rally In Norfolk, VA. [Twitter, Mike Pence, [10/24/18](#)]

Note: this rally footage is also saved on Vantage

July 2017: Taylor Castigated CNN For Covering President Trump's Tweets

Taylor: "You're Not Covering The News. Cover The News. You Cover The Tweets, You Should Do That. Cover The News, Too." "TAYLOR: The last three [CNN segments] are all about these tweets. You're not covering the news. Cover the news. CAMEROTA: And how do we know -- and how... TAYLOR: You cover the tweets, you should do that. Cover the news, too." [CNN, New Day, [7/2/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Taylor: “You Guys Are Getting Played, Man.” “TAYLOR: I’ve been critical of the president’s tweets before. I think that -- but if I could give objective advice to you, I think you -- I think you guys are getting played, man. I think every time he does this, you guys overreact -- and I say ‘You guys,’ I mean the media in general -- you overreact, and you play right into his hands. I mean, this is -- ironically, CNN reported on him learning politics from the World Wrestling Federation in 2015. And now you’re, like, ‘Oh, my God, he’s inciting violence.’ I just don’t -- I don’t think any American -- most Americans, excuse me, certainly some, maybe, but most Americans out there believe that he’s inciting violence from a WWF clip.” [CNN, New Day, [7/2/17](#)] (VIDEO)

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August 2017: CNN Panel About The Removal Of Confederate Statues

Taylor Criticized “Racial Politics” As “Not What This Nation Needs”

Taylor: “...I Think That We—That Politics Of Identity, Racial Politics, Tribal Politics, Quite Frankly, Are Not What This Nation Needs.” “I think the second press conference was strong and hit the right note but the third one was not. But at the same time I think it’s important that we—that politics of identity, racial politics, tribal politics, quite frankly, are not what this nation needs. And anyone who’s espousing them I think are wrong.” [CNN, State of the Union, [8/20/17](#)] (VIDEO)

When Bakari Sellars Suggested Taylor Might Not Understand His Perspective On Confederate Monuments As A Black Man, Taylor Angrily Replied, “Don’t Talk Condescendingly To Me”

Taylor: “Don’t Talk Condescendingly To Me...I’m Comfortable Having These Conversations.” “SELLARS: And to have a statue of a someone like a Robert E. Lee, to have a statue of someone like a Pitchfork Ben Tillman, or John C. Calhoun, whose name by the way was John C. Kill-Hoon, to have these individuals just revered—do you understand how a black—you may not, but as a black man, let me tell you, that is very, very painful. TAYLOR: Don’t condescend—don’t talk condescendingly to me. SELLARS: --No, I’m not. But I’m just saying that that is very painful and the reason that it’s painful—and this conversation has to be uncomfortable—the reason that it’s painful is because— TAYLOR: --I’m comfortable having these conversations...” [CNN, State of the Union, [8/20/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Defense Of Trump

August 2017: Taylor Claimed That Trump Was Not A Racist And That It Was “Wrong To Say That”

Taylor: “I Don’t Believe The President’s A Racist. I Think That’s The Wrong Thing To Say For Folks...I Don’t Think That He’s A Racist. I Think That’s Wrong To Say That.” “TAYLOR: I don’t believe the president’s a racist. I think that’s the wrong thing to say for folks. I think, you know, [Trump] talked about on both sides. Like I said, there was premeditated lawlessness on both sides. That should be reported in the press and one of you had a guest who I think was trying to get that out I think a couple of minutes ago, but that should be. The facts should certainly be reported. That does not alleviate the responsibility of the Nazis, the KKKs, the groups that organized this to cause problems. There’s no question about it, the responsibility lies with them. But that also doesn’t excuse lawlessness on any side for that matter. So I don’t know if he was trying to say that, I’m just not sure, you know. I don’t think that he’s a racist. I think that’s wrong to say that. [CNN, Newsroom, [8/15/17](#)] (VIDEO)

May 2017: Taylor Refused To Condemn Republicans On Their Silence After Comey Firing

Taylor Refused To Condemn The Silence Of Republican Leadership On Comey’s Firing: “I’m Not Gonna Speak For Anybody Or Condemn Anybody On Either Side.” “CHRIS CUOMO: Nothing from GOP leadership

of any meaning. [...] They are staying quiet here. Is this the time for quiet? TAYLOR: They'll have to decide that. I mean—I'm not gonna speak for anybody or condemn anybody on either side. There's certainly people that are speaking out on both sides. I've heard both of them. I don't think—look, as I said before—I mean, the FBI—I don't want them to become political, right? This political football." [CNN, New Day, [5/14/17](#)] (VIDEO)

February 2017: Taylor's Adversarial Town Halls

Taylor Was Loudly Booped On His Answers On Trump, Health Care, And Women's Rights. [YouTube, Live Satellite News, [2/21/17](#)] (VIDEO)

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Audio

September 2017: Taylor Was Spotted At The Trump Hotel Bar

Taylor Went To The Trump Hotel Bar. "Speaking of the Trump Hotel, I bump into—last night, at the bar—at the Trump Hotel at about four, five o'clock, I guess it was about five, I was sitting there with former Speaker of the House of Georgia, Mark Burkholder, and in comes Scott Taylor, and I says, 'Scott, you gotta come on my show tomorrow.' And so here he is. Scott, good to have you with us, man. [TAYLOR] 'Good morning, John, and great to see you at the Trump Hotel as well. Always have a good time there.'" [WHKT, [9/8/17](#)] *Note: Recording saved on drive.*

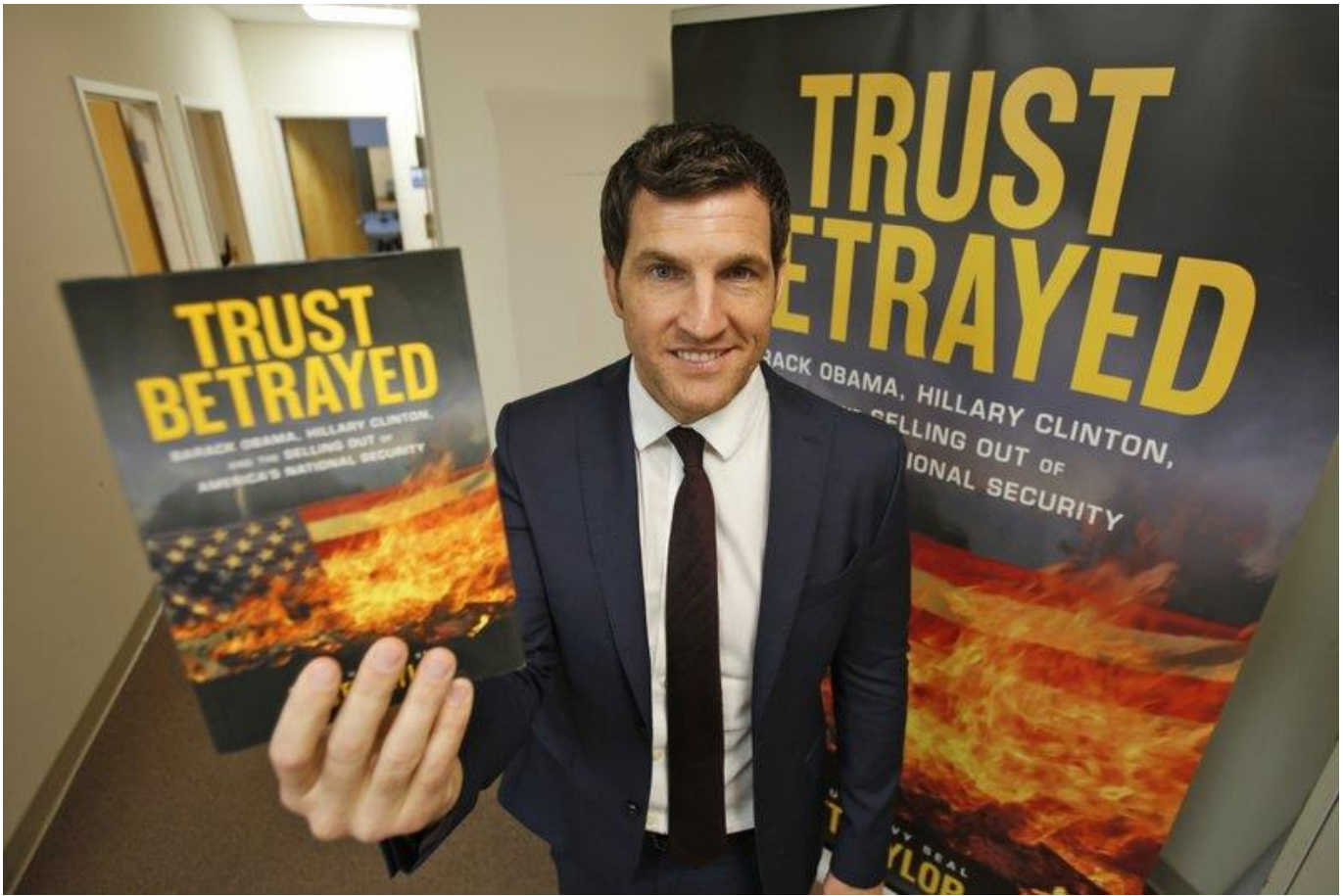
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[Instagram, Scotttaylorva, [1/26/17](#); [1/26/17](#)] Note: Images saved on drive.

General

HEADLINE: “Rep. Scott Taylor Embraces His Conservative Edge; Key Figure Among Trump Advisors.”
[Republican Standard, [9/4/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “6 months In, Rep. Scott Taylor Is Trying To Elevate His Status In Congress However Possible.” [Virginian-Pilot, [7/8/17](#)]

LGBT Issues

HEADLINE: “WATCH: Freshman GOP Lawmaker And Former Navy SEAL Walks A Careful Line On Transgender Troops.” [The Hill, [9/26/17](#)]

AHCA Bad Coverage

HEADLINE: “The GOP’s All-Out War On Obamacare.” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/1/17](#)]

The Virginian-Pilot: “How Can Those Who Voted For The Bill—including U.S. Reps. Scott Taylor...-- Justify Their Support Of It?” “So why do it? Why push legislation that, on its face, seems so impossibly cruel and lacking in broad public benefit? And, importantly, how can those who voted for the bill — including U.S. Reps. Scott Taylor and Rob Wittman of Hampton Roads — justify their support of it?” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/1/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Rep. Taylor Said He’ll Vote For GOP Bill TO Replace Obamacare.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/22/17](#)]

LETTER: “Taylor In Lock-Step With Trump.” [Virginian-Pilot, [5/16/17](#)]

Election To Congress

HEADLINE: “With Forbes’s Defeat, Virginia’s Delegation To Congress Grows Less Experienced.”
[Washington Post, [6/15/16](#)]

Town Halls

HEADLINE: “Taylor’s Town Hall Draws Feisty Crowd; Congressman Had Hoped Constituents Would ‘Rise Above The Divide’ But The Crowd – 1,000 Strong – Had Other Ideas.” [Virginian-Pilot, 2/21/17]

Ethics Controversies

HEADLINE: “Congressman Taylor Called Out At Town Hall For ‘Blocking’ Constituents On Social Media.” Williamsburg Yorktown Daily, [3/6/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Virginia ACLU To Rep. Taylor: Stop Blocking Constituents.” [Williamsburg Yorktown Daily, [6/29/17](#)]

Petition Scandal

Headline: New York Times: “Scandal Shakes A Virginia House Republican, Adding To Electoral Tremors.”
[New York Times, [9/23/18](#)]

Headline: Richmond Times-Dispatch: “Schapiro: Taylor, Like Trump, Has A Collusion Problem.”
[Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/18/18](#)]

Headline: WHRO: “People On Shaun Brown Petition Say They Never Signed.” [WHRO, [8/6/18](#)]

Headline: Daily Press: “Dead Man's Name On Brown Petitions Taylor Staff Filed. [Daily Press, [8/6/18](#)]

Headline: Richmond Times-Dispatch: “Names Of Dead Man And Voter Who Moved Show Up On Petition Rep. Scott Taylor's Staff Gathered For Independent Candidate.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [8/6/18](#)]

Headline: “Taylor Proves, With His Deceitful Support For An Independent, He's Scared Of Luria.” [Virginia Pilot, Roger Chesley, [8/6/18](#)]

Headline: WTKR: “Special Prosecutor Appointed To Investigate Petition Issue In Virginia Beach Congressional Race.” [WTKR, [8/7/18](#)]

Headline: WTVR CBS News: “Va. Congressman Under Investigation, Accused Of Meddling In Election”
[WTVR, [8/8/18](#)]

Headline: Virginian-Pilot: “Rep. Taylor Drops Out Of Debate As Democrats File Suit To Block Shaun Brown From Ballot.” [Virginian-Pilot, [8/13/18](#)]

Headline: TPM: “Rep. Called Constituent In Effort To Bury First Allegation Of Signature Forgery.” [TPM, [8/29/18](#)]

Headline: Washington Post: A Republican Congressman Helped A Rival Collect Signatures To Get On The Ballot. Some Of Those Signatures Were Fake. [Washington Post, [9/4/18](#)]

Headline: Richmond Times-Dispatch: “Richmond Judge Finds 'Out-And-Out Fraud' In Effort By Rep. Scott Taylor Staff To Get Independent On Ballot.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/5/18](#)]

Headline: Washington Post: “Judge Orders Independent Candidate Off The Ballot In Va. Congressional Race, Citing ‘Out And Out Fraud.’ [Washington Post, [9/5/18](#)]

Headline: Washington Post: “A Virginia Republican’s Election Trickery Was Sleazy — Maybe Even Illegal.” [Washington Post, Editorial Board, [9/7/18](#)]

Personal & Professional History

Biography

This section provides background information on Taylor's personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Maryland and Virginia, media outlets including the *Virginian-Pilot* and *Hampton Roads' Daily Press*, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

Birth Date

Taylor Was Born On June 27th, 1979

Taylor Was Born On June 27th, 1979. [Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, accessed [8/18/17](#)]

Early Life

Taylor Said He Was Raised By A Single Mother In Hebron, Maryland

Taylor Said He Was Raised By A Single Mother In The Small Town Of Hebron. "Scott was raised on the Delmarva Peninsula in a little town named Hebron in Maryland. Scott was raised by a single mother." [Scott Taylor, accessed [8/18/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed He Was Raised By A Single Mother. "Today, Congressman Scott Taylor joined the Women in Defense of Greater Hampton Roads (WIDGHR) to speak at their annual Professional Development Day. [...] 'I am honored that Maria Herbert and the members of Women in Defense invited me to speak at their Professional Development Day,' said Congressman Scott Taylor. 'As someone who was raised by a single-mother, I can tell you that female leadership is sorely lacking in many of our institutions today. Groups like Women in Defense are laying the foundation for the next generation of leaders by inspiring women and giving them the tools to grow and develop professionally.'" [Office of U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, press release, 9/21/17]

Taylor: "I Always Describe Myself As Being From The Eastern Shore Of Maryland. I Never Forget My Home." "'I'm really proud of where I came from,' Taylor said. 'I always describe myself as being from the Eastern Shore of Maryland. I never forget my home. These are some of the best people in the world, and I will do anything I can to give back to them.'" [Delmarva Daily Times, 11/3/12]

Taylor Claimed He Was Working On A Farm By Age Eleven And "On A Dangerous Path"

Taylor Claimed "To Help Makes Ends Meet," He "Began Working On A Farm At 11 Year Old." "To help make ends meet, Scott began working on a farm at 11 years old and soon thereafter was introduced to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program of America." [Scott Taylor, accessed [8/18/17](#)]

Politico: Taylor "Detailed His Own Difficult Childhood... Already On A Dangerous Path In Life At 11 Years Old." "Taylor also noted that he detailed his own difficult childhood - raised by a single mother and already on a dangerous path in life at 11 years old. It was partly to introduce himself to constituents who may not know him, he said, but also to emphasize that not all members of Congress are from 'elite' backgrounds living charmed lives. It was a story, he said, that helped put the crowd at ease." [Politico, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed He Was Charged With "Malicious Destruction of Property And Breaking And Entering" While Working On A Local Farm At 11 Years Old, And Put On Probation. "He had been raised on the Eastern Shore of Maryland by his single mother, and was working on a nearby farm when a man in a dark suit - a local detective - took him to the police station. There, Taylor was charged with malicious

destruction of property, and breaking and entering. 'My mom must've been so proud when she learned that her 11-year-old son was on probation,' said Taylor." [Regent Alumni, [11/10/15](#)]

Taylor Claimed He Filed His First Federal Tax Return At Age 11. "Raised by his mother on Maryland's Eastern Shore, Taylor worked farms baling hay and picking vegetables to help out at home. He filed his first federal tax return at 11. He began investing in stocks his senior year of high school." [Virginian-Pilot, [4/27/08](#)]

Taylor Credited His 'Big Brother' Andrew Jones, From *Big Brothers Big Sisters*, For Teaching Him "To Put A Napkin In My Lap And How To Maneuver Stock Options And Everything In Between"

Taylor Enrolled In Big Brothers Big Sisters As A Little Brother, Where He Met Mentor Andrew Jones. "Checkmate: a mentor walks in. Taylor was enrolled in the Big Brother Big Sisters program and was introduced to the man who'd change the trajectory of his life, Andrew Jones." [Regent Alumni, [11/10/15](#)]

Taylor Said Jones "Taught Me To Put A Napkin In My Lap And How To Maneuver Stock Options And Everything In Between." "[Jones] taught me to put a napkin in my lap and how to maneuver stock options and everything in between," said Taylor. 'We don't have to navigate through the chaos of life on our own.'" [Regent Alumni, [11/10/15](#)]

Regent University Alumni Newsletter: "Jones Became An Ever-Present Mentor In Taylor's Life." "Jones became an ever-present mentor in Taylor's life; and was the first person he called when he was injured during a mission as a SEAL sniper in Ramadi, Iraq. Without his encouragement, Taylor said he may not have had the tenacity to get through the training and the infamous 'hell week' SEALs undergo." [Regent Alumni, [11/10/15](#)]

Education

1997: Taylor Graduated From Mardela High School

Taylor Graduated From Mardela High School In Mardela Springs, Maryland. "TAYLOR, Scott William, a Representative from Virginia; born in Baltimore, Md., June 27, 1979; graduated from Mardela High School, Mardela Springs, Md., 1997..." [Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, accessed [8/18/17](#)]

2001: Taylor Attended But Apparently Did Not Graduate From Coastline Community College

Taylor Claimed He Attended Coastline Community College On His 2007 Resume. [Scott Taylor New Jersey District Court Judgment 2007] *Note: see document on drive titled Scott Taylor New Jersey District Court Judgment 2007 in Grindstone Research folder.*

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-Attended Coastline Community College

[Scott Taylor New Jersey District Court Judgment 2007]

Student Clearinghouse Reported Taylor Had Enrolled For A Year At Coastline Community College Did Not Have Evidence Of Graduation. [Student Clearinghouse, 8/7/17] *Note: Verification certificate saved on the drive.*

2014: Taylor Claimed He Received A Degree From Harvard University But His Degree Came Via The Harvard Extension School

Taylor Earned A Bachelor's Degree At Harvard Extension School Through The G.I. Bill

Taylor Was Featured In A Harvard Publication About Extension School Alumni. “Harvard Extension School alumni Brian Mast A.L.B. ‘16 and Scott Taylor A.L.B. ‘14 were recently elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. [...] Taylor, a retired Navy SEAL, was elected to Virginia’s 2nd congressional district as a Republican. Since 2013, he has served as a delegate in the Virginia House of Delegates representing the 85th District since completing his bachelor of liberal arts degree in International Relations at Harvard Extension School.” [Harvard Gazette, [11/21/16](#)]

According To His LinkedIn, Taylor Used His G.I. Bill Benefits To Earn His Degree In International Relations From Harvard Extension School. “Scott used his GI Bill education benefits to earn a bachelor’s degree in International Relations from Harvard University’s Extension School and is currently pursuing his masters there in the same field.” [LinkedIn, accessed [8/18/17](#)]

...Though Taylor’s Campaign Website Claimed That Taylor Had Earned A Bachelor’s At Harvard University

“Harvard Educated”: Taylor Claimed He Earned A Bachelor’s Degree In International Relations From Harvard University. “Harvard Educated: Scott used his GI Bill education benefits to earn a bachelor’s degree in International Relations from Harvard University and has completed his Master’s degree coursework at Harvard in the same field.” [Scott Taylor for Congress via Internet Archive, accessed [4/25/17](#)] *Note: Screenshot saved on the drive.*

The Daily Press Reported That Taylor Had Earned A Degree In International Studies From Harvard. “Del. Taylor served eight years as a Navy SEAL, with tours in the Middle East and elsewhere. His background in defense and foreign policy is strong, and his military experience is balanced with a degree in international studies from Harvard.” [Daily Press, [10/27/16](#)]

VIDEO: March 2017: Taylor Claimed He Earned A “Bachelor’s From Harvard.” “I used the GI Bill and went to Harvard University. And they had this wonderful program that enabled me to, ‘cause I couldn’t go off to Boston full-time, it enabled me to go up to Boston a lot of time—you have the residency requirement, and then some of it was distance, which you know, I would be in the Arabian Desert in Yemen and as long as the tribes weren’t cutting my electricity lines I could get a world-class education. So I completed an undergrad from there and now I’ve completed all my Master’s requirements except for my thesis. I gotta get my thesis done sometime, when I can find time to do it, and then I’ll have a Master’s as well in their International Relations—same program as the Bachelor’s from Harvard.” [C-SPAN, [3/10/17](#)]

Taylor Also Claimed To Have Completed His Master’s Degree Coursework At Harvard

2017: Taylor’s Campaign Website Claimed He “Completed His Master’s Degree Coursework At Harvard,” Also In International Relations. “Scott used his GI Bill education benefits to earn a bachelor’s degree in International Relations from Harvard University and has completed his Master’s degree coursework at Harvard in the same field.” [Scott Taylor for Congress via Internet Archive, accessed [4/25/17](#)] *Note: Screenshot saved on the drive.*

VIDEO: Taylor: “I’ve Completed All My Master’s Requirements Except For My Thesis...And Then I’ll Have A Master’s As Well In Their International Relations—Same Program As The Bachelor’s From Harvard.” “So I completed an undergrad from there and now I’ve completed all my Master’s requirements except for my thesis. I gotta get my thesis done sometime, when I can find time to do it, and then I’ll have a Master’s as well in their International Relations—same program as the Bachelor’s from Harvard.” [C-SPAN, [3/10/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed He Received A Master's Certificate From Old Dominion University, But A Degree Verification Service Showed Taylor Enrolled But Did Not List The Degree

Taylor's Campaign Website Claimed Taylor Had A Master's Certificate In Government Contracting From Old Dominion. "Scott also holds a Master's Certificate in Government Contracting from Old Dominion University." [Scott Taylor, accessed [8/18/17](#)] *Note: screenshot saved on the drive.*

National Student Clearinghouse Said Taylor Enrolled At Old Dominion In 2008 But Did Not List A Degree Earned. [National Student Clearinghouse, 8/9/17] *Note: Verification certificate on the drive.*

Taylor's Biography Listed A Certificate In Public Procurement And Contract Management From Old Dominion University. "TAYLOR, Scott William, a Representative from Virginia; born in Baltimore, Md., June 27, 1979; [...] certificate in Public Procurement and Contract Management, Old Dominion University..." [Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, accessed [8/18/17](#)]

Career

The following provides a brief overview of Taylor's professional career:

Political

- **2020-Present: Candidate for US House of Representatives, VA-2**
- **2019: Candidate for United States Senate in Virginia**
- **2017-2019: Congressman, VA-2**
- **2014-2017: Delegate, 85th District, Virginia House of Delegates**
- **2010: Failed bid for VA-2 congressional seat**
- **2008: Failed bid for Virginia Beach mayor**

Professional

- **March 2019-Present: The Elah Group, LLC**
- **2004-Present: President, Neptune Development**
- **2005-Present: President, Neptune Associates**
- **2003-2008 (?): Agent, Affordable Properties**

Military

- **1997-2005: U.S. Navy SEAL with SEAL Team Four**
 - **1999-2001: Education Department Head, Foxtrot Platoon; Columbia, Ecuador, Trinidad, and Puerto Rico**
 - **2001-2003: Engineering Department Head, Echo Platoon; Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Panama, Puerto Rico, and other Caribbean islands**
 - **2003-2005: Lead officer of sniper marksmanship and reconnaissance cell, deployed to Iraq as a Navy SEAL sniper, Baghdad, Ramadi, Iraq**

2019: Taylor Founded The Elah Group LLC And Paid Himself \$130,000 In Salary

2019: Taylor Reported \$130,000 In Earned Income

2019: Taylor Reported \$130,000 In Earned Income. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

2019 Taylor Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount

The Elah Group LLC	Salary	\$130,000.00
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[Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

March 2019: Taylor Was Behind The Incorporation Of The Elah Group LLC, A Virginia Based Limited Liability Corporation

March 2019: The Commonwealth Of Virginia Incorporated The Elah Group LLC. “The State Corporation Commission has found the accompanying articles submitted on behalf of THE ELAH GROUP LLC to comply with the requirements of law, and confirms payment of all required fees. Therefore, it is ORDERED that this CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION be issued and admitted to record with the articles of organization in the Office of the Clerk of the Commission, effective March 18, 2019. STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION, By, Judith Williams Jagdmann, Commissioner.” [Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, 3/18/19]

March 2019: Taylor Was The Organizer Of Elah Group LLC’s Articles Of Organization. According to the Commonwealth of Virginia’s State Corporation Commission, Scott Taylor was the Organizer of The Elah Group LLC’s Articles of Organization. [Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, 3/18/19]

ORGANIZER:

/s/ SCOTT TAYLOR Date: March 18, 2019
SCOTT TAYLOR

[Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, 3/18/19]

Elah Group LLC Was Registered At Taylor’s Home

Taylor’s Address Was 3924 Whispering Oaks Pl Apt 102 Virginia Beach, VA 23455. According to a Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Taylor’s address was 3924 Whispering Oaks Pl Apt 102 Virginia Beach, VA 23455. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Scott Taylor, accessed 3/11/20]

The Elah Group LLC’s Principal Office Location Was 3924 Whispering Oaks Pl Apt 102 Virginia Beach, VA 23455. “The address of the limited liability company's principal office where the records of the limited liability company are to be kept is 3924 WHISPERING OAKS PL APT 102, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23455.” [Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, 3/18/19]

5. The address of the limited liability company's principal office where the records of the limited liability company are to be kept is 3924 WHISPERING OAKS PL APT 102, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23455.

[Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, 3/18/19]

LegalInc Corporate Services Inc, An Entity Management Firm, Was The Elah Group LLC’s Initial Registered Agent

LegalInc Corporate Services Inc Was The Elah Group LLC’s Initial Registered Agent. “The name of the limited liability company's initial registered agent is LEGALINC CORPORATE SERVICES INC. The initial registered agent is a Virginia stock corporation.” [Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, 3/18/19]

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[Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, 3/18/19]

LegalInc Corporate Services Inc Was An Entity Management Firm. “Entity Management, Corporate Filings & Registered Agent Services. [...] At Legalinc, we're changing the way legal services are executed by automating entity management, business formations, registered agent services, annual filings, Secretary of State compliance tasks, and more. When tested, Legalinc was found to be 40% more cost effective and efficient than current vendors in the market, and 90% more efficient than manual workflows.” [LegalInc, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

2019: Taylor Was Paid For Consulting Work By Four Firms Including One That Lobbied For Qatar

2019 Taylor Compensation	
Duties	Source
Consulting	Stonington Global LLC, <i>Washington, DC</i>
Consulting	Espada Inc, <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
Consulting	Cuba Vision, <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
Consulting	MI Systems, <i>Houston, TX</i>

[Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Stonington Global LLC, A Lobbying Firm That Did Work For The Qatari Government

2019: Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Stonington Global LLC. According to his 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, Taylor reported consulting compensation from Stonington Global LLC. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Stonington Global LLC’s Mission Was Meant To Build On The US-Qatari Relationship. “Nick Muzin is pleased to announce the formation of a new consulting firm, Stonington Global LLC. With offices in Washington, the firm will help domestic and international clients navigate global equity markets and facilitate interactions with governments. In addition to lobbying, procurement, and public affairs, the firm will help investors, including Service sovereign wealth funds, find opportunities in the United States and abroad. In launching the new firm, Nick Muzin & his team plan to build on their success representing the State of Qatar, which in the course of eight months saw the Gulf Emirate go from isolation, blockade, and criticism from the White House, to a strengthening the US-Qatari security and economic relationship, culminating in the US-Qatari Strategic Dialogue and subsequent Oval Office meeting between President Donald Trump and the Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani.” [Stonington Global, about, accessed [3/15/20](#)]

January 2019: Stonington Was Scrutinized For Payments Received From A PR-Firm Connected To The Qatari Government For Lobbying Work. “Two lobbyists known for helping Qatar curry favor among allies of President Donald Trump received nearly \$4 million from a mysterious PR firm that appears to be tied to the Qatari government—another indication that a shadow war in the Middle East has taken root in the DC swamp with little oversight. Nick Muzin and Joey Allaham have previously attracted attention for their unconventional lobbying in the United States for Qatar. This work involved courting 250 people they believed could influence Trump’s view of the small Gulf state and earned them more than \$3 million. But filings submitted to the federal government reveal that Stonington Strategies, a firm Muzin runs, received another \$3.9 million in payments in the fall of 2017 for work related to Qatar. Muzin, a former top aide to Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), reported paying \$2.3 million of that sum to a consulting company set up by Allaham, who once owned several high-end kosher restaurants in New York City.” [Mother Jones, [1/8/19](#)]

As A Member Of Congress, Taylor Met With Muzin’s Qatari Clients



[FARA, Muzin Capitol Partners Amendment, filed [4/4/17](#)]

Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Espada, Inc. A Security And Logistics Support Company

2019: Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Espada Inc. According to his 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, Taylor reported consulting compensation from Espada Inc. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Espada Was A Security And Logistics Support Company “Founded in 2004, ESPADA is a leading worldwide security and logistics support company. Since the beginning, ESPADA redefined the industry by delivering innovative solutions for our customers. We are a trusted partner to each of our customers. We deliver high-quality professionals equipped with the latest in training and technology. We institute proven management strategies to provide unparalleled communication and support. ESPADA provides our clients with critical, country-specific expertise. We are committed to: ➤ Delivering innovative and continuous improvement; with best-in-class local and regional services responsive to your dynamic environment and customized for your evolving needs ➤ Presenting a consistent, high standard of performance through a standardized Quality Control Program ➤ Providing value added options to drive efficiencies, through the introduction of technologically advanced solutions, designed to lower your cost of operations.” [Espada, about, accessed [3/15/20](#)]

Espada Conducted Trainings And Logistics Support For Their Clients. “ESPADA is a proven international security and logistics company that provides superior service in all types of environments. We deliver the best training, thoughtful consulting, and efficient security/logistics solutions world-wide. For over 10 years ESPADA customers have placed their trust in us to perform in difficult locations with assurance and confidence. Just some of the things we do: Active Shooter/Workplace Violence Training Security Assessments for domestic and international operations Crisis Consulting and Risk Mitigation Security Personnel and Training Air and Land Based Logistics Support Maritime Security Solutions ESPADA's blend of professionals provides us with the ability to design custom strategic solutions for our clients in all areas of the world. We adhere to the highest level of legal, moral, and ethical standards in our service, while protecting

the safety, confidentiality, dignity, and privacy of our clients.” [LinkedIn, Espada Logistics and Security Group, accessed [3/15/20](#)]

Espada Was Registered In San Antonio, Texas. [Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, accessed 3/15/20]

Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Cuba Vision

2019: Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Cuba Vision. According to his 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, Taylor reported consulting compensation from Cuba Vision. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Note: Further research needed.

Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From MI Systems, A Water Processing Company

2019: Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From MI Systems. According to his 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, Taylor reported consulting compensation from MI Systems. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

MI Systems Is A Texas-Based, National And International Water Treatment Company. Magna Imperio Systems (MI Systems) Corp. is a Texas-based, national and international water technology company that designs, develops, manufactures and has commercialized the highest recovery, most energy and cost-efficient, sustainable water treatment system in the world. MI Systems’ patented Electrochemical Nano Diffusion (END®) process is a revolutionization of the long established electrodialysis reversal (EDR) process and has established new benchmarks in terms of energy efficiency and recovery for desalination technology. END® offers up to 60% energy savings versus traditional treatment technologies with clean water recoveries up to 99+%, capitalizing on the far-reaching impacts of Maximum Recovery, Minimum Energy™.” [Magna Imperio Systems, about, accessed [3/15/20](#)]

Real Estate Career

Taylor Bought His First House At 19 And Began Investing In Real Estate. “Taylor, 34, has lived in Virginia Beach since age 19. He served as a SEAL for eight years, including in Iraq and South and Central America. Taylor was raised in Maryland and started working at age 11, he said. He bought his first house at 19 and began investing in real estate.” [Virginian-Pilot, [10/29/13](#)]

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Taylor Took Out A Loan At 19 And Rented Rooms In A House To Fellow SEALS. “At 19, Taylor took out a VA loan to buy his first house, renting rooms to fellow SEALs to make mortgage payments. From there, he began buying small rental properties at the Beach. In 2005, his final year as a SEAL, Taylor scored Neptune Development’s first major deal - a \$6 million project to buy and convert the Captain’s Quarters Hotel at the Oceanfront into condos - renamed Playa Rana, Spanish for ‘frog beach.’ Pulling it off, he said, ‘was very risky because I had sold a bunch of real estate that I had acquired over the years.’ As the economy limps through a credit crunch and flagging home sales, Taylor said Neptune must be flexible. The company now is buying less expensive residential properties and fixing them up as rentals instead of trying to sell them. ‘There’s ways to make money in every market,’ he said.” [Virginian-Pilot, [4/27/08](#)]

2005: Taylor, Some Friends, And A Norfolk Developer Were Partners In Converting Hotel Into A 42-Unit Condominium Complex. “Scott Taylor has been investing in real estate for six years, so when he leaves the Navy SEALs in a few weeks, it’s unlikely he’ll be a proverbial fish out of water. Taylor, some friends and Norfolk developer Bobby Wright are partners in a deal to turn The Captain’s Quarters Hotel at 28th Street and Arctic Avenue into a 42-unit condominium complex. ‘We plan on doing a lot of things at the Oceanfront,’ said Taylor, 26, of Virginia Beach. ‘We see nothing but opportunity here.’” [Virginian-Pilot, 9/28/05]

Taylor’s Company Neptune Development Spent At Least \$6.1 Million Converting The Captain’s Quarters Hotel Into Condominiums. “Taylor and his partners in Neptune Development are proceeding with plans at the Captain’s Quarters, for which the group paid \$4.6 million. It is spending another \$1.5 million converting the hotel to condominium units. When completed, the complex will be called Playa Rana Condos, in honor of the SEALs, as Playa Rana means ‘frog beach’ in Spanish. SEALs are sometimes referred to as frog men. The units will start in the low \$300,000s and top out at about \$400,000.” [Virginian-Pilot, 9/28/05]

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After Leaving The Military, Taylor Became A Real Estate Broker. “After leaving the military in 2005, Taylor became a real estate broker, earned an international relations degree from Harvard University’s Extension School and served in the Virginia House of Delegates.” [Washington Times, [2/12/17](#)]

2013: The Virginian-Pilot Reported That Taylor Was The Principal Broker Of A Real Estate Company. “Today, he is president of a security consulting firm, principal broker of a real estate company and owner of a gym. Taylor is president of Special Operations OPSEC Education Fund, a nonprofit founded last year to oppose the release by the Obama administration of special operations information after Osama bin Laden’s death. ‘I have a vested interest in Virginia,’ Taylor said. ‘My family is here; my business is here. I want to see Virginia grow and thrive, and I’d like to see Virginia leading the nation as it has since the beginning of our history.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [10/29/13](#)]

Note: for more information about Elah Group’s clients, please refer to Appendix I

2008-2010: Taylor Worked For Hunt Oil In Yemen

Taylor Worked As A Security Contractor For Hunt Oil in Yemen. “OCCUPATION: Real estate broker; author; state delegate for 85th District, 2013 to present. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: Navy SEAL (petty officer 2nd class), 1998-2005; security contractor for Hunt Oil in Yemen, 2008-2010...” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/5/16](#)]

Taylor Described His Job For Hunt Oil As “Security Management.” “When Israel invaded Gaza in early 2009, I was in Sana’a, the capital of Yemen, as part of my job working security management for an oil company.” [Trust Betrayed, page [127](#)]

Taylor Said He Deployed To Yemen Nine Times. “The one thing that surely earns respect in the Arab world is not ‘engagement,’ but power. This was the most important lesson I learned from my time in Yemen. I deployed there nine of ten times over three or four years, all the while studying International Relations at Harvard University through its extension school.” [Trust Betrayed, page [129](#)]

Taylor: “When I Got Out [Of The Navy], I Spent Years Going Back And Forth To Yemen, Just As A Way To Keep A Foot In The Door.” “‘When I got out [of the Navy], I spent years going back and forth to Yemen, just as a way to keep a foot in the door,’ Taylor said. Even years later, after launching a successful political career, Taylor acknowledged the allure of rejoining his old team. ‘If I could go to Syria tomorrow, I’d go,’ he said. ‘Not for a long time, but just to get a little dose.’” [Washington Post, [11/18/14](#)]

Taylor Claimed He Negotiated With Armed Tribesman During His Time In Yemen. “[Taylor’s] life experiences up until this point - being raised by a single mother, working on a farm at a young age, being a part of the Big Brother program, serving as a Navy SEAL and spending time in Yemen negotiating with armed tribesmen - taught him what it means to serve a cause greater than yourself and see clarity in chaos.” [Virginian-Pilot, [4/28/17](#)]

Taylor Was Working In Yemen During The Arab Spring As A Security Consultant. “As a security consultant after leaving the Navy, Taylor made several trips to Yemen over three and a half years, including during the Arab Spring.” [Congressional Quarterly Magazine, 11/8/16]

1997-2005: Taylor Served As A Navy SEAL

Taylor Spent Eight Years In The Navy

July 1997-November 2005: Taylor Served In The U.S. Navy. “July 1997-Nov 2005—US NAVY SEAL w/ SEAL TEAM FOUR. Dec 1999-Sept 2001 Foxtrot Platoon [...] Nov 2001- Oct 2003 Echo Platoon [...] Dec 2003-Nov 2005 Group two Training detachments.” [Scott William Taylor 2007 Resume, Scott Taylor New Jersey District Court Judgment 2007]

Delmarva Daily Times: That Taylor Spent Eight And A Half Years In The U.S. Navy. “Taylor, who spent eight-and-a-half-years in the Navy, will share his experiences as a Navy SEAL and bring unique first-person insight to the existing relationships between the United States and select nations in the Middle East.” [Delmarva Daily Times, 1/13/12]

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Taylor Was Injured In Iraq While Searching For Insurgents

Taylor Injured Himself In Iraq Falling through The Floor Of A Vacant Building While Looking For Insurgents. “As a Navy SEAL, Scott Taylor helped capture bomb makers in Iraq’s seedy neighborhoods in Ramadi. He protected American convoys with sniper missions. And on his last stint in Iraq, he fell 20 feet through the floor of a dark, vacant building while searching for insurgents. Taylor suffered broken ribs, a concussion and a collapsed lung.” [Miami Herald via Archive.org, [2/12/17](#)]

Foreclosures, Bankruptcies, And Criminal Violations

Taylor Was Associated With 14 Moving Violations Including Three Citations For Reckless Driving

Taylor Was Associated With Fourteen Traffic Infractions. “Records show that Taylor got 12 speeding tickets from 1999 to 2013. Three of those citations were for reckless driving in Virginia, which means going 20 mph or more above the speed limit. Taylor’s highest rate of speed, in a 2006 ticket issued in Rutherford County, N.C., was 99 mph in a 65 mph zone. Ironically, Taylor also got a ticket in Norfolk in 2008 for impeding traffic, which means driving too slow. He was cited in 2007 for failing to yield the right of way in Virginia Beach. So there’s a total of 14 moving violations against Taylor and no record of any of the tickets being dismissed by a judge or resulting in punishments other than fines.” [Politifact, [5/23/16](#)]

2006: Taylor Got A Ticket In North Carolina For Going 99 In A 65 MPH Zone. “Taylor’s highest rate of speed, in a 2006 ticket issued in Rutherford County, N.C., was 99 mph in a 65 mph zone” [Politifact, [5/23/16](#)]

Politifact Reported That Between 1999 And 2013, Taylor Received Fourteen Moving Violations, Including Three Citations For Reckless Driving. “Dean Petrone, a Forbes media consultant, sent us a list of court actions against Taylor that were found largely in a LexisNexis search of Taylor’s background. We confirmed the records on our own. [...] Records show that Taylor got 12 speeding tickets from 1999 to 2013. Three of those citations were for reckless driving in Virginia, which means going 20 mph or more above the speed limit. Taylor’s highest rate of speed, in a 2006 ticket issued in Rutherford County, N.C., was 99 mph in a 65 mph zone. Ironically, Taylor also got a ticket in Norfolk in 2008 for impeding traffic, which means driving too slow. He was cited in 2007 for failing to yield the right of way in Virginia Beach. So there’s a total of 14 moving violations against Taylor and no record of any of the tickets being dismissed by a judge or resulting in punishments other than fines.” [Politifact, [5/23/16](#)] *Note: No tickets were found in Virginia court records or Nexis after 2008.*

None Of The Tickets Were Dismissed Or Resulted In Punishments Other Than Fines. “So there’s a total of 14 moving violations against Taylor and no record of any of the tickets being dismissed by a judge or resulting in punishments other than fines. Records show Taylor was found guilty of driving violations by courts in five localities. Three of the courts were in Virginia: Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Northampton County. The two others were in Rutherford County, N.C., and Talbot County, Md. In seven instances, Taylor was found ‘guilty in absentia.’ That means he did not exercise his option to appear in court to dispute the ticket. The judges, in Taylor’s absence, heard the cases, found him guilty and assessed fines and court costs. That’s different from ‘failing to appear,’ which means a person was supposed to show up in court and did not.” [Politifact, [5/23/16](#)]

A Virginia Judge Issued A Warrant For Taylor’s Arrest For Failure To Appear But Taylor Was Cleared Of The Charge, Apparently Away On A Military Exercise

2004: A Judge Issued A Warrant For Taylor’s Arrest After A Charge Of Reckless Driving. “This leads to the last part of Forbes’ statement -- that a warrant was issued for Taylor’s arrest. Records show there was one time, in March 2004, when a judge charged Taylor with failure to appear and later issued a bench warrant for his arrest. This happened in Virginia Beach General District Court, shortly after Taylor had been cited for reckless driving. Scott Weldon, Taylor’s campaign manager, told us Taylor, a former Navy SEAL, didn’t show up in court because he had been sent on a lengthy military training exercise. Records show that in June 2004, Taylor was cleared of the failure-to-appear charges.” [Politifact, [5/23/16](#)]

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Judgments, Liens, And Bankruptcies

Taylor Had Multiple Judgments And Liens Against His Businesses

2016: Taylor’s Primary Opponent Alleged Taylor And His Businesses Had Approximately \$1.5 Million In Judgments Against Them

2016: A Mailer From Taylor’s Congressional Primary Opponent Randy Forbes’ Campaign Claimed Taylor And Two Associated Businesses Had Judgments Against Them For Unpaid Bills Totaling \$1.5 Million. “The Forbes ad and mailer also said Taylor and two businesses had judgments against them for unpaid bills totaling \$1.5 million. One of the cases involved a dispute over a 2006 Florida condominium project Taylor and a partner wanted to develop. [...] A New Jersey federal judge ordered Taylor and his partner to pay the \$620,000 balance of the fee. The other case, in Virginia Beach, involved a 2012 judgment of \$149,000 in principal, interest and lawyers’ fees owed by Neptune Fitness LLC. Taylor was a principal in the firm at the time.” [Daily Press, [5/16/16](#)]

2013: Taylor Had A \$828,255 Judgment Against Him In Virginia Beach Circuit Court From An Unspecified Unpaid Loan Involving A 2008 Real Estate Deal

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According To The Court, The Judgment Was Against Taylor And Patrick Sherwood.

Virginia Beach Circuit - Civil Division
Case Details

Case Number: CL10005282-00	Filed: 09/23/10
Filing Type: Complaint - Catch-All	
Number of Plaintiffs: 0001	Number of Defendants: 0002
Commenced By: Initial Filing	
Bond:	Complex Case:

If there are more than three plaintiffs or defendants as indicated under "Number of Plaintiffs" or "Number of Defendants" in the table above, please contact the court for the additional party information.

Plaintiffs

Plaintiff: BALDWIN, RUFUS
Trading as:
Attorney: STACKHOUSE, ROBERT C

Defendants

Defendant1: TAYLOR, SCOTT W
Trading as:
Attorney:

Defendant2: SHERWOOD, PATRICK H
Trading as:
Attorney:

Hearings

#	Date	Time	Type	Room	Duration	Jury	Result
1	09/28/12	9:30AM	Default Judgment				Continued Generally
2	05/24/13	9:30AM	Default Judgment				Default Judgment

Date Ordered To Mediation:

Final Disposition

- Judgment: Other
- Final Order Date: 05/24/13
- Appealed Date:
- Concluded By: Default Judgment

[Virginia Beach District Circuit Court, accessed [10/24/17](#)]

2006: Taylor And Patrick Sherwood Failed To Pay Back A Loan On A Condominium Project In Florida And Were Ordered To Pay \$620,000. “The case started when Taylor and his partner sued lenders for breach of contract when the lenders did not make a \$31 million loan. The lenders replied that Taylor and his partner had not made the \$99 million of pre-qualified sales of condo units that were a condition of the loan and had only paid a third of a \$930,000 loan commitment fee. A New Jersey federal judge ordered Taylor and his partner to pay the \$620,000 balance of the fee.” [Daily Press, [5/16/16](#)] *Note: See documents Scott Taylor New Jersey District Court Judgment 2007 and 052413 TAYLOR & SHERWOOD DEFAULT JUDGMENT*

Taylor Said He Expected The Judgment Would Be Paid Through Land Sales “He said he expects the judgment, from a 2008 real estate deal that went bust, will be repaid through sales of related land parcels.” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/6/13](#)]

2012: Taylor Had A \$147,272 Judgment Against His Business “Anytime Fitness” For More Than A Year Of Unpaid Rent

2013: Taylor Had A \$147,272 Lien Against His Business “Anytime Fitness.” “Taylor’s attorney is due in Virginia Beach General District Court on June 13, two days after the primary election, for a hearing regarding a \$147,272 judgment against Taylor’s business, Neptune Fitness, according to court records. A judge issued the order after the landlord for the Landstown Commons Shopping Center on Princess Anne Road sued Neptune Fitness, which operated as Anytime Fitness, for more than a year of unpaid rent, according to court records.” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/6/13](#); Virginia Beach General District Court, Case Number GV12057477-00, [12/17/12](#)] *Note: See document 121712 ANYTIME FITNESS JUDGMENT saved on drive.*

Taylor Changed The Business’ Name And Location In Order To Avoid The Judgment, Which He Claimed Occurred Because His Property Manager Refused To Renegotiate The Rent. “Days before the order, Taylor sold the business to himself under a new name, Courthouse Fitness, and moved the gym to Holland Road, according to the documents and a post on the gym’s website. Now his attorney claims a levy on the gym equipment under the old business name is unenforceable, a point attorneys plan to argue during the hearing next week, according to the filings and attorney David Greer, who represents Landstown Commons. In a written statement, Taylor said the suit is ‘a business dispute and it will be resolved between the parties in court.’ He said it occurred because his property manager refused to renegotiate the rent.” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/6/13](#)]

Taylor’s Attorney Argued That A Levy On The Gym Equipment Was Unenforceable Because Of The Gym’s New Name. “Days before the order, Taylor sold the business to himself under a new name, Courthouse Fitness, and moved the gym to Holland Road, according to the documents and a post on the gym’s website. Now his attorney claims a levy on the gym equipment under the old business name is unenforceable, a point attorneys plan to argue during the hearing next week, according to the filings and attorney David Greer, who represents Landstown Commons. In a written statement, Taylor said the suit is ‘a business dispute and it will be resolved between the parties in court.’ He said it occurred because his property manager refused to renegotiate the rent.” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/6/13](#)]

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Taylor Blamed The Downturn In The Real Estate Market. “Taylor said when the real estate market tanked, he simply lost too much money to keep his home, which he no longer lived in but kept as a rental property.” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/6/13](#)]

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Taylor Claimed His Ability To Be Flexible Steered His Company Neptune Development Through A Downturn In The Real Estate Market: “I’m Not Afraid To Put Everything On The Line.” “During his eight years as a Navy SEAL, Scott Taylor picked up lessons he now uses in the business world. He knows how to draw up a plan of action, how to be flexible when conditions change and when to take calculated risks. As president and founder of Virginia Beach-based Neptune Development, Taylor, 28, has relied on those skills to steer his company through a sluggish real estate market. ‘I’m not afraid to put everything on the line, basically, and go into a deal if I think it makes sense,’ he said.” [Virginian-Pilot, [4/27/08](#)]

Voter Registration & History

Taylor Was Registered To Vote In Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District. [Votebuilder, accessed 5/25/17; House.gov, Find Your Representative, accessed [9/26/17](#)]

Virginia: Taylor Voted 14 Times In Federal Elections And Primaries Since 1997, The First Year He Was Eligible To Vote:

Scott Taylor Virginia Voting History								
	General	Primary	Muni Primary	Muni Runoff	Municipal	Pres Primary	Special	Special Primary
2019	P	Y-R						
2018	Y	Y-R						
2017	A	A-R						
2016	Y	A-R				A-R		
2015	Y							
2014	Y							
2013	Y							
2012	Y	Y-R						
2011	A							
2010	Y	Y-R						
2009	Y							
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[Scott William Taylor profile, Votebuilder Virginia, accessed 3/13/20]

There Were No Records Of Taylor Voting In Maryland Or Florida. [Votebuilder, Florida, accessed 9/29/17; Votebuilder, Maryland, accessed 9/29/17]

Personal Finance

In 2019, Taylor had an estimated net worth of between -\$499,989 and \$1,639,991.

According to Taylor's federal personal financial disclosures, his annual unearned income was between \$40,008 and \$120,603. Taylor's assets totaled between \$915,011 and \$2,250,000. Taylor had between \$610,009 and \$1,415,000 in liabilities.

NOTE: For detailed descriptions of Taylor's personal financial disclosures by year, see Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures. For primary documents, see Personal Financial Disclosures folder.

Taylor's Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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Scott Taylor PFD Top Lines							
Year	Salary	Asset Value		Unearned Income		Liabilities	
		Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
2019	\$130,000	\$915,011	\$2,250,000	\$40,008	\$120,603	\$610,009	\$1,415,000
2018	\$174,000	\$1,167,015	\$2,930,000	\$50,015	\$151,000	\$500,001	\$1,000,000
2017	\$174,000	\$1,167,015	\$2,930,000	\$50,015	\$151,000	\$1,000,001	\$5,000,000
2016	\$32,640	\$1,267,016	\$3,180,000	\$50,015	\$151,000	\$1,000,001	\$5,000,000
2015	\$17,640	\$1,051,004	\$5,116,000	\$120,004	\$1,065,200	\$510,001	\$1,015,000

[Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#); Taylor 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [4/11/19](#); Taylor 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/18](#); Taylor 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#); Taylor 2016 Candidate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/16/16](#); Taylor 2015 Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [3/23/15](#); Daily Press, [11/18/14](#)]

Liabilities

2019: Taylor Reported Between \$610,009 And \$1,415,000 In Liabilities. According to his 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, Taylor reported between \$610,009 and \$1,415,000 in liabilities. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Unearned Income

2019: Taylor Reported Between \$40,008 And \$120,603 In Unearned Income. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

2015–2018: Taylor Made \$398,280 In Taxpayer Funded Salaries

2017-2018: Taylor Made \$348,000 As A Member Of U.S. Congress

Taylor Salary, U.S. House	
Year	Salary
2018	\$174,000
2017	\$174,000
Total:	\$348,000

[U.S. House of Representatives Press Gallery, accessed [3/12/20](#)]

2014-2017: Taylor Made \$50,280 As A Member Of The Virginia House Of Delegates

Taylor Salary, Virginia House of Delegates	
Year	Salary
2016	\$32,640
2015	\$17,640
2014	\$17,640
Total:	\$67,920

[Taylor 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#); Daily Press, [11/18/14](#)]

2017: Taylor Rented Space In A Luxury Office Building In Virginia Beach**Taylor Rented Space In A Luxury Office Building In Virginia Beach**

The Virginian-Pilot Reported That Taylor Had Leased A 2,750 Square Foot Office In An Upscale Office Building In Virginia Beach. “Congressman Scott Taylor leased 2,750 square feet of office space in the Divaris-leased and -managed One Columbus Center at 283 Constitution Ave., Virginia Beach. Michael Divaris, Vivian Turok and Krista Costa handled negotiations on behalf of the landlord, Columbus Tower LLC. Congressman Taylor was represented by Jason Oliver and Alex Divaris.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/27/17](#)]

Taylor’s Website Listed The 1 Columbus Center Office As His Virginia Beach District Office. [Congressman Scott Taylor, accessed [9/29/17](#)]

According To The Virginia State Corporation Commission, Columbus Center Office LLC Was Registered To A David Faggert. [Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission, [6/22/03](#)]

Faggert Was A Real Estate Attorney With Faggert & Frieden Law Firm In Virginia Beach. [Faggert & Frieden, P.C., accessed [3/7/18](#)]

Taylor Paid \$4,897.29 In Monthly Rent For His District Office In Virginia Beach, At Taxpayer Expense

House Disbursement Reports Show That Taylor Pays \$4,897.29 In District Office Rent At Columbus Tower. [2017 House Disbursement Reports, [Q1](#); [Q2](#); [Q3](#)]

Rental Property Taxes**2019: Taylor Failed To Pay Property Taxes On His Rental Properties On Time**

Taylor “Failed To Pay His Norfolk Property Taxes On Multiple Properties On Time.” “But Taylor’s scandals may continue to haunt him. After coming under fire for repeated failure to pay his local — a spokesman claimed in 2018 he had gotten ‘busy’ and it had ‘slipped his mind’ — the Virginian-Pilot reported in July that he had again failed to pay his Norfolk property taxes on multiple properties on time.” [American Independent, [12/9/19](#)]

HEADLINE: Scott Taylor Pays Norfolk Property Taxes Late — Again. [Virginian-Pilot, [7/12/19](#)]

Taylor’s Property Management Firm Deviated From Standard Practice And Failed To Pay Property Taxes On Time For Two Rental Properties He Refinanced. “Norfolk property taxes were due June 5, but former one-term congressman Scott Taylor, who announced a bid for U.S. Senate this week, has taken more than a month to pay his overdue bills for two properties he owns. Taylor, a real estate investor who owns a company called Assurance Holdings LLC, owes the city of Norfolk \$1,097, including nearly \$100 in late fines. The two homes were refinanced on May 6, and the Virginia Beach law firm that handled the closings said the office ‘deviated from

our standard practice' and didn't collect or pay the property taxes for either home as is typically done when residential closings happen within 30 days of the property tax due date. The law firm, Jones Walker and Lake, wrote in a letter Taylor provided to The Virginian-Pilot on Friday that Taylor wasn't aware of the missed payments because he wasn't there for the homes' closings and used a power of attorney to sign all the documents. 'I apologize for all the confusion that this situation has caused,' Kimberly Shepherd, an attorney with the firm, wrote. 'I've accepted the apology of the firm for the error, corrected the mistake, and intend to remain a loyal customer,' Taylor said in an email." [Virginian-Pilot, [7/12/19](#)]

2018: Taylor Had Delinquent Property Tax Payments

Taylor Was Delinquent In Paying \$11,842 In Property Taxes Which He Blamed On How Busy He Was Running For Reelection

June 2018: HEADLINE- Rep. Taylor Has Been Delinquent In Paying \$11,842 In Property Taxes. [Virginian-Pilot, [6/21/18](#)]

June 2018: Taylor Was Delinquent In Paying \$11,842 In Property Taxes, Interests And Penalty Charges On His Rental Properties In Norfolk And Virginia Beach. "U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor has been delinquent in paying \$11,842 in property taxes, interests and penalty charges on his rental properties in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, according to city tax and property records. Taylor, a real estate investor, apparently ignored accumulating tax bills sent every three months since last fall for six rental houses, a duplex and a vacant lot in Norfolk and a townhouse in Virginia Beach. Taxes on a second Beach townhouse owned by Taylor were up to date. When contacted by The Pilot on Thursday morning about the delinquencies, Taylor spokesman Scott Weldon said the congressman told him the overdue bills were paid Wednesday. As of Thursday afternoon, Norfolk's treasurer had not received the payments. No payment was recorded on Virginia Beach records Thursday. Treasurer John Atkinson said any payments received Thursday wouldn't be recorded online until after business hours." [Virginian-Pilot, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor's Spokesman Blamed The Late Tax Payments On Taylor Being "Preoccupied With Legislative Business And His Recent June 12 GOP Primary." "Weldon, who acknowledged that Taylor personally handles the tax bills, said they went unpaid because the Virginia Beach Republican was preoccupied with legislative business and his recent June 12 GOP primary. 'He got busy with everything going on. ... It slipped his mind,' Weldon said. 'I think he just got caught up with everything in Washington. All the traveling and the primary and everything. It was just a lapse. ... That's what he said to me.' Stanley Stein, an administrator in Norfolk Treasurer's office, said it's possible there's a lag between when a taxpayer sends a payment and the city receives it. All payments are processed and posted immediately, he said. Property taxes are billed every three months to the owner – or the mortgage holder. If they are not paid, the next bill – sent three months later – includes the overdue amount along with any interest and penalties. If an owner ignores 12 months of billings, state law requires cities send a 'demand letter' warning the taxpayer that legal action will be taken if the bills aren't paid, Stein said. 'The demand basically just tells you you're delinquent and you're subject to be being turned over for judicial review,' Stein said. Taylor's properties were close to that deadline. All of his Norfolk properties have been delinquent at least three quarters. He made a late partial or complete payment for each property's August bill on Oct. 16, 2017, but has not paid quarterly bills sent in October, February and April. The most recent bill was due June 5." [Virginian-Pilot, [6/21/18](#)]

Political Career

This section provides an overview of Taylor’s political career, from 2008 to 2020.

Scott W. Taylor is a Republican candidate for Virginia’s 2nd congressional district during the 2020 cycle. He previously represented this district from 2017-2019. In 2018, he was defeated by Rep. Elaine Luria who he is now running against. In 2019, he was a candidate for the US Senate seat in Virginia but dropped out to run for his old House seat. He was first elected to Congress in 2016.

In 2008, Taylor made his first foray into politics via a failed bid for mayor of Virginia Beach. In 2010, he was a candidate for Virginia’s 2nd congressional district, losing out to Scott Rigell. Taylor served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 2014 to 2017. Soon after winning the 2016 election for Virginia’s 2nd congressional district, he resigned from his House of Delegates seat, effective the day he took office in Congress.

Taylor has been involved in several contentious Republican primary elections. During Taylor’s 2016 bid for U.S. Congress, Taylor’s Republican opponent Randy Forbes attacked Taylor for his numerous speeding reckless driving tickets and his business liens. In the 2014 Republican primary for a Virginia House of Delegates seat, Taylor’s opponent Gary Byler released illicit Facebook messages allegedly between Taylor and a prostitute. The messages also referred to drug use. After winning the election, Taylor filed a multi-million dollar defamation suit against Byler. The suit was settled out of court.

Committees

U.S. Congress	
Name	Years
Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies	2017-2019
Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security	2017-2019
Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch	2017-2019

[Congressman Scott Taylor, accessed [7/25/17](#)]

Virginia House of Delegates	
Name	Years
Counties, Cities and Towns	2014-2016
Transportation	2014-2016

[Virginia’s Legislative Information System, accessed [7/25/17](#)]

Caucuses

As of July 2017, Taylor was a member of, but not limited to, the following caucuses:

U.S. Congress	
Name	Years
115 th Class Caucus	2016-Present
Bi-Partisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional Air Force Caucus	2016-Present

Congressional Army Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional Brain Injury Task Force	2016-Present
Congressional Central America Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional Children's Health Care Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional Coast Guard Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional Cyber Security Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional Mentoring Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional Military Mental health Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional Small Business Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional Special Operations Forces Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional Submarine Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional Veterans Jobs Caucus	2016-Present
Mental Health Caucus	2016-Present
Congressional Navy & Marine Corps Caucus	2016-Present
Autism Caucus	2016-Present
Warriors Caucus	2016-Present
Small Brewers Caucus	2016-Present
Climate Solutions Caucus	2016-Present

[Congressman Scott Taylor, accessed [7/25/17](#)]

Campaigns

Election History

2018: Taylor Lost To Elaine Luria, Earning 48.81% Of The Vote

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2018 Virginia 2 nd Congressional District General Election		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Scott Taylor (R)	133,458	48.81%
Elaine Luria (D)	139,571	51.05%

[Virginia Public Access Project, [3/13/20](#)]

2018: Taylor Won The Republican Primary Over Mary Jones With 76.05% Of The Vote

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2018 Virginia 2 nd Congressional District Republican Primary		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Scott Taylor	28,515	76.05%
Mary Jones	8,982	23.95%

[Virginia Public Access Project, [3/13/20](#)]

Previous Elections

2016: Taylor Won With 61.3% Of The Vote Against Shaun Brown

2016: Taylor Won With 61.3% Of The Vote Against Democratic Candidate Shaun Brown, Who Received 38.5% Of The Vote. [Virginia Public Access Project, [11/8/16](#)]

2016 Virginia 2 nd Congressional District General Election		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Scott Taylor (R)	190,475	61.33%
Shaun Brown (D)	119,440	38.46%

[Virginia Public Access Project, [11/8/16](#)]

2016: Taylor Won With 52.6% Of The Vote Against His Republican Primary Opponents

2016: Taylor Won With 52.6% Of The Vote Against Randy Forbes And Pat Cardwell. [New York Times, [6/14/16](#)]

2016 Virginia 2 nd Congressional District Republican Primary		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Scott Taylor	21,403	52.55%
Randy Forbes	16,553	40.64%
Pat Cardwell	2,773	6.81%

[New York Times, [6/14/16](#)]

2015: Taylor Was Unopposed In The 85th District House Of Delegates General Election

2015: Taylor Was Unopposed In The General Election For The 85th District House Of Delegates Seat. [Virginia Public Access Project, 11/3/15]

2015 Virginia House of Delegates 85 th District General Election		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Scott Taylor	9,406	93.6%

[Virginia Department of Elections, [11/3/17](#)]

2015: Taylor Was Unopposed In The 85th District House Of Delegates Republican Primary

2015: Taylor Was Unopposed In The 2015 85th District House Of Delegates Republican Primary. [Virginia Department of Elections, accessed [5/12/17](#)]

2013: Taylor Won The 85th District House Of Delegates Election With 56.3% Of The Vote Against William Dale

2013: Taylor Won With 56.3% Of The Vote Against Democratic Candidate William Dale, Who Received 43.5% Of The Vote. [Virginia Public Access Project, [11/5/13](#)]

2013 Virginia House of Delegates 85 th District General Election		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Scott Taylor (R)	11,041	56.3%
William Dale (D)	8,528	43.5%

[Virginia Public Access Project, [11/5/13](#)]

2013: Taylor Won The District 85 House Of Delegates Republican Primary Election With 46.1% Of The Vote

2013: Taylor Won With 46.1% Of The Vote Against Gary Byler And Thomas Waters. [Virginia Public Access Project, [6/11/13](#)]

2013 Virginia House of Delegates 85 th District Republican Primary		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Scott Taylor	1,341	46.1%
Gary Byler	1,024	35.2%
Jeremy Waters	541	18.6%

[Virginia Public Access Project, [6/11/13](#)]

2010: Taylor Lost With 8.1% Of The Vote Against His Republican Primary Opponents

2010: Taylor Lost With 8.1% Of The Vote Against Republican Candidate Scott Rigell, Who Received 39.5% Of The Vote, And Other Republican Candidates. [Virginia Department of Elections, [11/2/10](#)]

2010 Virginia 2 nd Congressional District Republican Primary		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Scott Rigell	14,396	39.5%
Ben Loyola, Jr.	9,762	26.8%
Bert Mizusawa	6,342	17.4%
Scott Taylor	2,950	8.1%
Jessica Sandlin	1,620	4.4%
Ed Maulbeck	1,372	3.8%

[Virginia Department of Elections, [11/2/10](#)]

2008: Taylor Came In Last Place With 10% Of The Vote

2008: Taylor Lost With 10% Of The Vote Against Will Sessoms, Jr, Who Received 39% Of The Vote, And Other Candidates. [Virginia Public Access Project, [11/4/08](#)]

2008 Mayor of Virginia Beach City General Election		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Will Sessoms, Jr. (I)	66,914	39.9%
Meyera Oberndorf (I)	56,878	33.9%
John Moss (I)	27,056	16.1%
Scott Taylor (I)	19,159	9.9%

[Virginia Public Access Project, [11/4/08](#)]

2020 US House Campaign For Virginia's 2nd Congressional Seat

The NRCC Added Taylor To The Young Guns Program After He Announced His House Bid

The NRCC Added Taylor To The Young Guns “On The Radar” Program In January 2020. “House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy today announced the fourth round of ‘On the Radar’ candidates as part of the committee’s 2020 Young Guns program. The program mentors and supports candidates in races across the country and works to provide them with the necessary tools to run successful, winning campaigns against their Democratic opponents. ‘We are pleased to add another round of impressive candidates to our Young Guns program,’ said House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy. ‘The socialist Democrats’ sham impeachment investigation has

inspired hundreds of well-qualified candidates to run for office and put the majority well within our reach.’ The Young Guns program requires candidates to work towards specific goals and meet benchmarks throughout the election cycle to ensure their campaigns remain competitive, well-funded and communicative within their districts.” [NRCC, [1/24/20](#)]

Taylor Launched His 2020 Congressional Race In January 2020. “Former Republican Congressman Scott Taylor will announce on WAVY-TV that he is running to win back his old U.S. House seat for Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District. The announcement comes months after the former Navy SEAL initially said he was planning to run against U.S. Senator Mark Warner. Taylor, who had represented the district since 2017, lost to Democratic challenger Elaine Luria in 2018. She won with 51.1% of the vote to Taylor’s 48.9%. Taylor has voiced concerns about Luria voting to impeach President Donald Trump. Democrats flipped both the House of Delegates and State Senate in the November election, and many Republicans and Democrats believe Trump’s unpopularity in key areas of the commonwealth contributed to that. Hillary Clinton won the 2nd District by 3.4 points in 2016. Taylor says he’s also concerned about the issue of gun reform playing out in Virginia. Virginia’s 60-day General Assembly session starts Wednesday, and Democrats have proposed stricter gun laws, particularly in response to last year’s May 31 mass shooting in Virginia Beach. Virginia’s largest city makes up a large portion of the 2nd District. He’ll make the official announcement around 10:30 a.m. on WAVY’s livestream.” [WAVY, [1/6/20](#)]

Taylor Held An Event With Matt Gaetz

Taylor Held An Event With Matt Gaetz. “Meet + Greet with Scott Taylor and special guest: Congressman Matt Gaetz, President Trump Ally, Republican from Florida’s 1st District, and W&M Law graduate. Thu, February 13, 2020 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM EST Add to Calendar Second Street American Bistro Newport News 115 Arthur Way Newport News, VA 23602” [EventBrite, accessed [1/28/20](#)]

2020 US Senate Campaign In Virginia

July 2019-December 2019: Scott Taylor Ran For US Senate In Virginia, Challenging Sen. Mark Warner

December 2019: Taylor Was Dropping His US Senate Bid To Run For His Old House Seat. “Former Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Va.) will drop his challenge to Sen. Mark Warner (D) and will instead run for his old seat in Congress. Two sources familiar with Taylor’s thinking said he has begun making calls in recent days to Virginia Republicans to tell them of his decision. Taylor’s campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment Monday morning. Taylor, a former member of Virginia’s General Assembly, won election to replace Rep. Scott Rigell (R) in 2016. Two years later, he lost his seat to Rep. Elaine Luria (D) by 2 percentage points, or about 6,000 votes. He was one of three Virginia Republicans to lose reelection as Democrats reclaimed control of Congress.” [The Hill, [12/9/19](#)]

July 2019: Taylor Said He Was Challenging Sen. Warner Because Virginia Had A “Leadership Crisis,” And Needed A “Fresh Start In The Senate.” “Republican former Rep. Scott Taylor says he’s running for U.S. Senate in Virginia, hoping to unseat Democrat Mark Warner in a state that’s become increasingly hostile to the GOP. Taylor kicked off his campaign Monday on Fox News Channel’s ‘Fox & Friends,’ saying Virginia has a ‘leadership crisis’ and needs a ‘fresh start in the Senate.’” [AP, [7/8/19](#)]

Taylor Said Warner Was No Longer A Moderate And Said He Was “A False Prophet Of Russia Propaganda And The Illusion Of Collusion.” “But Taylor said in an interview with The Associated Press that the race is much closer than it appears at first blush. He said his military background and moderate record on social issues will help attract the state’s suburban voters who have fled the GOP in the Trump era. Taylor also said Warner is no longer the business-friendly moderate he used to be as governor and has used his spot in the Senate to mislead voters about the president’s ties to Russia. ‘He was a false prophet of Russia propaganda and the illusion of collusion,’ Taylor said.” [AP, [7/8/19](#)]

July 2019: **HEADLINE- Former Rep. Scott Taylor Announces US Senate Bid In Virginia.** [AP, [7/8/19](#)]

2018 Run For Re-Election

Note: for the 2018 ballot petition scandal, see the thematics above

June 2018: Mary Jones Challenged Taylor In The Republican Primary From The Right

June 2018: Mary Jones Challenged Taylor From The Right And Said He Was Insufficiently Conservative. “Freshman Rep. Scott Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, faces a Republican primary challenge from a former James City County supervisor who says he's not a strong enough supporter of Donald Trump. While Taylor has broken with Trump's support for offshore drilling for oil and criticized the president's response to the deadly racist violence at Charlottesville last year, he has backed Trump's efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, cut taxes and expand the Navy. His opponent, Mary Jones, said Taylor's not a true conservative because of his legislation banning housing discrimination against gays, while his concern about rising sea levels show he does not support the military. She said he's received poor grades from two conservative groups. Those grades noted that he disagreed with their positions by supporting this year's federal budget and a \$36.5 billion addition to the national flood insurance program after Hurricanes Maria, Irma, Harvey and Nate.” [Daily Press, [6/10/18](#)]

Taylor Attended A Local Republican Meeting Where There Was Yelling, Angry Obscenities, Pushing, Shoving, Threats Of Fisticuffs, Cops Being Called And The Restaurant Owner Permanently Banning The Group

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Taylor Said He’d “Run A Lean Campaign”

Taylor: “I’ll Run A Lean Campaign.” “Taylor, who reported having \$585,000 in his campaign fund Dec. 31 - the most recent financial report filed - declined to say how much he’ll need this year: ‘I’ll run a lean campaign.’ [Virginian – Pilot, [3/3/18](#)]

Paul Ryan’s Super PAC Opened A Field Office In Taylor’s District

January 2018: Paul Ryan’s Super PAC Announced It Opened A Field Office In Taylor’s District. “The Congressional Leadership Fund, a super PAC with ties to U.S. House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.), last week announced it opened a field office in Taylor's district, signaling the importance of the House seat. It has been on the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's target list for a year. So far, five Democrats are vying to challenge Taylor, a former Navy SEAL, including retired Navy commander Elaine Luria of Norfolk.” [Washington Post, [1/8/18](#)]

Taylor Was Floated As A Candidate For US Senate

Taylor Was Mentioned In A Poll For U.S. Senate Against Kaine. “A new poll shows U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., with commanding leads over his would-be Republican challengers in the 2018 midterms, including Prince William Board of County Supervisors Chairman Corey Stewart.[...] Stewart is currently the only Republican to have declared his intentions to challenge Kaine in 2018, but the surveyors also asked respondents about two Virginia congressmen political analysts have long speculated could jump in the race: Reps. Dave Brat, R-7th District, and Scott Taylor, R-2nd District.” [Inside Nova, [9/20/17](#)]

TRACKING FOOTAGE: Taylor Said He Was Not Running For Senate. [YouTube, Virginia2RawFootage, [1/29/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Richmond Times-Dispatch Editorial Questioned If Taylor Would Run For Higher Office. “The party does have congressional officeholders who might make the quantum leap to statewide office: Barbara Comstock, Rob Wittman, perhaps even Scott Taylor or Morgan Griffith. It also commands a substantial majority in the House of Delegates — although that could shrink too if Ralph Northam wins the race for governor. But Virginia Republicans lack a clear set of heavy hitters who could yank control of the party back from the Stewart wing — and yank control of the state back from Democrats.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, Editorial, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Embraced His Reputation As A Conservative

Headline: Republican Standard: “Rep. Scott Taylor Embraces His Conservative Edge; Key Figure Among Trump Advisors.” [Republican Standard, [9/4/17](#)]

Taylor Criticized Dave Belote As A “DC Lobbyist”

After Democrat Dave Belote Announced For 2018 Race, Taylor Released A Statement Calling Him A “DC Lobbyist.” “In response to Belote’s announcement, Scott Weldon, Taylor’s political director, sent News 3 the following statement: ‘David Belote is a DC lobbyist who is now running for Congress. We have only seen him lobbying for federal dollars in DC and protesting with the Bernie Sanders wing of the Democratic Party. His views are far outside the mainstream on health care and many other issues facing our district, state, and nation.’” [CBS – 3 WTKR, [7/5/17](#)]

September 2017: McClatchy: Taylor Faced A Primary Challenge As A Result Of His “Vocal Support” Of President Trump

McClatchy: Taylor Faced A Primary Challenge Built On Vocal Support For Trump. “Last October, Alabama Rep. Martha Roby joined dozens of fellow Republicans in disavowing candidate Donald Trump after that infamous tape of his vulgar comments about women surfaced. Nearly a year later, some of her Trump-loving constituents still haven’t forgiven her. [...] Caught up in the clash are incumbents like Mark Sanford of South Carolina and Virginia’s Reps. Barbara Comstock and Scott Taylor – all of whom face primary challenges built on vocal support for the polarizing president.” [McClatchy, [9/13/17](#)]

Headline: “Trump Loyalty Test Will Shape GOP’s 2018 House Races.” [McClatchy, [9/13/17](#)]

Conservative Radio Host Said Taylor And Comstock Would Lose Their Seat In Primary Challenges If The Voted For A “Clean Amnesty Bill.” [WHKT, [9/14/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Richmond Times-Dispatch: “Editorial: The Diminishing Virginia GOP.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, Editorial, [9/13/17](#)]

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2016 General Election For Virginia’s 2nd Congressional Seat

November 2016: Taylor Resigned From The House Of Delegates After He Was Elected To Congress

Governor McAuliffe Called A Special Election For Taylor’s Seat After He Resigned After Being Elected To Congress. “Governor McAuliffe declared a special election on Tuesday for several soon-to-be vacant General Assembly seats. One of the vacancies will be of Republican Delegate Scott Taylor from the Virginia House of Delegates District 85. McAuliffe scheduled a special election in January, for Virginia Beach voters to replace delegate Taylor. Taylor resigned from the State House of Delegates, after being elected to Congress.” [CBS – 3 WTKR, [11/29/16](#)]

October 2016: The Virginian-Pilot Endorsed Taylor In The General Election But Noted That He Had A “Modest Record In Richmond”

Virginia-Pilot Endorsed Taylor For Congress In The General Election But Noted That He Had A “Modest Record In Richmond.” “A former Navy SEAL, Taylor spent most of the primary season, in which he faced off with 4th District incumbent U.S. Rep. Randy Forbes, claiming that he was a different type of Republican and that his party was a big tent, welcome to all who embraced a conservative philosophy. Also like Rigell, Taylor seems to believe that small changes add up; that transactions can be transformational, as he describes it. As such, he avoids discussion of sweeping policy proposals in favor of tweaking language or removing regulations. Taylor’s modest record in Richmond seems to reflect that approach. His continued support of GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump may give voters pause, and his penchant for relentless self-promotion may be off-putting, but Taylor can succeed if he picks up Rigell’s moderate conservative mantle.” [Virginian-Pilot, [10/30/16](#)]

After Winning The Primary, Taylor Said He Would Spend The Months Between The Primary And The General Election Reaching Out To People, “Black, White, Brown, Gay, And Straight.”

After Congressional Republican Primary Win, Taylor Said He Would Spend The Coming Months Reaching Out To People “Black, White, Brown, Gay, And Straight...To Figure Out What We Need To Do.” “Del. Scott W. Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, stunned Rep. J. Randy Forbes, R-4th, Tuesday night in the 2nd District Republican primary, thwarting the 15-year representative’s effort to stay in Congress by switching to a more favorable district. [...] Taylor said he will spend the coming months crisscrossing the district and reaching out to people all over - ‘black, white, brown, gay, and straight ... to figure out what we need to do. We’re going to unify this district and we are going to win in November.’” [Richmond Times Dispatch, [6/14/16](#)]

2016 Republican Primary Against Randy Forbes

Washington Post: After Taylor’s Primary Win Against Forbes, The Virginia Delegation Became “Less Experienced”

HEADLINE: “With Forbes’s Defeat, Virginia’s Delegation To Congress Grows Less Experienced.”

[Washington Post, [6/15/16](#)]

Sheriff Ken Stolle And His “Powerful” Family Backed Taylor Over Other Republicans

Washington Post: The Endorsement Of The “Powerful Stolle Family” Helped Taylor Win. “Taylor also painted Forbes as a carpetbagger - a label that resonated in Virginia Beach, where homegrown credibility is important. The endorsement of the powerful Stolle family also helped Taylor there.” [Washington Post, [6/15/16](#)]

The Virginian-Pilot Reported That Virginia Beach Sheriff Ken Stolle Was “Among Taylor’s Most Vocal Supporters.” “Among Taylor’s most vocal supporters was Virginia Beach Sheriff Ken Stolle.” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/14/16](#)]

February 2016: The Daily Kos Reported Stolle Paid For Robocalls Telling Forbes Not To Change Districts To Run In The 2nd. “Some local Republicans, though, aren’t happy about Forbes carpetbagging into their neighborhood, and one notable pol, state Del. Scott Taylor, had already kicked off a bid of his own. Another, Virginia Beach Sheriff Ken Stolle, paid for robocalls urging people to tell Forbes he should stay put. That effort obviously didn’t work, and as an incumbent whose built up lots of seniority, Forbes should be able to bring some considerable firepower to bear on this race.” [Daily Kos, [2/8/16](#)]

The Virginian-Pilot Reported That Stolle Opposed Forbes Making The Switch. “Some others, including Virginia Beach Sheriff Ken Stolle, a Republican, oppose Forbes making the switch, saying the district should choose one of its own.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/3/16](#)]

January 2016: Stolle Urged Forbes Not To Switch Districts In An Email. “Virginia Beach Sheriff Ken Stolle urged U.S. Rep. Randy Forbes on Friday to abandon any consideration of switching districts to run for election in the 2nd Congressional District. [...] Stolle wrote in a letter emailed Friday to Forbes that leaving a district he has represented since 2001 was a bad idea. [...] Stolle said he’s aware of Forbes’s seniority but argues that’s not as important as district voters electing one of their own to Congress.” [Virginian-Pilot, [1/22/16](#)]

The National Journal Reported That Forbes Sent A Letter To Forbes Urging Him Not To Run In The 2nd District. “Virginia Beach Sheriff Ken Stolle (R) wrote a letter to Rep. Randy Forbes (R) urging him to run in the 4th District, rather than jump to the 2nd District. Stolle said a district switch would be a ‘betrayal,’ adding that the 2nd District needs to be represented by someone from the district.” [National Journal, [1/26/16](#)]

Taylor Accused Primary Opponent Randy Forbes Of Trying To Illegally Advocate For Redrawing The Congressional District To Make It More Favorable For Him

Taylor Accused Primary Opponent Forbes Of Lobbying Governor McAuliffe To Redraw Forbes Into The District. “State Del. Scott Taylor, headed for a primary battle with U.S. Rep. Randy Forbes in an open congressional district, said Friday that a surrogate for Forbes tried to get Gov. Terry McAuliffe’s office to draw Forbes into the district. Former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis made the call. Davis on Friday said he was simply inquiring on his own and not at the direction of Forbes. The Forbes campaign vehemently denied involvement, calling the accusation ‘outrageous,’ ‘irresponsible’ and ‘patently false.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/12/16](#)]

Taylor Made The Accusations On “The John Fredericks Show” Radio Program And Claimed His Governor McAuliffe Had Told Him That Himself. “Taylor made his comments on the radio on ‘The John Fredericks Show’ after Fredericks asked him about the situation. (Listen to the audio.) ‘I talked to someone high up in the administration who told me that they got a call from a (Forbes) surrogate that basically said, ‘We will give you the 4th District (and) stop the lawsuit if you draw Mr. Forbes into the 2nd District.’ Taylor said he spoke directly with McAuliffe on Thursday about a call to McAuliffe’s office. ‘Yesterday, the governor himself told me ... that

someone was calling his office trying to draw the congressman into the 2nd District,' Taylor said. 'The governor himself has told me this.'" [Virginian-Pilot, [2/12/16](#)]

McAuliffe Confirmed That He Had Received Calls About Redrawing Congressional District Lines.

"McAuliffe said Friday evening that more than one person has contacted his office recently about a plan to redraw congressional district lines. 'I have no interest. We're not redrawing the lines. I've told everybody that,' he said. 'The public doesn't want politicians sitting around carving up lines to benefit politicians.'" [Virginian-Pilot, [2/12/16](#)]

Form Northern Virginia Republican Congressman Davis Claimed That He Had Made The Call Out Of Interest And Forbes Had Had Nothing To Do For It. "Davis, the former GOP congressman from Northern Virginia, said Taylor is off base. He said that about a week to 10 days ago, he called an administration official whom he declined to name to simply ask whether the governor would be open to the possibility of redrawing lines. The General Assembly is in session until March 12. 'It was just a theoretical thing,' he said. 'Randy knew nothing about it.' He added: 'I thought Scott was running for lieutenant governor.'" [Virginian-Pilot, [2/12/16](#)]

Davis: "I Thought Scott Was Running For Lieutenant Governor. "'It was just a theoretical thing,' he said. 'Randy knew nothing about it.' He added: 'I thought Scott was running for lieutenant governor.'" [Virginian-Pilot, [2/12/16](#)]

Taylor Paid For Robocalls Urging Republican Randy Forbes Not To Run In The Second Congressional Seat That Taylor Was Eyeing

Taylor Funded A Robocall Telling Voters To Urge Randy Forbes To Remain In The 4th District And Not Run In The 2nd. "State Del. Scott Taylor went directly to U.S. Rep. Randy Forbes' Republican supporters in Chesapeake earlier this week, sponsoring more than 5,500 automated calls urging the voters to tell Forbes to run for re-election in his hometown rather than switch to the nearby 2nd Congressional District. Taylor, a Virginia Beach Republican seeking the 2nd District seat, wants to stop Forbes from switching from the 4th District, which he has represented in Congress since 2001. In the 75-second recorded message, a woman who calls herself 'Erin' refers to Forbes as 'our congressman' and says he 'is the only Republican who can win our district.'" [Virginian-Pilot, [2/3/16](#)]

HEADLINE: "Del. Scott Taylor's Robocalls Urge Thousands In Chesapeake To Tell Forbes To Stay Put." [Virginian-Pilot, [2/3/16](#)]

Taylor Announced That His Campaign Paid For The Message At The End Of The Recording. "At the end of the message, Taylor is heard saying his campaign paid for the Sunday-night calls. Forbes is contemplating the switch because this year's redrawing of congressional district boundaries has converted the 4th from a strong Republican region to one where Democrats have a majority." [Virginian-Pilot, [2/3/16](#)]

Taylor's Campaign Spokesman Openly Took Credit For The Two Robocalls. "Scott Weldon, spokesman for Taylor's campaign, acknowledged the calls were intended to spread his candidate's views and reach people who might not know about Forbes' quandary. 'We obviously want people to know this is something that is being seriously entertained,' Weldon said. Taylor conducted a separate push poll in Virginia Beach, where more than 2,400 GOP voters were contacted Sunday and Monday." [Virginian-Pilot, [2/3/16](#)]

Taylor Conducted A Second Poll Which Determined How Popular Taylor Would Be As A Candidate In The 2nd District. "Taylor conducted a separate push poll in Virginia Beach, where more than 2,400 GOP voters were contacted Sunday and Monday. Taylor, in a recorded message, introduced himself as a candidate, lambasted the current Congress and criticized Forbes for considering giving up his 4th District seat to run in the 2nd. The recipients were then asked whether, 'based on what you know,' they would support Taylor or Forbes. Ninety-five percent said they favored Taylor, according to RoboCent." [Virginian-Pilot, [2/3/16](#)]

Taylor Attacked Forbes For Choosing To Run In The 2nd District Rather Than Remaining In The Newly Redistricted 4th

In A Radio Ad Taylor Called Forbes “Coward. Deserter. Quitter” For Running In The 2nd Instead Of The 4th District. “In contrast, Forbes opted to run in the 2nd instead of the district he has represented for eight terms, the 4th, after a court-imposed elections map made the district much more favorable to a Democrat. [...] Again the move was fodder for Taylor: ‘Coward. Deserter. Quitter. These are the words people use to describe Randy Forbes abandoning his own people to save himself. He doesn’t live in our district, and he can’t even vote for himself,’ he said in a radio ad.” [Washington Post, [6/15/16](#)]

Taylor Called Forbes A “Political Opportunist” Who Was Acting “Cowardly” By Running In The 2nd District. “Rather than seek re-election in his home district, Forbes opted to run in the neighboring 2nd District after incumbent Rep. Scott Rigell announced his retirement. But the move opened Forbes up to fierce criticism from Taylor, who called Forbes a political opportunist who was acting ‘cowardly’ by running in a supposedly easier district. Taylor cast himself as a Washington outsider and said Tuesday that his most effective campaign message was that he would who would help fix a ‘broken’ political system if elected. ‘Washington is broken and we need a fresh start,’ Taylor said.” [Associated Press, [6/15/16](#)]

Forbes Released A Mailing Claiming That Taylor Had A Long Criminal Record

Forbes Claimed In A Campaign Mailing That Taylor Had Been “Convicted In At Least Four Different Courts Across The County, At Times Failing To Even Appear, And Having A Warrant Issued For His Arrest.” “U.S. Rep. Randy Forbes recently mailed out an attack brochure in Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District accusing his Republican primary opponent -- state Del. Scott Taylor of Virginia Beach -- of flouting the law. [...] Underneath, Forbes makes four negative claims about his opponent’s personal and professional behavior. The first one says ‘Scott Taylor has been convicted in at least four different courts across the country, at times failing to even appear, and having a warrant issued for his arrest.’” [Politifact, [5/23/16](#)]

Forbes Released A Mailing That Taylor Had Also Repeatedly Violated Election Law

A Forbes Ad Claimed That Taylor Had Violated Federal Election Law 19 Times. “In addition, the Forbes ad and the mailer said Taylor violated federal election law 19 times. The Federal Election Commission issued 17 notices that a committee Taylor set up in 2009 to run for Congress had failed to file financial reports after 2010, its online records show. While the committee notified the commission it was closing down in 2010, a paperwork glitch kept it in the commission’s system, generating the failure to file notices until last year, Taylor campaign spokesman Scott Weldon said.” [Daily Press, [5/17/16](#)]

A Forbes Ad Claimed Taylor And Two Businesses Had Judgments Against Them For Unpaid Bills Totaling \$1.5 Million. “The Forbes ad and mailer also said Taylor and two businesses had judgments against them for unpaid bills totaling \$1.5 million.” [Daily Press, [5/17/16](#)]

Daily Press: Taylor Called Forbes A “Common Three-Letter Text-Message Abbreviation For Excrement” For Using A Facebook Picture Of Taylor, Drink In Hand, In A Web Ad

Taylor Used A “Common Three-Letter Text-Message Abbreviation For Excrement To Describe Forbes” After Forbes Used A Personal Facebook Photo Of Taylor’s In A Web Ad Claiming Taylor Was Unfit For Office. “With four weeks to go until the June 14 primary, the bickering ramped up with a web ad aired by Rep. Randy Forbes, R-Chesapeake, accusing Del. Scott Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, of being unfit for office. That prompted Taylor to fire back that Forbes was ‘shameless’ and ‘despicable’ for using a photo of Taylor, drink in hand, that was taken from a personal Facebook account and cropped so that Taylor appeared to be making an aggressive, in-your-face gesture. In a tweet during the weekend, Taylor was blunter, using a common three-letter

text-message abbreviation for excrement to describe Forbes. ‘You know what it means,’ Taylor said, when asked if his tweet was meant to read that way.” [Daily Press, [5/17/16](#)]

Taylor Claimed The Photo Had Been Taken From A Facebook Album Commemorating The Life Of A Fallen SEAL Friend. “[Taylor] said he was infuriated because the photo used in the web ad was taken -- he said stolen -- from a Facebook album put together to celebrate the life of his best friend, Kevin Houston, after his 2011 death in Afghanistan. Houston, 35, a member of the Navy’s elite Hampton Roads-based SEAL Team 6, was one of 38 American and Afghan service members to die in the shooting down of a Chinook helicopter in Wardak province, Afghanistan. ‘That the chairman of the congressional prayer caucus would go this far to keep his place in power ... it’s over the top, and I don’t mind calling him out,’ Taylor said.” [Daily Press, [5/17/16](#)]

2016 Potential Run For Lieutenant Governor

Taylor Considered A Run For Lieutenant Governor Before Running For Congress When Scott Rigell Suddenly Decided To Retire

Taylor Was Exploring A Run For Virginia Lieutenant Governor Before Deciding To Run For Congress Directly After Rigell’s Surprise Retirement Announcement. “Taylor, a frequent critic of President Barack Obama’s foreign policy and Fox News guest, was exploring a potential run for lieutenant governor before switching to a congressional race right after Rigell’s unexpected retirement announcement.” [Washington Times, [6/3/16](#)]

Taylor Had A Political Action Committee Called FROG PAC To Explore A Run For Lieutenant Governor

Taylor’s Political Action Committee Was Titled FROG PAC. “Republican Del. Scott Taylor reported the first big donation to his political action committee in an expected run for lieutenant governor. Andrew F. Jones of Salisbury, Md., gave Taylor’s FROG PAC a \$25,000 donation on Monday.” [Virginian-Pilot, [12/8/15](#)]

Taylor Reportedly Had \$33,000 In A Political Action Committee He Had Set Up While Considering A Run For Lieutenant Governor. “Del. Scott Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, who also is seeking the GOP nomination, has \$30,000 in his campaign fund and \$33,000 in a political action committee he set up for a possible run for lieutenant governor.” [Daily Press, [4/1/16](#)]

2013 General Election For The Virginia House Of Delegates 85th District Seat Against Bill Dale

Taylor Said Dale’s Attack On His Real Estate Liens Were A Smear-Attempt And Disregarded The State Of The Real Estate Market

Taylor Responded To His Opponent Bringing Up His Real Estate Judgments And Called The Attack “A Desperate Attempt To Try To Smear Me And Not Look At The Real Estate Market.” “Recently, Dale has criticized Taylor for the court judgments against him. Dale referred to a \$147,272 judgment in Virginia Beach General District Court against Taylor’s business, Neptune Fitness, for unpaid rent and an \$828,255 judgment in Virginia Beach Circuit Court stemming from an unpaid loan from a real estate deal in 2008 that went bust. Dale also pointed to a 2010 judgment in federal court in New Jersey against Taylor’s business, Neptune Development II, for \$620,000. Taylor called Dale’s effort a ‘desperate attempt to try to smear me and not look at the real estate market.’ Taylor, who also has said his opponent is ‘out of touch’ with the concerns of voters, pointed instead to Dale’s campaign finances: ‘He’s speaking about managing a budget, and his campaign is thousands of dollars in debt.’ In his delegate committee funds, Dale has about \$5,000 on hand and owes \$10,000 in loans he lent to his campaign. Dale said that Taylor also self-financed in the primary. Taylor in April repaid \$20,000 he had lent himself.” [Virginian-Pilot, [10/29/13](#)]

2013 Republican Primary For The Virginia House Of Delegates 85th District Seat Against Gary Byler

2013-2014: Gary Byler Accused Taylor Of Being Involved With A Prostitute And Using Drugs

A Byler Campaign Consultant Provided The Virginian-Pilot With Screenshots Of Facebook Messages Incriminating Taylor With A Prostitute And Using Illegal Drugs. “Allegations involving a prostitute and illicit drug use are rapidly turning the race for a Virginia Beach House of Delegates seat into a nasty primary contest. Former Navy SEAL Scott Taylor casts himself as the aggrieved party, accusing fellow Republican candidate Gary Byler’s campaign of orchestrating online ‘falsehoods and fabrications’ against him. [...] The images were peddled to the media - a paid Byler consultant provided the Facebook screen grabs to The Virginian-Pilot in an April 1 email. The newspaper didn’t report on them at the time, deeming the information questionable.” [Virginian-Pilot, [4/26/13](#)]

The Alleged 2012 Facebook Messages Were Between Taylor And A 21-Year-Old Woman And Contained An Exchange About An “Intimate Rendezvous And Marijuana Use.” “The sordid affair, and the resulting digital whodunit over the veracity of Facebook messages, leave voters with plenty to ponder ahead of the June 11 GOP primary to nominate a candidate for an office that pays \$17,640 annually. While much of this story remains murky, at its core, it’s an example of what political combatants are willing to do to potentially harm a foe. At issue are screen shots of alleged 2012 Facebook exchanges between Taylor and a 21-year-old Newport News woman in which an intimate rendezvous and marijuana use are discussed. Rumors about online interactions between Taylor and the woman have spread in political circles for weeks.” [Virginian-Pilot, [4/26/13](#)]

Taylor Blasted Byler For Publicizing The Incident And Denied Its Veracity. “Byler and Taylor say they had a phone conversation about them around that time but agree on little else in this episode. ‘He’s responsible and accountable for his campaign,’ said Taylor, a Fox News contributor who previously ran for Beach mayor and Congress. ‘Once he was made aware, he should have taken action and fired people. This is exactly the type of gutter politics ... that we do not want in our country.’ [...] Instead of letting it go, Taylor is making a political gamble by taking the offensive against Byler. Taylor says Facebook images showing him conversing with the woman said to be a prostitute are doctored. He says he had no knowledge of her, or online messages she purportedly sent him, until recently.” [Virginian-Pilot, [4/26/13](#)]

The Woman Claimed That Her Account Had Been Compromised And She Had Never Had Physical Contact With Taylor. “The woman, whose name the newspaper is withholding, told The Pilot that her Facebook account was compromised and said she didn’t send the disputed messages to Taylor. She denies having any physical contact with Taylor or offering to sell her story for cash, though she admits to having been involved in the sex trade. According to Hampton General District Court records, the woman has a conviction for marijuana possession dating to 2011, as well as some traffic citations.” [Virginian-Pilot, [4/26/13](#)]

A Consultant Employed By Byler Sent Screen Shots Of The Facebook Messages To The Virginian Pilot. “The images were peddled to the media - a paid Byler consultant provided the Facebook screen grabs to The Virginian-Pilot in an April 1 email. The newspaper didn’t report on them at the time, deeming the information questionable. It appears they also were shopped to politicians. Bill Dale, the Democratic candidate in the 85th District, said he received an email a few weeks back offering similar information about Taylor for \$500.” [Virginian-Pilot, [4/26/13](#)]

Taylor Filed A Defamation Suit Against Byler

March 2014: Taylor Filed A \$5 Million Lawsuit Claiming His Opponent And His Opponent’s Campaign Associate Fabricated And Spread False Rumors About Taylor. “Virginia Beach Del. Scott Taylor on Thursday filed a lawsuit against primary campaign rival Gary C. Byler, claiming that the attorney and several others connected with his campaign intentionally fabricated and spread false information about Taylor during their spring 2013 electoral contest. The \$5 million lawsuit, filed in Virginia Beach Circuit Court, stems from last year’s Republican primary election for the 85th House District.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/21/14](#)]

Spring 2013: Taylor Won The Republican Primary For The Virginia Beach House Of Delegates Seat.

“The \$5 million lawsuit, filed in Virginia Beach Circuit Court, stems from last year’s Republican primary election for the 85th House District. The race turned ugly early, with accusations flying between Byler and Taylor, an entrepreneur and former Navy SEAL. Taylor defeated Byler and a third candidate, Regent University administrator Jeremy Waters, and went on to win the seat representing part of Virginia Beach.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/21/14](#)]

The Court Case Claimed “The Distribution Of the False Materials Were Calculated To Hold Mr. Taylor Up To Public Scorn.” “‘The distribution of the false materials were calculated to hold Mr. Taylor up to public scorn, hatred and ridicule and injure his reputation and good standing in the community to prevent his winning the primary election,’ the lawsuit claims. Mudslinging continued throughout the campaign. Each candidate attacked the other’s driving record, and the two sides bickered over the endorsement of retiring Del. Bob Tata, a Republican who held the 85th District seat.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/21/14](#)]

Taylor Argued The Accusation He Had Been Involved With A Prostitute And Used Illegal Drugs Had Tarnished His Reputation And Business Prospects. “But Taylor said the accusations made during the race - including that he had a sexual relationship with a prostitute and used illegal drugs - have stayed with him, marring his first legislative session this year and tarnishing his reputation with constituents, neighbors and potential business clients. The defamation suit also names several people it claims worked on Byler’s campaign: political consultants Kyle P. Adams and Gerald C. Scimeca, businessman and party operative Curtis D. Colgate, and campaign manager Austin Chambers.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/21/14](#)]

Byler And His Associates All Denied Taylor’s Allegations. “Byler, Colgate, Adams and Scimeca have denied Taylor’s allegations in subsequent court filings and have asked that a judge dismiss the lawsuit. The responses said they did not generate the Facebook messages and had no reason to believe the information was false. Court documents hint at the ongoing bitterness between the parties. Taylor’s ‘reputation was already so bad there was no harm,’ Colgate’s attorney wrote.” [Virginian-Pilot, 5/23/14]

Byler’s Associates Filed Defamation Counter-Suits, Which Taylor Said Had No Merit. “Scimeca filed one of the countersuits against Taylor, alleging the delegate has defamed him by accusing him of lying, including during radio interviews. The accusations have prevented him from getting jobs since the election, the countersuit says. ‘Taylor’s statements defamed Mr. Scimeca by publicly stating he is deceitful, dishonest, unethical, unprofessional, incompetent, willing to commit fraud on the electorate, potentially criminal and deserving of being fired from his position as Byler’s campaign consultant,’ the countersuit says. ‘Taylor’s statements falsely and viciously cast Mr. Scimeca in the most despicable light in the public eye and within the political and professional community.’ Chambers, too, is suing Taylor, accusing him of renegeing on a deal to omit Chambers from the defamation suit if he agreed to meet with Taylor’s attorneys, which the filing says he did. He is seeking \$6 million in damages and fees. Taylor said neither countersuit has merit.” [Virginian-Pilot, 5/23/14]

Taylor Accused Byler’s Campaign Of Fabricating Illicit Facebook Messages Between Taylor And The Alleged Prostitute. “According to a copy of the civil complaint provided by Taylor and confirmed by his attorneys, Byler’s campaign fabricated illicit Facebook messages between Taylor and an alleged prostitute and shopped them to reporters and party officials in early 2013. The messages talked about engaging in sexual activity and illegal drug use and were included on fliers distributed throughout the district, the filing says. [...] Taylor said at the time that he had never met the alleged prostitute and would seek legal action against whoever was behind the attack.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/21/14](#)]

Forensic Investigation Confirmed That The Facebook Messages Were False. “The woman told The Pilot her Facebook account had been compromised. A forensic report proved the messages were fakes, the lawsuit says. Taylor is represented by attorneys Conrad Shumadine and Gary Bryant of the law firm Willcox & Savage, which also represents The Virginian-Pilot. ‘The distribution of the false materials were calculated to hold Mr.

Taylor up to public scorn, hatred and ridicule and injure his reputation and good standing in the community to prevent his winning the primary election,' the lawsuit claims." [Virginian-Pilot, [3/21/14](#)]

Taylor: "...No One Should Have To Run The Risk Of Responding To Any False And Defamatory Accusation, Much Less Accusations That Rise To The Level Of Criminal Conduct." "Taylor also was the subject of personal attacks on Twitter and in emails sent by newly formed political action committees. 'It's something that I hear about to this day,' Taylor said this week. 'Politics certainly is not for the faint of heart, and candidates for any office can expect to endure the rough and tumble of a spirited campaign,' he added in a written statement. 'But no one should have to run the risk of responding to any false and defamatory accusation, much less accusations that rise to the level of criminal conduct.'" [Virginian-Pilot, [3/21/14](#)]

February 2014: After Winning The Election, Taylor Attempted To Create A Bill To Make It Illegal To Impersonate Someone Online

Taylor Sponsored An Unsuccessful Bill That Would Have Made It Illegal To Impersonate Someone Online. "A House subcommittee Friday postponed action on a bill that would have made it illegal to impersonate someone online for the purpose of harassing him or her. [...] Harassing someone by computer is a misdemeanor. Taylor proposed making it a felony to also impersonate the person in the process. The committee incorporated the bill into a similar proposal by Del. Todd Gilbert, a Shenandoah County Republican. They then carried the measure over to the 2015 legislative session, rendering it dead for the year, and plan to ask the Virginia State Crime Commission to study the issue. Committee members voiced concerns that, as drafted, the legislation may not have adequately addressed the problem. While Taylor's personal experiences spawned his proposal, he said he also worries about cyberbullying and the effect the behavior could have on other Virginians, such as hindering someone from getting a job. 'This got me thinking,' he said. 'I'm a public figure, I'm a big boy, but what about people who aren't?'" [Virginian-Pilot, [2/1/14](#)]

Taylor Said That The Online Harassment Bill Came Out Of His Own Experience: "As Somebody Who's Been A Victim Of This Very Thing, It's Very Harassing." "Freshman Del. Scott Taylor, a Virginia Beach Republican, said he started looking into the state's harassment-by-computer laws after he experienced just that during his campaign for the House of Delegates. He said someone posed as him online and created Facebook pages, Twitter accounts and political groups to make him look bad, even accusing him of using drugs and being involved with prostitutes. When he took the issue to law enforcement, they found a loophole in the law, Taylor told the House Criminal Law Subcommittee. 'As somebody who's been a victim of this very thing, it's very harassing,' he said." [Virginian-Pilot, [2/1/14](#)]

June 2015: Taylor Settled The \$5 Million Defamation Suit

Taylor Settled The Defamation Suit He Brought Against His Primary Opponent Gary Byler And Several Of His Associates. "Del. Scott Taylor has settled a \$5 million lawsuit accusing his 2013 primary campaign rivals of defamation. A Circuit Court order dismissing the claim last week says the terms are confidential. The defendants were primary opponent Gary C. Byler and several supporters of his campaign. The agreement included the dismissal of two countersuits against Taylor. The squabble stemmed from the nasty 2013 race for the Republican nomination for the 85th District seat in the House of Delegates. Taylor won but in the lawsuit claimed he suffered permanent damage to his reputation because of false information spread by his opponents. That included allegations of drug use and involvement with a prostitute, according to the March 2014 lawsuit." [Virginian-Pilot, [6/5/15](#)]

The Terms Of The Settlement Were Confidential. "Del. Scott Taylor has settled a \$5 million lawsuit accusing his 2013 primary campaign rivals of defamation. A Circuit Court order dismissing the claim last week says the terms are confidential. The defendants were primary opponent Gary C. Byler and several supporters of his campaign. The agreement included the dismissal of two countersuits against Taylor." [Virginian-Pilot, [6/5/15](#)]

Taylor: “[The Settlement] Sends The Message That There’s A Line That You Shouldn’t Cross, And Reputation Is Important For Everyone.” “Taylor, an entrepreneur and former Navy SEAL, also declined to talk about further details. But ‘it sends the message that there’s a line that you shouldn’t cross, and reputation is important for everyone,’ he said. ‘Hopefully, something like this will encourage good people to run for office as opposed to discourage them.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/5/15](#)]

Virginian-Pilot: Defendants Signed A Statement Saying They Believed The Information About Taylor Was True At The Time And Apologized “For The Embarrassment...Caused.” “As part of the settlement, several defendants signed a statement saying they believed the information about Taylor was true at the time, according to part of the statement provided by Taylor. When they realized it was not, they apologized ‘for the embarrassment the use of the information caused,’ it said.” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/5/15](#)]

December 2016: Taylor’s Legislative Director Scott Weldon Was Denied Membership In The Chesapeake GOP As A Result Of Negative Statements He Had Made Against Randy Forbes In 2014 Race. “The Chesapeake GOP voted to reject Scott Weldon’s application to join the city branch in mid-October, four months after he orchestrated the winning 2nd Congressional District race of state Del. Scott Taylor. The snub came after a senior member of Forbes’ congressional staff urged an Oct. 13 party gathering to reject Weldon because of statements he made about Forbes. [...] Chesapeake GOP Chairwoman Carole de Triquet acknowledged this week that many members were upset with Weldon’s comments ‘about our beloved congressman.’ [...] It was a ‘rough campaign,’ she said, but Taylor’s ‘name-calling was something I haven’t seen.’ Weldon said she was ignoring Forbes’ own attacks.” [Virginian-Pilot, [12/8/16](#)]

2013: Taylor Falsely Claimed Retiring Delegate Bob Tata Endorsed Him When Tata Had Endorsed Byler

Taylor Issued A Statement Proclaiming That Retiring Delegate Bob Tata Had Endorsed Him. “Republicans Gary Byler and Scott Taylor have shown they can disagree on almost anything in pursuit of a legislative seat - even the endorsement of the man they hope to succeed. Tensions between two of the three candidates in the race flared again Saturday morning when Taylor issued a statement proclaiming an endorsement by retiring Del. Bob Tata, whose backing Byler first touted in March. The statement from Taylor’s campaign said Tata consented to the endorsement over his distaste for the negative tone pervading the 85th House District contest.” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/9/13](#)]

Tata Confirmed That He Had Endorsed Byler, Though He Was “Supportive Of Both Candidates.” “Not so fast, replied Byler, an attorney and longtime GOP activist. His campaign fired off a response to what it called Taylor’s ‘false endorsement’ claim in an email containing scans of two letters signed by Tata affirming his support for Byler. Tata, reached by phone at his residence later Saturday, settled the dispute: He said he still endorses Byler, but is supportive of both candidates. ‘They’re both good candidates,’ he said. ‘So, you know, you could flip a coin, but the Byler family has lived in the Kempsville area for years.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/9/13](#)]

Taylor Admitted That Tata Had Never Rescinded His Endorsement Of Byler. “Del. Barry Knight, a Beach Republican supporting Taylor, said Tata approved the endorsement statement that went through several drafts when Knight and Taylor visited Tata’s Kempsville home Friday evening. Knight and Taylor acknowledge Tata, 83, never rescinded his endorsement of Byler. But they insist he authorized the use of his name in support of Taylor. ‘Scott Taylor is the candidate in this race people in our community can count on to solve their problems,’ reads the five-paragraph statement attributed, in part, to Tata.” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/9/13](#)]

2010 Congressional Campaign

During The Republican Primary For Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District, Scott Rigell Accused Scott Taylor And Another Republican For Plagiarizing The Content Of Their Joint Congressional Reform Plan

Scott Rigell Accused Republican Rivals In The Primary Ben Loyola And Scott Taylor For Stealing His Nine-Point Congressional Reform Plan. “Scott Rigell, a candidate for Congress in Virginia’s 2nd District, is accusing two rivals in the Republican primary of stealing and passing off as their own a detailed nine-point congressional reform plan that Rigell is developing with federal candidates in other states.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/27/10](#)]

Taylor And Loyola Denied The Accusation And Stated The Proposal They Released Together Was Their Own Work. “Candidates Ben Loyola and Scott Taylor denied the accusation, saying a proposal they released earlier this week in an unusual joint announcement was their own work.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/27/10](#)]

Taylor And Loyola Released A Nine-Point “Contract On Congress” A Day Before Rigell’s Unveiling Of The Plan Was Scheduled. “Rigell and his staff said they have been working privately since mid-February with as many as nine other candidates nationwide to develop a proposal that includes congressional term limits, freezing legislators’ pay if they fail to pass a budget on time, and requiring them to use the same health care benefits they might approve for other Americans. The Rigell campaign provided the latest draft of its plan, dated March 11. It called for nine specific changes and included tentative plans for an unveiling in Washington. It was e-mailed on March 16 to the out-of-state candidates, according to Rigell’s campaign. On Monday, a day before Rigell’s tentative unveiling was scheduled, Loyola and Taylor sent e-mails to their supporters and news organizations announcing a ‘Contract on Congress’ that proposed the same nine measures listed in the same order as the Rigell effort, with some minor variations.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/27/10](#)]

Taylor And Loyola Stated That They Could Not Offer Details Of How They Developed Their Plan. “Loyola and Taylor said in separate interviews Friday that they could not offer details of how they developed their own plan or when they decided to make it public. Taylor said the pair had been working on it for ‘a little while’ but declined to be more specific. ‘There’s no purpose for me giving details on any of this stuff,’ Loyola said. ‘I don’t have a specific date for it.’ Loyola and Taylor said they have talked about some of the proposals while campaigning and have mentioned them on their campaign Web sites before their Monday announcement. ‘I put all my stuff on the Web,’ Loyola said. ‘I’ve been talking about these things since last July.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/27/10](#)]

Taylor Criticized Republican Frontrunner For Congress Rigell For Being A “Republican In Name Only”

2010: During The Republican Primary For The 2nd Congressional Seat, Taylor Attacked His Opponent For Donating To Hillary Clinton: “Send A Navy SEAL, Not A RINO.” “Scott Taylor, a former Navy SEAL and one of six Republicans challenging Rep. Glenn Nye (D), is trying to raise money by drawing attention to a donation the leading GOP candidate once made to Barack Obama. ‘Send a Navy SEAL, not a RINO,’ Taylor’s campaign said in a Wednesday e-mail to supporters. In Taylor’s eyes, the race’s ‘Republican in name only’ is Scott Rigell, an automotive executive and GOP activist who gave \$1,000 to Obama in March 2008 as he was battling Hillary Rodham Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination. ‘Scott Taylor’s opponent in this race is a big money donor and has self-funded a large portion of his campaign. This is the two year anniversary of our opponent’s endorsement of Barack Obama’s policies with a \$1,000.00 donation,’ Taylor’s campaign wrote. Rigell has said he made the donation to stop Clinton, not aid Obama.” [Roll Call, 3/11/10]

Taylor Said That He Thought The Republican Primary For Congress “[Was] Going To Get Ugly”

Taylor Reported That The Republican Primary “[Was] Going To Get Ugly” And Then Clarified That His Campaign Would Run An Issue-Based Positive Campaign But That He “Absolutely [Thought] It [Would] Get Ugly.” “The Hampton-Roads Virginia Pilot (1/29, Bartel) reports ‘for the first time in 30 years,’ Republicans in VA2 will hold a primary among its six candidates June 8 to decide who will face off against Rep. Glenn Nye (D). Candidate Scott Taylor said the primary ‘is going to get ugly,’ but added ‘My campaign will run an issue-based positive campaign, but I absolutely think it will get ugly.’ Candidate Bert Mizusawa disagreed with Taylor’s view, but acknowledged a primary will be expensive but ‘it’s the most competitive and it’s the most American’ way to have an election. One reason why the VA2 GOP Committee chose the primary over a one-day party canvass or a district convention is because it would allow citizens in the military to vote absentee for a nominee.” [Frontrunner, 1/29/10]

Taylor Claimed He Wanted To Give Congress Some “Backbone”

Taylor Stated That He Wanted To Give Congress Some “Backbone”: “If We Continue To Elect Cookie-Cutter Politicians We’ll Continue To Get Cookie-Cutter Results.” “Just more than a week before primary elections in Virginia, the six Republicans vying for the party mantle are forgoing sleep and pushing to connect with voters. [...] For months, Ben Loyola, Ed Maulbeck, Bert Mizusawa, Scott Rigell, Jessica Sandlin and Scott Taylor have crisscrossed the district, which includes parts of Hampton and Norfolk, and all of Virginia Beach and the Eastern Shore. [...] Taylor, another former Navy SEAL who now runs a real estate business and a local gym, has name recognitions after a run for Virginia Beach mayor in 2008. He said he wants to go to Washington to give Congress some ‘backbone. If we continue to elect cookie-cutter politicians we’ll continue to get cookie-cutter results,’ Taylor said.” [Daily Press, [5/30/10](#)]

2008 Mayoral Campaign

Taylor Ran Unsuccessfully For Mayor Of Virginia Beach And For Congress

Taylor Ran For Mayor Of Virginia Beach In 2008 And For Congress In The 2nd District In 2010. “Taylor was first elected to the House of Delegates in 2013. The Iraq War veteran ran for mayor of Virginia Beach in 2008 and sought the Republican nomination for Congress in the 2nd District in 2010. Rigell won the 2010 nomination and went on to defeat Rep. Glenn Nye, a Democrat.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [1/16/16](#)]

Fundraising

Taylor Raised \$5,815,257 And Spent \$5,961,923 In His Various Runs For Office

Taylor Campaign Fundraising Toplines			
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2020	Scott Taylor (Virginia 2 nd Congressional District)	\$74,791	\$98,520
2020	Scott Taylor (US Senate)	\$632,221	\$468,467
2018	Scott Taylor (Virginia 2 nd Congressional District)	\$3,693,051	\$4,083,442
2016	Scott Taylor (Virginia 2 nd Congressional District)	\$870,984	\$806,017
2016	Scott Taylor (Virginia House of Delegates 85 th District seat)	\$107,347	\$77,311
2015	Scott Taylor (exploratory committee for 2017 Virginia Lieutenant Governor run)	\$39,850	\$39,848
2014	Scott Taylor (Virginia House of Delegates 85 th District seat)	\$241,764	\$240,967
2010	Scott Taylor (Virginia 2 nd Congressional District)	\$72,693	\$64,797
2008	Scott Taylor (Mayor of Virginia Beach)	\$82,556	\$82,554
	Total:	\$5,815,257	\$5,961,923

[Virginia Public Access Project, [2015](#); [2015](#); [2013](#); [2008](#); FEC, accessed [5/15/17](#)]

OPSEC

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor headed the “Special Operations OPSEC Education Fund.”*
- ✓ *Despite the fact that the group claimed to be apolitical, group members had ties to the Bush Administration and the Birther movement.*
- ✓ *Taylor defended the presence of a Birther in the group and criticized Obama for dismissing the group on those grounds.*
- ✓ *OPSEC claimed that President Obama was responsible for national security leaks and took too much credit for the bin Laden raid.*
- ✓ *The group ran ads in battleground states before the 2012 election.*
- ✓ *OPSEC was a financially opaque group due to its status as a nonprofit.*
- ✓ *Obama was dismissive of the group.*
- ✓ *Veterans and high-ranking military personnel, including an active-duty general, criticized OPSEC.*

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Taylor Was President Of The Nonprofit “Special Operations OPSEC Education Fund,” Founded In 2012. Taylor, 33, owns a gym, a real estate business and a security consulting firm, and he is president of the Special Operations OPSEC Education Fund, a nonprofit founded in 2012 to oppose the release of special operations information by the Obama administration following the death of Osama bin Laden.” [Virginian-Pilot, [6/12/13](#)]

Taylor Claimed The Group Educated The Public About Careless Leaks Of Sensitive Military Information. “A group of military veterans and ex-intelligence officers, led by a former Navy SEAL in Virginia Beach, launched a campaign against President Barack Obama this week for what they consider careless leaks of sensitive military information and the president’s taking too much credit for the killing of Osama bin Laden. Scott Taylor, president of the Special Operations OPSEC Education Fund, which was set up as a nonprofit ‘social welfare organization,’ said the group isn’t taking sides in the presidential race but is raising the issue in an election year to draw attention to it. ‘We’re educating the public,’ said Taylor, an unsuccessful candidate in the 2nd Congressional District Republican primary two years ago. ‘We’re out here in the political season because it’s the only time that politicians pay attention.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [8/17/12](#)]

OPSEC Spokesperson Chad Kolton Served In The Bush Administration

OPSEC Spokesperson Chad Kolton Worked At Republican PR Company HDMK And Was A Former Public Affairs Staffer In For The Director Of National Intelligence. “A group that says it is comprised of former special operations and CIA officers which is criticizing the president and Obama administration officials over national security leaks and the raid that killed Osama bin Laden is getting PR support from GOP-aligned PR shop HDMK. Chad Kolton, an HDMK partner and former public affairs staffer in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and FEMA, is Spokesman for the group, called the Special Operations OPSEC Education Fund.” [O’Dwyer’s, [8/20/12](#)]

OPSEC Member Ben Smith Was Part Of The Birther Movement

Member Of OPSEC Ben Smith Was A Birther And Said Of Obama: “You Are An Imposter, You Are A Muslim...You Are The Manchurian President And May You Go Back To The Country You Were Born In When You Are Deposed You Little, Little Man (And Take All Your Communist Sympathizers With You.”

“The founder of OPSEC, ex-SEAL Scott Taylor, is a Republican who ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 2010 in Virginia. Other members of the group are tea party adherents and birthers such as Ben Smith, another ex-Navy SEAL, who said the following of President Obama: ‘You are an imposter, you are a Muslim...You are the Manchurian president and may you go back to the country you were born in when you are deposed you little, little man (and take all your communist sympathizers with you.)’” [Telegram, op-ed by Clive McFarlane, [8/27/12](#)]

Smith Also Stated That Obama Wore “Some Bad Tan Lotion Because He Looked Like An Old Bruised Banana Which Made Me Think That Harry Belafonte Was Walking Out To Give His Rendition Of ‘Day-O’ Before ‘Ole Suck And Blow’ Was To Come Out And Enlighten Us With His Blasphemous Spew.” According to news reports, Mr. Smith, commenting on the 2012 State of the Union address, had referred to President Obama as ‘the Heir Communist-in-Chief Hussein Mao-Bama.’ He also claimed that during the address the president wore ‘some bad tan lotion because he looked like an old bruised Banana which made me think that Harry Belafonte was walking out to give his rendition of ‘Day-O’ before ‘ole suck and blow’ was to come out and enlighten us with his blasphemous spew.’” [Telegram, op-ed by Clive McFarlane, [8/27/12](#)]

Smith: “You Are An Imposter, You Are A Muslim (Cassius Clay, Lew Alcindor, Barry Soetoro), You Are The Manchurian President And May You Go Back To The Country You Were Born In When You Are Deposed You Little, Little Man (And Take All Your Communist Sympathizers With You).” “Foreign Policy’s Josh Rogin today [reported](#) that the lead spokesman for OPSEC Education Fund, former Navy SEAL Ben Smith has not only been a “spokesman for the Tea Party Express, he has a long record of writings that seek to portray the president as a foreign-born imposter bent on driving a socialist-Marxist agenda. Following the president’s January 2012 State of the Union Address, Smith [wrote on his Facebook page](#), ‘This speech was given by the Heir Communist-in-Chief Hussein Mao-bama.’ ‘Smith then wrote that Obama had used ‘some bad tan lotion because he looked like an old bruised Banana which made me think that Harry Belafonte was walking out to give his rendition of ‘Day-O’ before ‘ole’ suck and blow’ was to come out and enlighten us with his blasphemous spew.’ ‘You are an Imposter, You are a Muslim (Cassius Clay, Lew Alcindor, Barry Soetoro), You are the Manchurian President and may you go back to the country you were born in when you are deposed you little, little man (and take all your communist sympathizers with you),’ Smith wrote. ‘You insult everything that was considered American. May you and your administration be a lesson to history and your posterity be lost to the rebirth of AMERICAN PATRIOTISM!’” [ABC News, [8/21/12](#)]

Taylor Brushed Aside Fox Anchor Greta Van Susteren’s Question About Birthers Within The Group:

“Well, Let Me Say That Our Response Is, In Our Group, It’s Very Diverse.” “VAN SUSTEREN: I suspect one of the sort of the -- what the president is zeroing in on is that there’s at least one member of your group who’s been quite vocal who is a member of the birther movement and has put some rather insulting things on his Facebook page about President Obama. And I suspect that he was really sort of speaking to that person. I think that’s sort of your -- I suspect that that’s what he’s driving at. Do you not agree? TAYLOR: Well, let me say that our response is, in our group, it’s very diverse. We have Obama donors, president supporters, and we have folks, of course, that are Republican. I would say that generally, the military, although it’s diverse, probably is a little bit conservative.” [Fox News Network, [8/21/12](#)]

The Associated Press Reported That Retired Major General Paul Vallely Was Also A “Birther.” ‘I don’t take these folks too seriously,’ President Barack Obama told the newspaper The Virginian-Pilot on Monday. ‘One of their members is a birther who denies I was born here, despite evidence to the contrary.’ Special Ops OPSEC member ret. Maj. Gen. Paul Vallely, who appears in the group’s film, has publicly questioned Obama’s birth in Hawaii.” [Associated Press, [8/22/12](#)]

Vallely Believed That The American People Should Have Risen Up To Depose Obama Rather Than Waiting On the Courts To Address The “Birther” Issue. “Maj. Gen. Paul Vallely, a Vietnam veteran who retired from the U.S. Army in 1993, has gotten considerable attention in the last few months as a ‘birther’ proponent. He’s even flirted with a supporter’s suggestion that he and Trump form the 2012 GOP ticket. Vallely doesn’t believe Americans should wait on the courts for the ‘birther’ issue to take hold, but should rise up as one and just tell the Obama administration it’s time to go.” [United Press International, [4/24/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed OPSEC Included “Folks From Both Sides,” Most Of Whom Were “Probably Apolitical”

Taylor Claimed That OPSEC Had “Folks From Both Sides of The Aisle. In Fact, Most Of Them Are Probably Apolitical.” “[JUAN] WILLIAMS: Well, is there political motivation behind the ad. TAYLOR: No. You know, it’s interesting of course that whoever opposes this is trying to paint it as though it’s just a GOP arm or something like that. When, in fact, we have folks from both sides of the aisle. In fact, most of them are probably apolitical.” [Fox News Network, O’Reilly Factor, 8/17/12]

Political Activities

August 2012: OPSEC Claimed It Planned To Run Ads In Six Presidential Battleground States

August 2012: OPSEC Said It Had Raised \$1 Million To Run Ads In Six Presidential Battleground States. Kolton told the Wall Street Journal that the group had raised close to \$1 million as of August to run ads in six battleground states. Although it claims to be a nonpartisan effort, its CEO, Scott Taylor, a former Navy SEAL who ran for Congress as a Republican in 2010, has said President Obama is responsible for security leaks and is taking too much credit for the bin Laden raid.” [O’Dwyer’s, [8/20/12](#)]

October 2012: OPSEC Aired Ads During The Broadcast Of ‘SEAL Team 6,’ Two Days Before The Election. “As the political propaganda controversy surrounding Harvey Weinstein’s ‘SEAL Team Six: The Raid of Osama bin Laden’ continues, OPSEC (Operation Security) told to FOX411 that it will air ads in key battleground markets during its broadcast on the National Geographic Channel two days before the election.” [Fox News, [10/26/17](#)]

Taylor: “As Soon As We Heard The Film Was Slanted To Promote [Obama]...We Knew We Had To Do Something.” “After learning of the suspicious timing and [Harvey] Weinstein’s instruction to make the President a key character in the movie that spotlights the detailed process that went into the killing of bin Laden, OPSEC, a group of former Intelligence officers and Special Operations members concerned with the impact of increasing informational leaks, immediately sought approval to run their commercial ‘Bump in the Road.’ [...] ‘As soon as we heard the film was slanted to promote (Obama) and conveniently come out just before the election, making him the President look strong on foreign policy and national security we knew we had to do something,” Taylor told us. ‘The Obama administration has grossly exploited bin Laden’s death, and all the leaked information has hindered operations and put lives at risk.’” [Fox News, [10/26/17](#)]

October 2012: In A TV Ad, Taylor Accused President Obama Of “Playing Politics With National Security And American Lives”

VIDEO: October 2012: Taylor Accused President Obama Of “Playing Politics With National Security And American Lives.” “President Obama wanted credit after our military killed bin Laden. Highly classified secrets were leaked, endangering real heroes and their families. But when terrorists kill SEALs and diplomats in Libya, this administration doesn’t tell the truth about what happened and the president says it’s just a bump in the road. There is nothing acceptable about playing politics with national security and American lives. Aren’t some things more important than politics?” Special Ops OPSEC Education Fund is responsible for the contents of this advertising.” [YouTube, OPSECTeam, [10/3/12](#)]

OPSEC Released A 22-Minute Video Titled “Dishonorable Disclosures”

OPSEC Released A 22-Minute Video Titled “Dishonorable Disclosures” Detailing The Military Failures Of The Obama Administration. “The OPSEC group, which has almost \$1 million in undisclosed financial support, initially centered its campaign on a 22-minute video titled ‘Dishonorable Disclosures’ that is offered on the Web, Taylor said. It also will pay for television ads in several states, he said. Taylor, a SEAL from 1998 to 2005, said OPSEC’s members include former SEALs, other former members of U.S. special operations forces, and retired Marines and Central Intelligence Agency officials who say that leaks are endangering troops and weakening national security.” [Virginian-Pilot, [8/17/12](#)]

Taylor Contributed Commentary To The Video, Claiming The President Had Publicized Details About The Bin Laden Raid Too Quickly. “The OPSEC video, which included commentary from several veterans, including Taylor, as well as news clips and snippets of Obama’s comments, criticized the president for moving too quickly to publicize the raid and disclose details after Navy SEALs killed bin Laden in Pakistan in May 2011.” [Virginian-Pilot, [8/17/12](#)]

The Video Claimed OPSEC’s Mission Was To Stop Obama And Other Politicians From “Leaking” Information About The Bin Laden Raid And Other Missions For Political Gain. “A web video featuring former special forces officers accuses President Barack Obama of taking too much credit for the killing of Osama bin Laden and allowing classified information about the raid to become public. The ad also includes former Navy SEALs. The organization behind the ad, the Special Operations OPSEC Education Fund, has posted the 22-minute web video on its website. [...] Over a picture of Obama, the video’s narrator says that the group’s mission is to stop politicians from using sensitive intelligence about the bin Laden raid and other clandestine programs for political benefit. In a series of interviews, former military and intelligence officers accuse Obama of seeking political gain by disclosing successful secret operations. ‘As a citizen, it is my civic duty to tell the president to stop leaking information to the enemy,’ says Benjamin Smith, identified in the video as a former Navy SEAL. ‘It will get Americans killed.’” [CNN, [8/17/12](#)]

Taylor Criticized Obama For Taking Too Much Credit For The Bin Laden Raid: “...To The Level Of Credit They Have Taken, It’s Pretty Gross.” “The leader of a group of politically active special operations veterans who oppose President Barack Obama said Friday that the level of credit the president is claiming for the raid that killed Osama bin Laden is ‘pretty gross.’ ‘I absolutely believe that the president, as should any president who presided over this type of operation, should get some credit,’ said Scott Taylor, a former Navy SEAL, speaking on CNN’s ‘Starting Point.’ ‘But to the level of credit they have taken, it’s pretty gross.’” [Politico, [8/17/12](#)]

Funding

OPSEC Was A Financially Opaque Group Due To Its Status As A Nonprofit

OPSEC Filed As A Social Welfare Group And As Such Was Able To Keep Its Donors’ Information Private. “Opsec president Scott Taylor is a former Republican congressional candidate. Another supporter and spokesman, Chad Kolton, was a former intelligence spokesman under Bush. Finally, one of the ex-CIA officials appearing in the group’s 22-minute long introductory documentary is Paul Valley, who has publicly cast doubt on the authenticity of Obama’s birth certificate. [...] With Opsec the position is less clear. The group has filed its financial status as a social welfare group. Under American campaign finance laws that means it can keep its donors’ identities private. It has, however, raised \$1m of backing so far and has appealed for public donations in the wake of its launch. [...] The initial documentary, which is presented with flashy graphics and is slickly produced, is meant to get people talking. Opsec aims to follow up its launch with TV adverts in Virginia, Florida, Ohio, Colorado, North Carolina and Nevada - all key battleground states.” [Guardian, [8/16/12](#)]

Criticism Of OPSEC

Obama Dismissed OPSEC's Claims, Citing The Presence Of A Birther Within The Group

Obama Said He Did Not “Take These Folks Too Seriously,” Citing The Presence Of A Birther Within The Group. “‘I don’t take these folks too seriously,’ President Barack Obama told the newspaper The Virginian-Pilot on Monday. ‘One of their members is a birther who denies I was born here, despite evidence to the contrary.’ Special Ops OPSEC member ret. Maj. Gen. Paul Vallely, who appears in the group’s film, has publicly questioned Obama’s birth in Hawaii.” [Associated Press, [8/22/12](#)]

Taylor Called Obama’s Statements “Condescending And Belittling To A Group That Has Collectively Literally Hundreds Of Years Of Service To This Nation.” “VAN SUSTEREN: Well, it certainly seems that there’s now -- I mean, you put out the video, then President Obama says he didn’t take you guys too seriously. And now it’s your turn, I guess, right? TAYLOR: Well, I think this is a two-part answer. First, I would say that with all due respect to the president, I think his statements were condescending and belittling to a group that has collectively literally hundreds of years of service to this nation. And the second part of the answer is I think that his dismissive statements actually mean the opposite because I think that he understands that the American people know that this kind of group has the authority and the knowledge to speak on the impacts of these leaks on troops on the ground and much more credibility than a campaign spokesperson.” [Fox News Network, [8/21/12](#)]

Other Veterans & Military Personnel Criticized OPSEC

Joint Chiefs Chairman General Martin Dempsey Criticized OPSEC For Using The Uniform For Partisan Politics. “Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey called out a group of special operations veterans for wading into politics with a video claiming President Barack Obama has taken too much credit for the killing of Osama bin Laden. ‘If someone uses the uniform, whatever uniform it is, for partisan politics, I’m disappointed by that, because I think it does erode that bond of trust that we have with the American people,’ Dempsey told Fox News in a video posted Wednesday. Dempsey said he wouldn’t comment on whether the group’s criticism is valid, but said ‘it’s not useful’ and that the military should ‘remain apolitical.’ ‘That’s how we remain our bond of trust with the American people,’ he said. ‘The American people don’t want us to be another special interest group. I mean they just don’t want that. In fact, I think it confuses them.’” [Politico, [8/22/12](#)]

Taylor: “We Have A First Amendment Right To Be Able To Speak Out, And We Feel As Though We’re Doing The Right Thing.” “Scott Taylor, one of the former Navy SEALs in the group, defended the video to Fox News’ Greta van Susteren on Tuesday, saying of Dempsey: ‘He’s active duty, we are not. We’re now citizens and we have a First Amendment right to be able to speak out, and we feel as though we’re doing the right thing.’” [Politico, [8/22/12](#)]

U.S. Army Special Forces Major Fernando Lujan Criticized Activist Veterans For Disrespect To The Commander In Chief. “A group of retired special operations and CIA officers who claim President Barack Obama revealed secret missions and turned the killing of Osama bin Laden into a campaign centerpiece are coming under criticism from some of their own. Some special operations officers say the activist veterans are breaking a sacred military creed: respect for the commander in chief. ‘This is an unprofessional, shameful action on the part of the operators that appear in the video, period,’ U.S. Army Special Forces Maj. Fernando Lujan wrote on his Facebook page, to a chorus of approval from colleagues.” [Associated Press, [8/22/12](#)]

Retired Navy SEAL Captain Rick Woolard: “I Would Prefer That SEALs And Other Special Operators Would Sit Down And Shut The Hell Up.” “‘They have a good point. I wish there was better OPSEC (operational security), and fewer leaks,’ said retired Navy SEAL Capt. Rick Woolard, who commanded several SEAL units. ‘But I would prefer that SEALs and other special operators would sit down and shut the hell up.’” [Associated Press, [8/22/12](#)]

U.S. Special Operations Command Head & Bin Laden Raid Leader Adm. Bill McRaven On OPSEC: “It Was The President Of The United States That Shouldered The Burden For This Operation, That Made The Hard Decisions.” “Special Ops OPSEC’s 20-minute video selectively edits the speech Obama delivered after the bin Laden raid, deleting the times he thanked the intelligence and military teams for the operation, and ending on reverberating repetition of his phrase ‘I directed.’ Taylor says the president’s use of the word ‘I’ overshadowed his few lines thanking the team. [...] The head of U.S. Special Operations Command sees it differently. ‘Make no mistake about it, it was the president of the United States that shouldered the burden for this operation, that made the hard decisions,’ the leader of the raid, Adm. Bill McRaven, said at this summer’s Aspen Security Forum.” [Associated Press, [8/22/12](#)]

The Atlantic On OPSEC’s Lack Of Credibility: “The Veterans’ Partisan Excesses And Absurd Public Remarks Are Turning Them Into A Laughingstock With The Special Forces Community.” “The four-month assault by former Navy SEALs and Special Forces operatives against President Obama’s handling of the Osama bin Laden raid had the potential to discredit the president’s signature foreign policy achievement, but the veterans’ partisan excesses and absurd public remarks are turning them into a laughingstock within the special forces community. [...] Then came former Navy SEAL Ben Smith, a spokesman for the OPSEC Education Fund, which has taken out ads and a 22-minute film to attack the president. Smith rather likes posting remarks on his Facebook page calling the president inflammatory nicknames like ‘Heir Communist-in-Chief Hussein Mao-bama.’ [...] Other Special Ops OPSEC members such as ret. Maj. Gen. Paul Vallely have also publicly questioned Obama’s Hawaiian birth, creating a situation where retired members of the special forces community felt compelled to renounce the group.” [Atlantic, [8/22/10](#)]

Extreme Rhetoric

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor repeatedly referred to Rep. Luria and other Congresswomen as “these girls” who “tout their national security background all the time.”*
- ✓ *Taylor compared negotiating with armed tribesman in Yemen to talking with constituents at his town hall.*

Girls With National Security Backgrounds

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Taylor Referred To Rep. Luria And Other Congresswomen As “These Girls” Who “Tout Their National Security Background All The Time.” “Former Republican Rep. Scott Taylor of Virginia referred to a group of congresswomen with national security backgrounds as ‘these girls’ who ‘tout their national security background all the time.’ Taylor made the remark when he announced he was dropping his Senate bid for a US House seat on Monday. Taylor, who is seeking the Republican nomination for a Virginia district currently represented by Democrat Elaine Luria, claimed a group of Democrats who previously worked in national security fields were immorally touting their service to justify impeaching President Donald Trump. Luria is a retired nuclear-trained surface warfare officer who served in the US Navy for 20 years. ‘These girls that have national security backgrounds, they came out way before there was any bit of evidence whatsoever, and they did so, in this op-ed, to create political cover for moderates to allow [House Speaker Nancy] Pelosi to move forward,’ Taylor said on the conservative John Fredericks radio show on Monday. ‘There’s no question about that.’ Taylor was referring to a Washington Post opinion column published in September, in which seven freshman Democrats who previously served in the US military or with intelligence agencies supported an impeachment investigation and accused Trump of ‘flagrant disregard for the law.’ [...] Taylor claimed that Luria was ‘using her military background in a disgraceful way to justify the impeachment vote,’ and that it was ‘quite frankly, the last straw.’” [Business Insider, [1/6/20](#)]

Taylor Referred To Congresswomen With National Security Backgrounds As “Those Girls” Previously

Taylor Referred To Congresswomen With National Security Backgrounds As “Those Girls” Previously. “Taylor made similar remarks in the past. In another appearance on the radio show in October, the Republican referred to the congresswomen as ‘those girls,’ and claimed Pelosi had ‘used them and their veteran ... status as cover to be able to start an impeachment inquiry.’” [Business Insider, [1/6/20](#)]

Comparing Constituents To Armed Tribesman In Yemen

Taylor Compared Negotiating With Armed Tribesmen In Yemen To Talking With Constituents At His Town Hall

Taylor Likened Dealing With Constituents At His Town Hall To Negotiating With Armed Tribesmen In Yemen: “I’ve Dealt With A Lot Of Crowds Before...I Mean, Literally With AK 47s With People Pissed Off In The Arabian Desert.” “‘Listen, calm’s contagious, especially in events. So is crazy emotions,’ [Taylor] told POLITICO after the town hall, his third in three days across his northeastern Virginia district. ‘I think it’s important

to be calm. My demeanor should always be calm.’ Not all of Taylor’s experience, of course, is replicable. ‘I’ve dealt with a lot of crowds before ... I mean, literally with AK 47s with people pissed off in the Arabian desert,’ he said, alluding to his service in Iraq and Yemen. ‘You understand very quickly how to read body language.’ But he said there are ‘mechanisms’ to reduce the likelihood of disruption and confrontation.” [Politico, [2/22/17](#)]

Ethics

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor voted against curtailing use of some travel perks by senior administration officials.*
- ✓ *2017: Taylor rented his district office for almost \$5,000 a month from a luxury office building in downtown Virginia Beach.*
- ✓ *Taylor said the crowds of people at his town halls did not represent the majority views of his district.*
 - ✓ *Taylor claimed that most of his town hall constituents were Democrats.*
 - ✓ *Taylor admitted that there were no “paid protestors” at his town halls.*
 - ✓ *Taylor compared talking to constituents at his town halls with negotiating with armed tribesmen in Yemen.*
- ✓ *Taylor condemned Greg Gianforte’s assault of a reporter but said that Montanans had clearly chosen to elect him.*
- ✓ *Taylor would not say whether Trump’s tweets constituted official presidential statements.*
- ✓ *Taylor accused CNN of being biased against Trump.*
- ✓ *Taylor has a proven record of misusing his unofficial and official social media accounts and blocking constituents’ access to his Facebook and Twitter.*
 - ✓ *Taylor campaign social media accounts used and promoted official resources.*
- ✓ *Taylor potentially violated campaign finance rules in using his state campaign funds to aid his congressional campaign.*
- ✓ *Taylor employed his nephew to work for his campaign.*
- ✓ *While in the Virginia House of Delegates, Taylor tried to lower property taxes, which may have directly benefited his real estate business.*

Government Perks

Airfare

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Ensure That Senior Political Appointees Did Not Spend Federal Funds On Private Air Travel

2018: Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Ensure That Senior Political Appointees Did Not Spend Federal Funds On Private Air Travel. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule...” According to Rep. Torres, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative Lieu’s H.R. 3876, the

SWAMP FLYERS Act. This legislation will ensure that senior political appointees are not using Federal funds for official travel on private aircraft.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 225-190. [H Res 839, [Vote #150](#), 4/25/18; CQ, [4/25/18](#); Congressional Record, HR 3518, [4/25/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Extending Whistleblower Protections Pertaining To Employees Who Disclose Information About Improper Use Of Aircrafts By Government Officials

2017: Taylor Voted Against Extending Whistleblower Protections Pertaining To Employees Who Disclose Information About Improper Use Of Aircrafts By Government Officials. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “O’Halleran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill would extend the whistleblower protections in the underlying bill pertaining to employees who disclose information about the improper use of aircraft by government officials.” The motion was rejected 232-190. [S 585, [Vote #567](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#), DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [11/13/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Trump Officials Caught Splurging On Luxury Travel.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Social Media Misuse

March 2017: Constituents Accused Taylor Of Blocking Constituents’ Comments From His Facebook Page

HEADLINE: “Rep. Scott Taylor’s Facebook Page Scrubbed Of Constituents’ Posts.” [Southside Daily, [3/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Local Women Say They Were Blocked From Rep. Scott Taylor’s Facebook Page.” [WAVY, [3/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Constituents Hammer Virginia Republican For Blocking Them: ‘If You Can’t Take It—Stop Using Facebook.’” [Raw Story, [3/6/17](#)]

Taylor Defended Blocking Users Who Acted “Out Of Line” And Blamed Activist Groups That Sprang Up After The Women’s March For Disruptive Behavior. “Taylor said his staff is authorized to block users from his Facebook page if they act ‘out of line,’ and he complained that activist groups that sprang up from the Women’s March were organized to ‘disrupt’ public meetings and social media pages.” [Raw Story, [3/6/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Rep. Taylor Defends Booting Opponents Off Facebook Page; Critics Claim Free Speech Rights Violated.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

The ACLU Asserted That Taylor Might Have Violated The First Amendment. “However, the head of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia said Wednesday that Taylor may be violating the Constitution’s First Amendment protection of free speech. Taylor and Weldon, who have conferred with House of Representatives administrators, disagree. They argue that constituents have many other ways, including another Facebook site, to speak to the lawmaker. The dispute, sparked by some members of local groups formed to oppose President Donald Trump’s administration, centers on one of Taylor’s two Facebook pages. He has removed several comments that he or Weldon decided were disagreeable from Taylor’s self-described unofficial political page that he started almost a decade ago.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

Taylor Had Two Facebook Pages, One Official And One Self-Described As Unofficial. “The dispute, sparked by some members of local groups formed to oppose President Donald Trump’s administration, centers on one of Taylor’s two Facebook pages. He has removed several comments that he or Weldon decided were disagreeable from Taylor’s self-described unofficial political page that he started almost a decade ago.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

A Constituent Pointed To The Discrepancy Between Followers Of Taylor’s Unofficial And Official Accounts As Proof That Taylor Was Using His ‘Unofficial’ Account In An Official Capacity. “In the letter, Mehta also claimed that Taylor uses his unofficial social media accounts in an official capacity, citing the discrepancy in the number of followers his unofficial and official Facebook pages have – 56,000 to 2,000, respectively. ‘It is also evident that you communicate with your constituents in an official capacity on the unofficial page, discussing voting decisions, policy and descriptions/photos of public appearances in your official capacity as a congressman,’ Mehta wrote.” [Williamsburg Yorktown Daily, [6/29/17](#)]

Taylor: “If You Want To Be Able To Come On My Unofficial Facebook And Troll It...Say Bad Things...And Be Offensive Or Abusive - I Don’t Think So.” “Taylor said his personal page is not a platform for his opponents to have free rein to speak out to its more than 55,000 followers. The page has been used regularly by Taylor and his supporters for election or legislative information, comments and news reports, as well as for offering live and recorded video of his town halls. ‘Every campaign in this nation does that. We have that discretion,’ he said. ‘If you want to be able to come on my unofficial Facebook and troll it ... say bad things ... and be offensive or abusive - I don’t think so.’ Taylor notes that his relatively new official page, which has just under 200 followers, does not remove comments as long as they don’t violate his standards for abuse or profanity. He said comments that offer different political views are not removed.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

Taylor Said His Personal Page Was Not A Platform For Detractors, Though The Page Was Often Used To Promote Legislative Information And News Reports. “Taylor said his personal page is not a platform for his opponents to have free rein to speak out to its more than 55,000 followers. The page has been used regularly by Taylor and his supporters for election or legislative information, comments and news reports, as well as for offering live and recorded video of his town halls. ‘Every campaign in this nation does that. We have that discretion,’ he said. ‘If you want to be able to come on my unofficial Facebook and troll it ... say bad things ... and be offensive or abusive - I don’t think so.’ Taylor notes that his relatively new official page, which has just under 200 followers, does not remove comments as long as they don’t violate his standards for abuse or profanity. He said comments that offer different political views are not removed.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

Political Director Scott Weldon Claimed Taylor Was Within His Rights To Block Posts On His Personal Facebook. “Some opponents of Rep. Scott Taylor are crying foul that the Virginia Beach Republican is blocking their comments on his personal Facebook page. It’s true that some people’s comments or postings are removed, but Taylor is well within his rights to do so, his political director, Scott Weldon, said Wednesday. Democrats aren’t allowed to ‘rabble-rouse’ on the legislator’s personal page, Weldon said.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

Weldon Defined The Unofficial Page As Taylor’s Campaign Page And Defended Blocking People: “Democratic Activists Do Not Get To Dictate The Dialogue About How Our Campaign Page Is Run, Period.” “100 percent of our constituents have official access to us via email, a physical office, phone lines, official social media, etc. We not only ask for the opinions of everyone, we also do not mind dissent from Rep. Taylor’s beliefs. That being said, if people are rude or abusive towards anyone on our unofficial political page we reserve the right to revoke their posting privileges; this has been the case with Republicans and Democrats. Furthermore, we do not shy away from those who disagree with us, this was clearly demonstrated during recent town halls and on the page itself. Lastly, democrat activists do not get to dictate the dialogue about how our campaign page is run, period.” [WAVY, [3/7/17](#)]

Weldon Removed Disagreeable Comments From Taylor’s ‘Unofficial’ Page. “The dispute, sparked by some members of local groups formed to oppose President Donald Trump’s administration, centers on one of Taylor’s two Facebook pages. He has removed several comments that he or Weldon decided were disagreeable from Taylor’s self-described unofficial political page that he started almost a decade ago.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

The Congressional Research Service Advised Legislators That They Can Have Unofficial Social Media Accounts But Those Cannot Use Government Resources. “The Congressional Research Service advised federal legislators in an October report that they can have ‘non-official social media accounts, such as campaign or personal accounts’ separate from their official web pages. Those non-official accounts can’t use government resources. Weldon, who said he is paid by Taylor’s campaign to be its part-time political director in addition to his full-time congressional job as Taylor’s communications director, noted he works on the unofficial page only while away from his government duties.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

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Weldon Claimed He Only Manned The Page While Away From His Government Duties. “The Congressional Research Service advised federal legislators in an October report that they can have ‘non-official social media accounts, such as campaign or personal accounts’ separate from their official web pages. Those non-official accounts can’t use government resources. Weldon, who said he is paid by Taylor’s campaign to be its part-time political director in addition to his full-time congressional job as Taylor’s communications director, noted he works on the unofficial page only while away from his government duties.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

The State ACLU Stated That Taylor’s Personal Page Could Be Viewed As A Protected “Limited Public Forum.” “Claire Guthrie Gastañaga, executive director of the state’s ACLU, said Taylor’s personal page can be viewed as a protected ‘limited public forum’ that constituents use to reach their congressional representative. ‘It’s no different than a city council meeting,’ she said. ‘I think there are some pretty significant questions raised about whether he’s engaged in viewpoint discrimination in violation of the First Amendment in a limited public forum,’ Gastañaga said. ‘He was using the Facebook page as a place to meet his constituents and engage them. ... It means you cannot discriminate based on the content of the speech.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

Taylor Argued That There Was No Free-Speech Restrictions Because All Of His Constituents Could Reach Him Or His Staff. “Taylor argues there is no free-speech restriction because all of his constituents can reach him or his staff by many mediums including Facebook, email, traditional mail, telephone or a visit to his office. He acknowledged his decision to remove comments that he dislikes can upset opponents. ‘It’s the member’s discretion, and then of course you have to deal with your constituency,’ he said. The Congressional Research Service advised federal legislators in an October report that they can have ‘non-official social media accounts, such as campaign or personal accounts’ separate from their official web pages. Those non-official accounts can’t use government resources. Weldon, who said he is paid by Taylor’s campaign to be its part-time political director in addition to his full-time congressional job as Taylor’s communications director, noted he works on the unofficial page only while away from his government duties.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Rep. Scott Taylor Calls Out ACLU For Criticizing His Removal Of Negative Facebook Comments.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

April 2017: Virginia Beach Ministers Called For An Ethics Investigation Into Taylor’s Use Of His Campaign Social Media Accounts For Official Purposes

Members Of The Interdenominational Ministers Conference Led By President James Allen Sent A Letter To The Congressional Ethics Office Claiming That Taylor Used His Campaign Social Media Accounts For Official Purposes. “VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (WAVY) – Members of the Interdenominational Ministers Conference want the Office of Congressional Ethics to launch an investigation into the social media activity of Representative Scott Taylor. The group’s president, James Allen, sent a letter complaining that Rep. Taylor has used his campaign social media accounts for official purposes.” [WAVY, [4/12/17](#)]

Allen Alleged That Taylor Was Violating A House Code Of Official Conduct Rule Stating That Members Should Behave In A Manner That Reflects Creditably On The House. “Allen sent a three-page letter and nine pages of what he calls evidence, to support his claim. ‘You can’t mix campaign and official business. If you do so, then you are violating a very important ethics rule,’ Allen said. ‘Basically all we’re asking Congressman Taylor to do is to make sure that he does things properly and by the rules of the Congressional office.’ According to the complaint, Allen alleges Representative Taylor is violating Rule 23 of the House Code of Official Conduct. It says members of the House shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House.” [WAVY, [4/12/17](#)]

Taylor Issued A Statement In Response Lambasting The Complainant As A “Radical Liberal Activist With A Political Ax To Grind.” “The allegations made in the complaint are demonstrably false. Further, this complaint was filed by a radical liberal activist with a political ax to grind. He and those around him have repeatedly used up my staff’s time and taxpayer resources to advance their liberal political agenda.” [WAVY, [4/12/17](#)]

June 2017: The American Civil Liberties Union Of Virginia Stated That Taylor Had Violated His Constituents’ First Amendment Rights

June 2017: Virginia ACLU Sent Taylor A Letter Claiming That He Had Violated The First Amendment Rights of His Constituents. “According to multiple complaints from Congressman Scott Taylor’s constituents, they were blocked or had their comments removed from Taylor’s government-sponsored social media, including his Twitter and Facebook pages, even though their comments didn’t contain any profane, threatening, or discriminatory language. We sent Taylor a letter explaining how his censorship of opposing viewpoints in a limited public forum violates his constituents’ rights to free speech.” [American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, [6/22/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Virginia ACLU To Rep. Taylor: Stop Blocking Constituents.” [Williamsburg Yorktown Daily, [6/29/17](#)]

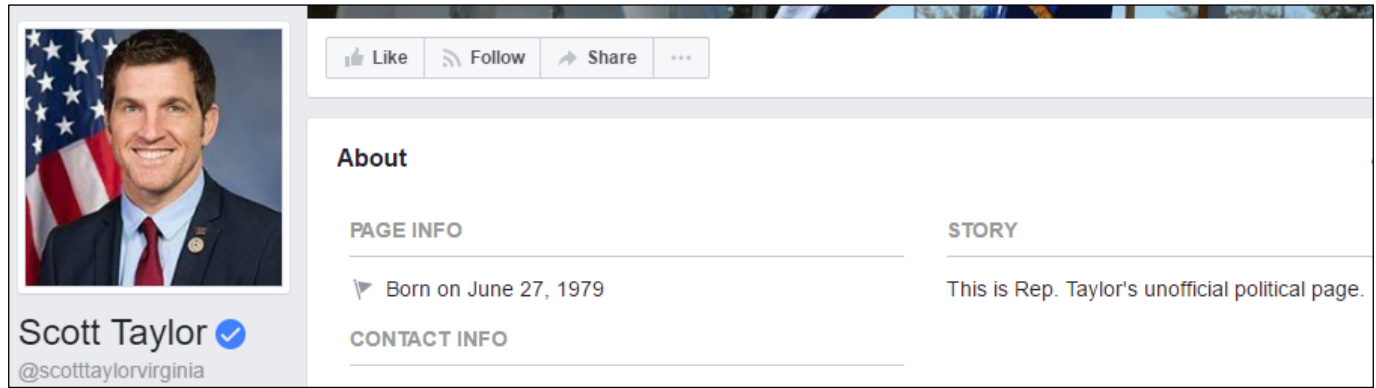
July 2017: A Federal Court Ruled That Public Officials Could Not Block Social Media Users Because Of Their Criticism

A Federal Court Ruled That The First Amendment Prohibited Public Officials From Blocking Any Social Media Users In Davison V. Loudoun County Board Of Supervisors. “This week, a federal court weighed in on the question in a case with obvious parallels to Trump’s. It determined that the First Amendment’s Free Speech Clause does indeed prohibit officeholders from blocking social media users on the basis of their views. Davison v. Loudoun County Board of Supervisors involved the chair of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, Phyllis J. Randall.” [Slate, [7/28/17](#)]

Despite House Ethics Rules, Taylor’s Campaign Account Shared And Promoted Official Resources

Taylor Maintained A Facebook Page He Described As “Rep. Taylor’s Unofficial Political Page”

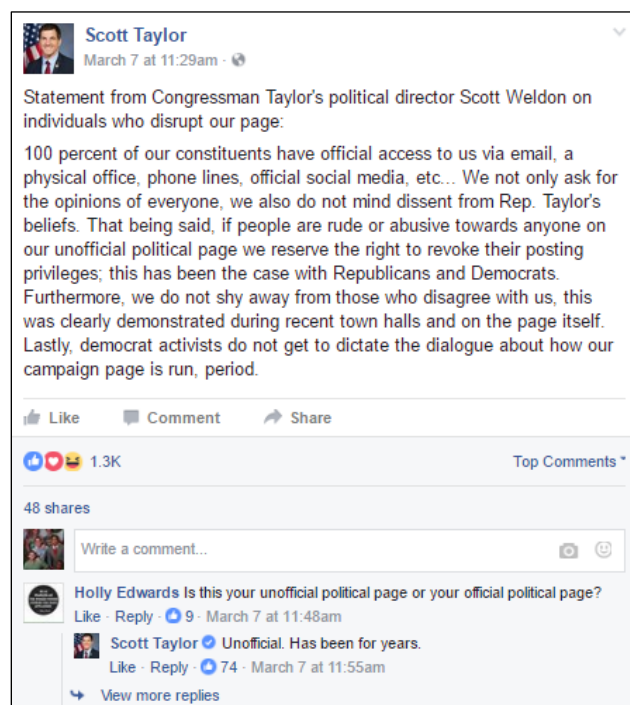
Taylor Maintained A Facebook Page He Described As “Rep. Taylor’s Unofficial Political Page.” As of March 10th, 2017, under the “Story” section of the “About” page, it states: “This is Rep. Taylor’s unofficial political page.” Below is a screenshot of the page. [Scott Taylor campaign Facebook, accessed [3/10/17](#)]



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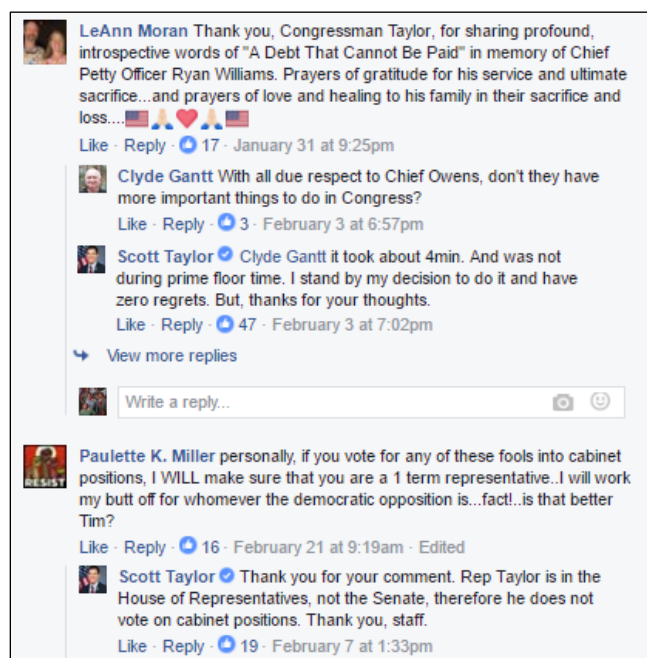
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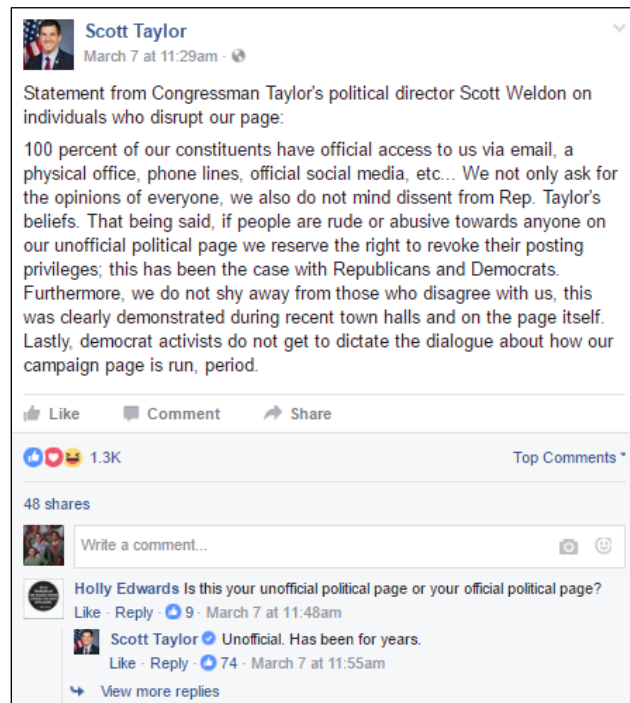
2017: Scott Taylor's Staff Responded To Facebook Comments

Scott Taylor And His Staff Responded To Facebook Comments. On February 3rd, 2017, Rep. Scott Taylor responded to a comment about his floor speech, defending his decision to do it, saying, "Clyde Gantt it took about 4min. And was not during prime floor time. I stand by my decision to do it and have zero regrets. But, thanks for your thoughts." On February 7th, 2017, Rep. Taylor's staff responded to a Facebook comment from the same post, saying, "Thank you for your comment. Rep Taylor is in the House of Representatives, not the Senate, therefore he does not vote on cabinet positions. Thank you, staff." [Scott Taylor Facebook, [1/31/17](#)]



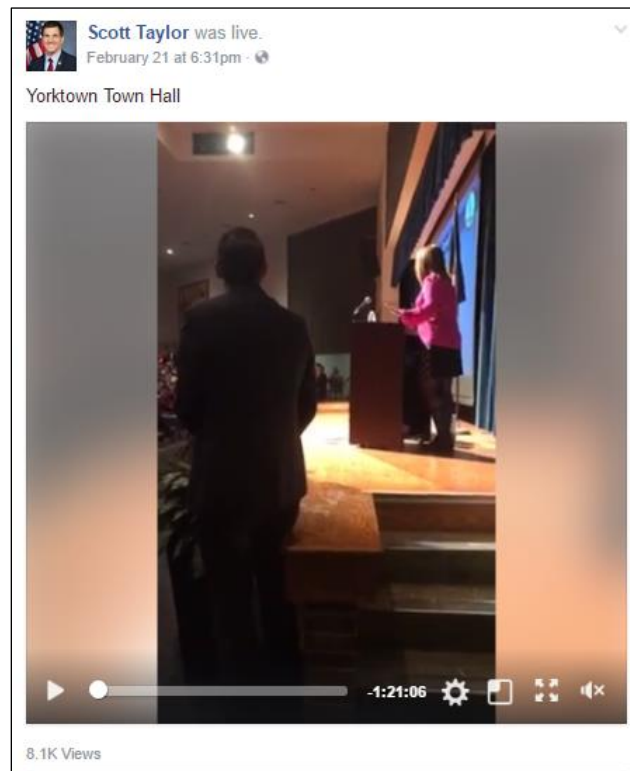
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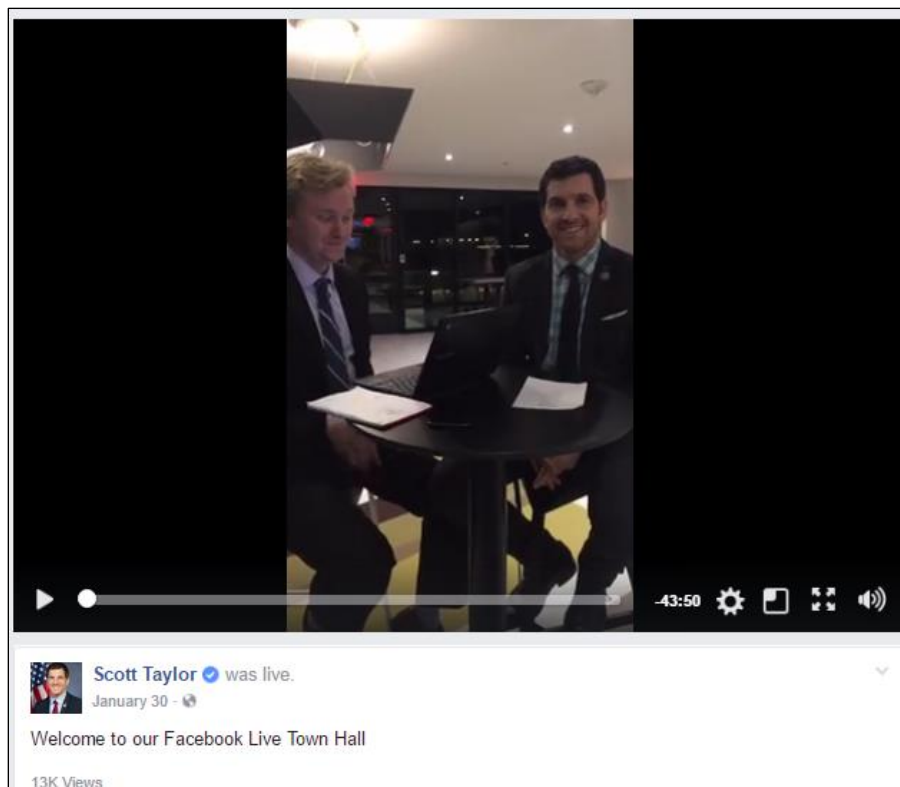
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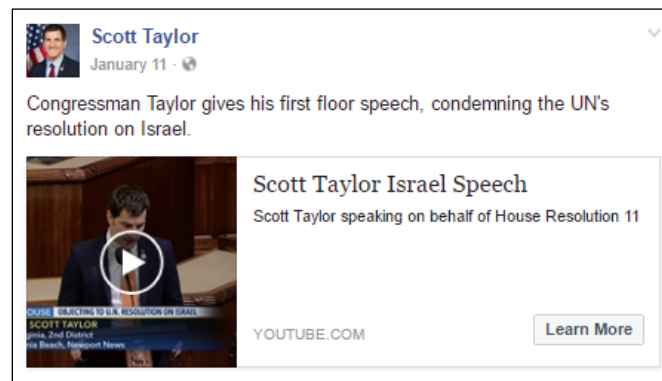
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2016: Taylor Posted Multiple Campaign-Related Posts On Facebook

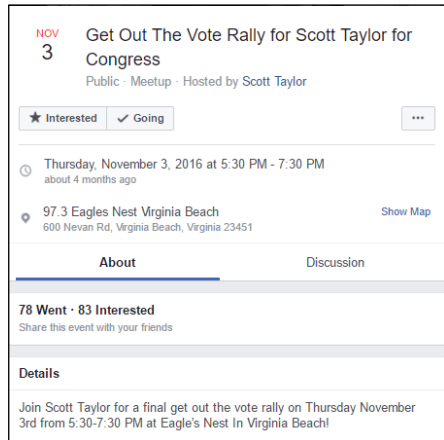
September 26th, 2016: Posted General Campaign Fundraising Request. On September 26th, 2016, Scott Taylor’s campaign Facebook posted a fundraising request for the campaign. According to the post, “The countdown Continues! We have 2 days until an important fundraising deadline. We have already reached over half of our \$50,000 goal. Do you think you can help me reach my goal with a \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 or even \$1,000 contribution today? Click the link below to give!” Below is a screenshot of the post. [Scott Taylor Facebook, [9/26/16](#)]



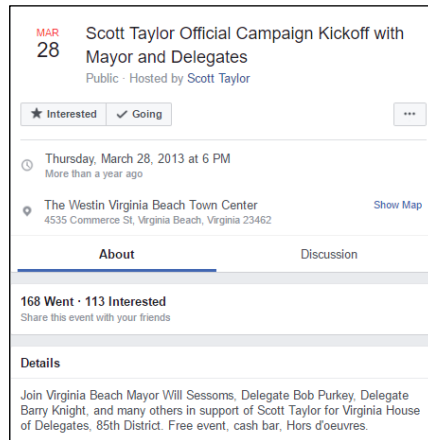
May 30th, 2016: Posted Primary Campaign Event. On May 30th, 2016, Scott Taylor’s campaign Facebook posted the following: “Please share and invite your friends to this event at Eagles Nest Rockin Country Bar! This is our last campaign rally before the election! Come listen to Cheap Thrills VA, get some food/drinks, and support our campaign for Congress! This is about our future. Washington is broken and we need a fresh start! Vote Taylor for U.S. Congress June 14th”. A screenshot of the post is below. [Scott Taylor Facebook, accessed [5/30/16](#)]



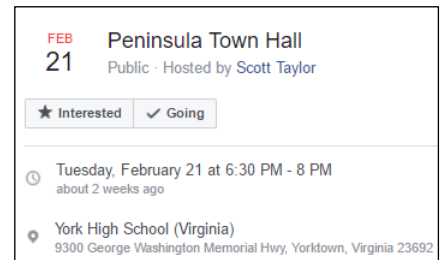
2013-17: Multiple Campaign And Official Events Posted In “Events” Section. From 2013 to 2017, in the “Events” section, Scott Taylor’s Facebook page had posted multiple campaign – both state and federal – events in addition to official events. Below is a screenshot of a few of the events. A full screenshot is also saved to the drive and can be accessed here. [Scott Taylor Facebook, accessed [3/10/17](#)]



[Scott Taylor Facebook, [11/03/16](#)]



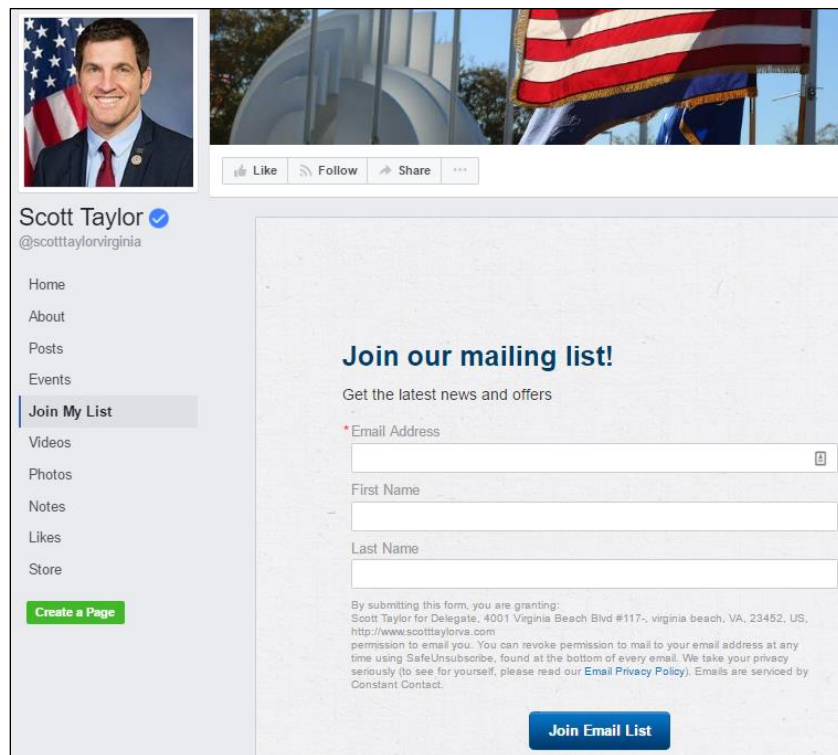
[Scott Taylor Facebook, [3/28/13](#)]



[Scott Taylor Facebook, [2/21/17](#)]

Taylor's "Join My List" Section Referred To State Delegate Information

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2008: Taylor Got Press Coverage For Using Social Media, Especially To Appeal To Women

HEADLINE: "Long-Shot Candidate Taps Social Networking Sites To Broaden His Appeal." [Virginian-Pilot, [10/11/08](#)]

Taylor Utilized Social Media In 2009 Run For Governor And Focused On Reaching The Female Population: "Registered Women Vote More Than Registered Men." "Scott Taylor wants to be mayor, and he's an underdog.

He's up against Meyera Oberndorf, the 20-year incumbent who's got name recognition spilling out of her high-top red Converse. And John Moss with his anti-tax legionnaires. And as if that weren't enough, he's also trying to beat back Will Sessoms, a former City Council member who's got campaign funds bulging from his vest pockets. But on his MySpace page, Taylor's got something that the others don't. He's got 'Perfect Dark Amazon.' He's got 'Dominican Dyme,' showing a mile of leg and spilling something other than campaign funds from her breast pockets. He's got Audrey, whose photo could get you in trouble if you check it out on a work computer. He's got Annie and Jennifer and Patsy. 'You think I haven't noticed?' Taylor said, when asked about his online supporters. Then he slipped back into political mode. 'Registered women vote more than registered men.'" [Virginian-Pilot, [10/11/08](#)]

Taylor Had MySpace, Facebook, MiGente, Twitter, Digg, Black Planet, Moses, Asian Avenue, And Meetup Pages. "Taylor's a 30-year-old former Navy SEAL who's making more of the Internet than any of the other candidates. He has campaign pages on MySpace, Facebook, MiGente (Spanish-language, which he speaks). He's on Twitter, Digg, Black Planet, Moses, Asian Avenue and Meetup.com. Taylor's got subtly gelled hair and sideburns long enough to be in but not so long as to keep him out of business meetings. His campaign photo seems pulled from the pages of Esquire or GQ. He wouldn't want any of that to imply he's not serious about being mayor. He's done a video blog while riding an HRT bus about the shortcomings of mass transit. He's working on one with a small-business owner. Who better to represent veterans, he says, than a veteran?" [Virginian-Pilot, [10/11/08](#)]

Town Halls & Access Issues

Taylor Held Three Town Halls In Early 2017

February 2017: Taylor Held Three Highly Combative Town Halls

The Virginian-Pilot Reported That "Three Nights Of Confrontational Questions From Unhappy Constituents Haven't Caused Rep. Scott Taylor To Temper His Conservative Views." "Three nights of confrontational questions from unhappy constituents haven't caused Rep. Scott Taylor to temper his conservative views. Nor is he going to step up criticisms of President Donald Trump. 'I'm not sure they've changed very much, to be honest with you,' Taylor said Friday. But the Virginia Beach Republican stressed he doesn't take lightly the large turnouts at his recent town halls, or people's comments. More than 1,800 filled three venues last week with hundreds more unable to get inside. While Taylor was the focus of their questions, he acknowledged that many were there because of angst over Trump's behavior and policies. 'There's definitely concern and energy,' said Taylor, who plans to conduct more town halls before summer's end. 'I knew that and that's why we did this. We knew there was energy there pent up. People wanted to release it and their voices heard.' [...] In the noisier sessions, Taylor endured shout-outs or boos when he explained why he supported repealing and replacing Obamacare." [Virginian-Pilot, [2/27/17](#)]

Attendance At Taylor's Town Halls Was Heavy

The Economist Reported That Almost 1,000 Locals Waited To Attend Taylor's Town Hall And There Were Long Lines. "Consider the long lines of constituents wrapped around a high school in Virginia Beach on February 20th, sacrificing their time on a public holiday to meet their Republican congressman, Scott Taylor. Undistracted by a mild, golden-hued evening worthy of early summer, almost 1,000 locals waited in line for seats." [Economist, [2/23/17](#)]

700 People Filled The Auditorium And 200 Waited Outside. "Finally, a striking number of the 700 people filling the auditorium (a further 200 waited outside) queried the cost of providing Secret Service protection each time Mr Trump spends the weekend at his Florida estate, or for the president's grown sons when they go on business trips, for instance to open a golf club in Dubai--a 'disgusting' expense, one constituent said." [Economist, [2/23/17](#)]

Many Constituents Were Turned Away From Taylor's Virginia Beach Town Hall Because Of A Fire Code.

"Representative Scott Taylor is hosting a series of town hall meetings this week in Virginia, and they have already turned testy. With his Eastern Shore appearance set for Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa, Taylor has already endured a barrage of questions during his Monday night meeting in Virginia Beach. [...] At Taylor's Virginia Beach meeting, hundreds of people showed up over an hour early to wait in line, but many were still turned away due to the fire code. People who made it into the auditorium had questions about Russia, Trump's taxes, Obamacare and much more. 'We are here, because I believe everyone should have a seat at the table,' explained Scott Taylor. People traveled from the Peninsula, Norfolk, and even Suffolk to hear what Taylor and other members of the community had to say." [Daily Times, 2/22/17]

Taylor On Safety At Town Hall Events: "There Are Legitimate Safety Concerns." "CAVUTO: Yes, I noticed you were doing that. But a lot of your colleagues, Congressman, have had it with this and being set up or becoming a piñata. So, some have canceled it. In the case of one New Jersey congressman, I think he entertaining only telephone questions. I'm not sure of the details on that, so, please don't hold me to that, but that they're getting twice shy by these developments. What do you think of that? TAYLOR: Well, you know, let me first say, of course -- and I spoke to a lot of members of Congress. And there are legitimate safety concerns. And that's something that they have to make sure that they're equipped and everything is and people will be safe for that." [Fox News Network, 2/23/17]

According To Taylor, The Question-Asking Process Was Random

Taylor Claimed That He Had Constituents Write Down Their Questions But The Question-Asking Process Was Random. "TAYLOR: Well, our third town hall was last night. [...] So, there are certainly techniques on where people ask questions, how you get them to ask questions. For example, instead of just giving the microphone to a crowd, we had people write it on index cards. And, randomly, we would pull out, pull out there, and we would answer the questions." [Fox News, 2/23/17]

A Constituent Of Taylor's Claimed That She And Many Others Did Not Get To Ask Their Questions. "I attended U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor's town hall at York High School. I reside in the 2nd Congressional District. I stood in line in the cold for an hour. I submitted my one allowed written question. I sat in the auditorium listening to Congressman Taylor's answers that often lacked specificity. What I was not allowed to do was ask my question. Many others were also denied this right. It should have been obvious to Rep. Taylor and his staff that we were concerned about the current administration's actions and wanted answers. Several speakers, both male and female, actually cried as they asked their questions. If Rep. Taylor truly cared about our concerns, he would have remained on that stage until every question was answered. That would have been democracy in action. He seems to forget that he works for us, even those who do not support his agenda. Pam Pouchot, Yorktown." [Daily Press, Letter to the Editor, 2/25/17]

Taylor Promised That Constituents Whose Questions Were Not Addressed During The Town Hall Would Be Addressed In Writing. "U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor's first town hall meeting with his Eastern Shore of Virginia constituents was filled to capacity nearly an hour before it began, leaving more than 50 people unable to get into the Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa. [...] Attendees submitted their questions in writing before the town hall, and Taylor pledged that constituents whose written questions did not get answered during the event will get an answer in writing." [Delmarva Daily Times, 2/23/17]

Taylor Claimed Most Of The Attendees At His Town Halls Were Democrats

Taylor: "...Most Of The Folks That Are In My Town Hall Are On The Other Side Of Me Politically." "TAYLOR: There's definitely some strong feelings in my town halls for sure. And to be fair and to be factual, most of the folks that are in my town hall are on the other side of me politically. And that's fine. Usually that's the type of folks who show up to town halls, when they have a grievance. But there's issues, of course, with the president." [CNN, 2/23/17]

Taylor: “We Had A Couple People That Are Actually From The Local Democrat Party Who Were Trying To Make People Cheer And Rabble-Rouse...I Can See Them Start To Try To Get The Crowd To Shout—Chant Unnecessarily, Not Even For Policies, But Just Chant.” “TAYLOR: You did have a couple people -- we had a couple people that are actually from the local Democrat Party who were trying to make people cheer and rabble-rouse, if you will. And those kind of folks, you need to isolate them, because they’re -- you know, energy happens really quickly. CAVUTO: Well, how do you isolate -- how do you isolate them? TAYLOR: Call them out. Call them out. I’m from here, right? So, I know the people in that party. And I can see them start to try to get the crowd to shout -- chant unnecessarily, not even for policies, but just chant.” [Fox News, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor Criticized Democrats In The Audience As Rabble-Rousers And “Agitators”...

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Taylor Criticized Democrats At His Town Hall: “I Saw A Lot Of Members Of The Virginia Beach Democratic Party...I’m Embarrassed By Their Tactics...Inciting People To Shout Over People.” “The audience was noticeably larger at U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor’s town hall Tuesday at Yorktown High School but avoided the verbal brawl that marred his forum Monday in Virginia Beach. Taylor was booed for some answers he gave to questions from the 900-plus people in the Yorktown audience and was applauded for others. But he endured considerably fewer shouts and catcalls than at Kempsville High School on Monday night. [...] Taylor is convinced the protesters’ comments do not represent the views of most residents of the 2nd Congressional District. He blamed Democrats. ‘I saw a lot of members of the Virginia Beach Democratic Party. ... I’m embarrassed by their tactics ... inciting people to shout over people,’ he said.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/20/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Would Advise His Fellow Congressmen Who Held Town Halls That If A “Rabble Rouser” Seemed Intent On Disrupting To “Isolate Them” Until They Were Shamed Into Silence. “For example, Taylor said he’d counsel his colleague to wait silently whenever their room breaks out into sustained applause or jeers - rather than attempt to talk over protests. But if a ‘rabble rouser’ seems intent on disrupting, he’s got another strategy: ‘you isolate them’ until they’re shamed into silence.” [Politico, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Conceded Some Town Hall Attendees Were “Organically Concerned”

Taylor: “There Are A Lot Of Concerned People That Didn’t Vote For The President That Feel They Have Legitimate Issues And I Feel Some Of Them Are Legitimate Too.” “Rep. Scott Taylor will be hosting three town halls in the area this week. The first was held Monday inside Kempsville High School where Rep. Taylor fielded questions for about 90 minutes. The questions centered around the Affordable Care Act, the environment, President Trump’s ties to Russia and whether the president should release his tax returns. Congressman Taylor at times seemed to get rattled from the majority-Democrat crowd, which booed a lot of his answers. ‘I think it went fine. This is pretty much what I expected. People were loud. We had the Virginia Beach Democratic Party. They were the ones initiating the chanting,’ he said. ‘There are a lot of concerned people that didn’t vote for the president that feel they have legitimate issues and I feel some of them are legitimate too.’” [CBS – 3 WTKR, 2/20/17]

Taylor: “Virginia Beach Democrats [Were] Inciting Shouts And Everything.” “TAYLOR: We have a third one tonight, like you said. And you showed some video there where I actually mentioned the V.B. Virginia Beach Democrats and actual particular name, because I live here. I know folks here. And they were certainly some organization with them and some inciting shouts and everything. And that’s fine, no problem. There have been -- there are some folks who have come organically who have never been engaged before. And that’s a good thing.” [CNN, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor: “I Don’t Agree With Folks In The Other Party Organizing Things To Specifically Shout People Down.” “BALDWIN: I’m listening to you. And I hear your stand there. There are people there. How dangerous is it to have the president lump all these people together as organized by liberal activists, which is precisely what he did in that tweet? TAYLOR: Look, I don’t agree with that statement, his statement. I don’t agree with that. I don’t agree with folks in the other party organizing things to specifically shout people down. I think both of those things are dangerous. And it puts the safety of people who are just simply trying to express their concerns at risk.” [CNN, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Differentiated Between Protesters And Constituents Who Were “Organically Concerned.”

“BALDWIN: Let me just ask you more broadly on the folks who are showing up. Again, you have town hall number three tonight. And you have the White House and with the president’s tweet and even Sean Spicer saying half of these people have valid issues, but half of them, he said, are some professional manufactured protesters. How dangerous is that sort of language? Or do you agree with the president, with the White House on their criticism of these people? TAYLOR: Well, I don’t know where they’re getting their data from. I’m not sure. I haven’t spoken to them. BALDWIN: But you have been there. TAYLOR: I can only speak for my district. BALDWIN: Yes. TAYLOR: That’s what I’m saying. I can speak for my district. I tell you, sure, there’s the local opposition party, faithful opposition has organized, has shouted, stuff like that. There are a couple of people who I can point them out to you who are trying to incite the crowd and make them shout. That being said, there are also plenty of people who are organically concerned. They’re concerned. They’re coming out to these town halls to express these opinions. And I think that’s great that they’re concerned. And I want to hear them. I want them to have a seat at the table. And I want to listen to them. So, I want to hear them and listen to them, but not be shouted... (CROSSTALK)” [CNN, [2/22/17](#)]

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Taylor Said He Did Not Notice “Paid Protestors” At His Town Hall

Taylor Admitted That He Did Not Notice Any “Paid Protesters.” “CAVUTO: But are they part of your district, Congressman? Are they allowed to be there or is something -- we always get these reports. TAYLOR: Yes. CAVUTO: I don’t know what is true, where people just sort of flood these events and they’re not even from the said district of the congress man or woman. TAYLOR: Well, we were certainly -- you have to be careful, of course. You want everybody to participate. There are -- sometimes people get left out, of course. But I didn’t see any paid protesters. I’m not aware of that. There were some organic folks that have never been involved before, which is good. That’s a good thing.” [Fox News, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Saw “Agitators” But “[Had] No Evidence Of Any Paid Protesters In My Area For Sure.” “COOPER: You know, Some Republicans have suggested that some of the angry crowds are paid protesters, which frankly is the same argument Democrats made against Tea Party protesters back in 2009. Is that what

you're seeing or to you is the anger real? Are these folks from your district from the area who have real concerns? TAYLOR: Well, thanks for having me tonight. I really appreciate it. I have no evidence of any paid protesters in my area for sure. [...] We had a couple folks that were there that were agitators that literally were like trying to get the crowd going as you very well know, it doesn't take much in a room like that to sort of get emotions going." [CNN, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed The Opinions Of The Crowds Attending His Town Halls Were Not Representative Of The Views Of His Constituents

Taylor Argued That The Views Of The Town Hall Audiences Were "Not Representative" Of His District

Taylor Called The Crowds Attending His Town Halls "Legitimate" But Added That Just Because It's Real Doesn't Mean The Views Of Town Hall Attendees Reflect Broader Popular Opinion: "It's Not Representative Of My Whole District. It's Just Not." "Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Va.), who held three town halls on consecutive days this week in his coastal district also called his crowds 'legitimate' and compared it to the tea party unrest that swept House Republicans into power in 2010. But just because it's real, he added, doesn't mean the views of town hall attendees reflect broader popular opinion. 'It's not representative of my whole district. It's just not,' he said. 'That being said, they're just as important as anybody else in my district.'" [Politico, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor Implied That Democratic Protesters Were Stepping Over The Line

Taylor Claimed That A Protester Had Been Charged With Assault At One Of His Town Halls: "One Of My Protesters Was Charged With Assault...So What I'm Saying To You Is I Don't Agree With The Behavior." "BERMAN: You also say that protestors on either side will be serving in Congress -- you know, beside you -- and these protesters were not charged with assault as the new congressman was but I do get your point. You spoke out. You said -- you said -- TAYLOR: One of my protestors was charged with assault, sir, at one of my -- at one of my town halls, so what I'm saying to you is I don't agree with the behavior. I think it's unacceptable for an elected official. There's no question about that. ...He will deal with those consequences. And I will tell you that I wish that all leaders on both sides would call for a reduction in emotions and tensions across our nation. That is the right thing to do." [CNN, [5/26/17](#)]

Taylor Stated That He Wished Nancy Pelosi Criticized "Protesters That Are Out There That Are Also Stepping Over The Line In Protests On Her Side." "BERMAN: You know, Paul Ryan said [Gianforte]'s going to be a valuable, conservative voice -- bygones. You know, has the bar been lowered here for what's acceptable in our society? TAYLOR: Well, look, there's no question that I'm not going to agree with a lot of things that Nancy Pelosi, but look, it's tense out there and people need to be calm. And there's no question that the behavior is unacceptable and he will pay for any consequences that come out of that, of course. So when I listen to that statement it's very partisan, of course. I would wish that and hope that she would also say the same thing about some of the -- some protestors that are out there that are also stepping over the line in protests on her side. So I think the country, in general, has to -- has to calm down." [CNN, [5/26/17](#)]

Taylor Suggested That Local Media Coverage Of His First Town Hall Of Three Had Discouraged His Conservative Supporters From Attending The Other Two. "Taylor, aware that the next election will be different, scheduled three straight evenings of town hall meetings this week to help his constituents get to know their new congressman. Before taking questions Tuesday, he counseled the audience to avoid chanting and shouting so that everyone could be heard. He even suggested that local media coverage of Monday's meeting had scared away some of his conservative supporters." [Washington Post, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Described The Last Of His Three Town Halls As "Calm...We Didn't Have The Same Agitators Quite Frankly." "CAMEROTA: Yes. OK. I want to get to a couple other issues with you, but first, about last night, you're again, the constituents came loaded for bear. So, what did you do to lull them into submission? Because everybody described that town hall as much calmer. TAYLOR: Well, it was calm. You know, with the same

concerns -- of course, there are folks there had the same legitimate concerns. I'm so appreciative they were there in the first place. They -- you know, we didn't have the same agitators quite frankly. And you hear about agitators, it only takes a couple people to generate a lot of emotion in a room, right, no doubt about it." [CNN, [2/23/17](#)]

The Virginian-Pilot Praised Taylor For Holding Town Halls But Stated That It Seemed Hollow To Praise A Member Of Congress For Simply Being Publicly-Accessible

The Virginian-Pilot Commended Taylor For Holding Town Halls But Noted That "It Does Seem, However, Ridiculous To Commend Him Or Any Elected Official For Holding A Forum In Which Members Of The Public Are Invited To Share Their Concerns." "FRESHMAN U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor deserves credit for hosting a series of town halls in the 2nd Congressional District this week, taking advantage of the legislative recess to touch base with his constituents. He knew full well what would greet him in the Kempsville High School auditorium on Monday: an agitated, anxious and angry public eager to vent on the first public official to give them a microphone. Yet Taylor stood before them nonetheless. It does, however, seem ridiculous to commend him or any elected official for holding a forum in which members of the public are invited to share their concerns. [...] The nationally nasty mood somehow makes Taylor's willingness to schedule three events -- Monday in Virginia Beach, Tuesday in Yorktown and Wednesday in Melfa -- seem like an act of political courage, when it's just a man doing his job." [Virginian-Pilot, Editorial Board Op-Ed, [2/23/17](#)]

Reaction To Gianforte Assault

Taylor Claimed Gianforte's Actions Were Unacceptable But That Montanans Had Voiced Their Choice

Taylor On The Gianforte Assault: "There's No Question That The Behavior Is Unacceptable...But, Montanans Spoke Very Clearly." "JOHN BERMAN, CNN HOST: The results are in and Greg Gianforte, the Republican candidate in Montana's special election for an open House seat, he is headed to Washington. Accusations of body slamming a reporter and a misdemeanor assault charge are going with him. [...] My question to you, are you proud to serve with Greg Gianforte? REP. SCOTT TAYLOR, (R) VIRGINIA, APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, FORMER NAVY SEAL: Good morning. It's good to be with you. Look, Montana spoke very clearly who they want to represent them in Washington so we have to honor that. There's no question that the behavior is unacceptable. [...] But I will tell you that it's unacceptable behavior and to say otherwise is -- would be false, obviously. But, Montanans spoke very clearly." [CNN, [5/26/17](#)]

Media Relations

Taylor Appeared On TV "Two To Three Times A Week" And Said He Thought Some Democrats Watching MSNBC Might Find Him "Reasonable."

July 2017: Virginia Pilot: Taylor Appeared On TV "Two To Three Times A Week" And Said He Thought Some Democrats Watching MSNBC Might Find Him "Reasonable." "Six months after coming to Congress, Taylor, who represents Virginia's 2nd Congressional District, said he is following a deliberate strategy he calls 'outsized influence.' It involves subdued schmoozing of Republican House leaders ('I don't speak unless I know what I'm talking about'), befriending other GOP freshmen and trying to reach out to Democrats. Two to three times a week he's standing in front of a TV camera in the Capitol's National Statuary Hall for live interviews on Fox News, CNN, MSNBC or another cable channel. Taylor, one of relatively few legislators who spend so much time on air, is no stranger to the process. He'd been an occasional commentator on Fox for years. 'There are plenty of people who may be Democrats who might watch MSNBC who would say, 'This guy's reasonable. He seems reasonable. I didn't know about him before,' Taylor said shortly after he finished a midday standup appearance on a cable business show." [Virginian-Pilot, [7/8/17](#)]

Taylor May Have Used His State Campaign Funds For Federal Office

December 2015: Taylor's State Committee Paid Scott Weldon – Who Would Become Federal Committee Campaign Manager In February 2016 – For Campaign Consulting

December 2015: Weldon Was Paid By Taylor's State Committee For Campaign Consulting

December 2015: State Committee Paid J. Scott Weldon \$3,500 For Campaign Consulting. [Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [12/15/15](#)]

February 17th, 2016: Weldon Began Receiving Payments From Federal Committee For Campaign Consulting

February 17th: Federal Committee Recorded Its First Payment To James Weldon For “Campaign Consulting – Staff.” [FEC, [2/17/16](#)]

Weldon's Full Name Is James Scott Weldon. [Nexis, accessed [5/12/17](#)]

Weldon Served As Federal Committee Campaign Manager “For The Primary And The General.” “Job title: Communications director for Rep. Scott Taylor, R-Va...I was Scott's campaign manager for the primary and the general.” [Washington Examiner, [1/28/17](#)]

January 15th 2016: Taylor Announced His Candidacy For Virginia's 2nd Congressional District

January 15th, 2016: Taylor Announced That He Was Officially Running For Congress. “VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (WAVY) — Virginia Beach delegate Scott Taylor says he's running for congress. He hopes to win Representative Scott Rigell's soon-to-be empty seat. Taylor made the official announcement on the John Fredericks radio show Friday morning. The former Navy SEAL has also been considering a run for Lieutenant Governor in 2017.” [WAVY, [1/15/16](#)]

January 14th, 2016: 2nd District Rep. Scott Rigell Announced That He Was Not Running For Re-Election. [WKTR, [1/14/16](#)]

Rigell's Retirement Announcement Appeared To Have Been A Surprise. “Republican Rep. Scott Rigell is retiring from Virginia's 2nd District, leaving a competitive open seat for his party to defend. The news, first reported by the Virginian-Pilot, was a surprise to some people who have worked closely with the congressman in the past.” [Roll Call, [1/14/16](#)]

Rigell Admitted That The Idea Had Privately “Been Rumbling For A Couple of Months.” “U.S. Rep. Scott Rigell, a three-term congressman from Virginia Beach, surprised supporters and colleagues Thursday by announcing he will not seek re-election this year. [...] He decided Tuesday that he wouldn't run again, but the idea ‘had been rumbling for a couple of months.’ Recent conversations with his wife sealed it, he said.” [Virginian-Pilot, [1/14/16](#)]

Rigell Claimed He Was Retiring Because He Believed In Term Limits And He Felt That He Had Accomplished What He Had Set Out To Accomplish. “We have been the driving force that has reduced discretionary spending. [...] I mention that accomplishment because the five-year point of service is, to me, a point of decision: has a meaningful difference been made and it's time go home, or is serving in Congress a career and the hope is to serve much longer. Given the two alternatives, my belief in term limits, and in reflecting upon what my team and I have accomplished, I am at peace about coming home.” [Scott Rigell press release via Bull Elephant, [1/14/16](#)]

January 14th, 2016: Taylor Announced Privately That He Was Running For Congress. “We have learned that within an hour after Rigell’s announcement this afternoon, the General Assembly’s Virginia Beach delegation gathered in Sen. Frank Wagner’s office to discuss what it meant for them. Our understanding is that the most notable development arising out of that meeting was Del. Scott Taylor’s (R-Virginia Beach) private announcement to his colleagues and staff that he was going to run for the now-open seat, setting aside—for now—his Lieutenant Governor ambitions.” [Bull Elephant, [1/14/16](#)]

January 25th: Taylor Officially Filed Statement OF Candidacy

January 25th, 2016: Taylor Filed A Statement Of Candidacy With The FEC. [FEC, received [2/4/16](#)]

November 2016: After His Election To Congress, Taylor Resigned His Delegate Seat

November 2016: Upon Election To Congress, Taylor Resigned From The Virginia House Of Delegates. “Governor McAuliffe declared a special election on Tuesday for several soon-to-be vacant General Assembly seats. One of the vacancies will be of Republican Delegate Scott Taylor from the Virginia House of Delegates District 85. McAuliffe scheduled a special election in January, for Virginia Beach voters to replace delegate Taylor. Taylor resigned from the State House of Delegates, after being elected to Congress.” [WTKR, [11/29/16](#)]

As Of May 2017, Taylor’s State Campaign Finance Committee Was Still Active And The Last Report Was Filed On April 17th, 2017. [Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, accessed [5/18/17](#)]

February 2016: State Committee Paid For Robocalls In The Congressional District He Was Running For

January 14th: Republican Blog Reported “Activists” Had Received Poll Calls Gauging Support For Taylor’s Bid

A Republican Blog Claimed Taylor Conducted A Robocall On January 14th To Determine His Campaign’s Viability. “A number of TBE readers have indicated Taylor made a robocall in Virginia Beach earlier this evening in which polled activists about whether they would support his run for Congress.” [Bull Elephant, [1/14/16](#)]

The Bull Elephant Could Not Verify Who Sponsored The Call. “It seems highly unlikely that Taylor has a federally-compliant PAC established already, so we are certainly curious about how this robocall was paid for. Those with whom we’ve spoken who received the call said it did not have any ‘Paid for by’ disclaimers. [UPDATE: From the comments, there is a suggestion that the calls did indeed have a disclaimer; it remains unclear what committee would have paid for it, though.] I hope Taylor was properly advised on how to stay on the right side of campaign finance laws here, as a campaign finance violation right off the bat is no way to start a run for Congress.” [Bull Elephant, [1/14/16](#)]

February 3rd: The Virginian-Pilot Reported On A RoboCall Attacking Taylor’s Congressional Primary Opponent

The RoboCall Urged Voters To Call Forbes’ Office And Tell Him “To Fight For Us” And “Not Run Off To Virginia Beach Because It Might Be Easier To Get Elected Over There.” “Good evening. This is Erin calling about our congressman, Randy Forbes. Reports in the Virginian-Pilot and around Virginia are saying that our own congressman, Randy Forbes, is planning to abandon Chesapeake Republicans and the 4th District to instead run for Congress in Virginia Beach in the 2nd District. There is even an editorial cartoon in the Virginian-Pilot’s [indistinct] issue today. Randy has been elected to Congress by Chesapeake eight times. If Randy abandons us and surrenders our district to the Democrats, we will likely be represented by ultra-liberal Democrat Senator Don McEachin from Richmond. That’s just wrong. Don McEachin can’t represent Chesapeake families. Randy is the only Republican who can win our new district. Over the years we’ve invested millions of dollars, time, and energy in Randy Forbes,

and we have fought for him during past campaigns. Call Randy’s office here in Chesapeake at 382-0080. Tell Randy you want him to fight for Chesapeake Republicans and don’t give our district to the Democrat. This is a time when Randy needs to fight for us, not run off to Virginia Beach because it might be easier to get elected over there. Leaders put themselves at risk for their people, not the other way around. Please press 1 if you want Randy Forbes to run to be our congressman and fight for us. Press 2 if you want Randy to leave Chesapeake Republicans behind and go run for Congress in Virginia Beach. Again, call Randy Forbes to stay and fight for us. Don’t abandon us. Randy’s number is 382-0080.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/3/16](#)] (160203 TAYLOR ROBOCALL.mp3)

Taylor Spokesperson Scott Weldon Said “We” Paid For It To Influence The Congressional Primary

Virginian-Pilot: Taylor Spokesperson Scott Weldon Acknowledged Paying RoboCent To Conduct RoboCalls “Intended To Spread [Taylor’s] Views” In Relation To His Congressional Campaign. “In this case, the Chesapeake voters were asked whether they wanted Forbes to ‘run to be our congressman and fight for us’ or ‘leave Chesapeake behind and go run for Congress in Virginia Beach.’ Of the 5,557 calls, 437 people answered the question, with 97 percent saying Forbes should stay, according to a report by RoboCent, a Virginia Beach-based autodial firm hired by Taylor. Scott Weldon, spokesman for Taylor’s campaign, acknowledged the calls were intended to spread his candidate’s views and reach people who might not know about Forbes’ quandary. ‘We obviously want people to know this is something that is being seriously entertained,’ Weldon said.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/3/16](#)]

The RoboCall Urged Chesapeake Voters To Tell Randy Forbes To Remain In The 4th District Rather Than Switch To The 2nd. “State Del. Scott Taylor went directly to U.S. Rep. Randy Forbes’ Republican supporters in Chesapeake earlier this week, sponsoring more than 5,500 automated calls urging the voters to tell Forbes to run for re-election in his hometown rather than switch to the nearby 2nd Congressional District. Taylor, a Virginia Beach Republican seeking the 2nd District seat, wants to stop Forbes from switching from the 4th District, which he has represented in Congress since 2001. In the 75-second recorded message, a woman who calls herself ‘Erin’ refers to Forbes as ‘our congressman’ and says he ‘is the only Republican who can win our district.’ At the end of the message, Taylor is heard saying his campaign paid for the Sunday-night calls.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/3/16](#)]

HEADLINE: “Del. Scott Taylor’s Robocalls Urge Thousands In Chesapeake To Tell Forbes To Stay Put.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/3/16](#)]

The Hill Wrote That Taylor Paid For Thousands Of Robocalls Discouraging Rep. Randy Forbes From Running In The 2nd Congressional District – The District Taylor Was Actively Seeking. “But not all Republicans are on board with Forbes leapfrogging into another district. State Del. Scott Taylor, who is also running for the Republican nomination in the 2nd district, paid for thousands of robocalls urging voters to discourage Forbes from switching districts, according to The Virginian-Pilot.” [The Hill, [2/8/16](#)]

Taylor Conducted A Poll In Virginia Beach To Determine Whether Constituents Would Be Receptive To His Congressional Run. “Taylor conducted a separate push poll in Virginia Beach, where more than 2,400 GOP voters were contacted Sunday and Monday. Taylor, in a recorded message, introduced himself as a candidate, lambasted the current Congress and criticized Forbes for considering giving up his 4th District seat to run in the 2nd. The recipients were then asked whether, ‘based on what you know,’ they would support Taylor or Forbes. Ninety-five percent said they favored Taylor, according to RoboCent.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/3/16](#)]

February 5th: State Committee’s Brenda Roberts Authorized \$640 In Robocalls

February 2016: State Committee Listed “Brenda Roberts” As Authorizing Name On \$638.40 Payment To RoboCent For Legislative Survey Calls:

Date	Payee	Item or Service	Authorizing Name	Amount
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2/5/16	RoboCent 111 Granby Street Norfolk, VA 23510	Legislative survey voter calls	Brenda Roberts	\$638.40
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[Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [2/5/16](#)]

January 2014-December 2016: Roberts Served As Delegate Scott Taylor’s Legislative Aide. [Brenda Roberts, LinkedIn, accessed [5/11/17](#)]

January 2013-January 2016: Roberts Served As State Committee Political Consultant And Campaign Manager. [Brenda Roberts, LinkedIn, accessed [5/11/17](#)]

As Of May 2017, Roberts Was Serving As The District Director For Taylor’s Congressional Campaign Since January 2017. [Brenda Roberts, LinkedIn, accessed [5/11/17](#)]

November 18th, 2016: Taylor Appointed Roberts As His Congressional District Director. “Congressman-Elect Scott Taylor Announces Senior Staff for 115th Congress: Brenda Roberts will be appointed to the post of District Director. Brenda currently serves as Legislative Assistant in Taylor’s capacity as a member of the House of Delegates and served as campaign manager prior to that.” [Scott Taylor, Facebook, [11/18/16](#)]

February 5th: One Twitter User Reported Receiving A Call From ‘Scott Taylor For Congress’

Twitter User Vivian Page Of Norfolk Reported Getting A Robocall From Scott Taylor For Congress. “Vivian J. Paige @vpaige: Robocall on my answering machine from Scott Taylor for Congress. Guessing his targeting is a bit off 😊.” [Vivian Paige, Twitter, [2/5/16](#)]

March 2016: Federal Committee Paid RoboCent \$7,800 For “Voter Contact” Calls

Federal Committee Paid \$42,841 To RoboCent In 2016, With The Earliest Payment On March 3rd, 2016.

Date	Payee Name	Purpose	Amount
12/6/16	RoboCent Inc.	GOTV Phone Calls	\$10,000
10/7/16	RoboCent Inc.	Voter Contact Calls	\$15,000
8/22/16	RoboCent Inc.	GOTV Voter Calls	\$5,000
7/20/16	RoboCent Inc.	GOTV Calls	\$5,000
3/16/16	RoboCent Inc.	Voter Contact Calls	\$7,841
		Total:	\$42,841

[FEC, [12/6/16](#); [10/7/16](#); [8/22/16](#); [7/20/16](#); [3/16/16](#)]

Prior To The February 2016 Payment, State Committee Had Not Paid For Robocalls In Nearly Two Years

State Committee Previously Paid \$3,452.07 To Robocall Vendors. [Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, accessed [5/10/17](#)]

Prior To The February 2016 Expense, State Committee Had Not Paid For A Robocall Since August 2014. [Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [8/20/14](#)]

Date	Payee	Item or Service	Authorizing Name	Amount
8/20/14	RoboCent	Robo call	Brenda Roberts	\$150.72
8/4/14	RoboCent	Robo call	Brenda Roberts	\$544.05
5/4/14	Strategic Campaign Group, Inc.	Robo Call Service for teletown hall call	Scott Taylor	\$112.26

12/12/13	RoboCent	Robopolls	Scott Taylor	\$449.62
7/20/13	RoboCent	Robocalls	Scott Taylor	\$155
8/8/13	Conquest Communications	Automated Calls	Scott Taylor	\$996.91
8/12/13	RoboCent	Automated Calls	Scott Taylor	\$320
6/10/13	RoboCent	Robocalls	Scott Taylor	\$215
3/7/13	RoboCent	Robocalls	Scott Taylor	\$508.51
			Total:	\$3,452.07

[Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [8/20/14](#); [8/4/14](#); [5/4/14](#); [12/12/13](#); [7/20/13](#); [8/8/13](#); [8/12/13](#); [6/10/13](#); [3/7/13](#)]

Note: Taylor was elected to office again in 2015 with no opponents. Virginia's House of Delegates serve two-year terms with elections on odd years.

January 2016: More Than One Year After Its Previous Payment And Days Before Taylor Announced Congressional Bid, State Committee Paid Media Firm Federal Committee Would Later Use For "Consulting"

January 4th, 2016: State Committee Made A Payment Of \$5,000 To Creative Direct Media For Consulting The Same Month He Declared His Run For Congress

Date	Payee	Item or Service	Authorizing Name	Amount
1/4/16	Creative Direct	Consulting	Scott Taylor	\$5,000

[Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [1/4/16](#)]

Creative Direct Was A Firm Coordinating Direct Mail For Republicans. "Creative Direct LLC: Winning Direct Mail for Republican Candidates." [Creative Direct, accessed [5/8/17](#)]

Creative Direct Coordinated The Media For Taylor's Primary Run. "Congrats to Scott Taylor on his big win last night! It's great to be on your winning team. #Va02" Text of Picture: "CONGRATULATIONS CREATIVE DIRECT CLIENT SCOTT TAYLOR FOR WINNING THE CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION FOR THE 2ND DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA." [Creative Direct, Facebook, [6/15/16](#)]

Prior To January 2016, State Committee Had Not Employed "Creative Direct" For More Than A Year

Date	Payee	Item or Service	Authorizing Name	Amount
1/4/16	Creative Direct	Consulting	Scott Taylor	\$5,000
12/3/14	Creative Direct	Mailing	Scott Taylor	\$1,000
10/22/13	Creative Direct	Print	Scott Taylor	\$2,600
10/7/13	Creative Direct	Mailers/Print	Scott Taylor	\$4,600
9/23/13	Creative Direct	Mailers/general consulting	Scott Taylor	\$10,000
9/4/13	Creative Direct	Mailers/consulting	Scott Taylor	\$3,000
8/22/13	Creative Direct	Mailers	Scott Taylor	\$5,000
8/4/13	Creative Direct	Mailers	Scott Taylor	\$2,500
7/13/13	Creative Direct	Mailings	Scott Taylor	\$13,500
5/5/13	Creative Direct	Door Hangers	Scott Taylor	\$1,200
			Total:	\$48,400

[Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, accessed [5/11/17](#)]

Beginning In February 2016, Federal Committee Paid \$91,344 To Creative Direct In 2016

Date	Payee	Purpose	Amount
11/30/16	Creative Direct	Campaign Consulting-Management	\$6,000
11/3/16	Creative Direct	Printing-Invitations, Stickers. Door Hangers	\$10,683
10/28/16	Creative Direct	Campaign Consulting-Management	\$6,000
10/11/16	Creative Direct	Printing-Signs And Stickers	\$2,195
10/7/16	Creative Direct	Printing-Signs And Stickers	\$2,932
10/1/16	Creative Direct	Campaign Consulting-Management	\$6,000
8/31/16	Creative Direct	Campaign Consulting-Management	\$6,000
8/23/16	Creative Direct	Printing-Campaign Materials-Stickers, Palm Cards, Invites	\$5,525
8/17/16	Creative Direct	Printing-Campaign Materials-Design Work	\$525
8/11/16	Creative Direct	Printing-Mailing	\$2,050
8/1/16	Creative Direct	Campaign Consulting-Management	\$6,000
7/15/16	Creative Direct	Campaign Consulting-Management	\$6,000
7/5/16	Creative Direct	Campaign Consulting-Management	\$2,000
6/27/16	Creative Direct	Campaign Consulting-Management	\$4,000
5/2/16	Creative Direct	Campaign Consulting-Management	\$2,500
5/2/16	Creative Direct	Printing Campaign Materials-Palm Cards	\$1,425
4/6/16	Creative Direct	Campaign Materials-Printing Palm Cards	\$1,350
4/1/16	Creative Direct	Campaign Materials-Literature and Doorhanger Printing	\$4,900
4/1/16	Creative Direct	Campaign Materials-Letterhead, Printing and Mailing	\$14,259
2/24/16	Creative Direct	Management-Printing	\$1,000
		Total:	\$91,344

[FEC, accessed [5/10/17](#)]

January 2016: Just Prior To Launching His Congressional Bid, State Committee Paid \$448.25 To Facebook For Advertising

January 4th: Taylor Authorized A \$448.25 Payment From State Committee To Facebook For “Advertising”

Date	Payee	Item or Service	Authorizing Name	Amount
1/4/16	Facebook	Advertising	Scott Taylor	\$448.25

[Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance, [1/4/16](#)]

January 2016: After Taylor Announced His Congressional Bid, State Committee Began Renting A “Legislative Office” For \$4,700 – An Expenditure It Had Never Made Previously

January 2016: State Committee Paid \$4,700 To Rent A “Legislative Office”...

State Committee Made One Payment To Town Center Office Suites On January 29th, 2016 For \$2,200 And A Second Payment Of \$2,500 On April 15th, 2016.

Date	Payee	Item or Service	Authorizing Name	Amount
4/15/16	Town Center Office Suites, LLC One Columbus Center, Ste 600 Virginia Beach, VA 23462	Legislative office rent	Brenda Roberts	\$2,500
1/29/16	Town Center Office Suites, LLC One Columbus Center, Ste 600 Virginia Beach, VA 23462	Legislative office rent	Scott Taylor	\$2,200
		Total:		\$4,700

[Virginia Board of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [1/29/16](#); [4/15/16](#)]

Note: No records were immediately found showing Taylor using the office for either campaign or legislative business.

...Despite Taylor Having A \$15,000 Allowance Available Through The House Of Delegates

As Of 2014, Virginia Delegates Received A \$15,000 Allowance For A Legislative Office. “Members of the House of Delegates get \$17,640. [...] But Virginia lawmakers also get \$180 a day when the legislature is in session and \$200 a day if they attend a legislative committee or commission meeting before or after the regular session. [...] They also get a \$15,000 allowance, paid directly to each legislator, for a district office — with no requirement to account for how any of it is spent. Some rent office space, at times from themselves, while others just get a P.O. box and operate from home. Most say the allowance doesn’t cover the cost of their travel for legislative business or of the phones, computers and stationery used for their legislative work.” [Daily Press, [11/18/14](#)]

Prior To Taylor’s Congressional Run, State Committee Had Never Paid For An Office

State Committee Had No Other Payments Designated As Legislative Rent Or Payments To Town Center Suites. [Virginia Department of Election Campaign Finance Reports, accessed [5/10/17](#)]

January 2017: Federal Committee Rented A Conference Room At The Same Building

Federal Committee Made One Payment To Town Center Suites For Conference Room Rental. [FEC, [1/23/17](#)]

February 2017: Taylor’s Congressional Office Leased Same Office For Use As Its District Office

As Of May 2016, The 1 Columbus Center Address Served As Taylor’s District Office. “DISTRICT OFFICES: Virginia Beach 1 Columbus Center, Suite 900 Virginia Beach, VA 23462 757-364-7650.” [Taylor.house.gov, accessed [5/9/17](#)]

1 Columbus Center Was An Office Building In Downtown Virginia Beach. [Town Center Office Suites, accessed [5/9/17](#)]

February 2017: Taylor Officially Leased The Same Office For Use As His Congressional Office.

“Congressman Scott Taylor leased 2,750 square feet of office space in the Divaris-leased and -managed One Columbus Center located at 283 Constitution Avenue in Virginia Beach, Va. Scott William Taylor is the United States Representative for Virginia’s 2nd congressional district. Michael Divaris, Vivian Turok and Krista Costa handled the lease negotiations on behalf of the landlord, Columbus Tower, LLC. Congressman Taylor was represented by Divaris’ Jason Oliver and Alex Divaris.” [Divaris Real Estate, [2/17/17](#)]

June 2016: The Same Month As Taylor’s Congressional Primary, State Committee Spent \$3,630.97 On Postage And Office Supplies

June 30: State Committee Spent \$3,630.97 On Postage And Designated The Expense Session Postage

State Committee Spent \$3,630.97 On Postage And Designated The Expense Session Postage.

Date	Payee	Item or Service	Authorizing Name	Amount
6/30/16	Treasurer of Virginia 101 North 14th Street Richmond, VA 23219	Session postage	Brenda Roberts	\$3,630.97

[Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [6/30/16](#)]

June 14th: Taylor Defeated Rep. Randy Forbes In A Contested Primary For The 2nd Congressional District

The Republican Primary For The 2nd Congressional District Seat Was Held On June 14th, 2016. [New York Times, [6/14/16](#)]

Taylor Faced Rep. Randy Forbes In The Contested Primary. New York Times, [6/14/16](#)

Prior To Taylor's Congressional Bid, State Committee Spent At Least \$6,000 On Shipping And Postage Costs

Date	Payee	Item or Service	Authorizing Name	Amount
12/11/15	US Post Office	Postage	Brenda Roberts	\$49
8/22/15	House of Printing	Two mailings to district	Brenda Roberts	\$645.62
6/22/15	Treasurer of Virginia	Postage Fee	Scott Taylor	\$4,224.78
5/5/15	House of Printing	Printing & Mailing	Brenda Roberts	\$382.19
9/30/14	USPS	Postage	Brenda Roberts	\$35.28
10/5/13	US Post Office	Postage	Scott Taylor	\$3.68
8/18/13	US Post Office	Postage	Scott Taylor	\$3.26
8/9/13	US Post Office	Stamps	Scott Taylor	\$46
6/6/13	Mark Weiss Assoc	Shipping	Scott Taylor	\$266.03
5/23/13	Brenda Roberts	Reimbursement for supplies, stamps	Scott Taylor	\$421.50
		Total:		\$6,077.34

[Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [5/23/13](#); [6/6/13](#); [8/9/13](#); [10/5/13](#); [9/30/14](#); [5/5/15](#); [6/22/15](#); [8/22/15](#); [12/11/15](#)]

January-May 2016: State Committee Spent \$1,305 On Office Supplies From Sam's Club...

Date	Payee	Item or Service	Authorizing Name	Amount
5/3/16	Sam's Club, Virginia Beach	Office Supplies	Brenda Roberts	\$660
3/6/16	Sam's Club, Virginia Beach	Office Supplies	Brenda Roberts	\$265
3/6/16	Sam's Club, Virginia Beach	Office Supplies	Brenda Roberts	\$95
1/22/16	Sam's Club, Virginia Beach	Office Supplies	Scott Taylor	\$285
		Total:		\$1,305

[Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [1/22/16](#); [3/6/16](#); [5/3/16](#)]

...Prior To Taylor's Bid For Congress, State Committee Had Never Spent Money On Office Supplies

Taylor's House of Delegates Had Previously Spent No Money On Items Designated Office Supplies Before January 22nd, 2016. [Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, accessed [5/10/17](#)]

2016: Federal Committee Spent \$3,413 On Office Supplies

Date	Payee Name	Purpose	City	Amount
10/24/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$69
10/24/16	Target	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$32
10/21/16	Sam's Club	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$178
9/27/16	Sam's Club	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$105
9/26/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$12
9/26/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$350

9/26/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$46
9/23/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$77
9/23/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$4
8/29/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$94
8/25/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$66
8/15/16	Sam's Club	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$95
8/09/16	Target	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$82
7/14/16	Target	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$52
7/13/16	Best Buy	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$376
6/29/16	Sam's Club	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$756
6/13/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$73
6/13/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$6
6/13/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$26
6/13/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$20
6/09/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$3
6/08/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$488
6/01/16	Best Buy	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$214
5/25/16	Sam's Club	Office Supplies	Virginia Beach	\$159
2/20/16	Office Depot	Office Supplies - Zachary Taylor	Virginia Beach	\$30
			Total:	\$3,413

[FEC, accessed [5/10/17](#)]

In 2016, State Committee Made \$37,000 In Expenditures – Almost As Much As It Spent On Taylor's Delegate Re-Election In 2015

In 2016, State Committee Spent Only 7 Percent Less Than It Spent During Taylor's Delegate Re-Election Campaign The Previous Year

Reporting Period	Date Filed	Contributions Received	Expenditures	Ending Balance
7/1/16 to 12/31/16	1/17/17	\$0	\$8,236.55	\$8,140.92
1/1/16 to 6/30/16	7/15/16	\$14,593	\$29,040.55	\$16,377.47
	2016 Total:	\$14,593	\$37,277.10	
11/27/15 to 12/31/15	1/19/16	\$19,076.82	\$12,801.95	\$30,825.02
10/23/2015 to 11/26/15	12/3/15	\$11,875.00	\$8,168.39	\$24,550.15
10/01/15 to 10/22/15	10/26/15	\$2,250.00	\$1,909.59	\$20,843.54
9/01/15 to 9/30/15	10/15/15	\$2,600.00	\$0	\$20,503.13
7/1/15 to 8/31/15	9/14/15	\$3,530.00	\$4,007.99	\$17,903.13
5/28/15 to 6/30/15	7/15/15	\$2,575.00	\$5,125.91	\$18,381.12
4/1/15 to 5/27/15	7/8/15	\$23,167.94	\$3,870.71	\$20,932.03
1/1/15 to 3/31/15	4/14/15	\$4,543.00	\$3,940.71	\$1,634.80
	2015 Total:	\$69,617.76	\$39,825.25	

[Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [1/17/17](#); [7/15/16](#); [1/19/16](#); [12/3/15](#); [10/26/15](#); [10/15/15](#); [9/14/15](#); [7/15/15](#); [7/8/15](#); [4/14/15](#)]

December 2015: One Month Before Taylor Announced His Congressional Bid, His State Committee Paid \$700 In Travel And Lodging For "Political Meetings"

December 14th: Scott Taylor For Delegate Spent \$714.73 To Host A Party At The Omni Homestead Resort During The 2015 Republican Advance, The “Premier Event For Republicans In Virginia”

Date	Payee	Item or Service	Authorizing Name	Amount
12/14/15	Omni Homestead	Travel Expense	Brenda Roberts	\$6
12/14/15	Omni Homestead	Travel Expense	Brenda Roberts	\$6
12/14/15	Omni Homestead	Travel Expense	Brenda Roberts	\$10
12/14/15	Omni Homestead	Travel Expense	Brenda Roberts	\$38.70
12/14/15	Omni Homestead	Lodging Expense-Political Meeting	Brenda Roberts	\$287.56
12/14/15	Omni Homestead	Lodging Expense-Political Meeting	Brenda Roberts	\$366.47
			Total:	\$714.73

[Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance, [12/14/15](#)]

The Republican Advance Was A State-Wide Event Run By The Republican Party Of Virginia. “The Republican Party of Virginia Advance is the premier state-wide event for Republicans in Virginia.” [Republican Party of Virginia, accessed [5/12/17](#)]

The Republican Advance Was The “Premier Event For Republicans In Virginia” And The “Unofficial Kickoff Of The 2016 Presidential Campaign.” “The 2015 Republican Party of Virginia Advance, which is expected to draw over 500 Republican activists, legislators, and statewide leaders, is the premier event for Republicans in Virginia and will be the unofficial kickoff of the 2016 presidential campaign in the Commonwealth. The 2015 Republican Party of Virginia Advance will be held at the beautiful Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia. This year’s Advance will feature breakout sessions led by the business and advocacy communities and legislative leaders. We hope that you will be able to join event Chairmen Ed Gillespie and Pete Snyder, the Virginia Congressional Delegation, over 30 legislators, special guest Ambassador John Bolton, and other notable Republicans participating in this year’s Advance. It’s our time in Virginia!” [Republican Party of Virginia press release, via Republican Party of Virginia Beach, [11/17/15](#)]

Taylor Hosted A Party At His Omni Homestead Hospitality Suite. “Delegate Scott Taylor - former Navy SEAL, Iraq War veteran, author, and entrepreneur - would like to welcome former U.S. Ambassador to the United States, John Bolton, as Keynote speaker Friday at the Republican Advance. Delegate Taylor is also announcing Ambassador Bolton as his special guest, after the keynote speech, at his hospitality suite 1420. This year the GOP expects to draw over 500 Republican activists, legislators, and statewide leaders at The Omni Homestead Resort. If you are attending, please make sure to stop by and say hello!” [Scott Taylor Press Release, via Peninsula Tea Party, [12/8/15](#)]

The Richmond Times-Dispatch Reported That Taylor Hosted A Party At The Event. “In politics, it’s not hard to tell the folks who are thinking of running for something. They’re usually the ones giving stuff away. Witness the 2015 Republican Party of Virginia Advance at The Omni Homestead — the annual holiday gathering for hundreds of GOP loyalists, elected officials, and the people who love and make money working for them. [...] Del. Scott Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, Sen. Bryce E. Reeves, R-Spotsylvania, and Northern Virginia businessman Pete Snyder hosted parties.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [12/12/15](#)]

The Event Was A Common Way For Potential Candidates To “Make Their Presence Known.” “Witness the 2015 Republican Party of Virginia Advance at The Omni Homestead — the annual holiday gathering for hundreds of GOP loyalists, elected officials, and the people who love and make money working for them. [...] Other announced and prospective statewide candidates made their presence known at the weekend event, springing for space in the posh resort’s suites and salons to entertain would-be supporters.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [12/12/15](#)]

The Omni Homestead Was A Luxury Hotel And Resort In Hot Springs, Virginia. “REST AND REJUVENATE IN HISTORIC BEAUTY: Discover the luxury of a historic Virginia resort. Experience the Southern hospitality and elegant charm that have made The Omni Homestead Resort a premier destination for 23

U.S. presidents dating back to the 18th century. With more than 2,000 acres of timeless comforts and modern amenities all under one roof, our Hot Springs, Virginia accommodations are the perfect getaway for business and leisure traveling.” [Omni Hotels & Resorts, accessed [5/12/17](#)]

The Attorney General Defined State Campaign Expenditures As Money Disbursed “For The Purpose Of Expressly Advocating The Election Or Defeat Of A Clearly Identified Candidate.” “The permitted uses of campaign funds are found in § 24.2-945.1(A), where the General Assembly defines the term ‘expenditure’ to mean money and services of any amount, and any other thing of value, paid, loaned, provided, or in any other way disbursed by any candidate, campaign committee, political committee, or person for the purpose of expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate. The candidate or his treasurer must keep detailed and accurate accounts of all expenditures, and report every contribution and expenditure on the candidate campaign finance disclosure form.” [Virginia Department of Elections, Attorney General’s Explanation of Personal Use, accessed [5/11/17](#)]

Taylor Was Considering A Run For Lt. Governor

November 2015: Taylor Was Considering A Run For Lieutenant Governor. “I will explore a run for Lieutenant Governor of #Virginia. Share this video. We need you. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BinbPo_Ip10 ... @VA_GOP #Gop #Tcot #RVA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BinbPo_Ip10...@VA_GOP#Gop#Tcot#RVA).” [Scott Taylor, Twitter, [11/11/15](#)]

HEADLINE: “Virginia Beach Dels. Glenn Davis, Scott Taylor Considering Run For Lieutenant Governor.” [Virginian-Pilot, [11/10/15](#)]

Taylor Announced That He Would Be “Opening Up A PAC” To Explore A Run For Lieutenant Governor Of Virginia. “JOHN FREDERICKS: Now, Delegate Taylor, big announcement today. We understand that you have made the decision to seek statewide office. TAYLOR: John, thanks for asking. I have made a decision. We were asked to consider it. We talked to leadership and folks around here and family and friends and donors and everything. It was very positive, so today I’m announcing that we are opening up a PAC and we will be exploring a run for lieutenant governor of Virginia.” [John Fredericks Show, YouTube, [11/11/15](#)]

Taylor Established FROG PAC To Explore His Lieutenant Governor Run. “Del. Scott W. Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, a former Navy SEAL and frequent guest on Fox News, stood by a table piled with copies of his new book, ‘Trust Betrayed: Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and the Selling Out of America’s National Security.’ Taylor said he is ‘leaning very strongly’ toward running for lieutenant governor and recently set up Frog PAC, as a play on frogman, the term for elite Navy SEAL divers.” [Daily Press, [12/13/15](#)]

FROG PAC Made No Payments To Omni Homestead. [Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [5/12/17](#)]

January 19th, 2016: Taylor Opened FROG PAC. [Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, accessed [5/22/17](#)]

Reporting Period	Filed	Expenditures	Contributions	Ending Balance
4/1/16-6/30/16	7/15/16	\$918.60	\$0	\$0
1/1/16-3/31/16	4/15/16	\$37,786.45	\$4,850	\$918.60
10/1/15-12/31/15	1/19/16	\$1,144.95	\$35,000	\$33,855.05

[Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [7/15/16](#); [4/15/16](#); [1/19/16](#)]

FROG PAC Disbursed \$39,850, Including A \$25,000 Contribution Refund.

Payee	Item or Service	Authorizing Name	Date	Amount
Forest Consulting Services	Accounting and reporting services	John G. Selph	6/29/16	\$873.60
Bank of America	Monthly account fees	John G. Selph	6/2/16	\$15
Bank of America	Monthly account fees	John G. Selph	5/2/16	\$15
Bank of America	Monthly account fees	John G. Selph	4/4/16	\$15
Greenbrier Country Club	Event expense	John G. Selph	2/19/16	\$188.57
James River Country Club	Event expense	John G. Selph	2/19/16	\$247.88
Forest Consulting Services	Accounting and reporting services	John G. Selph	2/17/16	\$1,250
Jones, Andrew F.	Refund of contribution	John G. Selph	2/17/16	\$25,000
Canada, Sandra	Consulting	John G. Selph	1/26/16	\$500
Scott Taylor for Congress	Campaign contribution	John G. Selph	1/26/16	\$100
Weldon, James	Consulting	John G. Selph	1/14/16	\$3,500
Canada, Sandra	Consulting	John G. Selph	1/8/16	\$750
Creative Direct	Consulting fees	John G. Selph	1/6/16	\$6,250
Bank of America	Banking supplies	John G. Selph	12/17/2015	\$69
Bank of America	Banking supplies	John G. Selph	12/10/2015	\$99
John G. Selph P.C.	Legal services	John G. Selph	12/10/2015	\$900
State Corporation Commission	Annual Fees	John G. Selph	12/10/2015	\$76.95
			Total:	\$39,850

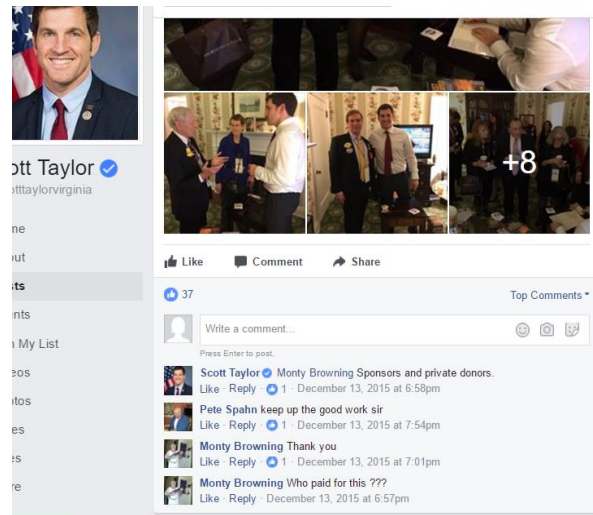
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John G. Selph Was The Treasurer For Scott Taylor For Congress. [FEC, accessed [5/22/17](#)]

July 15th, 2016: Taylor Closed FROG PAC. [Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, accessed [5/22/17](#)]

Taylor’s Facebook Reported That “The Weekend Was Highly Successful With A Ton Of New Supporters From Around The Commonwealth Signing On For A Lieutenant Governor Run.” “Team Taylor had a blast at the Republican Party of Virginia Advance this weekend. Delegate Taylor signed a lot of books, shook a lot of hands, and spent a lot of one on one time with activists. The weekend was highly successful with a ton of new supporters from around the Commonwealth signing on for a Lieutenant Governor run. #Virginia.” [Scott Taylor, Facebook, [12/13/15](#)]

A Virginia Beach Constituent Asked On Facebook Who Was Paying For The Event, To Which Taylor Replied, “Sponsors And Private Donors.” [Scott Taylor, Facebook, [12/13/15](#)]



Taylor's Paid His Nephew Thousands Of Dollars

January 4th: State Committee Paid Zachary Taylor \$3,000 For Consulting

Date	Payee	Item or Service	Authorizing Name	Amount
1/4/16	Zachary [sic] Taylor	Consulting	Scott Taylor	\$3,000

[Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [1/4/16](#)]

State Committee Previously Paid Zach Taylor \$220 For Campaign Sign Installations & Gas

Date	Payee	Item or Service	Authorizing Name	Amount
5/13/13	Zach Taylor	Yard sign installment and gas	Scott Taylor	\$100
4/23/13	Zach Taylor	Gas and Yard sign installations	Scott Taylor	\$60
4/17/13	Zach Taylor	Gas and yard sign installment	Scott Taylor	\$60
		Total:		\$220

[Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [4/17/13](#); [4/23/13](#); [5/13/13](#)]

Federal Committee Paid Zachery Taylor \$7,750 For Campaign Consulting

Date	Payee	Purpose	Amount
8/1/16	Zachary [sic] Taylor	Campaign Consulting-Staff	\$1,500
7/19/16	Zachary [sic] Taylor	Campaign Consulting-Staff	\$250
7/8/16	Zachary [sic] Taylor	Campaign Consulting-Staff	\$1,500
6/2/16	Zachary [sic] Taylor	Campaign Consulting-Staff	\$1,500
5/2/16	Zachary [sic] Taylor	Campaign Consulting-Staff	\$1,500
4/8/16	Zachary [sic] Taylor	Campaign Consulting-Staff	\$1,500
		Total:	\$7,750

[FEC, accessed [4/8/16](#); [5/2/16](#); [6/2/16](#); [7/8/16](#); [7/19/16](#); [8/1/16](#)]

Note: As of 4/3/20, there were no additional payments to Taylor's nephew.

Zachery Taylor Was Taylor's 22-Year-Old Nephew

Zachery Taylor Was Scott Taylor Nephew. “Planning a major in foreign affairs at Virginia, Taylor is spending the summer working for his uncle, Scott Taylor, seeking a congressional seat. Scott Taylor represents the Kempsville and Town Center areas of Virginia Beach in the House of Delegates.” [Tidewater Community College, [5/25/16](#)]

Zachery Christopher Taylor Was A 22-Year-Old Likely Republican. [Votebuilder, accessed 5/18/17]

Votebuilder Records: “Zachery” And Zachary Taylor Share An Address. [Votebuilder, accessed 5/11/17]

According To Votebuilder Records, Zachery Christopher Taylor Is A 22-Year-Old Likely Republican Residing At 1753 Chestwood Drive, Virginia Beach. [Votebuilder, accessed 5/11/17]

“Zachary’s” Address As Reported To The FEC Is 1753 Chestwood Drive, Virginia Beach. [FEC, [4/8/16](#)]

State Committee Reported Zachary Taylor’s Address As 1753 Chestwood Drive, Virginia Beach. [Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [1/4/16](#)]

Zachery Taylor Shared An Address With The State Committee – A Luxury Apartment Complex With Rent Roughly Matching With Zachery Taylor’s Consulting Payment


2013 State Committee Reports Showed That Zachery Taylor Shared An Address With The Campaign Committee. [Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [4/17/13](#); [4/23/13](#); [5/13/13](#)]

State Committee Listed Its Address As 4544 Columbus St #1007, Virginia Beach. [Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, accessed [5/11/17](#)]

2013: Zach Taylor’s Reported Address Was 4544 Columbus St, Virginia Beach. [Virginia Department of Elections Campaign Finance Reports, [4/17/13](#); [4/23/13](#); [5/13/13](#)]

4544 Columbus St., Virginia Beach, Was A High-Rise Apartment Building. [TheCosmopolitanApartments.com, accessed [5/18/17](#)]

May 2017: The Cosmopolitan Offered One Bedroom Apartments For About \$1500 Per Month. [TheCosmopolitanApartments.com, floor plans, accessed [5/18/17](#)]



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Real Estate

In The Virginia House, Taylor Attempted To Pass A Bill Making Real Estate Taxes Negotiable, Which May Have Benefited His Real Estate Businesses

2014: Taylor Introduced An Unsuccessful Bill To Make Real Property Tax Assessments Negotiable

Taylor’s Bill HB1416 Would Have Put The Burden of Proof Of Real Property Assessment On The Party Appealing The Assessment. “In circuit court proceedings to seek relief from real property taxes, neither party shall have the burden of proof. Each party, beginning with the county, city, or town, shall present evidence whether the property in question is valued at more than its fair market value; whether the assessment is uniform in its application; and whether the assessment was arrived at in accordance with generally accepted appraisal practices, procedures, rules, and standards as prescribed by nationally recognized professional appraisal organizations such as

the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) and applicable Virginia law relating to valuation of property.” [Richmond Sunlight, [12/22/14](#)]

January 2015: The Bill Failed. [Richmond Sunlight, [1/28/15](#)]

2005-Present: Taylor Was The President Of His Own Real Estate Brokerage Firm, Neptune Associates. “Professional Experience: [...] President of Neptune Associates real estate brokerage firm. Planned, managed, and completed \$7 million dollar Virginia Beach ocean front development deal in 2005.” [Daily Press, [6/6/10](#)]

2015: Taylor’s Company Assurance Properties Owned At Least 10 Properties And Made Between \$45,009 And \$135,000 In Rent. [Taylor 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

2008: While Running For Mayor Of Virginia Beach, Taylor Said That His Number One Priority Was Lowering Real Estate Taxes

On Virginia Republican Blog *Bearing Drift*, Taylor Said That His Number One Issue Was “Lower Real Estate Taxes(Our Assessments Are Inflated).” “Main issues- 1) Lower Real Estate Taxes(Our assessments are inflated),Which means more efficient spending of our tax dollars. [...] I am a moderate Republican. I am a former NAVY SEAL and now small business owner. I like strong military, Low Taxes, smaller government, and capitalism.” [Bearing Drift, [7/4/08](#)]

2008 Taylor Campaign Ad: “New Vision, Old Values. Lower Real Estate Taxes. Light Rail. Jobs-Economic Development. Education. Collaboration On Affordable Housing And Smart Growth Solutions.” [Blogspot, 3.bp, accessed [9/1/17](#)]

SEAL PAC

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SEAL PAC Contributed Double The Legal Limit To Taylor. “The Federal Election Commission is asking a leadership PAC previously affiliated with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to provide more details about its direct mail spending and to account for a \$200,000 discrepancy in its account, among other issues in its most recent campaign finance report. [...] The PAC also reported giving \$10,000 each to congressional campaigns run by GOP Reps. Jim Banks of Indiana and Scott Taylor of Virginia, double the legal limit.” [Politico, [11/21/17](#)]

SEAL PAC Was Criticized For Financially Taking Advantage Of Elderly Voters And Spending The Vast Majority Of Their Donations On Operating Expenses Rather Than Political Campaigns

SEAL PAC Was Criticized For Financially Taking Advantage Of Elderly Voters. “Lorraine Hutchinson, of Butler, Pennsylvania, told POLITICO that these elderly voters included her mother, who she noticed was repeatedly contributing to SEAL PAC and other organizations, though she didn’t have the disposable income to spare. Hutchinson said Zinke’s PAC was one of the slowest to cease soliciting money when she asked them to stop. At one point, Hutchinson resorted to posting a plea on SEAL PAC’s Facebook page. ‘It took a great deal of time and effort but I managed to get most of them to stop. The Seal PAC was one of the most persistent,’ Hutchinson told POLITICO in a Facebook message last week. ‘I am convinced that these groups knowingly take advantage of the vulnerable elderly and this is a widespread problem without any easy solutions.’” [Politico, [10/24/17](#)]

SEAL PAC, Ryan Zinke’s Leadership PAC, Was Criticized For Spending The Vast Majority Of Funds It Received On Operating Expenses Instead Of Political Campaigns. “In the run-up to last year’s election, Zinke’s campaign and his leadership PAC, known as SEAL PAC, spent about \$3 million combined on ForthRight Strategy, Direct Support Services and Legacy Lists — all of which operate out of the same office and list ForthRight CEO

Kimberly Bellissimo among their executives. [...] Besides sharing an affinity for the same consultants as Mackenzie's VIGOP, Zinke's SEAL PAC has also followed a similar fundraising model: It raised two-thirds of its money from small donors in 2016, then steered only 4 percent of its spending to other campaigns, with almost all the rest going to operating expenses and overhead." [Politico, [10/24/17](#)]

Donald Trump

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor claimed Rep. Luria's support for impeachment prompted him to challenge her again.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted in line with Trump's position 97.8% of the time the highest in the Virginia delegation.*
- ✓ *Taylor hosted a 2016 campaign event for Trump in Virginia Beach.*
- ✓ *During the presidential campaign, Taylor praised Trump for not being politically correct.*
- ✓ *Taylor's 2016 campaign slogan was almost the same as Trump's: "Let's All Make America Great Again."*
- ✓ *Taylor condemned Trump's comments on the Access Hollywood tape but did not rescind his support of Trump.*
- ✓ *Taylor defended Trump's actions as president and said he had not lost confidence in Trump.*
 - ✓ *In 2017, Taylor dismissed the idea of Trump's impeachment as blind partisanship.*
 - ✓ *Taylor claimed he would not hesitate to disagree with Trump if it were "warranted."*
 - ✓ *Taylor warned against questioning Trump's mental capability.*
- ✓ *Taylor claimed he supported a congressional investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 election but voted down any attempt to establish a commission to look into it.*
 - ✓ *Taylor opposed an independent investigation into Russia or Comey's firing.*
- ✓ *Taylor defended Trump's right to fire Comey.*
 - ✓ *Taylor accused Democrats of politicizing Comey's firing and claimed calls for an investigation into Russian interference was partisan-driven.*
 - ✓ *Taylor claimed there had been "zero evidence of collusion with Russia."*
- ✓ *Taylor said that the answer to preventing future Russian meddling in U.S. elections was a "cyber policy."*
- ✓ *Taylor repeatedly voted against forcing Trump to disclose his tax returns.*
- ✓ *Taylor had previously condemned the Obama administration for leaks, but under Trump said that "regular Americans" weren't concerned with the issue.*
 - ✓ *Taylor's group OPSEC and his book "Trust Betrayed" were intensely critical of leaks under Obama.*

Voting Record On Trump's Positions

Taylor Voted With Trump's Positions 97.8% Percent Of The Time

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FiveThirtyEight: Taylor Voted In Line With Trump's Position 97.8% Percent Of The Time, Tying Barbara Comstock For The Highest Percentage Among Members Of The Virginia Delegation. [FiveThirtyEight, accessed [3/12/20](#)]

Virginia Delegation Votes In Line With Trump			
Member	Party	District	Trump Score
Scott Taylor	R	VA-2	97.8%
Barbara Comstock	R	VA-10	97.8%
Bob Goodlatte	R	VA-6	95.8%
Robert J. Wittman	R	VA-1	92.7%
H. Morgan Griffith	R	VA-9	90.2%
Dave Brat	R	VA-7	88.4%
Thomas A. Garrett Jr.	R	VA-5	80.0%
Mark R. Warner	D	VA Senator	35.3%
Tim Kaine	D	VA Senator	29.4%
Gerald E. Connolly	D	VA-11	16.9%
A. Donald McEachin	D	VA-4	15.03%
Bobby Scott	D	VA-3	13.3%
Donald S. Beyer Jr.	D	VA-8	13.0%

[FiveThirtyEight, accessed [3/12/20](#)]

Taylor Votes In Line With Trump					
DATE	MEASURE	TRUMP POSITION	TAYLOR VOTE	LIKELIHOOD OF AGREEMENT	PLUS-MINUS
December 20	Extension of government funding, including \$5.7 billion for border wall (217-185)	Support	Yes	65.80%	34.2
December 20	Making changes to federal sentencing and prison laws (358-36)	Support	Yes	94.70%	5.3
December 12	The 2018 farm bill (conference committee report) (369-47)	Support	Yes	89.30%	10.7
September 28	Making permanent the individual tax reductions passed in 2017 (220-191)	Support	Yes	68.80%	31.2
September 28	Allowing new businesses to deduct more of their start-up expenses (260-156)	Support	Yes	90.30%	9.7
September 28	Making changes to savings accounts for retirement and education (240-177)	Support	Yes	83.20%	16.8
July 18	Making changes to health savings accounts, including allowing them to be used for over-the-counter medications (277-142)	Support	Yes	87.40%	12.6
July 18	Expanding eligibility for health savings accounts (242-176)	Support	Yes	83.00%	17
July 18	Eliminating the medical device tax (283-132)	Support	Yes	86.70%	13.3

July 18	Opposing a carbon tax (229-180)	Support	Yes	74.20%	25.8
July 18	Expressing support for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency and denouncing calls for its abolishment (244-35)	Support	Yes	98.20%	1.8
June 18	Republican “compromise” immigration bill (121-301)	Support	No	28.20%	-28.2
June 18	Broad legislation to address the opioid crisis (396-14)	Support	Yes	97.40%	2.6
June 18	The 2018 farm bill (House revote) (213-211)	Support	Yes	56.20%	43.8
June 18	Changing privacy rules with regard to substance-abuse treatment (357-57)	Support	Yes	91.90%	8.1
June 18	Allowing Medicaid to pay for adults with opioid use disorder to receive treatment in mental health facilities (261-155)	Support	Yes	74.70%	25.3
June 18	Allowing the prohibition of certain synthetic drugs (239-142)	Support	Yes	78.10%	21.9
June 18	Targeting imports of opioids through the international mail system (353-52)	Support	Yes	95.20%	4.8
June 18	Rescinding previously approved but unspent funding (210-206)	Support	Yes	57.20%	42.8
May 18	Rolling back some bank regulations put in place by the Dodd-Frank Act (258-159)	Support	Yes	82.10%	17.9
May 18	Allowing patients with terminal illnesses the right to try unapproved treatments (Senate version) (250-169)	Support	Yes	81.50%	18.5
May 18	The 2018 farm bill (198-213)	Support	Yes	49.70%	50.3
May 18	Expanding private care options for veterans (347-70)	Support	Yes	95.70%	4.3
May 18	Making targeted attacks on law enforcement officers a federal crime (382-35)	Support	Yes	93.80%	6.2
May 18	Repeal of guidance meant to protect borrowers from discriminatory markups on auto loans (234-175)	Support	Yes	77.20%	22.8
April 18	Constitutional balanced budget amendment (233-184)	Support	Yes	70.70%	29.3
March 18	The 2018 fiscal year appropriations bill (256-167)	Support	Yes	61.30%	38.7
March 18	Funding for measures to prevent school violence, including training for officials and threat detection (407-10)	Support	Yes	97.70%	2.3
March 18	Allowing patients with terminal illnesses the right to try unapproved treatments (House version) (259-140)	Support	Yes	81.60%	18.4
February 6	Two-year budget bill (240-186)	Support	Yes	60.30%	39.7
February 6	Extension of government funding for six weeks (245-182)	Support	Yes	74.10%	25.9
January 30	Department of Defense Appropriations Act (250-166)	Support	Yes	78.70%	21.3

January 22	Extension of government funding for three weeks, ending the shutdown (266-150)	Support	Yes	82.00%	18
January 19	Motion to table articles of impeachment against President Trump (355-66)	Support	Yes	97.10%	2.9
January 18	Extension of government funding for four weeks (230-197)	Support	Yes	65.20%	34.8
January 11	Reauthorizing warrantless spying program as part of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (256-164)	Support	Yes	66.90%	33.1
January 11	Limiting the ability of officials to search and read private messages collected incidentally as part of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (183-233)	Oppose	No	60.90%	39.1
December 21	Extension of government funding for four weeks (231-188)	Support	Yes	65.30%	34.7
December 20	Overhauling the tax code (final version) (224-201)	Support	Yes	64.30%	35.7
December 19	Overhauling the tax code (conference committee version) (227-203)	Support	Yes	64.50%	35.5
December 7	Extension of government funding for two weeks (235-193)	Support	Yes	63.50%	36.5
December 6	Making concealed-carry firearm permits valid across state lines (231-198)	Support	Yes	65.70%	34.3
December 6	Motion to table articles of impeachment against President Trump (364-58)	Support	Yes	96.80%	3.2
November 16	Overhauling the tax code (House version) (227-205)	Support	Yes	63.70%	36.3
November 14	Reauthorizing the National Flood Insurance Program (237-189)	Support	Yes	68.30%	31.7
November 2	Eliminating the independent board tasked with keeping Medicare costs below limits (307-111)	Support	Yes	87.90%	12.1
October 26	Fiscal year 2018 budget resolution (216-212)	Support	Yes	57.40%	42.6
October 24	Prohibiting Department of Justice settlements that require parties to donate money to outside groups (238-183)	Support	Yes	79.10%	20.9
October 12	Disaster relief for Puerto Rico and other areas (353-69)	Support	Yes	87.60%	12.4
October 3	Banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy (237-189)	Support	Yes	77.90%	22.1
September 28	Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization and disaster relief (264-155)	Support	Yes	81.10%	18.9
September 14	Making appropriations for various executive departments (211-198)	Support	Yes	60.00%	40
September 14	Giving the government more power to deport and deny admission to immigrants suspected of being in gangs (233-175)	Support	Yes	81.80%	18.2
September 8	Raising debt limit/extending government funding/Hurricane Harvey relief (316-90)	Support	Yes	83.20%	16.8

September 6	Hurricane Harvey disaster relief package (419-3)	Support	Yes	99.40%	0.6
<u>July 27</u>	<u>Making appropriations for defense and other purposes</u> (235-192)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	69.6%	+30.4
<u>July 25</u>	<u>Imposing sanctions on Russia, Iran and North Korea</u> (419-3)	<u>Oppose</u>	Yes	0.5%	-0.5
<u>July 25</u>	<u>Repeal of a rule banning some financial companies from using mandatory arbitration clauses</u> (231-190)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	72.6%	+27.4
<u>July 18</u>	<u>Delaying implementation of ozone standards</u> (229-199)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	69.4%	+30.6
<u>June 29</u>	<u>Increasing penalties for undocumented immigrants who re-enter the U.S. after being convicted of certain crimes</u> (257-167)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	83.9%	+16.1
<u>June 29</u>	<u>Penalizing states and localities that have “sanctuary” laws on immigration</u> (228-195)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	73.8%	+26.2
<u>June 28</u>	<u>Limiting health care lawsuits related to coverage provided through a federal program</u> (218-210)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	56.8%	+43.2
<u>June 15</u>	<u>Allowing people who lose their jobs to receive tax credits under the American Health Care Act for continued coverage</u> (267-144)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	90.5%	+9.5
<u>June 13</u>	<u>Making it easier for the Department of Veterans Affairs to discipline employees</u> (368-55)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	97.9%	+2.1
<u>June 13</u>	<u>Withholding Affordable Care Act subsidies from people until their citizenship is verified</u> (238-184)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	79.2%	+20.8
<u>June 8</u>	<u>Dismantling financial regulations put in place by the Dodd-Frank Act</u> (233-186)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	72.8%	+27.2
<u>May 18</u>	<u>Making it easier to seek the death penalty for killing or attempting to kill first responders</u> (271-143)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	83.7%	+16.3
<u>May 4</u>	<u>The American Health Care Act of 2017</u> (217-213)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	57.9%	+42.1
<u>May 3</u>	<u>The 2017 fiscal year appropriations bill</u> (309-118)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	71.7%	+28.3
<u>May 2</u>	<u>Allowing employers to offer employees time off instead of pay for overtime work</u> (229-197)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	69.3%	+30.7
<u>April 28</u>	<u>Extension of government funding for one week</u> (382-30)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	92.9%	+7.1
<u>March 28</u>	<u>Repeal of an FCC rule barring internet providers from sharing data on customers’ activities</u> (215-205)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	59.1%	+40.9
<u>March 22</u>	<u>Allowing small businesses to provide insurance through trade and professional associations</u> (236-175)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	79.8%	+20.2
<u>March 22</u>	<u>Removing antitrust exemption for insurance providers</u> (416-7)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	99.6%	+0.4

March 16	<u>Giving the secretary of veterans affairs more flexibility to discipline employees</u> (237-178)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	75.1%	+24.9
March 8	<u>Department of Defense Appropriations Act</u> (371-48)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	95.2%	+4.8
March 2	<u>Changes to rulemaking requirements for federal agencies</u> (246-176)	<u>Support</u>	Not voting	79.1%	—
March 1	<u>Repeal of a Department of Labor rule regarding records of work-related injuries and illnesses</u> (231-191)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	70.6%	+29.4
March 1	<u>Requires review of proposed regulations by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs</u> (241-184)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	80.6%	+19.4
March 1	<u>Establishment of a commission to review federal regulations</u> (240-185)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	71.3%	+28.7
Feb. 16	<u>Repeal of a rule requiring state and local governments to distribute federal funds to qualified health centers even if they perform abortions</u> (230-188)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	75.6%	+24.4
Feb. 15	<u>Repeal of a Department of Labor rule on drug testing of applicants for unemployment compensation</u> (236-189)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	79.1%	+20.9
Feb. 15	<u>Repeal of a rule that allowed a new type of state-based retirement plan</u> (231-193)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	72.0%	+28.0
Feb. 15	<u>Repeal of a rule that allowed a new type of retirement plan established by local governments</u> (234-191)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	74.6%	+25.4
Feb. 7	<u>Repeal of a Department of Education rule on teacher preparation programs</u> (240-181)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	77.1%	+22.9
Feb. 7	<u>Repeal of a Department of Education rule on school accountability</u> (234-190)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	73.9%	+26.1
Feb. 7	<u>Repeal of changes to Bureau of Land Management planning rules</u> (234-186)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	75.2%	+24.8
Feb. 3	<u>Repeal of a rule requiring energy companies to reduce waste and emissions</u> (221-191)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	69.3%	+30.7
Feb. 2	<u>Repeal of a rule requiring the Social Security Administration to submit information to the national background-check system</u> (235-180)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	80.0%	+20.0
Feb. 2	<u>Repeal of a rule requiring some federal contractors to report labor violations</u> (236-187)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	77.5%	+22.5
Feb. 1	<u>Repeal of the stream protection rule</u> (228-194)	<u>Support</u>	Not voting	71.1%	—
Feb. 1	<u>Repeal of a rule requiring energy companies to disclose payments to foreign governments</u> (235-187)	<u>Support</u>	Not voting	74.5%	—
Jan. 24	<u>Permanent ban on the use of federal funds for abortion or health coverage that includes abortions</u> (238-183)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	78.7%	+21.3
Jan. 13	<u>Waiver allowing James Mattis to become secretary of defense</u> (268-151)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	84.8%	+15.2

Jan. 13	<u>Budget resolution to repeal the Affordable Care Act</u> (227-198)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	64.6%	+35.4
Jan. 5	<u>Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2017</u> (237-187)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	78.7%	+21.3

[FiveThirtyEight, accessed [3/12/20](#)]

Access Hollywood

2016: Taylor Denounced Trump’s Comments On Access Hollywood, But Continued To Support Him

Taylor Denounced Trump’s Comments On Access Hollywood, But Continued To Support Him. “Taylor denounced Trump’s sexually explicit and demeaning comments about women in a 2005 ‘Access Hollywood’ outtake video that were made public weeks before the 2016 presidential election. He said Trump’s words were ‘unacceptable,’ but he continued backing the presidential candidate, saying there was too much at stake in choosing future Supreme Court justices and dealing with a dysfunctional Washington bureaucracy to elect Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton.” [Virginian – Pilot, [3/3/18](#)]

Impeachment

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January 2020: Taylor Called The Articles Of Impeachment “Empty” And Said Luria’s Support Of Them Convinced Him To Pursue A Rematch Against Her. “Taylor, a former Navy SEAL, said Luria’s support for articles of impeachment against President Trump convinced him to pursue a rematch against her. In an interview on WAVY TV 10, he accused Luria, a former Navy commander, of ‘disgracefully using your military background to justify an empty impeachment which has taken away from the needs of the district and the country.’” [Washington Post, [1/6/20](#)]

February 2017: Taylor Dismissed The Idea Of Trump’s Impeachment As Blind Partisanship

Taylor: “Some Of The Folks - They Want You To Impeach The President Right Now For Nothing. They’re Blinded In Their Opposition To Him.” “‘If you want to move me, educate in a calm, professional way,’ he said. ‘I’m not going to be able to magically swipe away the anxiety of people who don’t like President Trump, just like I couldn’t with people who didn’t like President Obama. It’s just unrealistic,’ Taylor said. ‘Some of the folks - they want you to impeach the president right now for nothing. They’re blinded in their opposition to him. ... The reality is his success is the country’s success.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/27/17](#)]

Taylor Campaigned And Travelled With Trump

Campaigning With Trump

March 12, 2017 On CNN, Scott Taylor Said Trump Wanted To Campaign With Him In VA-02 And He Would Have Him There. [CNN, [3/12/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Taylor Welcomed Trump’s Visit To Hampton Roads To Campaign On His Behalf. “Taylor said he’s not avoiding Trump. If the president wants to come to Hampton Roads to campaign on his behalf this election year, he welcomes the visit. ‘We’re actually trying to get Ivanka to come down, too,’ he said, referring to the president’s daughter.” [Virginian – Pilot, 3/4/18]

September 2017: Taylor Was Spotted At The Trump Hotel Bar

Taylor Went To The Trump Hotel Bar. “Speaking of the Trump Hotel, I bump into—last night, at the bar—at the Trump Hotel at about four, five o’clock, I guess it was about five, I was sitting there with former Speaker of the House of Georgia, Mark Burkholder, and in comes Scott Taylor, and I says, ‘Scott, you gotta come on my show tomorrow.’ And so here he is. Scott, good to have you with us, man. [TAYLOR] ‘Good morning, John, and great to see you at the Trump Hotel as well. Always have a good time there.’” [WHKT, [9/8/17](#)] *Note: Recording saved on drive.*

September 2017: Taylor Travelled With Trump On Air Force One

Taylor Travelled With Trump On Air Force One To Newport News To Commission The USS Gerald R. Ford Aircraft Carrier. “And the perks rarely cross party lines. When Trump traveled to Newport News, Va., to commission the USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier, he brought along GOP Reps. Rob Wittman (Va.) and Scott Taylor (Va.). But Democratic Rep. Bobby Scott (Va.), who represents the district, wasn’t invited.” [The Hill, [9/7/17](#)]

2015: Taylor Hosted A Trump Campaign Event At Virginia Beach

Taylor Hosted An Event Trump Rally At A Local Convention Center In Virginia Beach. “Virginia Beach, Va. - Delegate Scott Taylor may book a bigger venue to house Donald Trump’s campaign rally event. Trump is scheduled to speak at an event hosted by Delegate Taylor on Friday. ‘The Trump event sold out faster than anyone anticipated. We are pleased that he is coming to Virginia Beach and hope others candidates will follow. While the Presidential campaign is running the event, as they should, we are trying to push for a bigger venue,’ Taylor said in a press release. [...] NewsChannel 3 spoke to Taylor who says he reached out to several campaigns but Trump was the first to respond and he agreed to do the event. The convention center holds about 2,500 people and it was sold out by noon.” [WKTR, [10/1/15](#)]

Taylor Claimed That He Had Reached Out To Several Campaigns But Trump’s Was The First To Respond And Agree To The Event.” “Donald Trump is scheduled to speak at an event hosted by Delegate Scott Taylor on Friday. Tickets sold out within hours, but there is a waitlist for those who would like to attend. The event will be held at Wave Convention Center in Virginia Beach. NewsChannel 3 spoke to Taylor who says he reached out to several campaigns but Trump was the first to respond and he agreed to do the event. The convention center holds about 2,500 people and it was sold out by noon.” [CBS – 3 WTKR, [9/29/15](#)]

Trump’s Event Was Sold Out. “The event will be held at Wave Convention Center in Virginia Beach. [...] The convention center holds about 2,500 people and it was sold out by noon.” [CBS – 3 WTKR, [9/29/15](#)]

Taylor Defended Or Did Not Comment On Trump’s Extreme Rhetoric

Shithole Comment

Taylor Did Not Respond To Trump’s Comment About Shithole Countries. “President Donald J. Trump flatly denies that he used the expletive. Nonetheless, the African Union Commission and the UN were highly critical, with one organization calling the alleged words, alarming, and the other one calling them, racist. It all began Thursday when the Washington Post, ABC, and other media outlets reported that lawmakers said that President Trump in a closed door meeting on immigration, said, ‘Why do we have all these people from (expletive) countries come here?’ [...] 13 News Now reached out to the two Republican members of the Hampton Roads congressional caucus, Rob Wittman and Scott Taylor. They did not respond by the time this story was filed.” [WVEC, [1/12/18](#)]

Taylor: Trump “Tells It Like It Is. I Like That He Is Not Politically Correct And Does Not Back Down”

October 2015: Taylor: Trump “Tells It Like It Is. I Like That He Is Not Politically Correct And Does Not Back Down.” “Taylor says he has not endorsed anyone but he likes Trump because he ‘tells it like it is.’ ‘I like that he is not politically correct and does not back down,’ says Taylor. ‘After being contacted by several Presidential campaigns seeking endorsement, I decided the best thing to do was offer to help to facilitate and host town halls in the largest city in Virginia,’ said Taylor. ‘It is important for the people of Virginia Beach, Hampton Roads, and all of Virginia to see and hear as many candidates as possible.’” [WKTR, [10/1/15](#)]

November 2017: Taylor Defended Melania Trump Against Allegations Of Plagiarism

November 2017: Taylor Defended Melania Trump Against Allegations Of Plagiarism. “Give @IvankaTrump a break. I “plagiarize” my own speeches all the time. Most people who give many talks do as well. This @Newsweek piece is garbage. You are better than this.” [Twitter, Scott Taylor, [11/30/17](#)]

May 2017: Taylor: “I Haven’t Lost My Confidence In The President”

Taylor: “I Haven’t Lost My Confidence In The President...Is He Perfect? Absolutely Not. But No One Is.” “There’s no question that there were some stumbles this week. No question about it. He talked about classified information, I would be a complete hypocrite if I said that it is not worrisome for leaking of classified information, to put people’s live in jeopardy, and obviously shake alliances. [...] I haven’t lost my confidence in the president to be our president. Look, I just haven’t. So, there was some stumbles this week, and there will be more stumbles. There always are with every president. So, the answer is no, I think he’s still fit to be president. [...] Is he perfect? Absolutely not. But no one is.” [CNN, Erin Burnett OutFront, [5/19/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

February 2017: Taylor Said Three ‘Confrontational’ Town Halls Did Not Change His Opinion On Trump

Taylor Said Three Confrontational Town Halls Had Not Changed His Opinion Of Trump. “Three nights of confrontational questions from unhappy constituents haven’t caused Rep. Scott Taylor to temper his conservative views. Nor is he going to step up criticisms of President Donald Trump. ‘I’m not sure they’ve changed very much, to be honest with you,’ Taylor said Friday.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/27/17](#)]

The Virginian-Pilot: Taylor Was “Unwilling To Distance Himself From The White House Now.” “He sometimes struggled to provide clear and direct answers. He was an early supporter of President Donald Trump’s campaign and was unwilling to distance himself from the White House now, despite the growing chaos and unpredictability of the administration.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/22/17](#)]

February 2017: Taylor Claimed He Would Disagree With Trump “If I Feel It’s Warranted”

Taylor: “I Have Been Very Public About Disagreeing With His Positions Or Things That He Said. And If I Feel It’s Warranted, I’ll Do It Again.” “Taylor said he has taken issue with President Donald Trump’s stances on several occasions. ‘I have been very public about disagreeing with his positions or things that he said. And if I feel it’s warranted, I’ll do it again,’ he said.” [Delmarva Now, [2/23/17](#)]

February 2017: Taylor: “It’s Important That The Country Remain Calm. I Know The President Has Not Helped With A Lot Of That Stuff”

Taylor: “It’s Important That The Country Remain Calm. I Know The President Has Not Helped With A Lot Of That Stuff.” “Taylor drew applause when he acknowledged Trump’s comments have inflamed differences

rather than healing them. ‘Leaders have a duty not to be divisive. You’re not going to see me try to divide us,’ he said. ‘It’s important that the country remain calm. I know the president has not helped with a lot of that stuff.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/22/17](#)]

February 2017: Taylor Said That It Was Not A Good Idea For Americans To Question Trump’s Mental Capability

Taylor: “There’s Also A Lot Of Emotion And A Lot—Like When They’re Questioning The Mental Fitness Of The President, I Mean, That’s Not A Good Question.” “There’s also a lot of emotion and a lot — like when they’re questioning the mental fitness of the president, I mean, that’s not a good question. You know what I mean? I’m more than willing to engage in reasonable things. I’m not intimidated by shouting. It doesn’t move me whatsoever. I have been through way worse than this. I think that’s the wrong approach.” [CNN, CNN Newsroom, [2/22/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

February 2017: Taylor Defended The Pace Of The Trump Administration

Taylor: “There Are Some Things I’d Like To See Move Faster, And At The Same Time, There Are Things That Have Moved Very Fast With This President.” “CUOMO: Are you happy with the pace of progress of the administration so far? TAYLOR: Well, it depends on what you’re talking about. I mean, he’s certainly taken some action very, very quickly. And some good action, as well, too. In Congress, on Capitol Hill, we’re kind of on schedule, what we talked about a couple months ago. We’re — we’re right around where we should be, schedule-wise. Sure, there are some things that I’d like to see happen a lot faster. Some of that’s in his control. Some of that is not. Some of it’s out of his control, like getting these cabinet secretaries through and doing their jobs. Look, and we’ve talked about this a lot, actually. Getting the intelligence community, getting the NSA guy there and together on the same page so that we can better protect Americans. That’s in the best interests of all of us, no matter what side of the aisle you’re on. But yes, there are some things I’d like to see move faster, and at the same time, there are things that have moved very fast with this president.” [CNN, [2/20/17](#)]

Taylor Would Not Commit To Whether Trump’s Tweets Constituted Official Presidential Statements

Taylor Quibbled: “Well, That’s—I Know There Are Two Accounts There. There’s One That’s Unofficial; There’s One That’s Official”

Taylor Would Not Answer Directly When Asked If Trump’s Private Tweets Constituted Official Presidential Statements. “CAMEROTA: Right, so I mean... [07:02:00] TAYLOR: Here you are, and I’ve watched your -- hold on a second, I’ve watched your segments, and you keep talking about this. There’s tons of news out there. Let’s talk about real issues. CAMEROTA: Yes. We’ve been told these are official presidential statements. Is the Twitter account of POTUS an official statement or not? TAYLOR: Well, that’s -- I know that there are two accounts there. There’s one that’s unofficial; there’s one that’s official. CAMEROTA: It is from the official president of the United States account. So is this a presidential statement? TAYLOR: Listen, as I -- as I said to you, I would -- I would prefer the president not make some of these tweets. I’ve been critical on CNN, as well, too.” [CNN, [7/3/17](#); YouTube, Act Now 2017, [7/3/17](#)]

Taylor Distanced Himself From Trump’s Hostility Towards The Media

The Washington Post Reported That Taylor Said That Trump Was “100 Percent” Wrong To Call The Media An “Enemy Of The American People.” “Taylor distanced himself from Trump’s most controversial positions. He dismissed as impractical building a wall along the entire U.S.-Mexico border. He said Trump was ‘100 percent’ wrong to call the media an ‘enemy of the American people.’ He aligned himself on Russia policy with traditional hawks such as House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.), Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Homeland Security Secretary John F. Kelly.” [Washington Post, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Stated, “I Do Not Believe Established News Organizations Are Fake News” But That “You Could Argue” That “Some Have A Slant.” “Taylor was also asked about ‘fake news’ and whether he thought a free press was the ‘enemy of the people,’ as President Donald Trump said in a recent tweet. ‘I do not believe established news organizations are fake news,’ Taylor said. ‘Do some have a slant? Yes, I think you could argue that 100 percent.’ Democracy does not work without a free press to act as a check on those in power, he said.” [Daily Press via Personal PAC, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Said That Trump Was Wrong To Accuse Journalists Of Being “Enemies Of The American People” And That The News Media Was “Necessary For Democracy To Function.” “The congressman drew applause when he said President Donald Trump was wrong to accuse journalists of being ‘enemies of the American people.’ The news media ‘is necessary for democracy to function,’ he said. ‘I condemn that speech. I think it’s the wrong message to send.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/21/17](#)]

Taylor: “I Believe The Press Is Here To Hold People Accountable For Being Honest.” “The first question of the evening came from 10-year-old Mayson Driscoll of Cape Charles, who said she believes in honesty ‘and I wonder why our president does not.’ Taylor in his response said he believes in the watchdog role of the media. ‘I believe the press is here to hold people accountable for being honest,’ he said. Taylor said he ‘can’t answer (for) anybody else why they wouldn’t be honest, but I think people should be held accountable, whether it’s the president, whether it’s me, whether it’s anyone, if we’re dishonest. So I promise to always be honest with you.’” [Delmarva Daily Times, [2/23/17](#)]

...And Yet, Taylor Accused CNN Of Bias In Several Confrontational Interviews

Taylor Told Alisyn Camerota Of CNN, “You Guys Are Playing Right Into [Trump’s] Hands”

Taylor Criticized The Media’s Response After Trump’s Tweet About Wrestling With CNN: “I Think You Guys Are Getting Played, Man. I Think Every He Does This, You Guys Overreact...And You Play Right Into His Hands.” “CAMEROTA: Let’s talk about this tweet. The president retweeted this WrestleMania stuff of him punching somebody with a CNN logo on their head. The -- it appears that the origin of that video was from the Reddit account of somebody with just sickening anti-Semitic and racist rants on their account. What’s your response to this? TAYLOR: Well, I don’t -- I don’t know anything about what you just said in terms of whose account it was or anything like that. I have no idea. I’ve been critical of the president’s tweets before. I think that -- but if I could give objective advice to you, I think you -- I think you guys are getting played, man. I think every time he does this, you guys overreact -- and I say ‘You guys,’ I mean the media in general -- you overreact, and you play right into his hands. I mean, this is -- ironically, CNN reported on him learning politics from the World Wrestling Federation in 2015. And now you’re, like, ‘Oh, my God, he’s inciting violence.’ I just don’t -- I don’t think any American -- most Americans, excuse me, certainly some, maybe, but most Americans out there believe that he’s inciting violence from a WWF clip.” [CNN, [7/3/17](#); YouTube, Act Now 2017, [7/3/17](#)]

Taylor Told Camerota, “You Guys, You’ve Got To Start Reporting Real News”

Taylor Castigated The Press For Covering Trump’s Tweets: “...I Just Think That You Guys, You’ve Got To Start Reporting Real News. This Is Not Really News.” “I just think that this plays right -- you guys are playing right into his hands. You overreact. And then what he -- and then what he’s able to -- he’s able to use that politically. And I just think that you guys, you’ve got to start reporting really [sic] news. This is not really news.” [CNN, [7/3/17](#); YouTube, Act Now 2017, [7/3/17](#)]

Taylor: “You’re Actually Falling Into A Trap By Covering Tweets All The Time. There’s A Lot Of News Out There.” “TAYLOR: I’m actually just giving you, you know, objective advice. You’re actually falling into a trap [sic] by covering tweets all the time. There’s a lot of news out there. There’s a lot of focus on health care. A lot of focus on veterans. A lot of focus on the South China Sea. There’s a lot of news out there to cover. [...] I’m just giving you advice. I think you’re falling into a trap.” [CNN, [7/3/17](#); YouTube, Act Now 2017, [7/3/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed That The Media Was Disproportionately Producing Negative Reports About Trump

Taylor Echoed Trump's Statements About The Media's Treatment Of Him: "...What I'd Like For You To Do The Next Segment You Have Is Put The Numbers Up Of Your Negative Coverage, As Well, Too."

"CAMEROTA: Thank you. I accept your career advice. But I'm curious, are you saying that we should begin now ignoring all the president's tweets, because really, the vast majority of them are frivolous... TAYLOR: That's not what I'm saying. CAMEROTA: ... are frivolous as we've shown you, with the numbers? You think that we should just start ignoring the president's tweets? TAYLOR: What I'd -- OK, what I'd like for you to do the next segment you have is put the numbers up of your negative coverage of the president, as well, too." [CNN, [7/3/17](#); YouTube, Act Now 2017, [7/3/17](#)]

Taylor Repeatedly Urged Camerota To "Cover The News": "You're Not Covering The News. Cover The News. [...] There's A Lot Of News Out There. Cover That. Cover The News." "TAYLOR: The last three [segments] are all about these tweets. You're not covering the news. Cover the news. CAMEROTA: And how do we know -- and how... TAYLOR: You cover the tweets, you should do that. Cover the news, too. CAMEROTA: Congressman -- good. How do we know when the presidential tweet is newsworthy? TAYLOR: You've got -- like I just said, your whole segment is all about this. CAMEROTA: How do we know? Just give me the road map. TAYLOR: There's a lot of news out there. Cover that. Cover the news. CAMEROTA: How do we know when the president's tweet is newsworthy? TAYLOR: As I just said, you've covered his tweet. You've covered it over and over and over and over again." [CNN, [7/3/17](#); YouTube, Act Now 2017, [7/3/17](#)]

Taylor Accused Camerota Of Over-Covering Trump's Tweet: "You've Covered It Over And Over And Over And Over Again." "TAYLOR: As I just said, you've covered his tweet. You've covered it over and over and over and over again." [CNN, [7/3/17](#); YouTube, Act Now 2017, [7/3/17](#)]

Taylor Blasted Amanpour For Calling Trump's Immigration Order A "Muslim Ban"

Taylor Claimed Amanpour Calling Trump's Immigration Order A "Muslim Ban" Was "Irresponsible." "TAYLOR: Well, listen, I think that -- first of all, let me finish one thing and I will get -- I will absolutely answer that specifically because I think there are issues with that. I appreciate Alberto [Mora]. I really do appreciate his opinion. But as he said—he did not say that it was a Muslim ban which you said was. And I think that it's irresponsible of you to say that because you're also fomenting problems as well too. (Crosstalk) AMANPOUR: Oh, Scott. Oh, Scott. Come on, we're playing word games. TAYLOR: It's irresponsible of you. Irresponsible." [CNN Video, [1/31/17](#); CNN Transcripts, [1/30/17](#)]

Taylor Wrote A Facebook Post Castigating Amanpour For "Irresponsible Journalism And Fanning The Flames." "Rep. Taylor pushes back on Christiane Amanpour on irresponsible journalism and fanning the flames. No matter if you support or oppose the executive order, journalists should not frame their segments with their own political views or make definitive statements about text, using rhetoric as the source for the statement, as opposed to the actual text." [Scott Taylor Facebook, [2/1/17](#)]

Russia Investigation

The Congressional Investigation

Taylor Claimed That He Supported A Bipartisan Congressional Investigation Into Russia

Taylor Said That He Supported A Bipartisan Congressional Investigation Into Alleged Russian Interference In The 2016 Election. "The Rev. Berkley Ford asked whether Taylor supports an independent investigation into alleged Russian interference in the recent election. Taylor said he supports a bipartisan Congressional investigation, saying classified information heard in a Senate briefing 'warranted it.' The FBI also is investigating. 'That's were I

am right now, sir, because I think there's a process in place ... I want to see that work first, and see what happens,' he said." [Delmarva Daily Times, [2/25/17](#)]

Taylor On An Investigation Into Russian Interference In The Election: "I Do Support This Investigation Because I Think It's Responsible And They Feel Like It's Necessary." "RUHLE: Congressman, I want to talk about Russia for a moment. You said last night you fully supported an investigation into Russia meddling in our election. How about step two? Would you support that investigation if the focus shifted to the president's ties to Moscow? TAYLOR: Well, what I will tell you right now, and — and I think this is the responsible thing to say is, listen, the — the intelligence community has a — a duty with oversight and if they feel it's necessary to provide oversight over the executive branch, then they should do so. And of course, they had a classified meeting with the FBI and bipartisan. They came out and said that this — this warrants further — an investigation, a bipartisan one. And two, Russia meddling into — into this election. I think that's important. I'm not gonna speak on hypotheticals. I'm happy to come back on your program and answer where I am if that — something like that does come up. But I — I do support this investigation because I think it's responsible and they feel like it's necessary. So, let's see what they find." [MSNBC, 2/21/17]

As Of May 2017, Taylor Had Voted Seven Times Against Establishing A Commission To Look Into Russian Interference In The Election. [HR 1343, [Vote #215](#), 4/4/17; HRes 233, [Vote #203](#), 3/29/17; HRes 229, [Vote #197](#), 3/28/17; HRes 156, [Vote #115](#), 3/1/17; HRes 123, [Vote #93](#), 2/15/17; HRes 116, [Vote #90](#), 2/14/17; HRes 33, [Vote #26](#), 1/10/17]

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January 2017: Taylor's Response To Intelligence Reports About Russian Hacking Into The Election: "I'd Like To See A Little Bit More Information On That Specific Commission..." "Old school Republicans in the Senate aren't sitting idly by as their party's new leader Donald Trump bashes the intelligence community and questions findings that Russia hacked American entities and operatives in order to influence the 2016 election. [...] Rank-and-file House GOP members displayed varying degrees of urgency and certainty. 'I'd like to see a little bit more information on that specific commission; I'd also like to see more information on the actual hacking, itself,' said Rep. Scott Taylor, R-Va." [KSNW-TV, [1/5/17](#)]

Taylor Defended Republican Investigators Who Worked With The White House To Shape Media Coverage Of The Russia Investigation

Taylor Said He Did Not "See Any Issue With" Republican Congressional Investigators Coordinating Media Strategy With The White House To Shape Media Coverage Of The Russia Investigation. "BLITZER: Let's talk a little bit about what is going on right now. Is it an appropriate thing for the Republican chairman of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees, Richard Burr, Devin Nunes, to be engaged in these coordinated contacts with the White House trying to rebut reports, for example, reports that appeared in 'The New York Times' about contacts campaign operatives and Russian officials? TAYLOR: I think, first and foremost, let me say there is a little bit of partisanship here, of course, and I think it's up for the American people to judge that. And it's up for them to

answer those questions. I don't see any issue with it at the moment right now. I think that when you have the FBI that's investigating the issue, they have said they had a broader thing than just Flynn to support that obviously. You had the Senate Intelligence Committee come out in a bipartisan fashion. In fact, my senator, Senator Mark Warren, the ranking member, came out. And then of course the Republican did as well too. I support that as well. It's their prerogative for oversight and they believe that something is there. They should look at it." [CNN, [2/27/17](#)]

Taylor Admitted It Was Reasonable To Ask Republican Chairmen Not To Coordinate With The White House. "BLITZER: But if they're engaged in oversight right now on a sensitive issue like this, and they want the public to have full confidence in the bottom line, in their report that eventually emerges, wouldn't it be best for the chairmen of these committees to tell the White House, you know what, let's not coordinate our conversations right now? We could talk about the budget. We could talk about other issues, but when it comes to this investigation that's ongoing on such a sensitive issue, it's best not to have this kind of contact. TAYLOR: I think that's absolutely reasonable. I think it's reasonable to ask that question. BLITZER: Just to err on the side of caution, because there's been such lack of confidence in the way Congress oversees various aspects of the government." [CNN, [2/27/17](#)]

Taylor Dismissed The "Hysteria" Over Russian Interference And Claimed "Regular American Folks" Were Not Interested In Knowing More

Taylor Said There Was "A Lot Of Hysteria And Overplaying From The Other Side" And That "Regular American Folks" Were "Not So Swept Up." "At the same time, there's a lot of hysteria and overplaying from the other side as well, too. You know, I talked to a lot of folks that are just on the street, regular American folks, who may not watch cable news, for example, and they're not so swept up and they're not so hell bent on every single thing being a Russian conspiracy. They want to see results." [CNN, [7/17/17](#)]

Taylor On Sen. Mark Warner And The Russia Investigation: "I Think [Warner's] Making A Huge Mistake In Terms Of What People Really Care About...I Think He's Overplaying It." "HARLOW: So do you think that it's believable, then? Because the ranking Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, Mark Warner, I'm sure you heard this yesterday also told our Jake Tapper that he thinks it's, quote, 'unbelievable.' That neither the son nor the son-in-law ever shared that information with the candidate, with their dad. Do you buy it? Do you think it's believable that Kushner and Donald Jr. never went to the president with this? TAYLOR: I really don't know. [...] I do think my senator, who I have respect for — we talked about this — I think he's making a huge mistake in terms of what people really care about. And that's the integrity of these elections. [...] I think he's overplaying it." [CNN, [7/17/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed People Cared About The "Integrity Of These Elections," Not The Trump Administration's Role. "TAYLOR: I really don't know. I mean, think about when this was. Think about what the context was. This was before all the Russia hysteria. This was in June. I know they had many meetings. I do think my senator, who I have respect for — we talked about this — I think he's making a huge mistake in terms of what people really care about. And that's the integrity of these elections. There has to be a policy that gets put forth by Democrats, by Republicans that deters and makes it very clear to other nations that they will not, in fact, mess or meddle within our elections — hysteria as well, too. I think he's overplaying it." [CNN, [7/17/17](#)]

Taylor: "People Are Concerned About The Integrity Of Elections, But To See A Russian Conspiracy On Every Single Corner, They Are Not." "HARLOW: But, Congressman, you would agree, surely, your constituents care that American elections are secure. I know that to be the case. TAYLOR: Yes. Because I hear that very often. HARLOW: So let me get your reaction. TAYLOR: Let me touch on that really quickly because people are concerned about the integrity of elections, but to see a Russian conspiracy on every single corner, they are not. They think it's overplayed. HARLOW: OK, so let me get your reaction then because you said, look, there are some self-inflicted wounds here and you've also that there's some hysteria. I know you mean, for example, some Democrats calling this treasonous." [CNN, [7/17/17](#)]

Taylor Repeatedly Voted Against Investigating Russian Interference In The 2016 Election

- **Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election.** [HRes 600, [Vote #600](#), 11/2/17; CQ, [11/2/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/2/17](#)]
- **Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.** [H Res 375, [Vote #290](#), 6/7/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [6/7/17](#)]
- **Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.** [H Res 374, [Vote #288](#), 6/7/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [6/7/17](#)]
- **Voted To Kill A Procedural Move To Bring Up Bill To Create An Independent Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election.** [H Res 323, [Vote #259](#), 5/17/17; USA Today, [5/17/17](#)]
- **Voted Against Preventing The Underlying Bill From Applying To Any Individual Who Withheld Information From Congress Related To An Investigation Regarding Russian Influence Of The 2016 Presidential Election.** [HR 1343, [Vote #215](#), 4/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/4/17]
- **Voted To Block The Creation Of A Commission Investigating Foreign Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election.** [HRes 233, [Vote #203](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of Establishing An Investigation Into Foreign Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election.** [HRes 229, [Vote #197](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.** [H Res 156, [Vote #115](#), 3/1/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [3/1/17](#)]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.** [H Res 123, [Vote #93](#), 2/15/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/15/17](#)]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.** [H Res 116, [Vote #90](#), 2/14/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/14/17](#)]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.** [HR 33, [Vote #26](#), 1/10/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/10/17](#)]

Vote Bullets

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment),” According to a House floor speech by Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-NY: “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative Swalwell and Representative Cummings’ bill, which would create a bipartisan commission to investigate the Russian interference in the 2016 election.” A vote for the amendment was a vote to **block the bipartisan commission to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 election**. The motion was agreed to 230-193. [HRes 600, [Vote #600](#), 11/2/17; CQ, [11/2/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: the Democratic Previous Question that “would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.” The previous question passed 228-185. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 375, [Vote #290](#), 6/7/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [6/7/17](#)]

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The Amendment Would Repeal A Provision That Authorized The Appointment Of An Independent Counsel To Investigate The Resignation Of Michael Flynn And The President’s Alleged Collusion With Russia. “Slaughter, D-N.Y. – Amendment that would make in order amendments by: Kennedy, D-Mass., that would repeal a provision in current law that authorized the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate the forced resignation of Michael Flynn, National Security Adviser by the President with regard to alleged collusion with Russia, as well as investigation on the President’s alleged collusion with Russia in Presidential elections, potential private business ties, and potential conflict of interests;” [CQ Committee Coverage, [5/16/17](#)]

The Amendment Would Stipulate That The FBI Director Could Only Be Fired For “Inefficiency, Neglect Of Duty Or Malfeasance.” “Slaughter, D-N.Y. – Amendment that would make in order amendments by: [...] Demings, D-Fla., that would stipulate that an FBI director could only be fired for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office;” [CQ Committee Coverage, [5/16/17](#)]

The Amendment Would Repeal A Provision That Authorized The Appointment Of An Independent Counsel To Investigate The Firing Of FBI Director James Comey. “Slaughter, D-N.Y. – Amendment that would make in order amendments by: [...] Lieu, D-Calif., that would repeal a provision in current law that authorized the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate the firing of FBI Director James B. Comey, the president’s alleged collusion with Russia in presidential elections, potential private business ties and potential conflicts of interest as a result;” [CQ Committee Coverage, [5/16/17](#)]

The Amendment Would Repeal A Provision That Authorized The Appointment Of An Independent Counsel To Investigate The Firing Of Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates. “Slaughter, D-N.Y. – Amendment that would make in order amendments by: [...] and Moulton, D-Mass., that would repeal a provision in current law that authorized the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate the firing of Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates and the president’s understanding of legal order at the Justice Department.” [CQ Committee Coverage, [5/16/17](#)]

Voted To Kill A Procedural Move To Bring Up Bill To Create An Independent Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election. “House Republicans blocked a vote Wednesday on legislation to create an independent commission to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 election. A Democratic effort to force a vote failed, with only one Republican – Rep. Walter Jones of North Carolina – joining them in a procedural vote that would have allowed them to bring up the bill. But Democrats also launched a petition Wednesday that would allow them to force a vote on the bill at a later date if they get a majority of lawmakers to sign on.” [H Res 323, [Vote #259](#), 5/17/17; USA Today, [5/17/17](#)]

HEADLINE: GOP Blocks House Vote On Independent Russia-Trump Investigation. [USA Today, [5/17/17](#)]

Voted To Kill A Resolution Would Require DHS To Send Information To House Homeland Security Committee Related To Hacking Or Other Russian Interference In The 2016 Election. “The House Homeland Security Committee has given an unfavorable designation to a resolution compelling the Department of Homeland Security to release documents pertaining to the Russia investigation. The resolution of inquiry, introduced by Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), would require the DHS to send information to the panel related to hacking or other interference in the 2016 election. [...] Though a committee cannot table the resolution in a way that stops it from going to the floor, it can issue a recommendation of favorable or unfavorable. In this case, the committee chose the

latter on a 14-12 party-line vote.” [H Res 235, Homeland Security Committee, [Committee Vote](#), 4/5/17; The Hill, [4/5/17](#)]

Voted Against Preventing The Underlying Bill From Applying To Any Individual Who Withheld Information From Congress Related To An Investigation Regarding Russian Influence Of The 2016 Presidential Election. In April 2017, Taylor voted against a “motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent the bill’s provisions from applying to any individual that withheld information from Congress related to an investigation regarding individuals influencing the outcome of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.” The motion was rejected 228-185. [HR 1343, [Vote #215](#), 4/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/4/17]

Voted To Block The Creation Of A Commission Investigating Foreign Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 233) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA’s Science Advisory Board.” A vote in favor is a vote to prevent investigation into Russia’s interference in the 2016 election. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-191. [HRes 233, [Vote #203](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

Voted To Kill A Resolution To Direct Trump Administration To Disclose Documents Related To Trump’s Tweets Accusing Obama Administration Of Wiretapping His Campaign. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Taylor voted to report adversely to the House a resolution that would “request the president, and direct the attorney general, to transmit documents to the House of Representatives relating to four statements made on President Donald Trump’s Twitter account the morning of March 4, 2017, accusing former President Barack Obama of ‘wire tapping’ the Trump campaign.” The motion passed 19-15. Reporting the resolution with an unfavorable recommendation effectively killed the legislation. [Committee On The Judiciary, [Vote #4](#), 3/29/17; CQ Committee Coverage, 3/29/17]

Voted To Kill A Resolution To Direct Trump Administration To Disclose Communications With The Russian Government, And Any Evidence Of Trump’s Allegation Obama Wiretapped His Campaign. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Taylor voted to report adversely to the House a resolution “that would have directed President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions to provide documents ‘relating to communications with the government of Russia’ and regarding Trump’s allegations that the Obama administration wiretapped his campaign.” The motion passed 15-11. Reporting the resolution with an unfavorable recommendation effectively killed the legislation. [H Res 184, Committee On The Judiciary, [Vote #2](#), 3/29/17; CQ Committee Coverage, 3/29/17]

Voted To Block Consideration Of Establishing An Investigation Into Foreign Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 229).” A vote in favor of the motion is a vote to block consideration of a bipartisan bill, The Presidential Tax Transparency Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-189. [HRes 229, [Vote #197](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” The previous question passed 233-189. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 156, [Vote #115](#), 3/1/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [3/1/17](#)]

Voted To Kill A Resolution Directing The Attorney General To Transmit Documents Detailing Counter-Intelligence Investigations And Potential Conflicts Of Interest Stemming From Trump’s Financial Ties. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Taylor voted to report adversely to the House a resolution to “direct the attorney general to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the financial practices of

President Donald Trump.” Required communications included any criminal or counter-intelligence investigation targeting the president or his advisors or information on how the Foreign Emoluments Clause of the Constitution and federal statutes governing conflicts of interest pertained to the president and his employees. The motion passed 18-16. Reporting the resolution with an unfavorable recommendation effectively killed the legislation. [H Res 111, Committee On The Judiciary, [Vote #17](#), 2/28/17; CQ Committee Coverage, [2/28/17](#)]

Politico: Judiciary Committee Republicans Killed A Measure Pressure The Trump Administration To Disclosure Documents Detailing Ties To Russia And Conflicts Of Interest Stemming From His Business Empire. “Congressional Republicans killed a Democratic measure Tuesday to pressure the Trump administration to turn over documents detailing President Donald Trump’s ties to Russia, as well as conflicts of interest stemming from his business empire. The measure, known as a ‘resolution of inquiry,’ was defeated on an 18-16 party-line vote. The resolution would have requested that the Department of Justice provide Congress with ‘any document, record, memo, correspondence or other communication’ related to ‘criminal or counterintelligence investigations’ involving Trump or his White House staff.” [Politico, [2/28/17](#)]

HEADLINE: House GOP defeats resolution requesting Trump-Russia documents [Politico, [2/28/17](#)]

Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In February 2017, Taylor voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” The previous question passed 233-190. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 123, [Vote #93](#), 2/15/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/15/17](#)]

Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In February 2017, Taylor voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” The previous question passed 227-188. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 116, [Vote #90](#), 2/14/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/14/17](#)]

Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” The previous question passed 234-179. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HR 33, [Vote #26](#), 1/10/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/10/17](#)]

Bill Would Create A 12 Member Bipartisan, Independent Commission To Examine Attempts By The Russian Government To Influence The 2016 Elections. “The bill would create a 12-member, bipartisan, independent commission empowered to interview witnesses, obtain documents, issue subpoenas, and receive public testimony to examine attempts by the Russian government and others to use electronic means to influence, interfere with, or sow distrust in this year’s U.S. elections. The commission — which would examine similar efforts by any other foreign governments or entities — would issue a final report with recommendations for future security protections to Congress and the President within 18 months of the bill’s enactment.” [Oversight Committee Democrats, Press Release, [12/7/16](#)]

Independent Investigations

Taylor Said He Opposed The Appointment Of An Independent Investigator

Taylor Said He Was Not Supportive Of An Independent Investigation With A Special Prosecutor Into The Trump-Russia Investigation. “BLITZER: That explains why Darrell Issa, who was the chairman of the

Government Oversight Committee, over the weekend came out in favor of a special prosecutor, an independent investigation, completely independent. He's a Republican. Are you with him on that? TAYLOR: I'm not yet. Not yet. I have been very clear on several programs I'm not there yet. I'm confident in the FBI. I'm confident in their investigation. I'm confident in Senator Mark Warren and Burr, who believe they have a reason to look further into it. And we will see what happens. If they get more, some other information, which as you heard both the chairman, Nunes, as well as Schiff come out and say there is nothing there yet. One of them said there is nothing yet. The other one said there is nothing there yet. If something comes, then we will talk about it then." [CNN, [2/27/17](#)]

Taylor: "I Don't Want This To Devolve Into A Witch-Hunt, Obviously." "BLITZER: Because the argument is that if nothing wrong occurred, no one on the president's campaign did anything wrong in having inappropriate contacts with Russian operatives, what's the problem? Go ahead and have your investigation, check it all out, and the administration if they did nothing wrong will be cleared. TAYLOR: What I will tell you is, I don't want this to devolve into a witch-hunt, obviously. And there is some partisanship at play here." [CNN, [2/27/17](#)]

Taylor Would Not Commit To The Need For An Independent Investigation Into Comey's Firing

Taylor Claimed That "Republican Or Democrat...They Have To Have The Confidence of The American People For Objective Investigations. And I'm Not Saying That There Has To Be An Independent One At This Moment But We'll See." "I don't know — I don't think — look, as I said before, I mean, the FBI — I don't want them to become political, right — this political football — on either side — CUOMO: Right. TAYLOR: — Republican or Democrat, you know. They have to have the confidence of the American people for objective investigations. And I'm not saying that there has to be an independent one at this moment but we'll see. You know, like I said, there's two concerns I have. One, a president has to have confidence in his director — that his prerogative or hers and, we have to have the confidence in the process for the American people. Let's see who gets appointed next so the Senate, in a bipartisan way, can have confidence that they will carry out an objective investigation." [CNN, [5/12/17](#)]

Taylor Said If Trump Failed To Appoint An "Independent And Nonpolitical" Successor To Comey, Then "A Select Committee Or Special Prosecutor" Might Be Necessary. "'Director Comey made missteps, but if they were significant enough for his dismissal, it should have happened months ago,' [Taylor] said, adding that he has seen no evidence of Trump administration officials colluding with Russia. He warned that if Trump fails to appoint an 'independent and nonpolitical' replacement for Comey then 'a select committee or special prosecutor' might be necessary." [Washington Post, [5/10/17](#)]

Taylor Implied That Democrats Were Interested In An Investigation Into Ties Between Trump And Russia On A Partisan Basis

Taylor: "You Have Folks That Are On The Side Who Don't Like The President Who Are Asking For Everything, And I Don't Think That's — That's Not The Right Thing To Do." "CAMEROTA: So, when people say they're concerned about possible Russian ties between the Trump administration and Moscow, what's your response? I mean, what do you tell them? TAYLOR: Well, you know, in this — in this country, we have processes, right? So, right, you've already heard the FBI is coming out saying they're investigating, they investigated General Flynn. They didn't — they're not charging him with anything. They acknowledged that their investigation is broader. Of course, there was a classified briefing that they went into the Intelligence Committee in the Senate who came out of that meeting in a bipartisan meeting and said there's something to look into here. And that's their prerogative and their duty as an oversight folks, of course. And I support that. And that's what I support at this time. Of course, you have folks that are on the side who don't like the president who are asking for everything, and I don't think that's — that's not the right thing to do. We have processes and we shoulder go through them in this country." [CNN, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor Criticized "Folks Simply Using [Russia's Interference] As A Political Baseball Bat To Hit The President." "But it doesn't help of course if you have folks simply using that as a political baseball bat to hit the president and the president of course not taking it super seriously, because he has got the Democrats saying treason

and these stuff like that. That doesn't help the folks who — who it needs to help out, and that is the American people. So we do have to have a policy moving forward, so that we can protect the integrity of our elections.” [CNN, [7/16/17](#)]

Taylor Criticized The Democrats For Focusing On The Russia Investigation: “I...Believe That Democrats—I Think They Are Overplaying Their Hand On This.” “But I also believe that Democrats — I think they are overplaying their hand on this. I’ve watched my senator all day, talking to day. You know, I have to disagree with my — my colleague Congresswoman Jayapal that was just here calling yet another investigation. When there have been tons of investigations, there’s ongoing ones now, that are going on. And I think the polls that you actually were talking to her about reflect exactly what most American — Americans think right now.” [CNN, [7/16/17](#)]

Taylor Accused Democrats Of Obstruction: “All They’re Doing Is Overplaying Their Hand On This Russia Deal And They’re Not Doing The Work Of The American People.” “So all [Democrats]’re doing is obstructing. All they’re doing is overplaying their hand on this Russia deal and they’re not doing the work of the American people. So I think the polls rightfully the ones that you referenced clearly speak to what’s happening in Washington right now.” [CNN, [7/16/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed “If Someone Did Something Wrong...Hold Them Accountable,” But He Decried “You The Democrat, Congressman Come...Talking About Treason And All This Crazy Ridiculousness.” “Now what I will say is again same thing, if someone did something wrong, if there was something here that was illegal, OK, hold them accountable. And the proper authorities will do that, the proper authorities aren’t — you the Democrat, congressman come and when they come along here, just talking about treason and all this crazy ridiculousness. That is — you know, the issue with what’s going on right here, and I think the — what’s bad for the American people and how politicized this is. [17:20:00] Again, someone does something wrong, hold them accountable.” [CNN, [7/16/17](#)]

Taylor Blamed “The Folks Who Are Against Donald Trump, Partisans, Democrats” For “Overplay[ing] This Issue.” “CABRERA: Why do you think the Russia investigation has become a bipartisan issue? We talked about polls. I want to put that one up but show eighty percent of Democrats say that this is a big deal, the Russia investigation. While only thirty-three percent of Republicans believe so. Congressman, are you still with me? TAYLOR: Oh, I’m sorry, I’m sorry. So yes the — I think exactly what we just talked about earlier, I think, you know, you’ve had the folks who are against Donald Trump, partisans, Democrats who have overplayed this issue, they made it almost ridiculous, when you’re talking about treason.” [CNN, [7/16/17](#)]

Taylor Implied Claims Of Russian Interference Into The Election Were “A Political Weapon”

Taylor Defended Trump’s Skepticism About Intelligence Reports That The Russians Influenced The Election: “Intel Has Been Used Sort Of As A Political Weapon.” “CUOMO: [Trump] attacked the findings of the intelligence committee. He questioned them once again, this time on the world stage, saying could have been Russia, could have been other people, nobody knows for sure. Why doubt the U.S. intel on the world stage on the eve of talking face-to- face with Putin? TAYLOR: Well, I think your criticism is legitimate. [...] But I will say, and this isn’t in defense of the intelligence community or the President, which I have many friends in the intelligence community, but, you know, you’ve had this — intel has been used sort of as a political weapon.” [CNN, [7/6/17](#); YouTube, [7/6/17](#)]

Trump’s Handling Of The Russia Investigation

After Trump Revealed Classified Information To Russian Diplomats, Taylor Said Trump’s “Stumbles” Were Similar To “With Every President,” And That Trump Was Not “Perfect,” But “I Think He’s Still Fit To Be President”

Taylor: “There Was Some Stumbles This Week, And There Will Be More Stumbles. There Always Are With Every President. So, The Answer Is No, I Think He’s Still Fit To Be President. [...] Is He Perfect? Absolutely Not. But No One Is.” “There’s no question that there were some stumbles this week. No question about it. He talked about classified information, I would be a complete hypocrite if I said that it is not worrisome for leaking of classified information, to put people’s live in jeopardy, and obviously shake alliances. [...] I haven’t lost my confidence in the president to be our president. Look, I just haven’t. So, there was some stumbles this week, and there will be more stumbles. There always are with every president. So, the answer is no, I think he’s still fit to be president. [...] Is he perfect? Absolutely not. But no one is.” [CNN, Erin Burnett OutFront, [5/19/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

HEADLINE: “Trump Revealed Highly Classified Information To Russian Foreign Minister And Ambassador.” [Washington Post, [5/15/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Donald Trump’s Son-In-Law Jared Kushner ‘Person Of Interest In Russia Investigation.’” [Independent, [5/19/17](#)]

Taylor Said There Would Be “Political Ramifications” For The Trump Administration’s “Shift In Stories” About Russia

Taylor Said There Would Be “Political Ramifications” For The Trump Administration’s Shifting Story On The Russians. “CABRERA: I want to ask you, how do you explain to the American people, a White House going from we never had meetings with Russians, to sure we had meetings with Russians, sure we were willing to accept their help, but it’s not illegal? TAYLOR: [...] Look, I think that there’s no question that there has been a shift in the stories, and people should be — if there’s something that’s illegal here, then people should be held accountable. Yes, there are political ramifications for shifting your story, no question about that.” [CNN, [7/16/17](#)]

Taylor Called On The Trump Administration To Be Transparent About Russia

Taylor To The Trump Administration: “Say What You’ve Done, Get It Out There.” “Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Va.) called on the Trump administration and associates of the president on Friday to open up about any contacts with Russian nationals, saying that he has become frustrated with the changing accounts of such meetings coming out of the White House. ‘The reality is, if you had some meetings, if you met some folks ... say what you’ve done, get it out there. But yeah, it gets frustrating when you have this. Because I do think that some of this is really overplayed and I think ultimately folks that are on the streets – American people – don’t care. They’re over it,’ Taylor said on CNN’s ‘The Lead.’” [Hill, [7/14/17](#)]

Taylor Said Trump Should Be More Careful When Talking About Russia

Taylor On Trump’s Comments About Russia: “The President Absolutely Has To Be More Careful, Because The World Is Paying Attention.” “CUOMO: But [Trump] saying, you know, ‘I don’t know whether or not Russia was behind the hacks. I don’t know what the deal is with Russia and separatists.’ That’s more than seeking common ground. That’s hiding from the facts. Is there a problem with that? TAYLOR: Well, I think that there — words matter, there’s no doubt about that. And I think that this president is new. He’s certainly not a politician. He doesn’t — he’s learning on the job. I’m not taking up for him, just telling you that’s a fact. But words do matter, and he must be more careful and cautious in a lot of things. I mean, you’re playing this in the opening segment before I came in, and there was talking about his words. And yes, the president absolutely has to be more careful, because the world is paying attention. They’re listening to everything that he’s saying. They’re trying to figure out how to interpret him. So it is important. So your point is well taken, that he should be cautious and careful with his words.” [CNN, [2/20/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Was “Aware Of No Evidence From The President” That Obama Wiretapped Trump, And Suggested The President Reach Out To The FBI With His Claim

Taylor: “I Am Aware Of No Evidence From The President, If He Was Wiretapped Or Not.” **“DANA BASH:** More on our breaking news. FBI director James Comey is said to be incredulous over President Trump’s claims that former President Obama wiretapped his phone. [...] Point blank, let me ask you, do you think the President has a basis for this allegation? **SCOTT TAYLOR, CONGRESSMAN, VIRGINIA:** Well, thank you for having me today. I appreciate it. I am aware of no evidence from the President, if he was wiretapped or not. I think it’s a pretty serious allegation. I know chairman Nunez said he’ll look into it. I am not aware of any evidence. I’d love to see some, of course. It’s a pretty shocking allegation, of course. If the White House has some evidence, if they’re able to, in a way that doesn’t impinge on classified information they should probably release something or should definitely work with the committees in equation to do Congress to do so.” [CNN, Newsroom, [3/6/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Taylor Said He Thought The President Should Reach Out To The FBI To Receive Confirmation That Obama Had Wiretapped Him. **“CUOMO:** Sean Spicer, the press secretary says yesterday in response to a direct question that no, the president has not reached out to the FBI about the wiretapping. Why would the president of the United States not get the answer to the question that he has? Unless this is all just a distraction to — you know, to keep people not focused on the Russia question surrounding his administration? He can get the answer to the question faster than anybody else. Why wouldn’t he pick up the phone and call the FBI if he cares so much? **TAYLOR:** I think that he should. I think that he should call the FBI and try to find it out. Now, if he — if he feels as though that he needs to go around, and he needs Congress to exercise their oversight, then let’s see. And then, you know, people out there can judge whether he was correct or not with his tweets or not, saying that there’s a wiretap. It is a big accusation. I understand that.” [CNN, New Day, [3/8/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Taylor Said The Claim Should Be Taken Seriously Because The President Said It

Taylor: “It Is A Big Claim...We Should Take It Seriously If The President Of The United States Is Saying That.” **“BASH:** Are you worried about American credibility when a President puts forward an unsubstantiated claim such as this about his predecessor? **TAYLOR:** Well, again, it is a big claim, of course. And like I said, I think that, you know, the appropriate committees, if they decide it’s in their purview to investigate it, they should. I certainly am not aware of any evidence but we’ll see how it all plays out. But I think that it’s — like I said, it’s a big claim. And we should take it seriously if the President of the United States is saying that.” [CNN, Newsroom, [3/6/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Taylor Said He Would “Absolutely” Rebuke Trump If Trump Lied About Being Wiretapped

Taylor Claimed That If There Was Nothing To The Accusation, “I Imagine He Will Be Rebuked.” **“TAYLOR:** We should look into it, see if there is anything there or not. If not, I imagine he will be rebuked.” [CNN, Newsroom, [3/6/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Taylor Claimed He Would “Absolutely” Rebuke Trump If There Was Ultimately No Evidence. **“BASH:** Would you be one to rebuke him if there is no evidence that comes to the fore? **TAYLOR:** Absolutely. Absolutely.” [CNN, Newsroom, [3/6/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

James Comey

Taylor Defended Trump’s Right To Fire Comey

Taylor On Comey’s Firing: “A President Has To Have Confidence In His Director.” **“TAYLOR:** I don’t know — I don’t think — look, as I said before, I mean, the FBI — I don’t want them to become political, right — this political football — on either side — **CUOMO:** Right. **TAYLOR:** — Republican or Democrat, you know. They

have to have the confidence of the American people for objective investigations. And I'm not saying that there has to be an independent one at this moment but we'll see. You know, like I said, there's two concerns I have. One, a president has to have confidence in his director — that his prerogative or hers and, we have to have the confidence in the process for the American people. Let's see who gets appointed next so the Senate, in a bipartisan way, can have confidence that they will carry out an objective investigation." [CNN, [5/12/17](#)]

Taylor Defended The Legality Of Trump's Choice To Remove Comey As Trumps "Prerogative." "CUOMO: There is a meaningful silence coming from the GOP leadership about this clear deception from the White House as to why James Comey was fired. [...] What do you make of this obvious disconnect between what we were told this was about and now what the president says it was really about? TAYLOR: There certainly is a disconnect in messaging. But what I will say of the front end — it is important to say this. But it is the prerogative of the president. CUOMO: Yes. TAYLOR: The director serves at his — at his pleasure. CUOMO: True. TAYLOR: And he can remove him. That is his legal authority, for sure. Yes, the messaging is off; the timing is off. And you — I know that folks will report things on all stations on either side. And Democrats will say things. Republicans will say things. But in the end it is his prerogative. He serves at his pleasure." [CNN, [5/12/17](#)]

Taylor On Comey's Memo On His Trump Meetings: "The Memo Itself, I Don't Think Is Full Of Lies"

Taylor: "The Memo Itself, I Don't Think Is Full Of Lies...[Trump's] Within His Legal Authority...To Fire Him And Then—Again, But My Concern In Moving Forward Is Who's Next." "CUOMO: What about the confidence in what comes out of the White House? I mean, you know, they said this was about Rosenstein's memo. [...] What about being able to trust what comes out of the White House? Does that matter? TAYLOR: Of course, it matters. Of course, it matters. The memo, itself, I don't think is full of lies and I don't think that's what you were saying. CUOMO: No, I'm not saying that. TAYLOR: But the — I mean, the memo — yes. The memo, itself — obviously, you know, he's very well respected, of course and, you know, Director Comey, who has given great service to this nation — let's say that, of course — but he made some missteps for sure and — on both — and I think Democrats and Republicans are both on record for saying that. And he clearly — the president — whether that's the only reason or there are other reasons where he lost the confidence of the president, he lost the confidence of the president and he had — he's within his legal authority — CUOMO: Sure. TAYLOR: — to fire him and then — again, but my concern in moving forward is who's next. Who's next and is that — does that give a person who is for the American people — they believe there's objectivity in an investigation. But your question is yes, you have to — there has to be trust. There's no doubt about that." [CNN, [5/12/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed He Was "Troubled" By The Timing Of Comey's Firing

Taylor Said He Was "Troubled" By The Timing Of Comey's Firing. "But Reps. Barbara Comstock of Northern Virginia and Scott W. Taylor of Virginia Beach questioned the timing of the dismissal and suggested that additional investigatory powers might be warranted. [...] Taylor, a first-term congressman and former Navy SEAL in a military-heavy district, also walked a fine line, saying he was 'troubled' by the timing of Comey's firing." [Washington Post, [5/10/17](#)]

Taylor Denied Comey's Firing Constituted Interference In The Russia Investigation

Taylor: "I'm Not Sure That [Trump's Actions Were] Interfering With The Investigation...I Wouldn't Say That That's Interfering." "CUOMO: If you now know that the president, by his admission, did try to interfere in the investigation. He wanted to know what was going on. He wanted to know where Comey's head was on it, and he was willing to fire Comey when he decided he had dissatisfaction about where Comey head was with the Russia investigation. What does that tell you about the ability to have this investigation done and the potential need for it to be removed to a truly independent body? TAYLOR: So with all due respect, I'm not sure that that was interfering with the investigation. If I had — if I thought for a second I might be under investigation and I was having dinner with the FBI director, I might ask him, too. 'Hey, am I...' He may not tell me, but I might ask him. So I don't — I wouldn't say that that's interfering." [CNN, [5/12/17](#)]

Taylor Accused Democrats Of Politicizing Comey's Firing

Taylor: Democrats Must Stop “Politicizing This Firing As They Were Calling For Comey’s Dismissal As Well.” “Reps. Scott Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, and Robert C. ‘Bobby’ Scott, D-Newport News, and Democratic Sens. Mark Warner and Tim Kaine all raised questions about the timing of the firing. Taylor said Democrats must stop ‘politicizing this firing as they were calling for Comey’s dismissal as well and there has been zero evidence of collusion with Russia’ but also said the decision is troubling. ‘Director Comey made missteps, but if they were significant enough for his dismissal, it should have happened months ago,’ Taylor said in a statement issued Wednesday on his website. [...] Taylor said Trump must choose an FBI director who is an ‘independent and nonpolitical leader’ to gain ‘the public’s confidence,’ or else a special prosecutor or committee must be established to head up the Russia investigation.” [Daily Press, [5/11/17](#)]

Jared Kushner

Taylor Said Kushner’s Omissions On His Security Clearance Forms Were Accidental And Amended

Taylor: “From What I Understand, He Actually—Before This Reporting Had Happened, He Amended That, To Report This Meeting.” “Look, I think that there was — I think that it was a mistake, the meeting, of course. I think that it was handled incorrectly, but you also have to understand — you know, we’re talking about Donald Jr. right now who is not, you know, a member of this administration whatsoever. [...] CABRERA: ...Jared Kushner was at the meeting. He is a member of the administration. He did fill out security clearance forms... TAYLOR: That’s correct and so from what I understand, he actually... CABRERA: ... and do not disclose these meetings at least three times. TAYLOR: From what I understand, he actually — before this reporting has had happened, he amended that, to report this meeting.” [CNN, [7/16/17](#)]

When Asked If He Thought It Was Possible That Donald Jr. Or Jared Kushner Did Not Tell The President About The Meeting, Taylor Said, “I Don’t Know. I Have No Idea.” “[09:25:05] HARLOW: Do you believe that the son or the son-in-law, Jared Kushner did not tell the president? TAYLOR: I believe the meeting was inappropriate. I said that before. HARLOW: So I just didn’t asked you that. What I asked you is do you believe that they didn’t tell their father about this? Do you believe that or not? TAYLOR: I don’t know. I have no idea.” [CNN, [7/17/17](#)]

Taylor On Kushner: “You’re Innocent Until You’re Proven Guilty”

Taylor: “Well, In This Country...You’re Innocent Until Proven Guilty...We Have An FBI Investigation, So Let It Take Its Course.” “BERMAN: CNN is reporting that Jared Kushner has become a focus of the investigation to alleged contacts or ties between the Trump campaign and Trump transition and Russia. Jared Kushner is a senior adviser — he’s also the president’s son-in-law — senior adviser to the White House in charge of a whole lot of things. Mideast peace, China talks, improved ties with Mexico, innovative government, criminal justice reform. What’s your comfort level with a man now who is at least being investigated by the FBI, being in charge with all of these things? What does it say to you? TAYLOR: Well, in this country, as you very well know, you’re innocent until proven guilty and I’ve said on this program before, let’s let the facts lie where they may. We have a special prosecutor, we have an intelligence investigation on the House, one on the — on the Senate as well. We have an FBI investigation, so let it take its course.” [CNN, [5/26/17](#)]

Donald Jr.

Taylor On Donald Jr.’s Russia Meeting: “I Think It’s Inappropriate.”

When Pressed On The Issue Of Donald Jr.'s Collusion On Russia, Taylor Said, "I Said It Was Inappropriate. I Think It's Inappropriate." "HARLOW: So that's not apples to apples. Frankly, you know that. That is not the highest levels of the Ukrainian government meeting with members of the Clinton campaign. That never happened. It is not apples to apples comparison. So I'm asking you, do you believe that it is a violation of civic honor to have had this meeting, knowing that it was from a concerted Russian government effort? TAYLOR: What I said was — and certainly something that someone else did doesn't excuse behavior of someone else. Let's get that clear, but sometimes we tend to focus on what's just going on now and not other facts as well. I said it was inappropriate. I think it's inappropriate. I think it was a grave mistake. I think the administration, if anyone had contact with Russians or anywhere, get it out there. Get it all out there, just like Chairman Gowdy said before. No more drip, drip, just get it out there." [CNN, [7/17/17](#)]

Michael Flynn

Taylor On Flynn's Contact With The Russians And His Firing: "It's Not Black And White"

VIDEO: Taylor Would Not Comment On Whether Flynn Should be Dismissed If He Did Speak With The Russian Ambassador: "...It's Not Black And White." "CAMEROTA: If General Flynn did have a conversation with the Russian ambassador before President Trump was in the White House, should he be dismissed? TAYLOR: Well, it all depends. I mean, it depends on what he says, of course. I mean, you know, what did he say and what did he have the authority to say or not say; and what did he have the authority to say? And a couple of days later. So I think it's not that black and white and clear. I was listening to a former national security advisor on another network yesterday saying basically the same thing. So I think it's not black and white. There's — you know, I'm not privy to any inside information. So again, that's something that the White House will have to look into and decide if they continue to have confidence. If he was wrong or right or somewhere in between. That's up to them to decide." [CNN, New Day, [2/22/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Russian Interference

Taylor: "There Has Been Zero Evidence Of Collusion With Russia"

Taylor: "There Has Been Zero Evidence Of Collusion With Russia." "Reps. Scott Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, and Robert C. 'Bobby' Scott, D-Newport News, and Democratic Sens. Mark Warner and Tim Kaine all raised questions about the timing of the firing. Taylor said Democrats must stop 'politicizing this firing as they were calling for Comey's dismissal as well and there has been zero evidence of collusion with Russia' but also said the decision is troubling." [Daily Press, [5/11/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed Other Countries Had Also Interfered In The Election

Taylor: "[Interference In The Election] Is From Other Countries, Too! We Know That For A Fact." "CUOMO: Whatever political problems [Trump] has with the intelligence community, do you have any reason to question the intelligence community's conclusions about Russian interference in the election? TAYLOR: No, I don't have any reason to. And I think, you know, a couple things there. You know, the President said — he admitted that it could have been from Russia, it could have been from other countries. It is from other countries, too! We know that for a fact." [CNN, [7/6/17](#); YouTube, [7/6/17](#)]

Taylor: "I Believe That [Russia] [Was] Attempting To Mess With Our Election, I Do. I Think That Other Countries Were As Well." "CABRERA: Is the president to blame by calling it a hoax, by calling it a witch hunt, by not taking it seriously and not — and not believing his Intelligence Community who concluded that Russia was behind the election meddling? TAYLOR: Let me say what I believe. I believe that they were attempting to mess with our election, I do. I think that other countries were as well. And I think that it's going to be sophisticated moving forward, which is why we have to have a policy." [CNN, [7/16/17](#)]

Taylor Blamed Obama For Not Being “A Little Stronger On This”

VIDEO: Taylor: “The Last President Probably Should Have Been A Little Stronger On This.” TAYLOR: We both — we know that very well and the last President probably should have been a little stronger on this. In that specific meeting he’s speaking about, yes, if you’re — you know, I mean, the head of the state, the President, our President brought it up several times to Putin, he denied it. You have to move on in that meeting. That being said, yes, you know, the Senate obviously has passed sanctions I believe, and the House will also pass some sort of sanctions, as well too. And let me also say that I think that in this Russia political football back and forth, I think that — I think that what’s missing in this debate is not the rhetoric, the rousing rhetoric of treason and all of those stuff which I think is ridiculous.” [CNN, The Lead with Jake Tapper, [7/14/17](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: Taylor: “Well, Let Me First Say Obviously This Started Under A Previous Administration, Right?” “TAPPER: ...one of the big issues, I think, is whether or not the United States and the Trump administration specifically should try to exact some sort of punishment against the Russians for that. I want you to listen [...] to an excerpt from my interview yesterday with White House Adviser Sebastian Gorka discussing the Administration’s reluctance to punish the Russians at all. [...] Congressman, do you agree at that point you have to move on? Vladimir Putin denies collusion and therefore there doesn’t need to be any punishment for Russia? TAYLOR: Well, let me first say obviously this started under a previous administration, right? TAPPER: Sure.” [CNN, The Lead with Jake Tapper, [7/14/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Taylor Compared Russian Interference In The 2016 Election To A DNC Contractor’s Alleged Interest In Information From Ukraine

Taylor: “The DNC Of Course Sought Ukrainian Information On The President. They Kept That Fire Between The Campaign, Right? You’re Not Talking About That, You Should Be.” “CABRERA: But I’m not asking whether it was illegal, I’m asking about whether there is some sense of responsibility in owning that that’s what was believed to be going into this meeting. TAYLOR: As I said earlier on your program already, I don’t think the meeting was appropriate. That being said, a lot of things happen and I’m not — this is not an excuse because I said it was inappropriate. But there are a lot of things that happen on campaigns, you know, the DNC of course sought Ukrainian information on the president. They kept that fire between the campaign, right? You’re not talking about that, you should be. But if there’s something — if something needs to happen, they should be accountable. I need to finish my sentence in the previous thing in that, what’s bad for the American people right now, when you have folks coming on here and saying it’s treason, treason, treason, and when you have folks in the administration who aren’t coming clean with everything.” [CNN, [7/16/17](#)]

Taylor Compared Donald Trump Jr. Getting Information From The Russians To The “DNC Trying To Get Information From Ukraine.” “HARLOW: However, here is what conservative columnist and Fox News contributor, Charles Krauthammer writes, ‘The Russia scandal has entered a new phase. [...] What Donald Jr. and Kushner and Manafort did may not be criminal, but it’s not merely stupid, it’s deeply wrong, and a fundamental violation of civic honor. With having that meeting, attending it saying, I love it, according to Donald Jr., is that a violation of civic honor? TAYLOR: Well, I don’t know about that. With all due respect to Charles, who says it much more eloquent than I ever could — it’s troubling, it’s inappropriate. I said that also as well, too, so is the DNC trying to get information from Ukraine. Those are all inappropriate stories.” [CNN, [7/17/17](#)]

Taylor On Future Meddling

Taylor Said The Answer To Russia Interfering Was A Cyber Policy Banning Foreign Interference In U.S. Elections

Taylor Claimed That The Country Needed A Policy To Prevent Other Nations From Interfering In Our Elections. “No question, what you’re missing here, what the American people are missing here is a policy that says

to other nations around the world, that they will not interfere with our election. No one's talking about that and they should be because there should be repercussions and consequences for any country that tries to deal... [...] There's no policy coming out of this or even talk about it." [CNN, [7/16/17](#)]

Taylor: "The American People...Need A Cyber Policy. A Uniform Policy That Says What Is An Act Of War." "TAYLOR: But the bigger issue is here is what the American — the American people need a policy — need a cyber policy. A uniform policy that says what is an act of war — defines that. What is an act of aggression? Where is the red line for other countries meddling in our elections? We don't have that right now. It's being lost, quite frankly, on all the partisan discussion. [...] We have plenty of investigations going on right now into Russia but what we're missing here is a uniform policy to make sure this doesn't happen again." [CNN, [5/26/17](#)]

Taylor Advocated For A "Monroe Doctrine In Cyber" That Would State "To Other Nations, They Will Not Interfere With Our Election." "But, you — what you have to have here is a policy, a policy that says to other nations, they will not interfere with our election, a Monroe Doctrine in cyber if you will. That's missing from this debate and that's very unfortunate both on the Democrats and the Republicans. We have to come together and we have to set a line in the sand that makes sure that every nation on this earth understands that they will not mess with the integrity of our election. And that's the responsibility of both Democrats and Republicans." [CNN, The Lead with Jake Tapper, [7/14/17](#)] (VIDEO)

March 2017: Taylor Introduced HRes 200, Which Would Express The Sense That The United States Should Develop A Comprehensive Cybersecurity Policy. According to the bill's text, HRes 200, would express the "sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should develop and adopt a comprehensive cybersecurity policy that clearly defines acts of aggression, acts of war, and other related events in cyberspace, including any commensurate responses to any such act or event in cyberspace." In the last action reported, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. [HRes 200, [3/16/17](#)]

Tax Returns

February 2017: Taylor: "I Think" Trump "Should" Release His Tax Returns

When Asked If Trump Should Release His Tax Returns, Taylor Replied, "I Think He Should. I Think It's A Reasonable Request." "CAMEROTA: I do want to mention. I want to get to that. But what's your answer to whether or not the president should release his tax returns? TAYLOR: I think he should. I think it's certainly a reasonable request." [CNN, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor Said Trump Was Not Obligated To Release His Tax Returns

Taylor Admitted That It Was "Certainly A Reasonable Request" That Trump Should Release His Tax Returns But "He Doesn't Have To." "CAMEROTA: I do want to mention. I want to get to that. But what's your answer to whether or not the president should release his tax returns? TAYLOR: I think he should. I think it's certainly a reasonable request. He doesn't have to. But I think he should, sure." [CNN, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor: "It's Up To The American People To Hold Him Accountable For That, Of Course, At The Ballot Box If They Think That's The Biggest Issue." "It's up to the American people to hold him accountable for that, of course, at the ballot box if they think that's the biggest issue. But the reality is, whether you want to see it or not, he's still the president and he still will be the president even if he shows it." [CNN, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor Repeatedly Voted Against Releasing Trump's Tax Returns

- **Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns.** [H Res 879, [Vote #173](#), 5/9/18; CQ, [5/9/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/9/18](#)]
- **Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require The Disclosure Of The President's Tax Returns.** [H Res 831, [Vote #143](#), 4/18/18; CQ, [4/18/18](#); Congressional Record, H 3409, [4/18/18](#)]
- **Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #392](#), 7/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/17]
- **Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #311](#), 6/21/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/21/17]
- **Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #292](#), 6/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/17]
- **Voted Against Requiring Major Party Candidates For President To Release Three Most Recent Tax Returns.** [HR 305 (HRes 275), [Vote #224](#), 4/26/17; CQ, [4/26/17](#)]
- **Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #219](#), 4/5/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/5/17]
- **Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #201](#), 3/28/17; CQ Floor Votes, [3/28/17](#)]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of Requiring Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [H Res 230, [Vote #199](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of A Vote Appealing A Ruling That Forcing Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns Is Not A House Privilege.** [Motion, [Vote #182](#), 3/22/17; CQ, [3/22/17](#)]
- **Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #161](#), 3/15/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/15/17]
- **Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #128](#), 3/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/7/17]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns.** [H Res 150, [Vote #103](#), 2/28/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/28/17](#)]
- **Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #101](#), 2/27/17; CQ Floor Votes, 2/27/17]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of The Presidential Tax Transparency Act.** [H Res 55, [Vote #62](#), 1/24/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/24/17](#)]

Vote Bullets

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Ms. Eshoo’s bill H.R. 305. H.R. 305 would amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, as well as any candidate of a major political party for the office of the President, to submit their Federal income tax returns for the three most recent years. This bill would ensure more transparency in the political process and provide the American people with additional information about potential conflicts of interest of the President or a candidate for the office of the President.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 223-189. [H Res 879, [Vote #173](#), 5/9/18; CQ, [5/9/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/9/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require The Disclosure Of The President's Tax Returns. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule...” According to Rep. Polis, defeating the previous question would “amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the disclosure of certain tax returns by Presidents and certain candidates for the office of the President, and for other purposes.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 226-189. [H Res 831, [Vote #143](#), 4/18/18; CQ, [4/18/18](#); Congressional Record, H 3409, [4/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “motion to table (kill) the Cicilline, D-R.I., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Cicilline resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to 235-190. [Motion, [Vote #392](#), 7/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/17]

Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: “motion to table (kill) the Doggett, D-Texas., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Doggett resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to 227-188. [Motion, [Vote #311](#), 6/21/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/21/17]

Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In June 2017, Taylor voted for “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Capuano, D-Mass., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Capuano resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-186. [Motion, [Vote #292](#), 6/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/17]

Voted Against Requiring Major Party Candidates For President To Release Three Most Recent Tax Returns. In April 2017, Taylor voted for “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 275).” Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to introduce an amendment to the rule that, “would make in order Ms. Eshoo’s bill H.R. 305. H.R. 305 would amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the President to submit their Federal income tax returns for the three most recent years. This bill would ensure more transparency in the political process and provide the American people with additional information about the financial situation of a candidate for the office of the President” A vote yes was a vote against requiring presidential candidates to release their tax returns. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 237-186. [HR 305 (HRes 275), [Vote #224](#), 4/26/17; CQ, [4/26/17](#)]

Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In April 2017, Taylor voted for “Foxx, R-N.C., motion to table (kill) the Jeffries, D-N.Y., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Jeffries resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-184. [Motion, [Vote #219](#), 4/5/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/5/17]

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries “Offered A Resolution... To Delay Consideration Of Tax Reform Legislation Until After Lawmakers Review Trump’s Tax Returns.” “House Republicans on Wednesday blocked a Democratic effort to demand President Trump’s tax returns for the sixth time in as many weeks. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) offered a resolution directing the House to delay consideration of tax reform legislation until after lawmakers review Trump’s tax returns and conclude how he could benefit from changes to the tax code.” [The Hill, [4/5/17](#)]

Voted To Kill A Resolution Directing Treasury To Provide Trump’s Personal Tax Filings Over The Past Decade. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Taylor voted to report unfavorably to the House H. Res. 186, “of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Treasury to provide to the House of Representatives the tax returns and other specified financial information of President Donald J. Trump.” The motion passed 24-16. Reporting the resolution with an unfavorable recommendation effectively killed the legislation. [Committee on Ways and Means, [Committee Vote](#), 3/28/17]

Pascrell Resolution Requested 10 Years Of Trump’s Tax Returns, And Any Information Treasury Has Specifying Trump’s Debt And Investments In Foreign Companies And Governments. “The resolution requests 10 years of returns, from 2006 through 2015, and any information Treasury has that specifies Trump’s debts held by foreign companies and governments, investments in foreign countries and enterprises, and any ‘tax shelters, corporate structures, tax avoidance maneuvers, abatements or other loopholes to reduce or eliminate tax liability.’” [North Jersey Record, [3/28/17](#)]

Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “Flores, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Lofgren, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Lofgren resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-190. [Motion, [Vote #201](#), 3/28/17; CQ Floor Votes, [3/28/17](#)]

Republicans Blocked Procedural Effort To Obtain Trump’s Tax Returns From The IRS. “House Republicans on Tuesday blocked more attempts by Democrats to obtain President Donald Trump’s tax returns from the IRS. House Democrats tried for a third and a fourth time to use procedural votes to pry loose Trump’s returns. Republicans blocked both efforts, one on the House floor and the other in the House Ways and Means Committee. The House voted 228-190 on a mostly party-line vote to block the Democrats’ effort. The Ways and Means Committee voted 24-16 to oppose the effort.” [Associated Press, [3/28/17](#)]

Voted To Block Consideration Of Requiring Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 230).” A vote in favor is a vote against requiring Trump to release his tax returns. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-184. [H Res 230, [Vote #199](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Voted To Block Consideration Of A Vote Appealing A Ruling That Forcing Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns Is Not A House Privilege. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to table (kill) the Polis, D-Colo., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Polis resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-189. [Motion, [Vote #182](#), 3/22/17; CQ, [3/22/17](#)]

Republican Presiding Officer Cut Off Attempt By Democrats To Force A Vote To Push Committee To Request Trump’s Tax Returns. “Democrats tried but failed Monday to force a House floor vote to push a key committee to request copies of President Trump’s tax returns. It was the fourth time in as many weeks that Democrats sought to force the vote. Rep. Jared Polis (D-Colo.) attempted to offer a resolution and trigger a House floor vote, but was cut off by the Republican presiding over the House.” [The Hill, [3/20/17](#)]

Rather Than Rule The Measure Was Not Privileged, Rep. Womack, The Presiding Officer, Ruled That Rep. Polis Was No Longer Able To Speak. “Three other Democrats in recent weeks offered similar resolutions as “privileged,” which would require the House to act within two legislative days. The presiding officer in the House at those times ruled that the measure didn’t qualify as “privileged” by affecting the chamber’s dignity and integrity. Democrats demanded roll call votes to appeal those rulings. [...] But on Monday, Rep. Steve Womack (R-Ark.), who was presiding over the chamber, took a different approach to block the measure. He declared the House would not at that time determine whether the resolution met the requirements to be “privileged” and ruled that Polis was no longer recognized to speak. Womack then ordered the House to resume voting on an unrelated noncontroversial bill regarding the Department of Homeland Security.” [The Hill, [3/20/17](#)]

Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Crowley, D-N.Y., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Crowley resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 223-183. [Motion, [Vote #161](#), 3/15/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/15/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump’s Tax Returns. “Crowley’s measure is similar to resolutions Democratic Reps. Bill Pascrell Jr. (N.J.) and Anna Eshoo (Calif.) offered on the House floor in recent weeks. It includes additional language that says the American public need to know more about Trump’s business interests in order to ‘ensure that all policies put forward by the Trump Administration solely benefit the American public and not his corporate business partners.’ As was the case in past weeks, Crowley tried to offer the resolution as ‘privileged,’ meaning the

House would have to act on it within two legislative days. But Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho), who was presiding over the House, ruled that the measure was not privileged, and the vast majority of Republicans voted to table Crowley's appeal of that ruling, 223-183." [The Hill, [3/15/17](#)]

Voted To Kill An Amendment That Would Prevent Implementation Of The American Health Care Act Until A Formal Request Was Made To Treasury For Trump's Personal Tax Filings Over The Past Decade. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Taylor voted for a "motion to table the Doggett, D-Texas, motion to appeal the ruling of the chairman that the Doggett amendment to the Brady, R-Texas substitute amendment was not germane. The Doggett amendment would bar the bill from taking effect until the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee submits a written request to the Treasury secretary for copies of the president's federal tax returns for the last 10 years. It also would require that the tax returns and any accompanying information be available for Democratic and Republican committee staff and members to examine." The motion was agreed to 23-16. [Committee On Ways and Means, [Committee Vote](#), 3/8/17; CQ Committee Coverage, [3/8/17](#)]

Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Taylor voted for "McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Eshoo, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Eshoo resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House." The motion passed 227-186. [Motion, [Vote #128](#), 3/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/7/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump's Tax Returns. "House Democrats on Tuesday furthered their push to force Republicans to take tough votes on President Trump, offering a resolution on the House floor to request Trump's tax returns for the second time in a little over a week. The resolution was blocked on a procedural vote of 227-186. [...] Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) offered a resolution on Tuesday instructing the House to request 10 years of Trump's tax returns so that they can be considered by the House Ways and Means Committee in a closed session." [The Hill, [3/7/17](#)]

Voted To Block Consideration Of Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns. In June 2016, Taylor voted for the "Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the President to submit their Federal income tax returns for the three most recent years." The previous question passed 224-191. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 150, [Vote #103](#), 2/28/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/28/17](#)]

Voted To Kill A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In February 2017, Taylor voted for "McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pascrell resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House." The motion passed 229-185. [Motion, [Vote #101](#), 2/27/17; CQ Floor Votes, 2/27/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump's Tax Returns. "A House Democratic lawmaker attempted Monday to force a House floor vote on a resolution to request President Trump's tax returns, but the effort failed on a party line vote, 229-185, with two Republicans voting 'present.' The move was the latest in a series of Democratic efforts to push Congress to request Trump's tax returns, and Democrats demanded a roll call vote to force Republicans to go on the record. [...] Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.) offered a resolution that would have directed the House to request 10 years of Trump's tax returns, have the House Ways and Means Committee review them in a closed session and then vote to send the information in the returns to the full House." [The Hill, [2/27/17](#)]

Democrats Offered Resolution To "Instruct The House To Request Trump's Tax Returns From The Last Decade So That The House Ways And Means Committee... Can Review Them In A Closed Session." "Democrats have offered similar resolution three other times in the last four weeks, which all

resulted in procedural votes. The resolutions would instruct the House to request Trump's tax returns from the last decade so that the House Ways and Means Committee, which has oversight of the Internal Revenue Service, could review them in a closed session. The chairmen of the House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Finance Committee and Joint Committee on Taxation have the power to request individual tax return information from the Treasury Department." [The Hill, [3/20/17](#)]

After Republican Presiding Officers Ruled Measure Did Not Qualify As "Privileged" Action Under House Rules, Democrats Forced Roll Call Vote To Appeal Ruling. "Three other Democrats in recent weeks offered similar resolutions as "privileged," which would require the House to act within two legislative days. The presiding officer in the House at those times ruled that the measure didn't qualify as "privileged" by affecting the chamber's dignity and integrity. Democrats demanded roll call votes to appeal those rulings." [The Hill, [3/20/17](#)]

Voted Against Mandating A Formal Request To Treasury For Trump's Personal Tax Filings Over The Past Decade. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Taylor voted against an "amendment that would direct the chairman to submit a written request to the Treasury secretary by March 1 for copies of the tax returns of President Donald Trump for the last 10 years. The returns would be examined by bipartisan staff and reviewed in executive session for potential conflicts, violations of the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution and potential entanglements with foreign governments and foreign state-owned enterprises." The amendment was rejected 15-23. [Committee On Ways and Means, [Committee Vote](#), 2/14/17; CQ Committee Coverage, [2/14/17](#)]

Voted Against Amendment To Prevent Committee From Moving Any Legislation That Would Provide A Financial Benefit To President Trump. As a member of the Homeland Security Committee, Taylor voted against an "amendment that would prohibit the full committee from moving or waiving consideration of legislation that would provide any direct financial benefit to President Donald Trump, the Trump Organization or any business the president has an equity interest." The amendment was rejected 10-17. [Homeland Security Committee, CQ Committee Coverage, [2/1/17](#)]

Republicans Voting Against Motion: Donovan (N.Y.); Duncan, Jeff (S.C.); Fitzpatrick (Pa.); Gallagher (Wis.); Garrett (Va.); Higgins, C. (La.); Hurd (Texas); Katko (N.Y.); King, P. (N.Y.); Marino (Pa.); McCaul (Texas); McSally (Ariz.); Perry (Pa.); Ratcliffe (Texas); Rogers, Mike D. (Ala.); Rutherford (Fla.); Smith, Lamar (Texas)

Amendment Was "An Attempt To Get Trump To Release His Tax Returns." "In an attempt to get Trump to release his tax returns, New Jersey Democrat Bonnie Watson Coleman offered an amendment, rejected 10-17, that would have prohibited the full committee from moving or waiving consideration of legislation that would provide direct financial benefit to Trump, the Trump Organization or any business where he has an equity interest. She called it a 'good government' amendment, but McCaul said it had 'absolutely no relevance to any of our oversight responsibilities.'" [CQ Committee Coverage, [2/1/17](#)]

Voted To Block Consideration Of The Presidential Tax Transparency Act. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the "Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, the Presidential Tax Transparency Act." The previous question passed 233-187. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 55, [Vote #62](#), 1/24/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/24/17](#)]

Conflicts Of Interest

Taylor Repeatedly Voted Against Addressing Conflicts Of Interest In Trump's Administration

- **Taylor Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials.** [HR 1116, [Vote #107](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#)]
- **Taylor Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials.** [HR 4607, [Vote #94](#), 3/6/18; CQ, [3/6/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/6/18](#)]
- **Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Empowering The House Of Representatives To Investigate Trump's Potential Conflicts Of Interest.** [HRes 280, [Vote #229](#), 4/27/17; CQ, [4/27/17](#)]
- **Did Not Vote On Consideration Of An Amendment Prohibiting The President From Making Public Communications About Or Advocating For His Business Interests.** [HR 1004, [Vote #125](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]
- **Voted Against Recommitting The SCRUBS Act With An Amendment Exempting Rules Related To Conflict Of Interest And Bribery.** [HR 998, [Vote #113](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]
- **Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill To Address The Financial Conflicts Of Interest Of The President.** [H Res 40, [Vote #32](#), 1/11/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/11/17](#)]

Vote Bullets

Taylor Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials. In March 2018, Taylor voted against: “Connolly D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent changes in financial regulations in the bill from being made at the request of, or for the personal gain of, the president, a member of his family, or other senior Executive Branch official.” The motion to recommit failed 182-232. [HR 1116, [Vote #107](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials. In March 2018, Taylor voted against: “Clark, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit a federal financial regulator from including certain rules in its review under the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 if such rules were issued or made at the ‘request of and for the personal gain of’ the president, the president’s family members, or senior executive branch officials who are required to file annual financial disclosure forms.” According to Rep. Clark, the “amendment simply states that before taking any action to eliminate or change a regulation, regulators must disclose any communications from the White House or the President’s family advocating for the action and whether the President, his family, or any senior administration officials would benefit financially from such action.” The motion was rejected, 182-228. [HR 4607, [Vote #94](#), 3/6/18; CQ, [3/6/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/6/18](#)]

Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Empowering The House Of Representatives To Investigate Trump's Potential Conflicts Of Interest. In April 2017, Taylor voted for “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 280).” Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer a resolution that, “would direct certain officials of the Trump Administration to provide information to the House of Representatives that will enable the House to meet its constitutional responsibility to conduct oversight of the Trump Administration by investigating potential conflicts of interests of President Donald J. Trump.” A vote yes was a vote against the Democrats’ resolution. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-193. [HRes 280, [Vote #229](#), 4/27/17; CQ, [4/27/17](#)]

Did Not Vote On Consideration Of An Amendment Prohibiting The President From Making Public Communications About Or Advocating For His Business Interests. In March 2017, Taylor did not vote on the “Jayapal, D-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit the president from making public

communications that refer to a business in which the president has an equity interest and would prohibit the president from publicly advocating on behalf of such business interests.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1004, [Vote #125](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]

Voted Against Recommitting The SCRUBS Act With An Amendment Exempting Rules Related To Conflict Of Interest And Bribery. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Raskin, D-Md., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions rules related to laws governing potential conflicts of interest and financial disclosures for executive branch employees, and would exempt rules related to bribery.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 998, [Vote #113](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill To Address The Financial Conflicts Of Interest Of The President. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 371, to address financial conflicts of interest of the President and Vice President.” The previous question passed 232-168. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 40, [Vote #32](#), 1/11/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/11/17](#)]

Trump Administration Leaks

Taylor Held Trump Administration Leaks To A Different Standard Than Obama Administration Leaks

Taylor Claimed He Was Not Happy With Illegal Leaks Of Classified Information Or Trump’s Comments On The Issue: “There Are Problems On Both Sides.” “Taylor said he wasn’t happy with illegal leaks of classified information to reporters but also wasn’t pleased with Trump’s comments on the issues. ‘There are problems on both sides. I have said I don’t agree with the president. ... I think it’s wrong. I have friends in the intelligence community,’ he said.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/21/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Was Unhappy With The Leaks To Reporters And Claimed Trump Was Wrong To Accuse Journalists Of Being The Enemy. “The congressman drew applause when he said President Donald Trump was wrong to accuse journalists of being ‘enemies of the American people.’ The news media ‘is necessary for democracy to function,’ he said. ‘I condemn that speech. I think it’s the wrong message to send.’ He also fielded queries about Trump’s derogatory comments about national intelligence agencies, the allegations of ties to Russia, and White House adviser Stephen Bannon, who has links to supporters of white nationalism. ‘Are you concerned that the administration is, itself, a threat to national security?’ asked one man as the crowd cheered. Taylor said he wasn’t happy with illegal leaks of classified information to reporters but also wasn’t pleased with Trump’s comments on the issues. ‘There are problems on both sides. I have said I don’t agree with the president. ... I think it’s wrong. I have friends in the intelligence community,’ he said.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/21/17](#)]

Taylor’s Organization Special Operations Education Fund OPSEC Previously Criticized The Obama Administration For Alleged National Security Leaks. “Known as OPSEC, military shorthand for operational security, the group says it has raised about \$1 million for TV ads and a short film called ‘Dishonorable Disclosures,’ which criticizes the Obama administration for alleged national security leaks. [...] ‘If you look at the history of these leaks, they look like they are made to make the president look strong,’ Taylor said.” [Los Angeles Times, [8/16/12](#)]

Taylor: “I Would Be A Complete Hypocrite If I Said It Is Not Worrisome For Leaking Of Classified Information, To Put People’s Lives In Jeopardy, And Obviously Shake Alliances.” “BURNETT: So, Congressman, has your view changed at all of this president and his fitness or office this week? He shared classified information. The FBI director says that the president asked him to stop the investigation into General Michael Flynn, that’s in the Comey memo, of course. That’s according to Comey, the president denies it. You now have ‘The New York Times’ reporting, the president said: I faced great pressure because of Russia, that’s taken off

because of the firing of Jim Comey. Has your impression of the man, the president, a Republican, your party, changed? TAYLOR: There's no question that there were some stumbles this week. No question about it. He talked about classified information, I would be a complete hypocrite if I said that it is not worrisome for leaking of classified information, to put people's live in jeopardy, and obviously shake alliances. I wrote a book about the last administration doing this, remember the SEAL Team that Biden famously — BURNETT: Yes. TAYLOR: — leaked to friends of mine? I mean, this is — that's a big deal. So, obviously, it's a big deal." [CNN, [5/19/17](#)]

Taylor's 2016 Election Treatment Of Trump

Taylor Denounced Trump's Remarks About Women But Did Not Withdraw His Support

Taylor Claimed Trump's Comments About Women Were "Unacceptable." "Taylor has supported Trump's candidacy but has called the presidential candidate's sexually-explicit comments about women 'unacceptable.'" [Virginian-Pilot, [11/8/16](#)]

Taylor Condemned Trump's Comments About Gold Star Parents Khizr And Ghazala Khan

Taylor: "Donald Trump's Back And Forth Engagements With The Khans Are Counterproductive. I Encourage Him To Sincerely Apologize To Them And To End This Issue Now." "Republican congressional candidate and former Navy SEAL Scott Taylor urged Donald Trump to apologize to the parents of a Muslim U.S. Army captain killed in Iraq and 'end this issue now.' [...] Trump, the GOP presidential nominee, has been roundly criticized by veterans' groups, Democrats and some Republicans for his continued verbal attacks on Khizr and Ghazala Khan of Charlottesville, parents of Humayun Khan who died in 2004. The officer's parents have been outspoken critics of Trump in part because of his anti-Muslim comments. Trump's attacks began after Khizr Khan criticized Trump at last week's Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. 'Donald Trump's back and forth engagements with the Khans are counterproductive. I encourage him to sincerely apologize to them and to end this issue now,' Taylor said in the statement." [Virginian-Pilot, [8/3/16](#)]

Taylor's Campaign Slogan Was Almost Identical To Trump's

Taylor Had A Similar Campaign Slogan As Trump: "Let's All Make America Great Again." "State Del. Scott W. Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, a former Navy SEAL, defeated Rep. J. Randy Forbes in the June Republican primary, and he is the favorite to win the general election in the Republican-leaning district. [...] Taylor has capitalized on the same national hunger for an insurgent candidate that has helped propel Trump, and he a similar slogan: 'Let's all make America great again.'" [Richmond Times Dispatch, [8/7/16](#)]

The Washington Post Reported That Taylor's Radio Ads Used The "Trump-Like Slogan": "Let's All Make America Great Again." "Taylor, a former Navy SEAL and Iraq War veteran, embraced that message in the military-heavy district, even adopting a Trump-like slogan in radio ads: 'Let's all make American great again.'" [Washington Post, [6/16/16](#)]

Taylor Echoed Trump's Opinions On Hillary Clinton Even After The FBI Recommended No Charges

After The FBI Declared It Would Not Recommend Charges Against Hillary Clinton For Her Use Of A Private Email Server, Taylor Stated: "I Think Today's Developments Say To Me That She's Very Careless And Reckless, And Thinks She's Above The Law." "After more than a year of investigating, the FBI will not recommend charges against Hillary Clinton for using private email servers while she was Secretary of State. According to Director James Comey, Clinton's actions weren't intentional. [...] Meanwhile, Republican State Delegate Scott Taylor, who's running for Congress, said he is surprised. 'I think today's developments say to me that she's very careless and reckless, and thinks she's above the law,' he said." [CBS – 3 WTKR, [7/5/16](#)]

Judicial Appointments

Taylor Claimed Trump Would Make Judicial Appointments Who “Respect The Constitution”

Taylor: Trump Would “Choose Judges And Justices That Respect The Constitution, Rule Of Law And The 2nd Amendment. I Don’t Think Hillary Clinton Will Do That.” “State Del. Scott Taylor of Virginia Beach, Marty Williams of Chesapeake and Henrico County Sheriff Mike Wade all denounced Trump’s sexually explicit and demeaning comments on a 2005 ‘Access Hollywood’ outtake video made public last week. But they argued there were significant reasons why the New York businessman should be elected rather than Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. ‘The words in the video are unacceptable,’ said Taylor, a candidate in the 2nd Congressional District, which includes Virginia Beach and Virginia’s Eastern Shore, part of Norfolk and several localities on the Peninsula. Both Trump and Clinton are flawed candidates, Taylor said, but there is too much at stake with future U.S. Supreme Court appointments and fixing a dysfunctional Washington bureaucracy. Trump will ‘choose judges and justices that respect the Constitution, rule of law and the 2nd Amendment,’ Taylor said. ‘I don’t think Hillary Clinton will do that.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [10/11/16](#)]

Taylor Accused The Obama Administration Of Playing Politics With American Lives Over Leaks, But Under Trump Taylor Said Americans “Don’t Care” About Leaks

Taylor Accused President Obama Of Leaking Details Of Missions In Order To “Claim Political Credit”

Taylor Argued Obama Leaked Details Of Missions In Order To “Claim Political Credit.” “[The “Kill List”] was another example of Obama’s preferred use of clandestine tactics that are less likely to draw the ire of his liberal base. But that meant that—as with Special Operations Forces missions—he could claim political credit only by strategically leaking details to journalists hungry to be in the circle of trust.” [Trust Betrayed, page 35]

Taylor Questioned Obama’s Decision To Release Details Of A Failed Raid To Save Kidnapped Journalist James Foley

Taylor Questioned Obama’s Decision To Release Details Of A Failed Raid To Save Kidnapped Journalist James Foley. “Fast forward to 2014 and the ISIS threat. The group, by that time calling itself the Islamic State, had kidnapped an unknown number of Western journalists and aid workers. These barbarians revealed in a grisly video that they had two American journalists—James Foley and Steven Sotloff. They beheaded Foley on camera and announced that Sotloff would be next if the United States continued to conduct air strikes against their forces in Iraq. [...] Days after the beheading video was released, the Obama administration told reporters that there had been a failed mission to save Foley...Now, why on earth would Obama authorize a release like this one at a time when he knew that the enemy still held and was threatening to kill at least one other American?” [Trust Betrayed, pp. 43-44]

Taylor Criticized Obama’s “Decision To Keep His Tee Time And Let Himself Be Photographed In A Gleeful Game Of Golf Just Minutes After Acknowledging The Situation On Camera.” “Obama’s reaction to this horror was truly disgraceful—and I’m not referring to his decision to keep his tee time and let himself be photographed in a gleeful game of golf just minutes after acknowledging the situation on camera.” [Trust Betrayed, pp. 43-44]

2015: Taylor Wrote “Trust Betrayed: Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, And The Selling Out of America’s National Security”

February 2015: Taylor Released A Book Condemning National Security Leaks Under Obama. “In bookstores Monday: Here comes ‘Trust Betrayed: Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and the Selling Out of America’s National

Security,’ by Scott Taylor, a former Navy SEAL sniper with a visceral point to make. ‘Loose lips sink ships.’ Every American knows the old World War II saying - but Scott Taylor believes today’s leaders have forgotten it. [...] Mr. Taylor enlisted in the Navy at age 19, served in South and Central America and was a sniper during Operation Iraqi Freedom. But he’s very much a political entity. A self-described ‘Constitutional conservative in the Reagan tradition,’ Mr. Taylor is a new member of the Virginia House of Delegates in the state’s 85th District - and is also president of OPSEC, a political action committee centered on national security, formed in 2012.” [Washington Times, [2/22/15](#)]

Taylor Publicized His Life As A SEAL In A Book Criticizing Obama. “Taylor, a Republican, has become increasingly political since leaving the SEALs, drawing criticism from some in the military who say he’s breached the special force’s traditional code of ‘quiet professionalism.’ For instance, Taylor helped produce a web video in 2012 that accused former President Barack Obama of taking too much credit for the SEALs’ successful raid on Osama bin Laden’s compound. He also wrote the 2015 book ‘Trust Betrayed: Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and the Selling Out of America’s National Security.’” [Washington Times, [2/12/17](#)]

A Navy Lieutenant Cited Taylor In His Naval Postgraduate Master’s Thesis, “Navy SEALs Gone Wild: Publicity, Fame, And The Loss Of The Quiet Professional.” “A U.S. Navy lieutenant cites Taylor, among others, in his 2015 master’s thesis at the Naval Postgraduate School, ‘Navy SEALs Gone Wild: Publicity, Fame, and the Loss of the Quiet Professional.’ Lt. Forrest Crowell wrote that Taylor is among ‘the core of what is becoming a special interest pressure group that uses the credibility of special operations to push partisan politics.’” [Washington Times, [2/12/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed, “I Got Involved In That Specifically Because I Felt Like Our Leaders Were Releasing National Security Secrets...To Gain Credit Politically And Get Re-Elected.” “Taylor says politicians exploited the military - not him. ‘I got involved in that specifically because I felt like our leaders were releasing national security secrets ... to gain credit politically and get re-elected,’ Taylor said. ‘He’s entitled to his opinion and I respect it, of course,’ Taylor said of the thesis. ‘But there isn’t a SEAL who leaves the military who doesn’t put it on his résumé.’” [Washington Times, [2/12/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed Filmmakers Received “Unprecedented Access” To The Bin Laden Raid And That “May Have Had Even More Deadly Consequences”

Taylor Claimed The Makers Of *Zero Dark Thirty* Had Inappropriate Access To Details About The Mission To Kill Bin Laden. “Hollywood filmmakers got unprecedented access to the people who planned the raid [to kill bin Laden]. In May 2012, the watchdog group Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit demanding the release of hundreds of Department of Defense and CIA communications on this subject. The documents Judicial Watch obtained contained emails revealing that in June 2011, Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow, the producer and director of the Academy Award-winning movie *Zero Dark Thirty*, were granted interviews with people intimately involved in the mission.” [Trust Betrayed, p.27]

Taylor: “The Details Shared...May Have Had Even More Deadly Consequences.” “[T]he details shared with the makers of the movie *Zero Dark Thirty*—may have had even more deadly consequences.” [Trust Betrayed, p. 54]

Taylor Implied Obama And Top-Ranking Members Of His Administration Were Responsible For Leaks

As OPSEC President, Taylor Called For An Investigation Into National Security Leaks During The Obama Administration. “The video also blamed the administration for leaking information about a U.S.-Israeli computer virus used to attack Iran’s nuclear program and disclosures about the use of unmanned American drones to kill enemy targets in other countries. Some members of Congress, including California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, have raised concerns about national security leaks in recent months. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder has directed two U.S. attorneys to investigate leaks discussed in the OPSEC video. Taylor, who contends that most members of the

SEAL community in Virginia Beach share his group's concerns, said he wants an independent investigation." [Virginian-Pilot, [8/17/12](#)]

Taylor Claimed Obama Was "Solely Responsible For Your House To Keep It In Order And Keeping The Leaks Responsible." "The group, which says it is nonprofit and nonpartisan, despite a number of its members having close ties to the Republican Party, has especially harsh words for the Obama administration on the subject of national security leaks. 'There are only a certain, finite amount of people who know certain aspects of security, so it had to have been leaked from the highest levels of government,' Taylor said, adding, 'the president is the commander in chief and the way the military works you are solely responsible for your house to keep it in order and keeping the leaks responsible. It is up to the commander in chief, just as though if you were commander of any military unit, to be responsible for your men as well.'" [Politico, [8/17/12](#)]

Taylor Claimed The Obama Administration Was "More Concerned With Saving Face Than It [Was] With Protecting The Lives Of Our Special Operations Forces, Intelligence Community, And Ultimately Americans Held Captive Overseas." "This administration has once again leaked, released and acknowledged classified information pertaining to a [special forces] mission. None of these actions were either called for or necessary, but done so for political gain,' said Scott Taylor, the group's president, in a Thursday statement. 'These actions continue to demonstrate the reckless disregard by this administration for the [special forces]/intelligence community, their families, and may well endanger future operations,' said Taylor, a former Navy SEAL and a Republican state legislator in Virginia. 'It is quite apparent that this administration is more concerned with saving face than it is with protecting the lives of our Special Operations Forces, intelligence community and ultimately Americans held captive overseas,' he added. OPSEC, a relatively new group, previously chastised the Obama administration for disclosures about the May 2011 raid that killed Osama bin Laden." [US News, [8/21/14](#)]

2005: OPSEC Member Fred Rustmann Argued The Leak Of CIA Agent Valerie Plame's Name "Wasn't A Big Deal"

2005: OPSEC Member Fred Rustmann Argued The Leak Of CIA Agent Valerie Plame's Name "Wasn't A Big Deal." "It's time for President Obama and other administration officials to stop jeopardizing national security operations for political gain,' said Fred Rustmann, an OPSEC member who worked at the CIA for 24 years before he retired in 1990. Rustmann and two other key members of the group, all self-described Republicans, have a history of talking openly to the media about national security, a review of articles and transcripts revealed this week. Rustmann appeared on Fox News' 'Hannity and Colmes' in 2005 to discuss Valerie Plame, a covert CIA operations officer whose identity was revealed in July 2003 by members of the George W. Bush administration. A federal jury convicted I. Lewis 'Scooter' Libby, who had been chief of staff for Vice President Dick Cheney, of four felony counts in the case. Rustmann, who had supervised Plame during her early years at the CIA, argued on Fox that disclosing Plame's name was not a significant breach of national security. He discussed details of her training, her career and her cover. 'It isn't a big deal,' he said about the illegal disclosure of the covert officer's name." [Sun Sentinel, [8/17/12](#)]

Taylor Addressed The Irony Of OPSEC Publicly Addressing Leaks And His Own Status As A SEAL Who Had Been Urged By The Military Not To Talk

Taylor Appeared In The NBC Documentary "Secrets Of Seal Team Six," In Which It Was Noted That The Military Had Urged Former SEALs Not To Talk. "Scott Taylor, chairman of OPSEC, is a former Navy SEAL. An unsuccessful GOP candidate for Congress in Virginia in 2010, he sat down with NBC News last summer for a documentary titled 'Secrets of Seal Team Six.' The film said the military had urged former SEALs not to talk. And OPSEC member Chad Kolton, a former spokesman for the director of national intelligence during the George W. Bush administration, helped make the office 'more accessible to reporters, including regular off-the-record briefings by senior analysts on global hot spots,' according to a release that announced his departure to form a communications firm." [Sun Sentinel, [8/17/12](#)]

Taylor Claimed There Was A Distinction Between Talking To Reporters About National Security And Disclosing Secrets. “In interviews Wednesday, Rustmann, Taylor and Kolton drew a distinction between talking to reporters about national security matters and disclosing secrets, which each of them said they never did. ‘People called me up and asked me questions and I answered the questions,’ Rustmann said. ‘I know what to say and what not to say,’ Taylor said.” [Sun Sentinel, [8/17/12](#)]

VIDEO: Taylor Said, “Folks That Are On The Street, American People, Don’t Care” About Leaks Within The Trump Administration

Taylor: “Obviously Leaks Out Of The White House” Were “Frustrating” But “It’s Really Overplayed...The American People Don’t Care. They’re A Little Over It.” “TAPPER: Earlier this week your colleague Trey Gowdy, who a Conservative Republican from South Carolina, he headed the Benghazi Committee, he really expressed a lot of frustration with the Trump White House for the constantly shifting stories and what he called the drip, drip, drip of information. Is it frustrating for you as well, Sir? TAYLOR: Well, sure, it’s frustrating. I mean, some of those are obviously leaks out of the White House, the drip, drip, drip. Some of the stories, of course, are changing. And obviously, listen, let me preface everything by saying, if someone did something wrong, then hold them accountable all the way to the President. But the reality is, if you had some meetings, if you met with some folks, listen, I once, Jake, was on RT News Channel, so, just so you know (INAUDIBLE). Say what you’ve done, get it out there, yes, it gets frustrating when you have this because I do think that some of this is well, like, it’s really overplayed. And I think ultimately, folks that are on the streets, the American people, don’t care. They’re a little over it.” [CNN, The Lead with Jake Tapper, [7/14/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Mueller Investigation

Taylor Voted For Resolution Believed To Be An Attempt To Discredit The Mueller Investigation

Taylor Voted For Insisting That The Justice Department Fully Comply With The Document Requests And Subpoenas Issued By The Intelligence And Judiciary Committees. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the resolution that would that would insist that the Justice Department fully comply with the document requests and subpoenas issued by the Intelligence and Judiciary committees with regard to potential violations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) by Justice Department personnel and related matters, by Friday, July 6, 2018.” The resolution was adopted 226-183. [H. Res. 970, [Vote #306](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Freedom Caucus Leaders Spearheaded The Resolution To Pressure The Deputy Attorney General To Comply With Congressional Demands Related To FBI Investigations Of Hillary Clinton And Russian Election Interference. “The resolution, which was spearheaded by House Freedom Caucus leaders Mark Meadows and Jim Jordan, is the latest step by conservatives who have been ratcheting up the pressure on Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to comply with congressional demands related to the FBI’s Hillary Clinton and Russia investigations. The measure itself is effectively symbolic, but Republicans intend to send a message to the Justice Department that the full Congress is demanding compliance with their document requests -- or else.” [CNN, [6/26/18](#)]

Democratic Critics Said The Resolution Was An Attempt To Discredit The Mueller Investigation, And Give Trump An Excuse To Fire Rosenstein. “But Democratic critics say this is all a plot to discredit the Mueller investigation. They think Trump’s allies are trying to hit the Justice Department with impossible demands, so they’ll either have to turn over extremely sensitive information about an ongoing message, or look bad by withholding it. Some even think this is mainly about giving Trump an excuse to fire Rosenstein, who, again, is Mueller’s boss.” [Vox, [6/28/18](#)]

2017 Virginia Elections

November 2017: On VA Elections, “Tuesday Night Was A Referendum On Trump”

Headline: CNN: “VIDEO: Virginia GOP Rep.: Tuesday Night Was A Referendum On Trump.” [CNN, [11/8/17](#)]

November 2017: Taylor Said Divisive Rhetoric Helped Boost Democratic Turnout In Virginia’s Elections. “Republican Rep. Scott Taylor (Va.) called the GOP defeat in Virginia’s gubernatorial race a ‘referendum’ on President Trump’s administration on Tuesday. Taylor’s remark represents a break with Trump’s tweeted claim that Republican Ed Gillespie lost to Lt. Gov Ralph Northam (D) because the governor hopeful wouldn’t tie himself closely enough to Trump. Northam held an 8-point lead with 97 percent of precincts reporting. ‘I don’t know how you get around that this wasn’t a referendum on the administration, I just don’t,’ Taylor told reporters at Gillespie’s election night party. ‘Some of the very divisive rhetoric really prompted and helped usher in a really high Democratic turnout in Virginia.’” [The Hill, [11/7/17](#)]

Issues

Abortion & Women's Health Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor voted for a 20-week abortion ban which Planned Parenthood deemed unconstitutional.*
- ✓ *Taylor said the only exception to a ban on abortion should be to save the woman's life but voted against allowing an exemption for the health of a woman for 20-week abortions.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to make the Hyde Amendment permanent.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted repeatedly to defund Planned Parenthood.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted against consideration of an amendment that prevented insurance plans from charging women higher premiums than men.*
- ✓ *Taylor committed to protecting VOCA and VAWA at a town hall.*

Abortion

Taylor Stated That The Only Exception For Abortion Should Be If The Woman's Life Is In Danger

2010: Taylor Opposed Abortion And Said That The Only Exceptions For Abortion Should Be In The Case That The Woman's Life Is In Danger. "While all oppose abortion, how they define 'pro-life' varies. [...] Scott Taylor of Virginia Beach said the only exception should be when the woman's life is in danger." [Virginian-Pilot, [5/31/10](#)]

Taylor Was A Member Of The Bi-Partisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus

2017: Taylor Was A Member Of The Bi-Partisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus. [Congressman Scott Taylor, accessed [7/31/17](#)]

20 Week Abortion Ban

20 Week Abortion Ban Were Unconstitutional

Planned Parenthood: "20-Week Bans Are Unconstitutional." "20-week bans are unconstitutional. 20-week bans are a clear attempt to erode Roe v. Wade. In fact, 20-week ban proponents are outspoken about their goal to challenge the 1973 Supreme Court decision protecting a woman's right to safe and legal abortion." [Planned Parenthood, accessed [7/12/18](#)]

HEADLINE: 20-Week Abortion Bans: Still Unconstitutional After All These Years [Rewire, [5/12/15](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban

Taylor Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban. It would provide exceptions for cases in which the woman's life is in

danger as well as for pregnancies that are a result of rape for pregnancies that are a result of rape against an adult woman, if the woman received counseling or medical treatment for the rape at least 48 hours prior to the abortion. An exception would be provided for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest against a minor if the rape or incest had been previously reported to law enforcement or another government agency authorized to act on reports of child abuse. The bill would require a second doctor trained in neonatal resuscitation to be present for abortions where the fetus has the ‘potential’ to survive outside the womb.” The rule was adopted, 237-189. [HR 36, [Vote #549](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#)]

Abortion Rights Groups Said The Legislation Had No Exception If The Pregnancy Threatened The Mother’s Health, And The Rape And Incest Exceptions Were Too Narrow. “Abortion rights groups and Democratic lawmakers panned the legislation ahead of its passage, arguing it is based on faulty science and contains no exception if a pregnancy would threaten a mother’s health. They also said the rape and incest exceptions are too narrow and that the bill is likely unconstitutional under existing Supreme Court rulings.” [Washington Post, 10/3/17]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A 20-Week Abortion Ban. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 548) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 36) that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban, with certain exceptions.” The rule was adopted, 233-187. [HR 36, [Vote #547](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#)]

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Abortion Regulations

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Taylor Voted For Making The Hyde Amendment Permanent And Eliminate Abortion Coverage On Any Private Health Insurance Plan Participating In The Affordable Care Act

Taylor Voted For Making The Hyde Amendment Permanent And Eliminate Abortion Coverage On Any Private Health Insurance Plan Participating In The Affordable Care Act. In January 2017, Taylor voted for: “passage of the bill that would permanently prohibit federal funds from being used to pay for abortion services or health insurance plans that include abortion coverage. It also would prohibit the District of Columbia from using its own local funds to provide or pay for abortions. Individuals and small businesses also could not receive tax credits under the 2010 health care law related to purchases of health insurance plans that include abortion coverage. The bill would require the Office of Personnel Management to ensure that, starting in 2018, no multistate qualified health plan offered in a state insurance exchange provides coverage that includes abortion. The provisions would not apply to pregnancies resulting from rape or incest, or to situations where the woman would die unless an abortion is performed.” The bill passed by a vote of 238-183. [HR 7, [Vote #65](#), 1/24/17; CQ, [1/24/17](#)]

Planned Parenthood

Taylor Voted To Defund Planned Parenthood

2017: Taylor Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill

2017: Taylor Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill – Which Would Defund Planned Parenthood. In May 2017, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law [...] It would prohibit federal funding to any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortions and receives more than \$350 million a year in Medicaid funds.” The bill was passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, [Vote #256](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted To Make It Possible For States To Withhold Federal Grants From Planned Parenthood

Taylor Voted To Reverse Obama Rule Preventing States From Withholding Grants From Planned Parenthood. In February 2017, Taylor voted for overturning “an Obama-era rule banning states from denying federal funds to Planned Parenthood and other health care providers that perform abortions. The rule was designed to prohibit states from withholding family planning funding from providers for reasons other than their ability to offer family-planning services.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 230-188. [HJRes 43, [Vote #99](#), 2/16/17; USA Today, [2/16/17](#)]

Taylor Actively Voiced Support For Defunding Planned Parenthood: “Two Dozen Other Facilities In The Area Provide Eight Times More Services”

2017: Taylor Said He Supported Eliminating All Federal Funding For Planned Parenthood. “Questioners in the audience of roughly 750 people pressed Rep. Scott W. Taylor (Va.), a former state lawmaker and Navy SEAL, on President Trump’s connections to Russia and the specifics of what pieces of the Affordable Care Act he wants to

keep. They rained down a chorus of boos when he said he opposes federal funding for Planned Parenthood.” [Washington Post, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Argued That “Two Dozen Other Facilities In The Area Provide Eight Times More Services For Women.” “When asked about Planned Parenthood, Taylor, who was elected in November, was booed when he said he supported stopping all the organization’s federal funding. Two dozen other facilities in the area provide eight times more services for women, Taylor said, adding that ‘none of those facilities spend money attacking people politically.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/21/17](#)]

Violence Against Women

Taylor Committed To Support Funding The Victims Of Crime Act And Violence Against Women Act

2017: Taylor Promised To Support The VOCA And VAWA Programs And Their Funding At A Virginia Beach Town Hall. “CONSTITUENT: We’ve had some indications that VOCA, the Victims of Crime Act, and VAWA, the Violence Against Women Act—that the funding for those programs are going to be cut by the Department of Justice. And I’m just acting for your commitment to support those programs and that funding. TAYLOR: You have it.” [YouTube, Live Satellite News, [2/21/17](#)] *Note: See Virginia Beach Town Hall 2.21.17 video saved on drive.*

Agriculture & Food Access Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *2018: Taylor voted for the House version of the 2018 Farm Bill which included strict work requirements for SNAP recipients.*

2018 Farm Bill

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Taylor Voted For The House Version Of 2018 Farm Bill That Included Strict Work Requirements For SNAP

Taylor Voted For The House Version Of 2018 Farm Bill. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, including crop subsidies, conservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would require individuals receiving SNAP benefits, who are 18-59 years old, to work or participate in work training programs for a minimum of 20 hours per week, and would require the Department of Agriculture to establish a database to track individuals receiving SNAP benefits. The bill would reauthorize and extend supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs, the current sugar policies and loan rates, several international food aid programs, nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for loan commodities, several dairy programs, including the dairy risk management program (previously the margin protection program) and would modify certain utility standards in the Home Energy Assistance Program to require SNAP benefits recipients to provide documentation of such expenses in order to receive increased benefits using the Standard Utility Allowance.” The bill passed, 213-211. [H.R. 2, [Vote #284](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

HEADLINE: House farm bill passes with controversial food stamp changes [Politico, [6/21/18](#)]

The Bill Would Tighten Eligibility For SNAP, Resulting In 400,000 Households Losing Benefits, And Would Risk Free And Reduced-Price School Meals For Thousands For Children. “The House farm bill would also tighten eligibility criteria under SNAP — changes that would result in some 400,000 households losing SNAP benefits. Thousands of children would also risk losing their enrollment in free and reduced-price school meal programs.” [Politico, [6/21/18](#)]

Anti-Hunger Groups Said The Changes Would Make It More Difficult For Millions For Receive Nutrition Assistance, While Investing In Job Training Programs That Are Not Proven To Move People Out Of Poverty. “Republicans contend the plan would put people on a pathway to self-sufficiency. Democrats and anti-hunger groups say it would make it more difficult for millions of needy Americans to receive nutrition assistance, and also would invest in a state-run job training bureaucracy under SNAP that has yet to prove it helps people move out of poverty.” [Politico, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill That Included Strict Work Requirements For SNAP And Failed To Pass

Taylor Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill, Which Would Reauthorize SNAP And Farm And Rural Programs. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, including crop subsidies, conservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would require individuals receiving SNAP benefits, who are 18-59 years old, to work or participate in work training programs for a minimum of 20 hours per week, and would require the Department of Agriculture to establish a database to track individuals receiving SNAP benefits.” The bill failed 198 to 213. [HR 2, [Vote #205](#), 5/18/18; CQ, [5/18/18](#)]

HEADLINE: House Farm Bill Collapses Amid Republican Disarray [New York Times, [5/18/18](#)]

The House Farm Bill Included Strict Work Requirements For Food Aid Recipients, While Maintaining Farm Subsidies For Rural Communities. “The twice-a-decade measure — which would have imposed strict new work requirements on food aid recipients while maintaining farm subsidies important to rural lawmakers — failed on a 213-to-198 vote. It was a rebuke of Speaker Paul D. Ryan by a key bloc of conservatives over his refusal to schedule an immediate vote on a restrictive immigration bill sponsored by the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.” [New York Times, [5/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Allow States To Privatize SNAP Operations

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Allow States To Use Private Companies To Carry Out Program Eligibility Functions Of The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Faso, R-N.Y., amendment that would allow states to carry out program eligibility and other administrative functions of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in a number of different ways, including the use of non-governmental contractors, as long as such personnel have no direct or indirect financial interest in an approved retail food store.” The amendment was adopted, 222-192. [HR 1865, [Vote #196](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Amendment Would Allow States To “Privatize SNAP Operations.” “An amendment from Representative John Faso (R-NY) that would allow states to privatize SNAP operations. This change would allow private companies to take over administration of the program, despite failed attempts in some states over the years.” [CLASP, [6/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Effort To Force The Trump Administration To Certify That Their Tariffs Would Not Harm Farmers And Ranchers

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Effort To Force The Trump Administration To Certify That Their Tariffs Would Not Harm Farmers And Ranchers. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would prohibit the Farm Bill from going into effect until the President certifies to Congress that none of the Administration’s recent actions related to trade and tariffs would cause harm to domestic farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural producers.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.** The motion was agreed to 228-189. [H Res 900, [Vote #190](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/17/18](#)]

Budget Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ 2018 Taylor voted against preventing a government shutdown.
- ✓ 2018: Taylor voted for a Republican plan to jeopardize Medicare.
- ✓ Taylor voted for proposing a balanced budget amendment and voted against an amendment that would protect social security, Medicare, and Medicaid.
- ✓ Taylor voted twice to raise the debt limit.
- ✓ Taylor said it was wrong for Congress to ban earmarks.

Government Funding And Shutdowns

Continuing Resolutions

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FY2020

Taylor Voted Against The Fiscal 2020 Consolidated Appropriations Act And Further Consolidated Appropriations Act

Taylor Voted Against The Fiscal 2020 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Authorizing \$860 Billion In Spending For Four Of The 12 Appropriations Bills. In December 2019, Taylor voted against: “Agreeing to the Lowey, D-N.Y., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the Fiscal 2020 Consolidated Appropriations Act, with a further House amendment, that would provide \$860.3 billion in discretionary spending for four of the twelve fiscal 2020 appropriations bills: Defense, Homeland Security, Commerce-Justice-Science, and Financial Services. It would provide \$695.1 for the Defense Department, \$68 billion for the Homeland Security Department, \$73.2 billion for the Commerce and Justice departments and science and related agencies, and \$23.8 billion for the Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, and other agencies.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 280-138. [HR 1158, [Vote #690](#), 12/17/19; CQ, [12/17/19](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Fiscal 2020 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, Authorizing \$540 Billion In Spending For Eight Of The 12 Appropriations Bills. In December 2019, Taylor voted against: “Agreeing to the Lowey, D-N.Y. motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the Fiscal 2020 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, with a further House amendment, as modified, that would provide approximately \$540 billion in discretionary funding for eight of the twelve fiscal 2020 appropriations: Labor-HHS-Education, Agriculture, Energy-Water,

Interior-Environment, Legislative Branch, Military Construction-VA, State-Foreign Operations, and Transportation-HUD. It would provide \$184.9 billion for the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education departments and related agencies; \$23.5 billion for the Agriculture Department and related agencies; \$48.3 billion for the Energy Department and federal water projects; \$36 billion for the Interior Department, Environmental Protection Agency, and related agencies; \$5 billion for legislative branch entities; \$110.4 billion for the Veterans Affairs Department, military construction, and related agencies; \$54.7 billion for the State Department and related agencies; and \$74.3 billion for the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development departments and related agencies..." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 297-120. [HR 1865, [Vote #689](#), 12/17/19; CQ, [12/17/19](#)]

The Consolidated Appropriations Agreement Was A Part Of A Package Of Democratic Funding Bills That Were A Counter Proposal To Cuts Proposed By Cuts On Schools, Health Care, Infrastructure, And The Environment. "The House today passed two legislative packages that together comprise all 12 fiscal year 2020 funding bills. The packages, products of bipartisan, bicameral negotiations, now head to the Senate. [...] The domestic priorities and international assistance appropriations minibuss, H.R. 1865 reflects conference agreements for eight appropriations bills: Labor-Health and Human Services-Education, Agriculture, Energy and Water Development, Interior-Environment, Legislative Branch, Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, State-Foreign Operations, and Transportation-Housing and Urban Development. It also includes other matter outside the Appropriations Committee's jurisdiction that was negotiated on a bipartisan, bicameral basis. The minibuss reflects the efforts of the new House Democratic majority to fund gun violence research. It also includes historic investments in Head Start and child care programs, record funding for lifesaving medical research at the National Institutes of Health, and rejects President Trump's misguided cuts to schools, health care, infrastructure, and environmental protection and clean energy programs." [House Committee on Appropriations, Press Release, [12/17/19](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Preventing A Government Shutdown And Providing FY2020 Continuing Appropriations To Federal Agencies Through November 21, 2019

Taylor Voted Against Providing FY2020 Continuing Appropriations To Federal Agencies Through November 21, 2019. In September 2019, Taylor voted against: "Passage of the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Nov. 21, 2019, at fiscal 2019 levels. Among other provisions, it would extend through Nov. 21 authorizations for certain expiring programs and entities, including the National Flood Insurance Program, the Export-Import Bank, certain Medicare and Medicaid programs, and other health-related HHS programs; it would allow for increased funding rates for certain activities, including the 2020 census and FEMA disaster relief; and it would provide for reimbursements to the Agriculture Department Commodity Credit Corporation for payments made to farmers impacted by retaliatory tariffs and other export barriers." The bill was adopted by a vote of 301-123. [H Res 4378, [Vote #538](#), 9/19/19; CQ, [9/20/19](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Bipartisan Budget Act That Would Suspend The Public Debt Limit Through July 31, 2021

Taylor Voted Against Bipartisan Budget Act That Would Suspend The Public Debt Limit Through July 31, 2021. In July 2019, Taylor voted against: "Passage of the bill that would establish enforceable budget levels in the House and Senate for fiscal 2020 and 2021 and suspend the public debt limit through July 31, 2021." The bill passed by a vote of 284 to 149. [HR 3877, [Vote #511](#), 7/25/19; CQ, [7/25/19](#)]

The Compromise Bill Suspended The Debt Limit For 2 Years And Lifted Spending Caps By \$320 Billion. "This two-year agreement raises spending to \$320 billion above previously-negotiated spending caps and suspends the debt ceiling for two years, allowing the federal government to continue borrowing to pay its bills while diminishing the prospects of another fiscal showdown over raising the borrowing limit before the 2020 election." [ABC News, [7/25/19](#)]

The Agreement Increased Defense Programs By 3 Percent And Non-Defense Programs By 4 Percent, Avoiding Sequestration Caps. "The bipartisan budget package increases military and non-military spending

by \$320 billion above the budget caps that would have taken effect if Congress failed to stop sequestration. Under the deal, defense programs would see a 3 percent hike in fiscal 2020, topping off at \$738 billion. Non-defense programs would increase 4 percent over current levels to a total of \$632 billion, which includes a \$2.5 billion adjustment for the 2020 census.” [Politico, [8/2/19](#)]

2019 Partial Government Shutdown

Taylor Voted For A Funding Bill That Made It More Likely A Partial Government Shutdown Would Occur

Taylor Voted For Funding The Government Through Feb. 2019 And Authorizing \$5.7 Billion For Construction Of A Border Wall On The U.S.-Mexico Border. In December 2018, Taylor voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with a further House amendment. The bill is the legislative vehicle for a short-term continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 8, 2019. It would also authorize \$5.7 billion for construction of a border wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, as well as an estimated \$7.8 billion in emergency disaster relief funding.” The bill passed by a vote of 217 – 185. [H.R. 695, [Vote #472](#), 12/20/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/18](#)]

Headline: CNBC: House Passes Spending Bill With Border Wall Money — Setting Up Shutdown Stalemate With Senate. [CNBC, [12/20/18](#)]

Eight Republicans Joined All 177 Voting Democrats To Oppose The Measure. “The House of Representatives Thursday approved a bill that would fund most of the federal government through early February -- and provides \$5.7 billion for President Trump's long-promised border wall, increasing the chances of a partial government shutdown later this week. Eight Republicans joined all 177 voting Democrats to oppose the measure, which passed 217-185. The bill now goes to the Senate, where it is certain to fall short of the 60 votes needed for passage since the chamber's 49 Democrats are against funding the wall.” [Fox News, [12/20/18](#)]

Voting Yes On The Measure Made It More Likely That A Partial Government Shutdown Would Occur. “That, in turn, makes it more likely that parts of the federal government, including nine of 15 Cabinet-level departments and dozens of agencies, will cease operations at midnight Friday.” [Fox News, [12/20/18](#)]

FY 2018 Omnibus

Taylor Voted For Funding The Government Through December 2018

Taylor Voted For Funding The Government For An Additional 2.5 Months Through December 2018. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the conference report to accompany the bill that would provide \$855.1 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments and agencies, including \$674.4 billion for the Defense Department and \$178.1 billion for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education departments. The Defense Department total would include \$606.5 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps, and would include \$67.9 billion in overseas contingency operations funding. The bill would provide \$90.3 billion in discretionary spending for the Health and Human Services Department, \$71.4 billion for the Education Department and \$12.1 billion for the Labor Department. The measure would also provide funding for federal government operations until Dec. 7, 2018, at an annualized rate of approximately \$1.3 trillion.” The amendment was adopted 361-61. [HR 6157, [Vote #405](#), 9/26/18; CQ, [9/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passing \$1.3 Trillion FY18 Omnibus That Prevented A Government Shutdown

Taylor Voted For The \$1.3 Trillion FY 2018 Omnibus Spending Package That Funded The Government Through September 30, 2018. In March 2018, Taylor voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with a further amendment that would provide roughly \$1.3 trillion in funding for

federal government operations and services through Sept. 30, 2018. The measure would provide a total of \$654.6 billion in additional funding to the Defense Department [...] \$98.7 billion to the Health and Human Services Department, [...] \$3.4 billion to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for substance abuse block grants, and would provide roughly \$3.7 billion to the National Institutes of Health, including an additional \$500 million for research into opioid addiction. It would provide \$47.7 billion to the Homeland Security Department, including \$1.6 billion for the purpose of bolstering security measures on the U.S.-Mexico border, including the construction of new fencing along sections of the border, and would provide \$7.1 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations and enforcement. The measure includes provisions from multiple bills related to school safety and firearms regulations, including a bill (S 2135) that would require the Department of Justice to certify that appropriate records have been submitted to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by federal agencies and state governments with respect to individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms. The measure includes language from the bill (S 2495) that would authorize \$75 million a year through fiscal 2028 for the Secure Our Schools grant program and would revise it to more explicitly focus the program on preventing student violence.” The motion as agreed to, 256-167. [H Res 796, [Vote #127](#), 3/22/18; CQ, [3/22/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passing The House Version Of \$1.23 Trillion Fiscal 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

Taylor Voted For Passing The \$1.23 Trillion Fiscal 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, including \$621.5 billion for defense and \$511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending.” The bill passed by a vote of 211-198. [H R 3354, [Vote #528](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Omnibus Appropriations Bill Was Not Taken Up In The Senate. [HR 3354, last action [9/27/17](#)]

2018 Short Term Government Shutdowns

Taylor Voted For Concurring With The Senate On The Short Term Continuing Resolution That Funded The Government Through March 23, 2018. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through March 23, 2018. The bill would increase defense spending caps to \$629 billion for fiscal 2018 and \$647 billion for fiscal 2019, and would increase non-defense spending caps by \$63 billion in fiscal 2018 and \$68 billion in fiscal 2019. It would suspend the debt ceiling through March 1, 2019, and would provide \$89.3 billion in emergency supplemental funding including \$23.5 billion in funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund, \$28 billion in funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Fund, and \$4.9 billion in additional Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would authorize funding for community health centers through fiscal 2019, and would provide for an additional authorization of the Children’s Health Insurance Program from fiscal 2023 to fiscal 2027. The underlying bill would allow the governor of a state, territory, possession or the mayor of the District of Columbia to order that the United States flag be flown at half-staff to honor the death of a first responder who dies while serving in the line of duty.” [HR 1892, [Vote #69](#), 2/9/18; CQ, [2/9/18](#)]

Budget Deal Ending Second Government Shutdown Of 2018 Added \$320 Billion To The Deficit – The Second Shutdown In Three Weeks. “But action did not come soon enough to avoid a brief government shutdown — the second in three weeks — thanks to a one-man protest from Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who delayed the Senate vote past midnight to mark his opposition to an estimated \$320 billion addition to the federal budget deficit.” [Washington Post, [2/9/18](#)]

Budget Deal Raised Sequestration Caps For 2018 And 2019 By \$296 Billion, Suspended The Debt Ceiling Until March 2019, And Approved An Additional \$90 Billion In Disaster Relief. “Attached to the CR is language raising the sequestration budget caps for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 by a total of \$296 billion,

suspending the debt ceiling until March 2019 and approving an additional \$90 billion in disaster relief, among a host of other policy provisions.” [Roll Call, [2/9/18](#)]

CNN: Continuing Resolution Included A Full Year Of Defense Spending To “Sweeten The Deal For Conservative And Defense Hawks... Who Have Been Emphatic That They Wouldn’t Support The Fifth Continuing Resolution In Six Months.” “The House of Representatives passed legislation funding most federal agencies through March 23, and the Pentagon for a full fiscal year, roughly two days before the government faces a shutdown. The bill passed 245-182, but this is just the first step. The bill will next go the Senate, where Democrats are expected to oppose it because it doesn’t also provide longer term money for domestic programs like opioid recovery efforts, transportation, and education. [...] GOP leaders tacked on a full year of defense funding to sweeten the deal for conservative and defense hawks in their ranks who have been emphatic that they wouldn’t support the fifth continuing resolution in six months without some kind of certainty for the country’s military.” [CNN, [2/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For House Passage Of Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government Through March 23. In February 2018, XXXX voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with an amendment that would provide for an extension of the current continuing resolution through March 23, 2018. The measure would provide for \$659.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department through fiscal 2018 and would provide \$3.6 billion annually for community health centers through fiscal 2019. It would also eliminate the cap on various Medicare payments and would extend funding for rural hospitals that see large numbers of Medicare patients.” The motion was adopted, 245-182. [H.R. 1892, [Vote #60](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Reopening The Government And Funding It Until February 8, 2018 As Well As Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Taylor voted for: “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Feb. 8, 2018. The measure would fund the state Children’s Health and Insurance Programs at \$21.5 billion annually starting in fiscal 2018 and would gradually increase the funding annually through fiscal 2023. It would suspend or delay three health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 health care overhaul. It would allow the ballistic missile defense funding included in the last short-term funding bill to be used for certain related intelligence activities. Additionally, it would prohibit the Government Publishing Office from providing a free printed copy of the Federal Register to any member of Congress or other U.S. government office unless a specific issue or a subscription was requested by the member or office.” The motion passed 266-150. [H.R. 195, [Vote #44](#), 1/22/18; CQ, [1/22/18](#)]

Measure Ended A Three Day Government Shutdown. “Congress voted late Monday to reopen the government after a three-day shutdown, sending President Trump a short-term spending bill that passed after Senate Republican leaders pledged to act on immigration policy next month. [...] Roughly 60 hours after government funding lapsed, a bipartisan group of negotiators in the Senate prevailed with leadership and trading Democratic support for reopening the government for a commitment by Republicans to hold a vote resolving the status of young undocumented immigrants by mid-February.” [Washington Post, [1/22/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Funding The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Taylor voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with an amendment that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Feb. 16, 2018, at an annualized rate of \$1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, of which an annualized rate of \$621.5 billion would be designated for defense and an annualized rate of \$511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending. The measure would fund the state Children’s Health and Insurance Programs at \$21.5 billion annually starting in fiscal 2018 and would gradually increase the funding annually through fiscal 2023. It would suspend or delay three health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 health care overhaul. It would allow the ballistic missile defense funding included in the last short-term funding bill to be used for certain related intelligence activities. Additionally, it would prohibit the Government Publishing Office from providing a free printed copy of the Federal Register to any member of

Congress or other U.S. government office unless a specific issue or a subscription was requested by the member or office.” The motion passed 230-197. [H.R. 195, [Vote #33](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Measure Failed To Protect DREAMers, Aid Puerto Rico, Or Respond To The Opioid Crisis. “In the Senate, at least about a dozen Democratic votes would be needed to approve the measure, and there was little chance that those would materialize. Democrats are intent on securing concessions that would, among other things, protect from deportation young immigrants brought to the country illegally as children, increase domestic spending, aid Puerto Rico and bolster the government’s response to the opioid crisis.” [New York Times, [1/18/18](#)]

Bill Failed In The Senate, Leading To A Government Shutdown – The First Time A Shutdown Involving Furloughs Occurred While One Party Controlled Washington. “The federal government entered the 18th partial shutdown of the modern budget era at midnight Saturday after the Senate failed to reach a deal on a funding bill. The modern budget process began with the passage of the Budget Act of 1974. Since then, there have been a slew of different circumstances that prompted shutdowns, but this shutdown is unique for one reason. This is the first time that one party has controlled the House, the Senate, and the White House during a shutdown in which federal employees are furloughed.” [Business Insider, [1/20/18](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted To Avert A Government Shutdown

Taylor Voted To Avert A Government Shutdown For At Least One Week By Funding The Government With A Continuing Resolution. In April 2017, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 289) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution that would extend continuing appropriations for federal government operations through May 5, 2017. It would also provide for an extension, through May 5, 2017, of health care benefits for retired coal miners.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 235-178. [HRes 289, [Vote #235](#), 2/28/17; CQ, [2/28/17](#)]

Budget Resolutions

NOTE: Unlike appropriations bills, budget resolutions are not signed by the President and do not enact spending. Instead, the resolutions set targets for Congressional committees who will then write appropriations bills.

FY 2018

Taylor Voted For Concurring With FY18 Senate Republican Budget

Taylor Voted For Agreeing To The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget That Provided \$3.1 Trillion In New Budget Authority. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Black, R-Tenn., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution that would provide for \$3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would allow the cap on defense spending to be raised to \$640 billion for fiscal 2018, without the need for offsets. It would require the Senate Finance Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would increase the deficit by no more than \$1.5 trillion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. It would also instruct the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would reduce the deficit by \$1 billion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. The concurrent resolution would authorize the establishment of various reserve funds, including a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to repealing or replacing the 2010 health care overhaul law, and a revenue-neutral reserve fund related to modifying the federal tax system.” The budget passed 216-212. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #589](#), 10/26/17; CQ Floor Votes, [10/26/17](#)]

HEADLINE: House approves Senate-passed budget plan, paving way for tax reform [CBS News, [10/26/17](#)]

AP: “The Budget Plan Calls For \$5 Trillion In Spending Cuts Over The Decade, Including Cuts To Medicare, Medicaid And The Obama-Era Health Care Law.” “The budget plan calls for \$5 trillion in spending cuts over the decade, including cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and the Obama-era health care law, though Republicans have no plans to actually impose those cuts with follow-up legislation. Some Democrats criticized the measure for ruthless spending cuts; others took the opposite approach, failing it for tackling the deficit.” [Associated Press, [10/26/17](#)]

Senate Budget Directed Energy And Natural Resources Committee To Find \$1 Billion In Deficit Reduction, Which Was Likely To Come From Opening ANWR To Oil And Gas Leasing. “Democrats on Tuesday said they planned to introduce an amendment to the budget resolution (S Con Res 25) to strip a provision in its reconciliation instructions that would direct the Energy and Natural Resources Committee to find \$1 billion in deficit reduction. Those savings are likely to come in the form of legislation that would open ANWR to oil and gas leasing, which would generate revenues from the sale of federal leases to drilling companies and from royalties on the sale of oil and gas extracted from federally owned land.” [CQ, [10/17/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 580) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 budget resolution (H Con Res 71) that would provide for \$3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts.” The resolution was adopted 233-188. [HRes 580, [Vote #583](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget And Said Delivered A Pay Increase To The Military

Taylor Supported The House Appropriations Package And Claimed If Delivered A Pay Raise To Military Members, Funded Veteran Programs And Supported Critical NASA Programs. “Today, in a historic vote, the House of Representatives, with the support of Congressman Scott Taylor, voted to pass H.R. 3354, the Make American Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act. [...] ‘For the first time in almost a decade, Congress has passed all twelve appropriations bills before the end of the fiscal year. Congress should continue to lead,’ said Congressman Scott Taylor. ‘We are delivering a much-needed pay raise to our military, funding veterans health programs, protecting the homeland, and supporting critical NASA science programs. I am proud of the hard work and leadership from my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee and in Congress.’ [Office of Rep. Taylor, press release, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For FY 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would provide for \$3.2 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would assume \$1.22 trillion in discretionary spending in fiscal 2018. It would assume the repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul law. It also would propose reducing spending on mandatory programs such as Medicare and Medicaid and changing programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (also known as food stamps). It would call for restructuring Medicare into a “premium support” system beginning in 2024. I would also require the House Ways and Means Committee to report out legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would provide for a revenue-neutral, comprehensive overhaul of the U.S. tax code and would include instructions to 11 House committees to trigger the budget reconciliation process to cut mandatory spending. The concurrent resolution would assume that, over 10 years, base (non-Overseas Contingency Operations) discretionary defense spending would be increased by a total of \$929 billion over the Budget Control Act caps and non-defense spending be reduced by \$1.3 trillion.” The concurrent resolution was adopted, 219-206. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

AP: House Budget “Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.” “The House on Thursday passed a \$4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party’s efforts to repeal the “Obamacare” health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul.” [Associated Press, [10/5/17](#)]

Politico: House Budget Included “\$203 Billion In Mandatory Cuts Achieved Largely By Cutting Safety Net Programs.” “Under the House budget, any tax reconciliation bill would have to include the \$203 billion in mandatory cuts achieved largely by cutting safety net programs. That prompted some GOP moderates to warn of the political optics of cutting food stamps or Medicaid to pay for corporate tax breaks. The House budget also lays out strict parameters to prevent a tax plan from adding to the deficit, even short-term. And that language has given heartburn to Budget panel members like Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Ohio), who almost voted against the resolution because he was afraid it doesn’t provide tax writers with enough funding flexibility to achieve desired cuts.” [Politico, [10/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of The Fiscal 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 553) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 budget resolution (H Con Res 71).” The rule was adopted, 232-188. [H Res 553, [Vote #552](#), 10/4/17; CQ, [10/4/17](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted For FY2018 Republican Study Committee Budget That Cut \$10 Trillion Over A Decade And Repealed Obamacare

Taylor Voted For A Republican Study Committee Alternative FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “McClintock, R-Calif., substitute amendment that would provide for \$2.9 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018. It would balance the budget by fiscal 2023 by reducing spending by \$10.1 trillion over 10 years. It would cap total discretionary spending at \$1.06 trillion for fiscal 2018 and would assume no separate Overseas Contingency Operations funding for fiscal 2018 or subsequent years and would incorporate funding related to war or terror into the base defense account. It would assume repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul and would convert Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program into a single block grant program. It would require that off budget programs, such as Social Security, the U.S. Postal Service, and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, be included in the budget.” The amendment was rejected, 281-139. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #555](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

RSC Budget Would Gradually Raise The Retirement Age For Social Security To 69. “The RSC budget would eliminate Social Security’s long-run shortfall and make the program sustainably solvent by adopting Representative Sam Johnson’s (R-TX) ‘Social Security Reform Act,’ which would slow initial benefit growth for higher-earners, gradually raise the normal retirement age to 69, and means-test annual cost-of-living adjustments, which would be calculated based on the chained Consumer Price Index (CPI).” [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, [9/11/17](#)]

RSC Budget Targeted Medicare And Medicaid, As Well As Food Assistance For Families In Need. “The trillions of dollars in RSC-backed cuts are mainly for show, as there is little appetite within the conference or at the other end of the Capitol for deep reductions to the growth rate of mandatory spending. The RSC budget targets the major health care benefit programs Medicare and Medicaid and overhauls other means-tested benefits for the poor such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.” [Roll Call, [10/3/17](#)]

RSC Budget Included More Than \$10 Trillion In Spending Cuts Over A Decade, About Twice As Much As The House Republican Budget. “House Republicans will get the chance Thursday to vote for an alternative budget blueprint that offers up more than \$10 trillion in spending cuts over a decade. [...] The Budget Committee-approved plan also proposes sizable cuts to mandatory programs, but only about \$5.4 trillion in total reductions, about half of what the RSC wants. In addition, the RSC budget proposes to get to balance by fiscal 2023, as opposed to fiscal 2027 in the underlying resolution headed to the floor Thursday.” [Roll Call, [10/3/17](#)]

RSC Budget Repealed Obamacare And Replaced It With The American Health Care Reform Act. “(b) Policy on Replacing Obamacare.--It is the policy of this resolution that Obamacare must not only be repealed,

but also replaced by enacting the American Health Care Reform Act.” [McClintock Substitute Amendment, [10/5/17](#)]

Balanced Budget Amendment

2018: Taylor Voted For Proposing A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution

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Taylor Voted For Proposing A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would propose a constitutional amendment that would require the U.S. government to operate under a balanced budget each year, beginning five years after ratification. Under the proposal, three-fifths of the entire House and Senate would be required to approve deficit spending or an increase in the public debt limit, but a simple majority would be sufficient to waive the requirement in times of congressionally declared war or in the face of a serious military threat.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 233-184. [H J Res 2, [Vote #138](#), 4/12/18; CQ, [4/12/18](#)]

Center for American Progress: The Balanced-Budget Amendment Threatens Americans’ Health Care, Social Security, and Jobs [Center for American Progress, [4/11/18](#)]

AARP Opposed The Balanced Budget Amendment Because It Would “Likely Harm Social Security And Medicare, Subjecting Both Programs To Potentially Deep Cuts.” “AARP is writing to express our opposition to a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. [...] A balanced budget amendment would likely harm Social Security and Medicare, subjecting both programs to potentially deep cuts without regard to the impact on the health and financial security of individuals. It would also likely diminish the resources available for programs assisting Americans who are least able to provide for themselves – services such as meals or heating for those who are too poor or physically unable to take care of their basic needs without some support.” [AARP, Letter, [4/9/18](#)]

Senator Corker: “Republicans Control The House, Senate And White House. If We Were Serious About Balancing The Budget, We Would Do It. But Instead Of Doing The Real Work, Some Will Push This Symbolic Measure So They Can Feel Good When They Go Home To Face Voters.” [Sen. Corker, Twitter, [3/29/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Balanced Budget Amendment To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Balanced Budget Amendment To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on [...] providing for the speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on April 12, 2018, relating to the joint resolution (H J Res 2) that would propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.” According to Rep. McGovern, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule which would amend the bill to exempt Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, vital pillars of our social safety net.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-186. [H Res 811, [Vote #133](#), 4/11/18; CQ, [4/11/18](#); Congressional Record, H3018, [4/11/18](#)]

Debt Limit Votes

Taylor Voted 2 Times To Raise The Debt Limit

NOTE: The following includes all votes to raise the debt limit from 2011 to present. For previous votes, see the Congressional Research Service summary: [Votes on Measures to Adjust the Statutory Debt Limit, 1978 to Present](#)

2018: Taylor Voted For A Continuing Resolution That Suspended The Debt Limit Through March 2019. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through March 23, 2018. The bill would increase defense spending caps to \$629 billion for fiscal 2018 and \$647 billion for fiscal 2019, and would increase non-defense spending caps by \$63 billion in fiscal 2018 and \$68 billion in fiscal 2019. It would suspend the debt ceiling through March 1, 2019, and would provide \$89.3 billion in emergency supplemental funding including \$23.5 billion in funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund, \$28 billion in funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Fund, and \$4.9 billion in additional Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would authorize funding for community health centers through fiscal 2019, and would provide for an additional authorization of the Children’s Health Insurance Program from fiscal 2023 to fiscal 2027. The underlying bill would allow the governor of a state, territory, possession or the mayor of the District of Columbia to order that the United States flag be flown at half-staff to honor the death of a first responder who dies while serving in the line of duty.” [HR 1892, [Vote #69](#), 2/9/18; CQ, [2/9/18](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted For Suspending The Public Debt Limit For Three Months. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would make available \$15.25 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2017 to partially cover the costs of responding to multiple natural disasters, including Hurricane Harvey. The measure would suspend the public debt limit from the bill’s date of enactment until Dec. 8, 2017, and would provide for government operations to be funded at fiscal 2017 levels until Dec. 8, 2017.” The motion passed, 316-90. [H R 601, [Vote #480](#), 9/8/17; CQ, [9/8/17](#)]

Earmarks

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Funding And Budgets

Trump Budget

Taylor Opposed Trump Budget Cuts To PBS And NPR. “Under President Donald Trump’s proposed budget, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting would get nothing, no money for PBS and NPR. [...] Second District Congressman Scott Taylor’s office, in a statement to 13 News Now, said: ‘Rep. Taylor does not support that cut.’ [WVEC, [2/14/18](#)]

Taylor Opposed Trump Budget Cuts To The Chesapeake Bay Cleanup Project. “The Chesapeake Bay is in the cross hairs yet again, this time in the president’s proposed fiscal 2019 budget, which would slash about 90 percent of the federal funds used to clean up the polluted estuary. [...] Taylor said in a statement Tuesday that he ‘will continue to oppose any cuts that would slow progress towards restoring’ the bay. Taylor is the only Virginian on a congressional appropriations committee.” [Daily Press, [2/13/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For \$1.15 Trillion Omnibus Spending Bill

2017: Taylor Voted For \$1.16 Trillion Omnibus Spending Bill. In May 2017, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 305) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill, with House amendment, intended to serve as the legislative vehicle for a measure that would provide \$1.16 trillion in discretionary appropriations for federal departments and agencies covered by the 11 unfinished fiscal 2017 spending bills.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 230-188. [H.Res 308, [Vote #247](#), 5/3/17; CQ, [5/3/17](#)]

Fiscal Year 2018: Taylor Supported The House Appropriations Package

Taylor Supported The House Appropriations Package And Claimed It Delivered A Pay Raise To Military Members, Funded Veteran Programs And Supported Critical NASA Programs. “Today, in a historic vote, the House of Representatives, with the support of Congressman Scott Taylor, voted to pass H.R. 3354, the Make American Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act. [...] ‘For the first time in almost a decade, Congress has passed all twelve appropriations bills before the end of the fiscal year. Congress should continue to lead,’ said Congressman Scott Taylor. ‘We are delivering a much-needed pay raise to our military, funding veterans health programs, protecting the homeland, and supporting critical NASA science programs. I am proud of the hard work and leadership from my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee and in Congress.’ [Office of Rep. Taylor, press release, [9/14/17](#)]

Government Spending

Taylor Stressed Fiscal Responsibility And Defense Spending After Being Appointed To The Appropriations Committee

Taylor On His Goals While Serving On Appropriations: “We Have The Duty To Thread The Needle Between Fiscal Responsibility And Providing The Funds For A Strong National Defense.” “U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor was given an influential appointment Wednesday to the House Appropriations Committee, giving the freshman lawmaker a seat on one of Congress’ most powerful panels, his office said. [...] ‘This is not something I take lightly, and I am well-aware of both the opportunities and the challenges facing our country,’ Taylor said in a statement. ‘We have the duty to thread the needle between fiscal responsibility and providing the funds for a strong national defense.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [1/4/17](#)]

Civil Rights & Liberties

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor on the Charlottesville March violence: “[Trump] talked about on both sides. Like I said, there was premeditated lawlessness on both sides.”*
- ✓ *Taylor defended confederate monuments and claimed the history was “very layered.”*
- ✓ *Taylor said “racial politics” were “not what this nation needs.”*
- ✓ *Taylor admitted that Trump’s comments on Charlottesville were inappropriate but said the president was “not a racist.”*
- ✓ *Taylor said he “had no problem” with the Trump Administration’s investigation into nation-wide voter fraud.*
- ✓ *Taylor spoke at the 2017 Annual NAACP Conference.*
- ✓ *Taylor said he was in favor of “criminal justice improvement.”*
- ✓ *Taylor cosponsored the Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2017.*

Charlottesville March & Aftermath

Taylor Cosponsored A Joint Resolution Condemning The Domestic Terrorist Attack In Charlottesville

Taylor Cosponsored A Joint Resolution “Condemning The Violence And Domestic Terrorist Attack” In Charlottesville. In September 2017, Taylor cosponsored: “A joint resolution condemning the violence and domestic terrorist attack that took place during events between August 11 and August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia, recognizing the first responders who lost their lives while monitoring the events, offering deepest condolences to the families and friends of those individuals who were killed and deepest sympathies and support to those individuals who were injured in the attack, expressing support for the Charlottesville community, rejecting White nationalists, White supremacists, the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, and other hate groups, and urging the President and the President’s Cabinet to use all available resources to address the threats posed by those groups.” [CQ, accessed [9/11/17](#); H.J. Res. 117, sponsored 9/7/17, cosponsored [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Denounced The White Supremacists In Charlottesville. “The actions the world witnessed in Charlottesville this weekend should cut to the core of every American. As a follow up to my strong statement yesterday, the actions and ideology of hate from white supremacists have no place in our state, country, or world. We are in this together, let’s find solutions to our problems, celebrate our differences, and reject hate in all its forms.” [U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, Press Release, [8/14/17](#)]

Taylor Echoed Trump’s Rhetoric About Charlottesville: “There Was Premeditated Lawlessness On Both Sides”

Taylor: “[Trump] Talked About On Both Sides. Like I Said, There Was Premeditated Lawlessness On Both Sides.” “I think, you know, [Trump] talked about on both sides. Like I said, there was premeditated lawlessness on

both sides. That should be reported in the press and one of you had a guest who I think was trying to get that out I think a couple of minutes ago, but that should be. The facts should certainly be reported.” [CNN via YouTube, Virginia2RawFootage, [8/15/17](#)]

Then, One Day Later, Taylor Said Trump Comments On Charlottesville Were “Disappointing And A Failure Of Leadership”

Taylor: “Today’s Statement By President Trump At His Press Conference Were Disappointing And A Failure Of Leadership...” “Today’s statements by President Trump at his press conference were disappointing and a failure of leadership, which starts at the top, with him. I hope the President will focus on bringing people together and to challenge hate in the strongest unequivocal terms moving forward. There is no home for hate here in Virginia or America.” [U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, Press Release, [8/16/17](#)]

Taylor: “The Responsibility Lies With [Hate Groups]. But That Also Doesn’t Excuse Lawlessness On Any Side For That Matter”

Taylor: “The Nazis, The KKKs...The Responsibility Lies With Them. But That Also Doesn’t Excuse Lawlessness On Any Side For That Matter.” “Like I said, there was premeditated lawlessness on both sides. [...] The facts should certainly be reported. That does not alleviate the responsibility of the Nazis, the KKKs, the groups that organized this to cause problems. There’s no question about it, the responsibility lies with them. But that also doesn’t excuse lawlessness on any side for that matter.” [CNN via YouTube, Virginia2RawFootage, [8/15/17](#)]

Taylor: “I Don’t Believe The President’s A Racist. I Think That’s The Wrong Things To Say”

Taylor: “I Don’t Believe The President’s A Racist. I Think That’s The Wrong Thing To Say For Folks.” “I don’t believe the president’s a racist. I think that’s the wrong thing to say for folks. [...] So I don’t know if he was trying to say that, I’m just not sure, you know. I don’t think that he’s a racist. I think that’s wrong to say that.” [CNN via YouTube, Virginia2RawFootage, [8/15/17](#)]

Taylor Defended Confederate Monuments In Virginia

Taylor Said The Left Was Pushing Identity Politics With Wanting To Remove Confederate Statues

Taylor Said The Left Was Pushing Identity Politics With Wanting To Remove Confederate Statues. TAYLOR: “I think with tribal, racial identity politics that are being pushed quite frankly from the left mostly. I think that is dangerous, I think its bad for the American people and I think in the end it does nothing to advance legitimate issues.” [MSNBC, Morning Joe, [9/1/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Taylor Differentiated Between White Supremacy And Confederate Monuments

Taylor: “When You’re Talking About White Supremacists...That’s Not The Same As Marching And Taking Down A Statue That Someone Has Driven By A Thousand Times And Never Had Any Problem With.” “When you’re talking about white supremacists and marching and taking monuments, saying that that symbol—like a monument to the war dead, or something, or even Jefferson, for example—is, and you have seen the conversation move in that direction, that there are very real problems that we need to address in criminal justice improvement and other substantive problems. That’s not the same thing as marching and taking down a statue that someone has driven by a thousand times and never had any problem with.” [CNN, [8/20/17](#)]

Taylor Conflated Confederate Monuments With “Monument[s] To The War Dead In The Civil War.” “So when you look at Virginia, you can’t drive five, ten miles without seeing something that is a monument to the war dead in the Civil War or a Civil War battlefield or a monument itself. That is a separate issue from one of the things

Nina brought up, which I agree with—we do have a big problem with criminal justice reform here and we need to improve it, there’s no question about that—economic opportunity for folks, both in white Appalachia as well as in black communities as well too. There’s no question about that. But you have to separate them too—they are not the same thing.” [CNN, [8/20/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed, “Not All” Confederate Monuments Were Put Up To Stifle Civil Rights Progress.

“SELLARS: The reason that it’s a cop-out is because you have this conversation about race and these statues, these monuments, many of them were erected during the Jim Crow era when we were making progress and civil rights. It was a big thumb in your eye. That’s why the confederate flag went up in South Carolina. That’s why these monuments went up in—throughout the country— TAYLOR: — Not all of them. SELLARS: —But that’s a lot of them.” [CNN, [8/20/17](#)]

Taylor On Confederate Monuments: “The History’s Very Layered...Our History Is Not Perfect. It’s Imperfect.”

“Some of these monuments in Virginia for example, and there are millions of Virginians who don’t support this, because some of these are their families, some of those are sacred monuments to war dead, those are big issues. And the history’s very layered. Let me paraphrase the black mayor of Richmond, Levar Stoney, who’s a great man, who said a couple months ago—this has since changed—but a couple months ago, he said,—because of politics—but he said, keep the statues, but teach the context. Create more statues, to teach history in the context. That is extremely important. Our history is not perfect. It’s imperfect. But we have the ability to move towards a more perfect union.” [CNN, [8/20/17](#)]

When Bakari Sellars Suggested Taylor Might Not Understand His Perspective On Confederate Monuments As A Black Man, Taylor Angrily Replied, “Don’t Talk Condescendingly To Me”

Taylor To Sellars: “Don’t Talk Condescendingly To Me. ...I’m Comfortable Having These Conversations.”

“SELLARS: And to have a statue of a someone like a Robert E. Lee, to have a statue of someone like a Pitchfork Ben Tillman, or John C. Calhoun, whose name by the way was John C. Kill-Hoon, to have these individuals just revered—do you understand how a black—you may not, but as a black man, let me tell you, that is very, very painful. TAYLOR: Don’t condescend—don’t talk condescendingly to me. SELLARS: No, I’m not. But I’m just saying that that is very painful and the reason that it’s painful—and this conversation has to be uncomfortable—the reason that it’s painful is because— TAYLOR: —I’m comfortable having these conversations...” [CNN, [8/20/17](#)]

Taylor Criticized “Racial Politics” As “Not What This Nation Needs”

Taylor Claimed That “Racial Politics...[Were] Not What This Country Need[ed].” “I think the second press conference was strong and hit the right note but the third one was not. But at the same time I think it’s important that we—that politics of identity, racial politics, tribal politics, quite frankly, are not what this nation needs. And anyone who’s espousing them I think are wrong.” [CNN, [8/20/17](#)]

Voting Rights

Taylor Said He “Didn’t Have A Big Problem” With The White House Investigating Voter Fraud

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Taylor: “I Don’t Believe [There Is Widespread Voter Fraud]. But I Don’t Know. And I Don’t Have A Big Problem With Them Looking Into It.” “CAMEROTA: But just for your -- but just for your opinion, since you’re in Congress, do you think that there’s widespread voter fraud? TAYLOR: I don’t believe so. But I don’t know. And I don’t have a big problem with them looking into it.” [CNN, [7/3/17](#); YouTube, Act Now 2017, [7/3/17](#)]

Even Though Taylor Admitted That “We Don’t Have Massive Voter Fraud” In Virginia...

2017: Taylor: “We Don’t Have Massive Voter Fraud” In Virginia. “CAMEROTA: President Trump, one of his top advisors, Stephen Miller, went on the Sunday shows and claimed again, without providing any evidence, that there was vast voter fraud during those past presidential elections. Do you believe that? TAYLOR: Well, I can see - - and I represent the 2nd District of Virginia, and I don’t know. We don’t have massive voter fraud. There’s been some instances here, of course.” [CNN, [2/13/17](#); YouTube, Trump White House, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Compared Trump’s Voter Fraud Panel To The Investigation Into Russian Interference In The Election

Taylor Compared Trump’s Voter Fraud Investigation To “Looking Into Russian Meddling In An Election.” “CAMEROTA: ... there’s not widespread voter fraud. TAYLOR: You say that, but that’s... CAMEROTA: Because of the numbers. I mean, I’m just reporting the data. TAYLOR: You say that. You say that, but what’s the problem in looking to [sic] it? Just like what’s the problem of looking to [sic] Russian meddling in an election? I don’t see a problem with that; I think it’s important to do so. So you know...” [CNN, [7/3/17](#); YouTube, Act Now 2017, [7/3/17](#)]

Taylor: “We Don’t Have Massive Voter Fraud” But “We All Know” Voter Fraud “Does Exist”

Taylor: “We Don’t Have Massive Voter Fraud” But “We All Know [Voter Fraud] Does Exist.” “We don’t have massive voter fraud. There’s been some instances here, of course. And it’s something that’s important and should be important to everyone to look into, route out any potential voter fraud. But sure, I think it’s important to show some evidence that -- for mass voter fraud. We all know it does exist, and we should certainly take precautions to keep the integrity of our elections in this country.” [CNN, [2/13/17](#); YouTube, Trump White House, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor On Voter Fraud In Virginia: “I Wouldn’t Say It’s Isolated.” “CAMEROTA: Sure. Agreed, and I don’t think anybody would argue that it’s something to look into. That’s fine. Particularly if there’s voter registration irregularities. However, why do you think the White House -- I mean, since you don’t know of any evidence of vast voter fraud, we in the media can’t find any evidence of vast voter fraud-- why do you think the White House keeps talking about it? TAYLOR: Well again, to be fair, we’ve had instances and evidence of voter fraud in Virginia. CAMEROTA: Sure, but you’re saying isolated incidents. Isolated incidents. TAYLOR: I wouldn’t say it’s isolated.” [CNN, [2/13/17](#); YouTube, Trump White House, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor: “There Are Some Instances Of Voter Fraud. And I Don’t Think That, Whether It’s Vast Or Not, That Should Stop Us From Taking Every Precaution Necessary.” “CAMEROTA: But do we all know that vast voter fraud exists? TAYLOR: Well, that’s what I just said. You know, I don’t think that there’s vast voter fraud, certainly not in Virginia. But there are some instances of voter fraud. And I don’t think that, whether it’s vast or not, that should stop us from taking every precaution necessary to keep the integrity of our elections, because it’s important for our country.” [CNN, [2/13/17](#); YouTube, Trump White House, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Said Trump Adviser Stephen Miller Should Have To Show Proof When He Claimed There Was Evidence Of Widespread Voter Fraud

Taylor Conceded That Stephen Miller Stated on National Television That There Was “Evidence Of Massive Millions Of Voter Fraud, Sure, He Should Show Something. Absolutely.” “TAYLOR: We’ve spent a lot of time on this question. CAMEROTA: Well because it keeps coming up. Stephen Miller brought it up again this past weekend. Just when we thought that we had moved on he brought it up again yesterday. And so there is a disconnect between what you have provided and what you think is the experience in Virginia, we’ve been able to find and researchers have been able to find who’ve looked into it So it is curious that the White House keeps bringing it up. TAYLOR: All right. So let me -- let me bookend it. Sure, if he’s on national television, saying

there's evidence of massive millions of voter fraud, sure, he should show something. Absolutely.” [CNN, [2/13/17](#); [YouTube, Trump White House, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Cited A Suspect Study To Back Up His Claim Of Voter Fraud In Virginia

Taylor Indicated That A Study Had Proven Instances Of Voter Fraud In Eight Counties In Virginia

Taylor Was Unable To Cite His Source But Claimed That The Study Showed “More Than A Handful” Of Cases Of Voter Fraud In Virginia... “Anyone Can Google It Online.” “CAMEROTA: How many? TAYLOR: I wouldn't say it's isolated to the point to where we -- we're not going to look all throughout Virginia. Well, there was a study that only took into account I think it was 8 counties in Virginia, and there was a decent amount of voter fraud. [...] TAYLOR: I'm not citing the ODU, I don't believe. I didn't -- I didn't know you were going to ask me this question, of course, which is fine. I'm more than prepared to answer any of those things. I don't have the exact study with me. But anybody can Google it online. There were eight counties that were studied in Virginia. It was more than a handful. It wasn't massive, but it was more than handfuls. So please don't put words in my mouth. I think, again, it is responsible and reasonable to make sure that we, of course, have integrity in our elections. I'm not -- I don't know of evidence of massive millions of voter fraud that I'm hearing out of the White House. Sure, I'd like to see it of course.” [CNN, [2/13/17](#); YouTube, Trump White House, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Cited A Study That Focused On Eight Counties In Virginia. “I'm not citing the ODU, I don't believe. I didn't -- I didn't know you were going to ask me this question, of course, which is fine. I'm more than prepared to answer any of those things. I don't have the exact study with me. But anybody can Google it online. There were eight counties that were studied in Virginia. It was more than a handful. It wasn't massive, but it was more than handfuls.” [CNN, [2/13/17](#); YouTube, Trump White House, [2/22/17](#)]

The Study In Question Was Titled “Alien Invasion In Virginia: The Discovery And Coverup Of Noncitizen Registration And Voting”

The Study Focused On Eight Counties In Virginia. “In our small sample of just eight Virginia counties who responded to our public inspection requests, *we found 1046 aliens who registered to vote illegally*. The problem is most certainly exponentially worse because we have no data regarding aliens on the registration rolls for the other 125 Virginia localities. Even in this small sample, when the voting history of this small sample of alien registrants is examined, nearly 200 verified ballots were cast before they were removed from the rolls. Each one of them is likely a felony. Again, this is from just a small sampling of Virginia counties.” [Public Interest Legal Foundation, [9/30/16](#)]

“Alien Invasion In Virginia” Argued That Voter Fraud In Virginia Was A “Massive Problem.” “Worse still, Virginia state election officials are obstructing access to public records that reveal the extent to which non-citizens are participating in our elections. These obstructionist tactics have led to PILF and VVA obtaining data from only a handful of Virginia counties so far. But the information from a few counties demonstrates a massive problem. In our small sample of just eight Virginia counties who responded to our public inspection requests, we found 1046 aliens who registered to vote illegally.” [Public Interest Legal Foundation, [9/30/16](#)]

Mother Jones: Election Law Expert Called The Study “Specifically Designed To Get Inaccurate Information”

Mother Jones: Election Law Expert Called The Study “Not Just Incredibly Inflated; Designed—And Specifically Designed—To Get Inaccurate Information.” “The Public Interest Legal Foundation, where [Adams] is president and general counsel, recently published a two-part investigation called “Alien Invasion,” claiming that more than 5,500 noncitizens had registered to vote in Virginia and cast thousands of fraudulent ballots. The data appears flawed. “Not just incredibly inflated; designed—and specifically designed—to get inaccurate information,”

says Justin Levitt, an election law expert at the Loyola Law School and a former deputy assistant attorney general in the Obama administration who reviewed the reports and underlying data.” [Mother Jones, [7/11/17](#)]

“Alien Invasion In Virginia” Was Produced By The Public Interest Legal Foundation, Headed By Alt-Right Activists For White Voting Rights

The Report Was Produced By The Public Interest Legal Foundation And The Virginia Voters Alliance. The “Alien Invasion” study was produced by the Public Interest Legal Foundation, a nonprofit law firm based in Indiana, and the Virginia Voter Alliance, which describes itself as a nonpartisan group “dedicated to free and fair elections.” Logan Churchwell is the foundation’s communications director and founding editor of Breitbart News Texas, a division of the far-right news network. In an email, Churchwell explained the process the foundation used in its study to determine whether noncitizens had voted.

J. Christian Adams, The Head Of Trump’s Commission To Investigate Voter Fraud, Was The President Of The Public Interest Legal Foundation

J. Christian Adams Served As The President Of The Public Interest Legal Foundation. “J. Christian Adams serves as President and General Counsel of the Public Interest Legal Foundation.” [Public Interest Legal Foundation, accessed [8/1/17](#)]

Adams Was A Longtime Agitator For Protecting The Voting Rights Of White Americans. “Adams is best known for his role in promoting the New Black Panther voter intimidation case, after the 2008 election. [...] Adams subsequently became a minor conservative media personality and wrote a book, *Injustice: Exposing the Racial Agenda of the Obama Justice Department*, in which he described ‘how the DOJ has repeatedly sided with political bosses who flagrantly disenfranchise entire communities of white voters.’” [Guardian, [7/11/17](#)]

July 2017: Trump Appointed Adams To His Commission To Investigate Voter Fraud. “President Donald Trump announced on Monday night that J. Christian Adams, a conservative attorney who has spearheaded efforts around the country to purge voters from the rolls, would be joining the president’s commission to investigate voter fraud. The commission, led by Vice President Mike Pence and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, is the subject of lawsuits by the ACLU and another civil rights group for lack of transparency and for failing to have a balance of viewpoints, as required by law. Adams is expected to push the commission even further in the direction of tightening voting restrictions.” [Mother Jones, [7/11/17](#)]

The Public Interest Legal Foundation’s Communications Director Was Logan Churchmore. “‘J. Christian Adams brings years of experience in protecting the rights of legitimate voters both inside and out of government to this Commission,’ PILF Communications Director Logan Churchwell said.” [Public Interest Legal Foundation, [7/10/17](#)]

Logan Churchmore Was A Contributing Author On Breitbart News. [Breitbart, accessed [8/1/17](#)]

NPR Reported That The Leader Of The Virginia Voters Alliance Was Tea Party Activist Reagan George. “Leaders of the effort — spawned by the Tea Party movement — say they want to make sure that elections are free from voter fraud. [...] These efforts are not taking place in isolation. They’re part of a campaign involving groups in at least 30 states. They’re fueled in part by a belief that voter fraud is rampant — even though there’s little evidence to back that up. Reagan George, who says he’s a Republican who’s active in the Tea Party, recently formed the Virginia Voters Alliance to monitor voting in his state. ‘As I look at it, my bank has never been robbed,’ he says. ‘But I certainly expect my bank to have procedures and items in place that make it either hard to rob or make it easy to identify the people that robbed it.’ [NPR, [3/13/12](#)]

VIDEO: Taylor Spoke At The 2017 Annual NAACP Convention

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Taylor Addressed The Topic Of Policing Issues. “National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 108th Annual Convention. Speakers include [...] Representative Scott Taylor (VA): Policing issues.” [NAACP, [7/19/17](#); Note: See drive for video “072417 Taylor at NAACP.”]

Taylor On His Childhood: “I Was Headed In The Wrong Direction, Much Like A Lot Of Youngsters That You Know In This Room”

Taylor Claimed That As A Kid, “Clearly I Was Headed In The Wrong Direction, Much Like A Lot Of Youngsters That You Know In This Room.” “There is no question that I would not be here before you today if it wasn’t for my big brother Andy, I can promise you that. So clearly I was headed in the wrong direction, much like a lot of youngsters that you know in this room. My life could have turned out in a very different way.” [Facebook, Scott Taylor for Virginia, [7/24/17](#)]

In Calling For “Criminal Justice Improvement,” Taylor Asked The Audience To Imagine A Young Incarcerated Black Woman With Two Children And A Drug Problem

Taylor: “I Don’t Like To Call It Criminal Justice Reform—I Call It Criminal Justice Improvement.” “Now on criminal justice improvement—I don’t like to call it criminal justice reform—I call it criminal justice improvement, there are millions of people who believe what we believe.” [Facebook, Scott Taylor for Virginia, [7/24/17](#)]

Taylor: “Imagine A Teary-Eyed Face Of A Young Twenty-Year-Old Black Woman...Looking Aimlessly Through Her Prison Cell Bars As She Imagines How Things Could Have Turned Out Differently.”

“Imagine a teary-eyed face of a young twenty-year-old black woman sitting on her small, uncomfortable bunk looking aimlessly through her prison cell bars as she imagines how things could have turned out differently. How things should have turned out differently—for her eight-month-old beautiful baby boy and her three-year-old gorgeous girl. How will they cope in her absence when they need her the most? How will this affect their future lives? How will she be able to kick her own drug habit, for them? We can do better. We must do better.” [Facebook, Scott Taylor for Virginia, [7/24/17](#)]

Taylor: “I’m Proud To Work With The NAACP And Others On Big Issues, Like Reauthorizing The Second Chance Act.” “No longer should we continue the devastating policies that contribute to cycles of criminality—the ability for folks to be as productive as they can be and the contribution of breaking up of families. I’m proud to work with the NAACP and others on big issues, like reauthorizing the Second Chance Act.” [Facebook, Scott Taylor for Virginia, [7/24/17](#)]

Taylor Co-Sponsored The Second Chance Reauthorization Act Of 2017. In June 2017, Taylor cosponsored the Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2017, which “amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968” and the Second Chance Act of 2007. [HR 2899, summary, [7/19/17](#); cosponsors, [6/13/17](#)]

July 2017: The Bill Was Referred To The Subcommittee On Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations. [HR 2899, [7/19/17](#)]

Consumer Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor voted three times to reduce internet privacy protections for consumers.*
- ✓ *Taylor received \$54,665 from the telecommunications industry during his run for Congress.*
- ✓ *Taylor argued that companies already collected consumer permission and so it was not fair to target providers alone.*
- ✓ *Taylor claimed to want the Federal Trade Commission to uniformly regulate privacy.*

Internet Privacy

Taylor Defended His Vote To Allow Internet Providers To Use Consumer Data Without Permission

Taylor Voted To Repeal A Rule Blocking Internet Providers From Collecting And Selling Private Information Including Online Browsing History And Other Data

Taylor Defended His Vote To Allow Internet Service Providers To Collect Massive Amounts Of Private Data Without Consumer Permission. “Thousands of constituents of Rep. Scott Taylor are receiving automated phone calls lambasting his vote to allow internet providers to use or sell consumer data without their permission. [...] Taylor defended his vote in a Thursday phone interview. [...] The internet legislation would revoke Federal Communications Commission rules that prohibit internet providers such as Verizon and Comcast from collecting and selling customer information – including online browsing habits, Social Security numbers and other data – without customer permission.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/30/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Nullify The Rule Requiring Internet Providers To Obtain Permission From Customers Before Using Or Selling Their Information. In March 2017, Taylor voted for passage of a “joint resolution [which] nullifies the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission entitled ‘Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services.’ The rule published on December 2, 2016: (1) applies the customer privacy requirements of the Communications Act of 1934 to broadband Internet access service and other telecommunications services, (2) requires telecommunications carriers to inform customers about rights to opt in or opt out of the use or the sharing of their confidential information, (3) adopts data security and breach notification requirements, (4) prohibits broadband service offerings that are contingent on surrendering privacy rights, and (5) requires disclosures and affirmative consent when a broadband provider offers customers financial incentives in exchange for the provider’s right to use a customer’s confidential information.” The bill was passed in the House by a vote of 215-205, passed in the Senate, and became Public Law No: 115-22. [S.J.Res. 43, [Vote #202](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Consider Nullifying Of A Rule Requiring Internet Providers To Obtain Permission From Customers Before Using Or Selling Their Information. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “adoption of the rule (H Res 230) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution [SJ Res 34] that would disapprove and nullify a Federal Communications Commission rule that requires broadband internet service providers to obtain affirmative permission from customers to use or share their sensitive information.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 231-189. [H.Res 230, [Vote #200](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Taylor Defended His Vote, Arguing It Was Not Fair To Restrict Internet Providers From Collecting & Selling Customers' Private Data Without Permission While Facebook And Google Allegedly Did The Same

Taylor Argued That It Was Not Fair To Target Providers While Companies Like Facebook And Google Collected Information Without Consumer Permission. “Taylor argued that massive amounts of personal information already are collected without consumer permission by other widely used internet operations, including Facebook and Google. It’s not fair to target providers while others are free to collect information, he said. Some consumer activists say providers can learn much more about consumers because they can see the people customers email and the sites they visit.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/30/17](#)]

Taylor Accused The Democratic Party Of Being “Hypocritical” For Not Objecting To Providers Collecting Information Before Obama Banned The Practice: “They Had Zero Problems With It Before December.” “Taylor defended his vote in a Thursday phone interview. He also accused the Democratic Party of being ‘hypocritical’ for not objecting when the providers were collecting information for years until the Obama administration passed rules banning the practice in the months before leaving office. ‘They had zero problems with it before December,’ Taylor said.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/30/17](#)]

Career: Taylor Received \$54,665 In Campaign Contributions From The Telecommunications Industry. As of March 2020, Taylor had disclosed \$54,665 in contribution from the telecommunications industry. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

Taylor Claimed He Would Support Allowing The Federal Trade Commission – Not The FCC – To Regulate Privacy

Taylor: “I Want [A Consumer Protection Rule] Under One Agency And Regulated Uniformly.” “Taylor said he would support consumers being empowered to give advance permission for internet operations to collect and use their personal data but argues the rule should be applied uniformly by the Federal Trade Commission, not the FCC. ‘I want it under one agency and regulated uniformly,’ he said.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/30/17](#)]

Taylor Later Voted Twice To Block Reinstatement Of FCC Rules Protecting The Privacy Of Broadband Customers

2017: Taylor Voted To Block A Bill To Reinstate FCC Rules Protecting The Privacy Of Broadband Customers. In May 2017, Taylor voted for “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 299).” Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer an, “amendment to the Rule, which would make in order Ms. Rosen of Nevada’s bill, H.R. 1868. H.R. 1868 would reinstate the Federal Communications Commission’s rules adopted on October 27, 2016 that protect the privacy of broadband customers.” A vote yes was a vote to block the Democratic amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-190. [HR 1868 (H.Res 299), [Vote #240](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Subject Providers Of Broadband Internet Access To Privacy Rules Adopted By The FCC In October of 2016. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 431) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2810).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prevented “consideration of the bill (H.R. 1868) to provide that providers of broadband Internet access service shall be subject to the privacy rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission on October 27, 2016.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 1868. The motion passed, 234-183. [H Res 431, [Vote #347](#), 7/12/17; CQ, [7/12/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [7/12/17](#)]

Industry Regulation

Taylor Voted For A Bill To Allow Industries To Influence Pending Regulations Without Public Knowledge

Taylor Voted For The Unfunded Mandates Information And Transparency Act, Which Required Federal Agencies To Analyze Their Regulatory Effects On Industries And To Meet With These Stakeholders. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require independent agencies to conduct analyses of their proposed rules and the effect thereof on the private sector and on state and local governments. The bill would require that independent federal regulatory agencies, except for the Federal Reserve, conduct unfunded mandate analyses of their proposed rules and would require all agencies that conduct unfunded mandate reviews, including both independent and non-independent federal agencies, to consult with private-sector stakeholders on the potential impact of regulations being developed. The bill would also require federal agencies, if requested by a committee chairman or ranking member, to conduct retrospective unfunded mandate analyses of existing regulations. The bill would transfer authority for oversight of UMRA activities to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs within the Office of Management and Budget.” The bill passed, 230-168. [H R 50, [Vote #328](#), 7/13/18; CQ, [7/13/18](#)]

The Bill Would Require Agencies To Alert And Solicit Feedback From Regulated Industries Before Notifying The Public; Business Could Block New Regulations Without Any Broader Public Knowledge. “The Unfunded Mandates and Information Transparency Act would require federal agencies to alert regulated industries when they are considering drafting a rule and solicit their feedback – before the public learns there may be a rule under consideration. Businesses could block even a hypothetical future rule and the public might never find out.” [Coalition For Sensible Safeguards, accessed [7/13/18](#)]

Crime and Public Safety Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor sponsored the Ashanti Alert Act Of 2018, a bill directing the Department Of Justice to establish a national communications network to support regional and local efforts for missing adults, which was signed in to law.*
- ✓ *Taylor was in favor of decriminalizing marijuana.*
- ✓ *Taylor co-sponsored a bill that would give states the power to decriminalize marijuana.*

Ashanti Alert

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February 2018: Taylor Sponsored The Ashanti Alert Act Of 2018, A Bill Directing The Department Of Justice To Establish A National Communications Network To Support Regional And Local Efforts For Missing Adults. In February 2018, Taylor sponsored a bill that directed “the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a national communications network—the Ashanti Alert communications network—to support regional and local search efforts for missing adults.” Additionally, the bill said that “the Ashanti Alert communications network must be integrated with the Blue Alert communications network (i.e., the communications network that supports efforts to search for and apprehend violent offenders who injure, kill, or pose an imminent danger to law enforcement).” [HR 5075, Summary, [12/31/18](#)]

December 2018: The Ashanti Alert Act Of 2018 Became Law. “The bill became Public Law 115-401. [HR 5075, Actions, [12/31/18](#)]

Taylor Was Mentioned In The Press Coverage Of The Ashanti Alert Act Of 2018. “The Ashanti Alert Act is now law. President Donald Trump signed the legislation on Monday, December 31, the White House Office of the Press Secretary announced. [...] The vote marked one year since then-U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Virginia Beach) got involved in Ashanti's case and announced his plans to push for a vote to take the alert national.” [WTKR, [12/31/18](#)]

HEADLINE: WTKR: President Trump Signs Ashanti Alert Act Into Law. [WTKR, [12/31/18](#)]

Marijuana

Taylor Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Give States The Power To Legalize Marijuana

May 2017: Taylor Co-Sponsored HR 1227 To Allow States Control Over Marijuana Legalization. “Last month, Rep. Tom Garrett of Virginia introduced a bill that seeks to remove virtually all traces of pot from the federal Controlled Substances Act so as to let states regulate themselves in our country’s ongoing Green Rush. Garrett’s office announced last month that the bill, originally put forth by Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont in 2015, was re-ignited to ‘[fulfill] a responsibility to create a level playing field across the country.’ With help from Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), lead original cosponsor for the bill, and from fellow Virginia republican Rep. Scott

Taylor, Garrett submitted HR 1227 to the GOP-heavy 115th U.S. Congress on February 27, referring it both the House Energy and Commerce and House Judiciary committees.” [Forbes, [5/13/17](#)]

February 2017: Rep. Garrett Introduced HR 1227, The Ending Marijuana Prohibition Act Of 2017, To Give States The Right To Legalize Marijuana And Remove Criminal Penalties For Marijuana Users.

“This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act to provide that the Act’s regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal penalties do not apply to with respect to marijuana. It removes marijuana and tetrahydrocannabinols from schedule I. (A schedule I controlled substance is a drug, substance, or chemical that: has a high potential for abuse; has no currently accepted medical value; and is subject to regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal penalties under the Controlled Substances Act.) Additionally, it eliminates criminal penalties for an individual who imports, exports, manufactures, distributes, or possesses with intent to distribute marijuana.” [Congress.gov, [2/27/17](#)]

March 2017: HR 1227 Was Referred To The Subcommittee On Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations. [Congress.gov, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Supported Decriminalizing Marijuana

February 2017: Taylor Said He Supported Decriminalizing Marijuana. “At Taylor’s Virginia Beach meeting, hundreds of people showed up over an hour early to wait in line, but many were still turned away due to the fire code. [...] Taylor also announced he believes in decriminalizing marijuana.” [13 News Now, [2/21/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Would Oppose The GOP When He Felt It Necessary, Such As On The Issue Of Marijuana Decriminalization. “The 2nd District Republican said he’ll support his political party but would oppose the GOP when he felt it was necessary. He noted, for example, he supports decriminalization of marijuana and wants to work with Rep. Bobby Scott, a Newport News Democrat, on criminal justice reforms.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/22/17](#)]

Education Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor voted for the Republican fiscal year 2018 budget, which cut funding for Pell grants despite Virginia 2nd district students being awarded 16,343 Pell grants worth \$72,737,280 dollars.*
- ✓ *While claiming to want to improve college affordability, Taylor voted against protecting student loan borrowers.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to loosen regulations on low-performing schools and teacher certification programs.*

College Affordability

Pell Grants

Students In Taylor's District Received \$72,737,280 In Pell Grants...

2018-2019: Virginia 2nd District Students Were Awarded 16,343 Pell Grants Worth \$72,737,280 Dollars. [National Association of Independent Colleges & Universities, Federal Student Aid Programs by Congressional Districts, [2018-2019](#)]

...But Taylor Still Voted To Slash Pell Grants

2017: Taylor Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

FY18 House Republican Budget Cut Pell Grants By More Than \$75 Billion. “The budget calls for significantly scaling back Pell Grants, which help nearly 8 million students from low- and moderate-income families afford college. [...] The Pell cuts of more than \$75 billion would occur even though Pell Grants currently cover just 29 percent of the costs of college — the smallest portion covered in the program’s history. The cuts in Pell would be accompanied by up to \$120 billion in cuts to student loans.” [CBPP, [9/5/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed That Student Debt Should Be Refinanced

Taylor: “We Shouldn’t Be Saddling Students With Crushing Debt That They Can’t Pay Off Until They’re 50.” “On rising tuition at colleges and universities... ‘First of all there’s a rising costs, I had numerous questions I think we should be looking at refinancing student debt. We shouldn’t be saddling students with crushing debt that they can’t pay off until they’re 50. I think that we have gone wrong that saying that they have to have a college degree to get a good job. What worries me is that we are unnecessarily saddling kids with student debt.’” [Williamsburg Yorktown Daily, [11/8/16](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Keeping Consumer Protections For Student Loan Borrowers

Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Consumer Protections For Student Loan Borrowers From The SCRUB Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Bonamici, D-Ore., amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions rules related to providing consumer protections for student loan borrowers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 191-235. [HR 998, [Vote #109](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Public Education

Taylor Voted To Loosen Regulations For Low-Performing Schools And Teacher Certification Programs

Voted To Nullify A Department Of Education Rule Requiring The Department To Define And Monitor Low-Performing Schools. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify an Education Department rule that requires states to define, subsequently monitor and intervene with schools deemed to be low-performing schools. Under the department’s rule, states are required to measure academic achievement through factors such as graduation rates and English proficiency rates.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-190. [HJRes 57, [Vote #84](#), 2/7/17; CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Voted To Nullify A Department Of Education Rule Requiring States To Annually Evaluate Teacher Certification Programs. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would that would nullify an Education Department rule that requires states to annually evaluate the effectiveness of teacher preparation programs at higher education institutions. Programs are required to be ranked by level of performance and states would be required to provide assistance to the lowest-performing programs.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 240-181. [HJRes 8, [Vote #85](#), 2/7/17; CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Election Law & Campaign Finance

Significant Findings

- ✓ 2018: Taylor voted for blocking an amendment to create a small dollar donor matching system and require campaigns to disclosure of all bundlers.

Campaign Finance Reform

Taylor Voted To Block Consideration Of Bills To Increase Transparency In Campaign Finance

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Create A Small Dollar Donor Matching System And Require Campaigns To Disclosure Of All Bundlers. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would help reduce the influence of big money in politics by establishing a small-donor matching system, permitting unlimited coordinated party expenditures from small donor sources, and by requiring disclosure by all bundlers of bundled contributions. Mr. Sarbanes’ bill is part of House Democrats’ Better Deal Agenda that will help make government more open and transparent.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 222-184. [H Res 905, [Vote #210](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/22/18](#)]

Energy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor supported the Keystone Pipeline.*
- ✓ *Taylor argued that Virginia should be building its economy on cheap energy.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to streamline the approval process for oil pipelines.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted against curbing the eminent domain authority of pipeline projects.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to establish a new system for the approval and permitting of border-crossing oil and gas pipelines and electrical transmission lines.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted against a motion requiring iron and steel products used in the border-crossing facility to be produced in the United States.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted for energy appropriations bill that cut renewable energy programs and rolled back clean water protections.*

Keystone Pipeline

Taylor Criticized Senator Tim Kaine's Vote Against The Keystone XL Pipeline In A Facebook Post

2014: Taylor Claimed That Obtaining Oil From Canada Through The Pipeline Would Be The Best Option For National Security And The Environment. “Senator Kaine’s NO vote on Keystone XL pipeline undermines American national, energy, and environmental security. Senator Kaine’s vote against the Keystone pipeline and his statement defy logic, even his own. Supplanting oil from the volatile Middle East and Venezuela with oil from Canada, a stable neighbor, is the right thing to do for our national security. Given the fact that some of the capacity of the new pipeline would be used to transport American Bakken shale to market, resulting in direct and indirect jobs created, the pipeline is a positive for our energy security. Lastly, given Senator Kaine’s rightful environmental concerns, he should support pipeline over rail transport of Canadian oil, given that credible studies show the likelihood of an oil spill is much higher with rail than pipeline.” [Facebook, Scottaylorvirginia, [11/19/14](#)]

Virginia

Taylor Said Virginia Should Be Building Its Economy On Cheap Energy And Expanding Exports

The Virginian-Pilot: Taylor Said That Virginia Should Be Building Its Economy On Cheap Energy. “To diversify the economy and create jobs, Taylor said, the state needs to build a more robust exports program and harness its natural energy resources. He said the state should be building its economy on cheap energy, including a natural gas export terminal at the Port of Virginia and converting fleet vehicles to natural gas.” [Virginian-Pilot, [10/29/13](#)]

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energy, including a natural gas export terminal at the Port of Virginia and converting fleet vehicles to natural gas. Taylor said the state needs to more aggressively market the port so it's not just a 'pass-through.' He suggests adding a layer of economic activity to the port by giving incentives to businesses to have advanced manufacturing here. Taylor said he wants to phase in a policy of not taxing military retirement payments to encourage families to stay in the state." [Virginian-Pilot, [10/29/13](#)]

Oil & Gas

Taylor Voted To Streamline The Pipeline Approval Process

Taylor Voted To Streamline The Pipeline Approval Process. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would establish the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as the sole lead agency for the permitting of proposals to build or expand natural gas pipelines. The bill would require the commission to set deadlines by which federal agencies would need to take certain actions as part of the pipeline project proposal review process and would, in the event an agency fails to meet a deadline set by the commission, require the head of the agency to notify Congress and set forth a recommended implementation plan for the completion of the action." Passed by a vote of 248-179. [H R 2910, [Vote #402](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Curbing The Eminent Domain Authority of Pipeline Projects

Taylor Voted Against Curbing The Eminent Domain Authority of Pipeline Projects. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: "Watson Coleman, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit approval of an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity under the Natural Gas Act unless the applicant agrees not to exercise its eminent domain authority under such law." According to the Democratic Leader's Office, "Democrats' Motion to Recommit would add a requirement to the underlying bill that project applicants agree not to exercise eminent domain authority." Motion rejected by a vote of 189-239/ [H R 2910, [Vote #401](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#); Democratic Leader's Office, Motion to Recommit, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Establish A New System For The Approval And Permitting Of Border-Crossing Oil And Gas Pipelines And Electrical Transmission Lines

Taylor Voted To Establish A New System For The Approval And Permitting Of Border-Crossing Oil And Gas Pipelines And Electrical Transmission Lines. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would establish a new system for the approval and permitting of border-crossing oil and gas pipelines and electrical transmission lines. The bill would require sponsors of border-crossing oil pipelines and electricity transmission facilities that cross the U.S. borders into Canada and Mexico to receive a 'certificate of crossing' from the relevant federal agency in order to build or modify their projects, thereby eliminating the need for a presidential permit. The bill would eliminate the requirement under current law that the Energy Department approve the transmission of electricity from the U.S. to another country." The bill passed by a vote of 254-175. [H R 2883, [Vote #398](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Motion Requiring Iron And Steel Products Used In The Border-Crossing Facility To Be Produced in the United States

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would add a requirement to the underlying bill that all iron and steel products used in construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of the border-crossing facility be produced in the United States.” Motion rejected by a vote of 193-232. [H R 2883, [Vote #397](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#); Democratic Leader’s Office, Motion to Recommit, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Protecting Oil & Gas Companies From Publicly Disclosing Payments To Foreign Governments

2017: Taylor Did Not Vote On Protecting Oil & Gas Companies From Having To Publicly Disclose Payments To Foreign Governments. In February 2017, Taylor did not vote on “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Securities and Exchange Commission rule that requires companies that develop oil, natural gas or minerals to publicly report in detail payments to foreign governments or to the U.S. government totaling at least \$100,000 annually per project for extraction, exploration or export of these resources.” The resolution passed by a vote of 235-187. [HJRes 41, [Vote #72](#), 2/1/17; CQ, [2/1/17](#)]

Renewable Energy

Taylor Voted For An Energy Appropriations Bill That Cut Renewable Energy Programs And Rolled Back Clean Water Protections

Taylor Voted For A \$146.5 Energy-Water-Legislative Branch-Veterans Affairs Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2019. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$146.5 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$44.7 billion for the Energy Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Interior Department’s Bureau of Reclamation; \$98 billion for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; and \$3.8 billion for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. It would provide \$11.2 billion for programs that maintain and refurbish nuclear weapons in the United States’ stockpile. As amended, it would provide \$1.1 billion in funding for the Veterans Community Care Program.” The bill passed by a vote of 235-179. [HR 5895, [Vote #257](#), 6/8/18; CQ, [6/8/18](#)]

Bill Included Cuts To Renewable Energy Research, Funding For Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository, And Rider To Repeal “Waters Of The United States” Rule. “House lawmakers want more money for nuclear weapon modernization efforts while introducing cuts to renewable energy research. It also would set aside funding for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository in Nevada and continue funding for the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility in South Carolina. The House bill includes controversial policy riders meant to ease the repeal of the EPA-Army Corps joint ‘Waters of the United States’ regulation. Democrats have called the measure a “poison pill” unlikely to survive Senate scrutiny.” [CQ, [6/8/18](#)]

Rep. Lowey: Republicans Attached Veterans Affairs Appropriations To Energy Appropriations To Force Through Cuts To Clean Energy Initiatives And Roll Back Clean Water Protections. “This broken process has a simple aim: Republicans are using America’s veterans as pawns to force through cuts to clean energy research and harmful policy provisions that weaken environmental safeguards. [...] With gas prices approaching \$3 a gallon, the bill cuts energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives. It cuts transformational science efforts, such as the successful and popular ARPA-E program. Just as bad, it contains many harmful riders, including rolling back clean water protections, blocking the National Oceans Policy, further endangering salmon on the Columbia River, and weakening gun safety rules on public lands.” [Rep. Lowey Floor Statement, [6/7/18](#)]

Environmental Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2018, Taylor came out in opposition to Trump's offshore drilling order, but in 2010 Taylor voiced support for offshore drilling and even said it would not interfere with Naval operations.*
- ✓ *Taylor said that he believed in climate change while simultaneously questioning what there was to do about it and whether it was man-made.*
- ✓ *Taylor criticized the EPA, but said he did not want to abolish it.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted repeatedly to gut the EPA.*
- ✓ *Taylor claimed responsibility for securing funding for the Chesapeake Bay.*
 - ✓ *The House Appropriations Committee on which Taylor sits gave \$60 million to the Chesapeake Bay Program.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to make it easier to sell federal lands without taking into account taxpayer concerns.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to delay clean air rules from being implemented.*

Off-Shore Drilling

2018: Taylor Came Out Against Offshore Drilling, Though He Supported It Earlier In His Career

2018: Taylor Supported Offshore Drilling

January 2018: HEADLINE- Rep. Scott Taylor Of Virginia Beach Comes Out Against Offshore Drilling.
[Washington Post, [1/8/18](#)]

January 2018: Taylor Came Out Against Off-Shore Drilling Off The Coast Of His District. “Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Va.) says he is opposed to drilling off the coast of his Virginia Beach district, breaking with President Trump who last week moved to erase a ban on oil drilling in the Atlantic Ocean and elsewhere. The freshman congressman, who represents all of Virginia's oceanfront land as well as the Navy base in Norfolk, said drilling could interfere with military training and faces stiff opposition from coastal communities and industries in his district. ‘The reality is, in my district every locality has opposed it,’ he said in an interview Monday. ‘Business and industry oppose it. The Navy has problems with it. I have to listen to my people.’ It is the first time since taking office in 2017 that Taylor has taken a position on the issue. Both political parties consider Taylor's district the most politically vulnerable in Virginia, after the northern Virginia district represented by Republican Barbara Comstock. “ [Washington Post, [1/8/18](#)]

April 2017: Taylor “Leaned In Favor Of Offshore Drilling”

April 2017: Washington Post: On Off-Shore Drilling, Taylor “Lean[ed] In Favor Of Drilling, But There [Were] Too Many Unanswered Questions For Him To Take A Definitive Position.” “The Virginia congressional delegation is generally split along party lines over whether the federal government should allow oil and gas drilling off the state's coast. The issue reemerged last week when President Trump signed an executive

order that aimed to reverse an Obama administration moratorium on extracting fuel from the ocean floor. [...] Republican members say they favor drilling - except for Rep. Scott W. Taylor, who is undecided. [...] Taylor, a former Navy SEAL and first-term Republican representing Virginia Beach, said he leans in favor of drilling, but there are too many unanswered questions for him to take a definitive position. 'It's a big decision for our community and for Virginia,' he said." [Washington Post, [4/30/17](#)]

May 2017: Virginia Beach Residents Protested The Drilling Off Of Virginia Beach And Gathered Signatures For A Petition To Be Presented To Taylor. "About three dozen Eastern Shore of Virginia residents gathered at Willis Wharf on Saturday to protest the prospect of the federal government allowing oil drilling off the Virginia Coast. The event, called 'Hands Across the Sand Eastern Shore,' was part of a larger movement that included events in 20 states and three countries during the weekend — it was the seventh annual event, but the first time the Eastern Shore of Virginia held its own gathering. People also signed a petition that will be presented to Rep. Scott Taylor this week." [Delmarva Now, [5/22/17](#)]

Washington Post: "More Than 120 Municipalities, Including Accomack And Northampton Counties, Opposed Offshore Drilling, Citing Threats To Marine Life, Coastal Communities And Local Economies." "More than 120 municipalities, including Accomack and Northampton counties, oppose offshore drilling, citing threats to marine life, coastal communities and local economies, according to the advocacy group Oceana. The Virginia Beach restaurant and hotel associations also are opposed." [Washington Post, [5/1/17](#)]

Navy Said Offshore Drilling Would Interfere With Most Of Its Training Exercises. "Connolly, another Northern Virginia Democrat, added that the Navy, which operates its largest base in Norfolk, said offshore drilling would interfere with most of its training exercises. Between the military's concerns and the potential environmental risk, drilling 'would be a tragic mistake,' he said. 'If the worst happened, it would mean catastrophic and immeasurable damage.'" [Washington Post, [5/1/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed He Was "Neutral" To Offshore Drilling

June 2016: Taylor Claimed He Was "Neutral" To Offshore Drilling. "Forbes said recently he no longer supports offshore drilling after a recent Navy report opposing the practice convinced him to change his stance. Cardwell and Taylor said they would not support drilling if the Navy continues to object. 'Right now I'm neutral,' Taylor said. 'It it can be done safely, it does create many jobs ... but I would not support something that would impede our national security.'" [Virginia Pilot, [6/5/16](#)]

2010: Taylor Supported Offshore Drilling

AP: Taylor Expressed Support For Drilling In 2010. "A freshman Republican congressman from Virginia has announced his opposition to oil drilling off the coast of his district, breaking with President Donald Trump and the rest of Virginia's Republican congressional delegation. Rep. Scott Taylor told The Washington Post on Monday that offshore drilling is opposed by coastal communities and industries in his district, and could interfere with military training. Taylor hadn't previously taken a stance since assuming office in 2017, although he expressed support for drilling in 2010." [AP, [1/19/18](#)]

WTOP Mentioned Taylor's 2010 Support For Offshore Drilling. [WTOP, [1/9/18](#)] (AUDIO)

WWBT Mentioned That Taylor Was In Support Of Offshore Drilling In 2010. [WWBT, [1/10/18](#)] (VIDEO)

WVEC Covered DCCC Statement On Taylor's Record On Offshore Drilling. [WVEC, [1/9/18](#)] (VIDEO)

2010: Taylor Supported Offshore Drilling And Did Not Believe It Would Conflict With Ongoing Naval, And NASA Operations In The Region. "REPORTER: You support offshore drilling here in Virginia, yet you also want to keep the Navy here in Hampton Roads. DOD has indicated—as well as NASA at Wallops Island—that they

are opposed to offshore drilling, as both groups operate in the proposed drilling zone. How do you reconcile these two goals? TAYLOR That depends who you talk to. Let me say first and foremost that I support offshore drilling as well as wind, and here in Virginia Beach we can plug our wind-generated power directly into the grid. I believe these (offshore drilling) efforts would not conflict with ongoing Naval, and NASA operations in the region. I am confident we can come up with a solution. Also, I would like to add that I would propose a 37.5 percent royalty fee for Virginia for offshore drilling revenues, as there is precedence for that in the Gulf states.” [ALT Daily, [4/20/10](#)]

Taylor: “There Are Technologies Now That Prevent Disaster [...] There Are Ways To Get Around The National Security Issue, As Well As The Environmental.” “REPORTER: There seems to be bipartisan support for the fact that offshore drilling revenue is federal money, and not to be funneled into individual states. TAYLOR: I understand what he is saying, but I disagree with him. There are technologies now that prevent disaster; there are even technologies now to drill under the surface. I mean, there are ways to get around the National Security issue, as well as the environmental, and there will of course be environmental impact studies conducted before any of this can be done.” [ALT Daily, [4/20/10](#)]

Many Local Voices Spoke Out Against Trump’s Plan To Allow Off-Shore Drilling In Virginia Beach

Headline: Editorial: Meet Here About Offshore Drilling. [Virginia Pilot, Editorial Board, [2/15/18](#)]

Headline: Virginia Pilot: Will Sessoms: Offshore Drilling Would Be Bad For Virginia. [Virginia Pilot, Will Sessoms, [2/11/18](#)]

Headline: Virginia-Pilot Editorial: Offshore Drilling Is Still A Damaging Idea For Virginia And North Carolina. [Virginia Pilot, Editorial, [1/12/18](#)]

Headline: Virginia Pilot: Daniel Barshis: Offshore Drilling A Serious Threat To Virginia. [Virginia-Pilot, [11/26/17](#)]

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Climate Change

2017: Taylor Said Climate Change Was Real And A Serious Issue For Virginia Beach...

Taylor: “On The Shore We Can See That, We Can See It Eroding...So It Is Absolutely An Issue That I Acknowledge Needs Work.” “Taylor said he agrees that climate change, recurrent flooding and sea-level rise are issues that need attention. ‘On the Shore we can see that, we can see it eroding, whether you’re on the barrier islands or on Tangier Island, as well as Virginia Beach, as well as Norfolk. So it is absolutely an issue that I acknowledge needs work,’ he said.” [Delmarva Daily Times, [2/25/17](#)]

...But Questioned How Much Of It Was Man-Made And What There Was To Be Done About It

Taylor Admitted That Climate Change And The Sinking Of Virginia Beach Was “Real” And “Absolutely A Problem” But Asked “How Much Is Man Responsible For It And How Much Can Man Do About It?” “As for the sinking of his district, he said it’s ‘absolutely a problem.’ But he has no specific plans for how to address it.

‘Is climate change real? Of course it is. It’s changing, and we have an issue with flood resiliency down in our area,’ Taylor said. ‘I think the question, more importantly, is how much is man responsible for it and how much can man do about it? And that’s where the argument is.’ [Environment and Energy Daily, [1/31/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Military Hero Not Quite Ready For War On Climate Change.” [Environment and Energy Daily, [1/31/17](#)]

New York Times: Taylor Favored “Narrower Measures” To Address The Dangerous Effects Of Climate Change, “Wary Of Hobbling Fossil-Fuel Companies”

New York Times: Taylor Was “Wary Of Hobbling Fossil-Fuel Companies, But Favor[Ed] Narrower Measures To Address Dangerous Environmental Conditions.” “For years, climate change activists have faced a wrenching dilemma: how to persuade people to care about a grave but seemingly far-off problem and win their support for policies that might pinch them immediately in utility bills and at the pump. [...] Representative Scott Taylor of Virginia, a Republican whose district hugs the Atlantic Coast, said his constituents were growing more sensitive to the implications of climate change, including voters who lean to the right. Mr. Taylor, who is a member of the climate caucus, said he was still wary of hobbling fossil-fuel companies, but favors narrower measures to address dangerous environmental conditions. [...] ‘We have to deal with issues like sea level rise and flooding and resiliency,’ Mr. Taylor said, cautioning, ‘I don’t think we’re there, in a bipartisan way, for comprehensive action.’ [New York Times, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Striking A Provision From The NDAA Stating Climate Change Poses A Threat To National Security. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would express the sense of Congress that climate change is a direct threat to national security, and would eliminate the provision that would require the secretary of Defense to report to Congress on vulnerabilities to military installations and combatant commands resulting from climate change-related effects.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 185-234. [H R 2810, [Vote #368](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Environmental Protection Agency

Taylor Said He Would Not Get Rid Of The EPA But That It Had Overstepped Its Boundaries

Taylor: “I’m Not One Who Says, ‘Get Rid Of The EPA, Abolish The EPA.’” “As President Donald Trump introduces a series of budget cuts and regulatory rollbacks that would cripple the Environmental Protection Agency, he faces one unpredictable obstacle: resistance from fellow Republicans. A small but vocal number of GOP lawmakers have rallied in support of popular programs in their districts, including clean water programs in the Great Lakes and the Chesapeake Bay, that are among the biggest losers in the budget Trump proposed to Congress last month. ‘I’m not one who says, ‘Get rid of the EPA, abolish the EPA,’ said Scott Taylor, a Virginia House freshman who has called for level funding for the Chesapeake Bay Program -- a stance that could carry extra weight because he serves on the Appropriations Committee. ‘I believe you have to have someone who is administering reasonable, responsible regulations to protect our environment.’” [Roll Call, [4/4/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed The EPA Had Overstepped Its Boundaries And Needed To Be Reined In. “Several people asked about environmental concerns in Hampton Roads, such as sea level rise, coastal flooding and erosion, as well as whether Taylor believed the Environmental Protection Agency should be eliminated. Taylor said he does not want to get rid of the agency, but said it has overstepped with some of its regulations and needs to be reined in.” [Daily Times, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Reducing EPA Funding

Taylor Voted For Reducing EPA Funding By \$1.8 Million, In Line With Trump's FY 2018 Budget Proposal. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment that would reduce funding for the EPA by \$1.8 million." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 151-260. [H R 3354, [Vote #492](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Bills That Would Gut The EPA

HEADLINE: The Transparency Bills That Would Gut the EPA [The Atlantic, [3/15/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted for: "passage of a bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA's Science Advisory Board. The bill would require the board's members represent a variety of scientific and technical viewpoints. It would require board member nominees to disclose financial relationships that would be relevant to EPA advisory activities. It would require the board to generally avoid making policy determinations or recommendations to the EPA." The bill was passed by a vote of 229-193. [HR 1431, [Vote #208](#), 3/30/17; CQ, [3/30/17](#)]

Bill Was Opposed By Clean Water Action, Earthjustice, League of Conservation Voters (LCV), Natural Resources Defense Council And Sierra Club. [Clean Water Action, Letter In Opposition, [3/29/17](#)]

NRDC Called The Bill A "Gift To The Chemical Industry" That Would Make It Much More Difficult To Hold Polluting Industries Accountable. "Another gift to the chemical industry is being wrapped with a bow by the Republican Congress. The EPA Science Advisory Board is meant to provide scientific advice to the EPA, such as reviewing its chemical hazard assessments. But this new Republican Science Advisory Board Act (SAB Act) would instead invite the chemical and regulated industries to help characterize the science of harm about their own hazardous products. This, ultimately, would make it much more difficult to hold polluting industries accountable." [NRDC, [3/30/17](#)]

NRDC Said The Bill Would "Encourage Industry Conflicts In The Review Of Scientific Materials" And Hamper The Work And Effectiveness Of The Board, "Undermin[Ing] Important Public Health, Safety And Environmental Measures." "In short, due to these and other provisions, the 'EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017' would alter the nature of the SAB, which has been largely successful in providing the EPA expert review of key scientific and technical questions, and would encourage industry conflicts in the review of scientific materials. It would also pile new and burdensome requirements on the Board, severely hampering its work and effectiveness. The result would be to further stall and undermine important public health, safety and environmental measures." [NRDC, [3/30/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Providing For House Consideration The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted for: the "adoption of the rule (H Res 233) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA's Science Advisory Board. The bill would require board member nominees to disclose financial relationships that would be relevant to EPA advisory activities." The rule was adopted by a vote of 232-188. [HRes 233, [Vote #204](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Prohibiting Any Member Of The EPA Science Advisory Board From Being Employed By Any Interests Before The Board During That Person's Term And For Three Years After. In March 2017, Taylor voted against: the "Foster, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill the House Science, Space and Technology Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit, both during and for three years following a term on the board, Science Advisory Board members from being employed by any entity with interests before the board." The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-233. [HR 1431, [Vote #207](#), 3/30/17; CQ, [3/30/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment (HONEST) Act, Prohibiting The EPA From Proposing A Rule Unless The Scientific Information Backing It Up Is Publicly Available. In March 2017, Taylor voted for: "passage of the bill that would prohibit the EPA from proposing, finalizing or disseminating

a rule, regulation or standard unless the scientific and technical information on which the EPA's decisions relied is publicly available for independent analysis. It would require any personally identifiable information, trade secrets or sensitive business information to be redacted prior to the publication of the scientific information." The bill was passed by a vote of 228-194. [HR 1430, [Vote #206](#), 3/29/17, CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

The HONEST Act Would Bar Many Kinds Of Scientific Evidence From Consideration, Including Studies That Included Medical Records, Which Cannot Legally Be Released, And Greatly Increase Costs To Enforce. "For example, it would stop the EPA from crafting public health protections based on studies that use medical records, which are confidential and cannot be legally released. [...] The aides I spoke to denied that the process would be unmanageable, noting that every federal agency already redacts plenty of confidential information. But the Congressional Budget Office estimated that old iterations of the HONEST Act would take \$250 million a year to enforce, and the new version only allocates an extra \$1 million to the added burden of redaction—all while Trump is planning to cut the EPA's budget." [The Atlantic, [3/15/17](#)]

HEADLINE: The E.P.A. Says It Wants Research Transparency. Scientists See an Attack on Science. [New York Times, [3/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Exempting EPA Actions Related To Public Health Threats From The Bill's Requirement That The Scientific Information Behind The EPA's Actions Must Be Publicly Available. In March 2017, Taylor voted against: the "McEachin, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Science, Space and Technology Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt EPA actions taken in response to a public health threat from the bill's requirement that the scientific information that influenced the EPA's actions must be publicly available." The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1430, [Vote #205](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

Chesapeake Bay Cleanup

Taylor Said He Would Not "See It As a Tough Spot" If He Had To Disagree With President Trump On Funding Chesapeake Bay Cleanup

In Response To Trump's Budget Proposal Eliminating Chesapeake Bay Cleanup Funding, Taylor Stated: "I Don't See It As A Tough Spot...If I Agree With The President, Then I Agree With Him. If I Don't, I Don't." "The budget proposal released Tuesday by President Trump doubles down on his promise to eliminate Chesapeake Bay cleanup dollars, increasing the pressure on key Virginia and Maryland lawmakers to rescue the funding. The region has four lawmakers on the powerful House and Senate appropriations committees - Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) and Reps. Andy Harris (R-Md.), C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-Md.) and Scott W. Taylor (R-Va.). [...] Advocates say Republicans are powerful allies in this fight because they are willing to put aside loyalty to a president from their own party when the health of the bay is at stake. 'I don't see it as a tough spot,' said the GOP's Taylor, who is from Virginia Beach. 'If I agree with the president, then I agree with him. If I don't, I don't.'" [Washington Post, [5/23/17](#)]

The House Appropriations Committee On Which Taylor Sat Gave \$60 Million To The Chesapeake Bay Program

Taylor Claimed Responsibility For Securing Funding For The Chesapeake Bay Program In Trump's FY17 Budget. "Today, Congressman Taylor issued a statement following his remarks on the Chesapeake Bay program during the Appropriations Committee markup: 'I am grateful for the support among members of the Appropriations Committee who fought with me to get the \$60 million included for the Chesapeake Bay program, far from the \$0 in the President's budget. The Chesapeake Bay is America's largest and most significant estuary, a significant economic driver for our region, and a national treasure. While I would like to see it returned to the FY17 level of \$73 million immediately, this is a strong negotiating position we will use to push for increased funding in the weeks ahead.'" [U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, Press Release, [7/19/17](#)]

The Appropriations Committee Appropriated \$60 Million To The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Protection Program. “During a meeting of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations Tuesday the Chesapeake Bay Program was given \$60 million in funding. The program works year-round to restore waterways, decrease pollution and protect more than 3,000 species of plants and animals that call the bay home.” [Southside Daily, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Wanted To See The \$60 Million Increase To \$73 Million. “Rep. Scott Taylor, who also sits on the House Appropriations Committee, released a statement Wednesday afternoon voicing his support of the program. Taylor said he would also like to see the program receive funding equivalent to the 2017 budget. ‘I am grateful for the support among members of the Appropriations Committee who fought to get the \$60 million included for the Chesapeake Bay program, far from the \$0 in the President’s budget,’ Taylor said in the statement. ‘The Chesapeake Bay is America’s largest and most significant estuary, a significant economic driver for our region and a national treasure. While I would like to see it returned to the FY17 level of \$73 million immediately, this is a strong negotiating position we will use to push for increased funding in the weeks ahead.’” [Southside Daily, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Volunteered At A Local Event To Help Clean Chesapeake Bay

Taylor Served As A Volunteer During Clean The Bay Day To Help Clean Chesapeake Bay. “Thousands of volunteers turned out for the 29th Clean the Bay Day, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s annual shoreline and stream cleanup and one of the largest volunteer events in Virginia. [...] Among the thousands of volunteers were elected officials, including Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam, Rep. Barbara Comstock, Rep. Scott Taylor...” [Cape Charles Mirror, [6/11/17](#)]

Pollution

Taylor Voted For Nullifying A Bureau Of Land Management “Methane Rule” To Limit The Release Of Methane From Oil And Gas Operations On Federal Land

Taylor Voted For Nullifying A Bureau Of Land Management “Methane Rule” To Limit The Release Of Methane From Oil And Gas Operations On Federal Land. In February 2017, Taylor voted for: “a Congressional Review Act resolution to nullify the Bureau of Land Management’s rule to limit the release of methane from oil and gas operations on federal land. [...] The Interior Department’s BLM finalized the venting and flaring rule - also known as the methane rule - in November. It requires oil and gas operators to control releases of waste methane - a potent greenhouse gas - by adopting new technologies, more frequently inspecting for leaks and replacing outdated equipment that discharges large amounts of natural gas.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 221-191. [HJRes 36, [Vote #78](#), 2/3/17; CQ News, [2/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting The EPA From Enforcing The “Methane Rule.” In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Mullin, R-Okla., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds appropriated by the bill to enforce rules relating to source performance standards for greenhouse gas emissions and volatile organic compound emissions from the oil and natural gas sector.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-195. [H R 3354, [Vote #488](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Delay Clean Air Standards

Taylor Voted To “Extend For Eight Years The Deadline For The EPA To Implement New National Ambient Air Quality Standards For Ground-Level Ozone.” In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would extend for eight years the deadline for the EPA to implement new National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ground-level ozone (the EPA issued such deadlines on Oct. 26, 2015). The bill would require the EPA to review the national ambient air quality standards for each pollutant every ten years, instead of every five, and would require

the agency to evaluate possible adverse effects of standard changes, including effects related to public health, welfare and economics, prior to establishing or revising a national ambient air quality standard.” The bill passed by a vote of 229-199. [H R 806, [Vote #391](#), 7/18/17; CQ, [7/18/17](#)]

League Of Conservation Voters Opposed HR 806, Saying It Guttled The Clean Air Act And Jeopardized Health By Undermining EPA Standards Related To Smog. “LCV urges you to vote NO on H.R. 806, the ‘Ozone Standards Implementation Act,’ a radical bill that jeopardizes the health of our families by undermining the EPA’s recently-updated standards for ozone pollution (a.k.a. smog) and eviscerating a central pillar of the Clean Air Act. [...] For the first time ever, H.R. 806 would allow the EPA to consider factors unrelated to health, like technical feasibility in the initial standard setting process. States consider feasibility and cost when they implement the standards. This system has worked extremely well since 1970 as air quality has improved dramatically while the economy has grown.” [League Of Conservation Voters, [7/17/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Motion To Prohibit Implementation Of New Air Quality Standards If Those Standards Could Pose Health Risks To Those Without Access To “Affordable, Comprehensive” Health Care. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Cartwright, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit implementation of the bill’s provisions if the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Congressional Budget Office, finds such implementation could increase various health risks for individuals without access to “affordable, comprehensive” health insurance.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would prohibit implementation of the underlying bill if the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee finds that application of the underlying bill could increase health risks to vulnerable populations including children, seniors, pregnant women, outdoor workers, and minority and low-income communities.” Motion rejected by a vote of 191-235. [H R 806, [Vote #390](#), 7/18/17; CQ, [7/18/17](#); Democratic Leader’s Office, Motion to Recommit, [7/18/17](#)]

Federal Land Management

Taylor Voted For A Resolution Allowing Congress To More Easily Sell Federal Lands Without Concern For Taxpayer Costs, Establish Fines For Using Cameras On The House Floor

Taylor Voted For A Resolution Allowing Congress To More Easily Sell Federal Lands Without Concern For Taxpayer Costs, Establish Fines For Using Cameras On The House Floor. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Adoption of the resolution that would establish the rules of the House for the 115th Congress. Many of the rules that were in effect at the end of the 114th Congress would carry over. Among the rules changes, it would set monetary fines for using electronic devices on the House floor to take photos or videos.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 234-193. [HRes 5, [Vote #6](#), 1/3/17; CQ, [1/3/17](#)]

HRes 5 Would “Make It Easier For Members Of The New Congress To Cede Federal Control Of Public Lands” Without Concern For Cost To U.S. Treasury. “House Republicans on Tuesday changed the way Congress calculates the cost of transferring federal lands to the states and other entities, a move that will make it easier for members of the new Congress to cede federal control of public lands. The provision, included as part as a larger rules package the House approved by a vote of 233 to 190 during its first day in session, highlights the extent to which some congressional Republicans hope to change longstanding rules now that the GOP will control the executive and the legislative branches starting Jan. 20. [...] Under current Congressional Budget Office accounting rules, any transfer of federal land that generates revenue for the U.S. Treasury — whether through energy extraction, logging, grazing or other activities — has a cost. If lawmakers wanted to give such land to a state, local government or tribe, they would have to account for that loss in expected cash flow. [...] The immediate impact of the rules change is that lawmakers cannot raise a budgetary point of order if a land transfer bill comes to the floor. Under existing House rules, any measure that costs the U.S. Treasury money must be offset by either budget cuts or a revenue-raising provision.” [Washington Post, [1/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Nullify A Bureau Of Land Management Rule Directing The Agency To Develop Management Plans For Public Lands And Include Public Opinion

Taylor Voted To Nullify A Bureau Of Land Management Rule Directing The Agency To Develop Management Plans For Public Lands And Include Public Opinion. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would that would disapprove and nullify a Bureau of Land Management rule that amends the agency’s procedures for the development of resource management plans for public lands. The rule directs BLM to design management plans that address resource issues in a number of programs related to wildfire prevention, wildlife habitat protection and demands for renewable and nonrenewable energy. The rule also provides additional opportunities for the public to submit information and comments on a plan revision or amendment.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-186. [HJRes 44, [Vote #83](#), 2/7/17; CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Authorize \$1 Million For The Bureau Of Land Management To Survey The Boundary Along The Red River between Texas And Oklahoma

Taylor Voted To Authorize \$1 Million For The Bureau Of Land Management To Survey The Boundary Along The Red River between Texas And Oklahoma. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would authorize \$1 million for the Bureau of Land Management to pay for a survey to identify the boundary, with respect to title and ownership, along the Red River on the border between Texas and Oklahoma. It would require the survey use the gradient boundary method of measurement established in the Supreme Court case Oklahoma v. Texas and that the survey be completed within two years of the bill’s enactment.” The bill passed by a vote of 250-171. [HR 428, [Vote #92](#), 2/14/17; CQ, [2/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Kill A Federal Rule That Gives Americans More Of A Voice In Large-Scale Planning For Projects Using Public Land

Taylor Voted To Kill A Federal Rule That Gives Americans More Of A Voice In Large-Scale Planning For Projects Using Public Land. In February 2017, Taylor voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 91) that would provide for House floor consideration of a joint resolution of (H J Res 44) that would nullify a Bureau of Land Management rule that modifies the BLM’s process of assessing and planning the development of public lands by increasing public involvement.” According to the Denver Post, “The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday voted to kill a federal rule that gives Americans more of a voice in large-scale planning for projects using public land [...] [HJ Res 44] would nullify the Bureau of Land Management’s ‘Planning 2.0’ rule that took effect in December. That rule governs all planning for future uses of 250 million acres of federal public land that is concentrated in the West.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 233-186. [HJRes 44, [Vote #82](#), 2/7/17; Denver Post, [2/7/17](#); CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Hunting**Taylor Voted For Killing A Rule Banning Hunters In Alaska Wildlife Refuges From Shooting Animals From A Helicopter, Shooting Wolf Puppies At Point Blank Range, And Killing Hibernating Bears**

Taylor Voted For Killing A Rule Banning Hunters In Alaska Wildlife Refuges From Shooting Animals From A Helicopter, Shooting Wolf Puppies At Point Blank Range, And Killing Hibernating Bears. In February 2017, Taylor voted for: “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of an Interior Department rule that prohibits certain predator control methods on federal lands in Alaska. The rule prevents Alaska, which typically has the authority to manage hunting and trapping practices on federal lands within the state, from allowing certain non-subsistence hunting practices on national wildlife refuges. Under the rule, prohibited practices include using traps to hunt bears and the taking of wolves and coyotes during denning season.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 225-193. [HJRes 69, [Vote #98](#), 2/16/17; CQ, [2/16/17](#)]

Mining Communities

Taylor Did Not Vote On Nullifying The Stream Protection Rule Which Protected The Drinking Water, Health, And Environment Of People In Appalachia Who Live Near Mountaintop Removal Mining Sites

Taylor Did Not Vote On Nullifying The Stream Protection Rule Which Protected The Drinking Water, Health, And Environment Of People In Appalachia Who Live Near Mountaintop Removal Mining Sites. In February 2017, Taylor did not vote on: “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify an Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement rule that requires surface coal mining operations, to the extent possible, to avoid disturbing streams and land within 100 feet of the streams. The rule also includes provisions related to data collection and restoration and requires native trees and plants to be used to replant reclaimed mine sites.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 228-194. [HJRes 41, [Vote #73](#), 2/1/17; CQ, [2/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Reducing The Funding For The Coal Mine Safety And Health Program By 10 Percent – Eliminating 96 Employees – In The FY 2018 Omnibus

Taylor Voted For Reducing The Funding For The Coal Mine Safety And Health Program By 10 Percent – Eliminating 96 Employees – In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Meadows, R-N.C., amendment that would reduce the funding for the Coal Mine Safety and Health program by 10 percent.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-238. [H R 3354, [Vote #511](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Equal Rights & Workplace Fairness

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor voted for repealing a rule requiring businesses to disclose harassment violations when bidding on large federal contracts.*

Sexual Harassment

Taylor Voted For Repealing A Rule Requiring Businesses To Disclose Harassment Violations When Bidding On Large Federal Contracts

Taylor Voted For Potentially Exposing Hundreds Of Thousands Of American Workers To Sexual Harassment By Repealing A Rule Requiring Businesses To Disclose Harassment Violations When Bidding On Large Federal Contracts. In February 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Defense Department, General Services Administration and NASA rule that requires companies that bid for federal contracts of more than \$500,000 to disclose whether they have been determined in the previous three years to have violated certain federal labor laws and equivalent state laws.” The resolution passed 236-187 and was signed into law on March 27, 2017. [[H J Res 37](#), [Vote #76](#), 2/2/17; CQ, [2/2/17](#)]

Politico: A Vote For The Resolution Was A Vote To Endanger “Hundreds Of Thousands Of American Workers” By Repealing Safeguards Against Sexual Harassment. “Not long before a deluge of sexual harassment claims engulfed Capitol Hill, congressional Republicans and President Donald Trump quietly repealed safeguards to protect hundreds of thousands of American workers from such harassment. Their target was an August 2016 regulation issued by the Obama Labor Department that required businesses to disclose certain labor violations — including sexual harassment — whenever they bid on large federal contracts. The vote last year is especially relevant now that Congress, under immense public pressure, is weighing legislation to outlaw the very same secrecy agreements that it voted to keep legal less than a year ago.” [Politico, [1/2/18](#)]

Politico: The Obama Era Regulation “Required Businesses To Disclose Certain Labor Violations — Including Sexual Harassment — Whenever They Bid On Large Federal Contracts.” “Their target was an August 2016 regulation issued by the Obama Labor Department that required businesses to disclose certain labor violations — including sexual harassment — whenever they bid on large federal contracts.” [Politico, [1/2/18](#)]

FEMA And Disaster Relief Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor voted in favor of Hurricane Harvey aid funding.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to inadequately fund relief following California wildfires.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to reauthorize the flood insurance program.*

Disaster Relief

2017 Hurricanes

Hurricane Harvey

2017: Taylor Voted For \$7.9 Billion In Emergency Supplemental Funding To Cover The Costs Of Responding To Hurricane Harvey. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would provide for the House to concur in the Senate amendments to a bill (HR 601) that would codify practices and programs at the United States Agency for International Development related to U.S. education assistance abroad, with further amendment that would appropriate \$7.9 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2017 as an initial payment to cover the costs of responding to Hurricane Harvey. The total would include \$7.4 billion for the Homeland Security Department’s Disaster Relief Fund, which will be used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to support ongoing hurricane response efforts. It would also include \$450 million for the Small Business Administration’s disaster loan program to assist small businesses and homeowners.” The motion passed, 419-3. [HRes 502, [Vote #441](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor On Harvey Funding: “The Funding Included In This Bill Will Help Rebuild The Coastal Communities In Texas And Louisiana That Have Been Devastated By This Storm.” “Today, the House of Representatives voted to pass a \$15.3 billion disaster aid package for the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana. The legislation, first passed by the Senate on Thursday, September 7th, also includes continued funding for government agencies through the fiscal year, October 1st, until December 8th. ‘The funding included in this bill will help rebuild the coastal communities in Texas and Louisiana that have been devastated by this storm,’ said Congressman Scott Taylor. ‘This was an opportunity for Congress to put partisan politics aside and help people who are really hurting. It is important that we rise to the challenge and help our neighbors in their time of need. I am proud to have supported it.’ [Office of Rep. Scott Taylor, press release, [9/8/17](#)]

Funding Tied To FAA Authorization

Taylor Voted For A Six Month Extension Of FAA Taxes Tied To Hurricane Relief And Flood Insurance Programs. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. The measure would also extend multiple health care programs and would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market. It would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, and would allow the federal government to reimburse the governments of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands for any disaster tax relief that those islands provide their citizens.” The bill passed by a vote of 264-155. [HR 3823, [Vote #542](#), 9/28/17; CQ, [9/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of Extending Expiring FAA Authorities, Establishing Development Of A Private Flood Insurance Market, And Modifying Tax Provisions For People Impacted By Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, And Maria. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 538) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3823) that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. The measure would also extend multiple health care programs, would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market, and would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. The rule would also provide for motions to suspend the rules on the legislative day of September 28, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 223-190. [H RES 538, [Vote #539](#), 9/27/17; CQ, [9/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring The Government Pay The U.S. Virgin Islands And Puerto Rico Amounts Equal To 400 Percent Of The Loss In Revenues From Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, And Maria. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the secretary of the Treasury to pay to the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico amounts equal to 400 percent of the loss in revenues from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria for the repair of infrastructure and the payment of health care costs on the islands. It would also modify corporate taxes and charitable contribution limitations in relation to disaster relief.” The motion failed by a vote of 188-277. [H R 3823, [Vote #541](#), 9/28/17; CQ, [9/28/17](#)]

2017 Supplemental Disaster Funding

Taylor Voted For \$81 Billion In Supplemental Disaster Appropriations. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make further supplemental appropriations for fiscal 2018 for disaster assistance for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria and wildfires that occurred in calendar year 2017. The bill would authorize \$81 billion in aid for ongoing response and recovery from 2017 hurricanes and wildfires, and would authorize Puerto Rico to use surplus toll credits to cover the local share of federal highway emergency relief. The bill would remove a cap on federal highway assistance to U.S. territories for fiscal 2018 and 2019.” The bill passed 251 to 169. [HR 4667, [Vote #709](#), 12/21/17; CQ, [12/21/17](#)]

2017 Wildfires

In The Midst Of Disastrous Wildfires In California, Taylor Voted For A Bill That Inadequately Funded Firefighting While Repealing Environmental Protections And Regulations On The Logging Industry

Taylor Voted For The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017, Allowing President To Declare Wildfire Disasters And Fund FEMA Relief As Well As Expedite Timber Salvage After Fires. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow for a presidential declaration of a major disaster with regard to wildfires, which would allow for the release of funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund to fight major wildfires, and would modify the disaster cap under the Budget Control Act to account for expected wildfire funding needs. It would also exempt various forest management activities from filing environmental impact statements and would provide for expedited timber salvage operations and reforestation activities after catastrophic events. It would prohibit any court from issuing restraining orders or injunctions against salvage operations or reforestation activities undertaken in response to a large-scale catastrophic event.” The bill passed 257-166. [HR 2936, [Vote #598](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#)]

National Parks Conservation Association: The Resilient Federal Forests Act Was “Extreme And... Puts Our Forests, Communities And Wildlife At Risk.” “NPCA, along with partners, submitted the following position to the House of Representatives ahead of an expected floor vote the week of October 30, 2017. On behalf of our millions of our members and supporters, we urge you to OPPOSE the Resilient Federal Forest Act

of 2017 (H.R. 2936). This bill is extreme and unfortunately, instead of protecting and restoring our public forests, H.R. 2936 puts our forests, communities and wildlife at risk.” [NCPA, [10/31/17](#)]

NCPA: Wildfire Suppression Funding In The RFFA Was “Completely Inadequate, Leaving Unaddressed The Largest Part Of The Problem: The Growing Impact Of Wildfire Suppression On The Forest Service’s Annual Budget.” “The provisions offered in response to the wildfire funding crisis, even in this most recent version of the bill, are completely inadequate, leaving unaddressed the largest part of the problem: the growing impact of wildfire suppression on the Forest Service’s annual budget.” [NCPA, [10/31/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 595) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2936) that would allow for a presidential declaration of a major disaster with regard to wildfires, which would allow for the release of funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund to fight major wildfires, and would modify the disaster cap under the Budget Control Act to account for expected wildfire funding needs. It would also include various categorical exclusions from certain environmental reviews.” The resolution was adopted 232-184. [HRes 595, [Vote #593](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#)]

General Disaster Relief Funding

Hurricane Relief

Taylor Voted For Making \$36.5 Billion In Emergency Supplemental Funding For Fiscal 2018 To Partially Cover Costs Of Natural Disasters. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H Res 569) that would provide that upon agreeing to the resolution, the House will have been considered to have concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 2266) with a House amendment that would make available \$36.5 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2018 to partially cover the costs of responding to multiple natural disasters, including hurricanes and wildfires. The measure would include \$18.7 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund - \$4.9 billion of which would be used for disaster relief loans to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would also cancel \$16 billion of the Treasury debt incurred by FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program, would release \$1.2 billion in contingency reserves from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for use in Puerto Rico would provide \$577 million in funding to fight wildfires.” The motion was agreed to 353-69. [HRes 569, [Vote #566](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#)]

National Flood Insurance Program

Taylor Voted For Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program Without Risk-Reduction Programs Or Flood-Risk Mapping

Taylor Voted For Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program Without Risk-Reduction Programs Or Flood-Risk Mapping. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal 2022 and would make modifications to the program, including: raise annual surcharges and reserve fund assessments on federal flood insurance policyholders, raise rates on properties that incur multiple losses, establish an annual deductible for severe and extreme repetitive loss properties and end the requirement that flood insurance be purchased for commercial and multifamily properties located in flood risk zones. It would also require that flood insurance provided by private sector carriers be accepted by Federal Emergency Management Agency and considered as meeting the National Flood Insurance Program’s mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements, and would allow private insurers and any other interested party to review FEMA information regarding its assessments of flood risk.” The bill passed 237-189. [HR 2874, [Vote #630](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “U.S. House Of Representatives Misses Mark In Reducing Nation’s Flood Risk.

“Unfortunately, this bill falls short of significant improvements needed to bolster risk reduction and flood-risk mapping efforts under the National Flood Insurance Program,” Murdock said. ‘The program has failed to achieve its intended goal of lessening our nation’s flood risk. Congress needs to place more emphasis on reforms that mitigate risk and promote using the best-available science and technology in mapping processes. It is particularly important that reforms enable the restoration of functioning floodplains and disincentivize development in areas of high flood risk.’” [Nature Conservancy, [11/15/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring FEMA To Certify That Claims From Hurricane Sandy Were Resolved Before The National Flood Insurance Program Is Reauthorized.

In November 2017, Taylor voted against: “Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent the bill’s provisions from taking effect unless the Federal Emergency Management Agency certifies the resolution of all claims for losses resulting from Hurricane Sandy of 2012 that were covered under the National Flood Insurance Program.” The motion was rejected 236-190. [HR 2874, [Vote #629](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 And Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 616) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (HR 2810) that would authorize \$692.1 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2018. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 2874) that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal 2022 and would modify several aspects of the program. The rule would require the House clerk to not transmit to the Senate a message that the House has adopted the conference report to accompany the Fiscal 2018 Defense Authorization (HR 2810) until the House receives a message from the Senate that the Senate has passed a bill (HR 4374), without amendment, that would authorize the Food and Drug Administration to expedite consideration of certain medical products at the Pentagon’s request.” The rule was adopted 233-187. [HRes 616, [Vote #627](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

Financial Protections & Wall Street

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Career: Taylor received \$826,632 campaign contributions from finance, insurance, and real estate – over \$100 thousand from PACs alone.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted repeatedly to roll back Wall Street reform.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to allow risky mortgage lending practices.*

Wall Street Reform

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Career: Taylor Received \$164,500 In Campaign Contributions From Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Industry PACS. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

2017-2018: Taylor Received \$564,032 In Campaign Contributions From Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Interests. As of March 2020, Taylor had disclosed \$564,032 in contribution from the FIRE sector including \$470,032 from individuals and \$94,000 from PACS. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

2017-2018: Taylor Received \$94,000 In Campaign Contributions From Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Industry PACS. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

Taylor Voted Repeatedly To Roll Back Wall Street Reform

Taylor Voted For A Bill That Would Raise The Minimum Asset Level At Which The More Stringent Bank Regulation Provisions Of The 2010 Financial Overhaul Applied From \$50 To \$250 Billion. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would apply the more stringent bank regulation provisions of the 2010 financial overhaul to banks with \$250 billion in assets, instead of those with at least \$50 billion in assets. It would also allow banks with less than \$10 billion in assets to trade with depositors’ money. The bill would lift the threshold for disclosure requirements to \$10 million for employee-owned securities and would allow venture capital funds to have up to 250 investors and be exempt from certain registering requirements. It would provide consumers with the right to request a ‘security freeze’ on their credit reports, which would prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information from the consumer’s credit report without express authorization. It would define a ‘qualified mortgage’ as any residential mortgage loan held by a bank, removing the requirement that for a ‘qualified mortgage,’ a bank must determine that a mortgage recipient has the ability to repay.” The bill was passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 258-159. [S. 2155, [Vote #216](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#)]

Critics Said The Bill Created Loopholes That Larger Banks Would Exploit. “Rothfus made his claim after voting in favor of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, S. 2155, which supporters said will lessen the Dodd-Frank burden on community banking institutions — defined as those with

less than \$10 billion in assets — and which critics argue creates wiggle room and loopholes that larger banks will exploit. The rollback was signed into law by President Donald Trump on May 24.” [PolitiFact, [5/31/18](#)]

The Bill Contained Policies Which Would Roll Back Or Eliminate Key Parts From The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform And Consumer Protection Act. “Late last year the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act, which was sponsored by Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, with nearly 20 co-sponsors on both sides of the aisle, was introduced in the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs [...] The bill contains policies which would roll back or eliminate key parts from the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.” [Housing Wire, [3/6/18](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted For The CHOICE Act To “Overhaul Financial Industry Regulations And Repeal Many Provisions Of The 2010 Dodd-Frank Law.” In June 2017, Taylor voted for: “passage of the bill that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency funded by annual appropriations and would modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission. It would repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading and would modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain. It would also nullify the Labor Department’s April 2016 “fiduciary” rule regarding standards for individuals who provide retirement investment advice to act in the best interests of their clients.” The bill passed 233-186. [HR 10, [Vote #299](#), 6/8/17; CQ Floor Votes, [6/8/17](#)]

HEADLINE: House passes Choice Act that would gut Dodd-Frank banking reforms [CNBC, [6/8/17](#)]

New York Times: CHOICE Act “To Erase A Number Of Core Financial Regulations,” Including Limits On Risk Taking Enacted After The Financial Crash, And “Would Weaken The Powers Of The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” “The House approved legislation on Thursday to erase a number of core financial regulations put in place by the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act, as Republicans moved a step closer to delivering on their promises to eliminate rules that they claim have strangled small businesses and stagnated the economy. [...] The Choice Act would exempt some financial institutions that meet capital and liquidity requirements from many of Dodd-Frank’s restrictions that limit risk taking. It would also replace Dodd-Frank’s method of dealing with large and failing financial institutions, known as the orderly liquidation authority — which critics say reinforces the idea that some banks are too big to fail — with a new bankruptcy code provision. In addition, the legislation would weaken the powers of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” [New York Times, [6/8/17](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted For Consideration Of The CHOICE Act That Would Repeal Many Provisions Of The Dodd-Frank Law. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 375) that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency, modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission, modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain, and repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading.” The rule was adopted, 231-188. [H Res 375, [Vote #291](#), 6/7/17; CQ, [6/7/17](#)]

Financial Protections

Taylor Voted To Allow Risky Mortgage Lending Practices

Taylor Voted For Allowing Certain Lenders To Forego Mortgage Escrow Requirements. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would exempt lenders with assets of \$10 billion or less from the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul requirement that such lenders establish escrow accounts for the first five years of so-called “high-priced” mortgage loans, if the lenders hold the loan on its own balance sheet for three years after the loan is made, and it would exempt companies that service up to 20,000 mortgage loans from current loan servicing

and escrow account administration requirements.” The bill passed 294 to 129. [HR 3971, [Vote #675](#), 12/12/17; CQ, [12/12/17](#)]

Maxine Waters: HR 3971 Could “Set The Stage” For Another Financial Crisis. “A bill opponent, Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said dropping the regulations would ‘set the stage for a return of the harmful practices of the subprime meltdown and the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.’” [Concord Monitor, [12/17/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Exempting Home Manufacturing Companies From Mortgage-Related Regulatory Requirements And Increasing Threshold For “High Cost Mortgages.” In December 2017, Taylor did not vote on: “Passage of the bill that would change the definitions of ‘mortgage originator’ and ‘loan originator’ to exempt companies that manufacture homes and sell manufactured homes from various mortgage-related regulatory requirements. It would increase the maximum allowable rates and fees that may be applied to a manufactured home loan before the loan is classified as a high-cost mortgage.” The bill passed 256 to 163. [HR 1699, [Vote #651](#), 12/1/17; CQ, [12/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill That Created An Exception To Rules Meant To Reduce Risky, High-Cost Mortgages. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “passage of the bill that would exclude insurance paid at closing into escrow, as well as fees paid for related services to lender-affiliated companies, from the three percent cap on points and fees imposed on qualified mortgages by modifying the definition of ‘points and fees.’” According to the Center for Responsible Lending, “the Mortgage Choice Act would allow many more risky, high-cost loans to qualify as Qualified Mortgage (QM) loans by creating exceptions to the points and fees threshold.” The bill passed, 280-131. [H.R. 1153, [Vote #64](#), 2/8/18; CQ, [2/8/18](#); Center for Responsible Lending, [11/13/17](#)]

FSOC

Taylor Voted To Allow FSOC Independent Members To Serve Longer If A Successor Had Not Been Appointed

Taylor Voted To Allow An Independent Member Of The Financial Stability Oversight Council To Continue To Serve On The Council For A Period Of Up To 18 Months If A Successor Is Not Appointed. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Hultgren, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow an independent member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council to continue to serve on the council for a period of up to 18 months if a successor is not appointed and confirmed by the end of the current member’s term of service.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 407-1. [CQ Floor Votes, [9/5/17](#); H.R. 3110, [Vote #439](#), 9/5/17]

SEC

Taylor Voted To Weaken SEC Reporting Requirements

Taylor Voted To Direct The Securities And Exchange Commission To Modify A Regulation, Known As Regulation A-Plus, That Reduces Filing Requirements For Certain Companies Not Fully Registered With The SEC. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Hultgren, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to modify a regulation, known as Regulation A-Plus, that reduces filing requirements for certain companies not fully registered with the SEC. Doing so would allow fully registered small public companies to issue securities under the same terms that apply to companies subject to the reduced SEC filing requirement.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 403-3. [CQ Floor Votes, [9/5/17](#); H.R. 2864, [Vote #440](#), 9/5/17]

Foreign Policy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor categorized himself as “very pro-Israel.”*
- ✓ *Taylor made a floor speech denouncing a U.N. resolution that criticized the expansion of Israeli settlements.*
- ✓ *Taylor agreed with Trump that the Israeli embassy should be moved to Jerusalem.*
- ✓ *Taylor echoed Trump’s claim that “23 out of 28” NATO members “aren’t holding their end of the bargain up” on funding NATO.*
- ✓ *Taylor opposed the Iran Deal.*
- ✓ *Taylor claimed that it was a mistake for the United States to pull out of Iraq.*
- ✓ *Taylor praised the Trump Administration’s response to North Korean missile aggression.*
- ✓ *Taylor said the United States had an obligation to help end the humanitarian crisis in Syria.*
- ✓ *Taylor supported updating congressional approval for military force but later voted for a previous question blocking a repeal of the 2001 authorization for use of force.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted for defunding the United Nations Human Rights Council.*

Congressional Approval For Military Force

Taylor Supported Repealing The Original Authorization For The Use Of Military Force, And Authoring A New One

Taylor Supported Repealing The Original Authorization For The Use Of Military Force, And Authoring A New One. “In the House, in another unlikely partnership, Representative Barbara Lee, the California Democrat who was the only member of the House to vote against the original resolution in 2001, paired up with Representative Scott Taylor, a freshman Virginia Republican and former Navy SEALs member, over the summer to persuade the Appropriations Committee to insert language repealing the original use of force declaration into a spending bill. ‘I just felt compelled to stand up and say, now it’s time to look at the A.U.M.F.,’ Mr. Taylor said, using the abbreviation for the authorization for the use of military force. He said once he spoke up, other Republicans joined in to support him: ‘It’s an issue that I don’t think is going to go away.’ [New York Times, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Supported Updating Congressional Approval For Military Force

Taylor: “It’s Important That Congress As Well Engage” On Updating The Authorization For The Use Of Military Force. “REGAN: Congressman, we all want peace in the Middle East. It’s clearly shown itself to be very unattainable, very, very challenging region. As you fast-forward here over the next three-and-a-half years, how do you see things playing out? Are things going to get worse before they get better? TAYLOR: Well, anything can happen in the Middle East, as it always does. It’s not very logical in many ways. But I will tell you that the Middle

East and the world are looking for leadership. And America is willing to lead now. That's for sure. So, it's important. As I said to you, I have spent years in the Middle East myself. They respect or fear power. And it's important that we stand by allies. It's important that we make them do their fair share as well, too, but it's also important that we're willing to deal with potential terrorist threats. At the same time, I have been very clear, saying that you have the second administration working off a third administration's authorization of military force from 16 years ago. So, it's important that Congress as well engage." [Fox News Network, [4/14/17](#)]

Taylor Said Trump Would Have To Get Congress To Approve Action Against North Korea. "JANSING: Congressman, if President Trump decides to take any kind of provocative action against North Korea, and you couldn't call anything against North Korea anything I think but provocative, and obviously unlike Syria and Afghanistan, it's got nuclear weapons, does he need to consult with congress? REP. SCOTT TAYLOR (R), VIRGINIA: Well, thank you for having me. I think it's always important for an executive to consult with congress, of course. Now, as you very well know, the executive has to have a little bit of flexible, of course, if they're our national security, our allies, our interests are threatened to be able to act. But in any kind of long-term, whatsoever, yes, they do have to come to congress." [MSNBC, [4/14/17](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Repeal Of The 2001 Authorization For Use Of Force

2017: Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Repeal Of The 2001 Authorization For Use Of Force. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: "Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 478) that would provide for further House floor consideration of the bill making certain appropriations for fiscal 2018 (HR 3219), would provide for consideration of amendments to the Defense division of the bill, and would provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules through July 28, 2017." According to the Democratic Leader's website, "The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to make in order Rep. Barbara Lee's amendment repealing the 2001 authorization for use of military force." **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the repeal of the 2001 authorization for use of force.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-185. [H RES 478, [Vote #426](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Foreign Aid

Taylor On Foreign Aid: "No One Even Knows That We Are [Delivering Foreign Aid] Most Of The Time"

Taylor On Foreign Aid: "We Still Deliver Foreign Aid As Though We're Supplanting Communism In The Cold War. No One Even Knows That We Are Most Of the Time." "TAYLOR: But listen, I'm a budget hawk, and -- and a defense hawk. And I think that we can thread the needle. I think we can thread a needle to get cuts where we need it. The last segment, I think leading into this segment, they were talking about foreign aid. We still deliver foreign aid as though we're supplanting communism in the Cold War. No one even knows that we're most of the time, in these countries, and I've seen it first-hand." [CNN, [2/28/17](#)]

Taylor: "They Don't Even Know About Our Generosity. I Mean, We Have To Change How We Do That." "They don't even know about our generosity. I mean, we have to change how we do that." [CNN, [2/28/17](#)]

Israel

Taylor Said He Was "Very Pro-Israel" And Called The Country The "Only Liberal Democracy In The Region"

Taylor: "I Understand From The Arab Perspective And It Makes Me Support Israel Even More." "I'm very pro-Israel. I believe that Israel, much like the US, should always have an unfair advantage militarily speaking. I

spent years in the Middle East, mostly in Yemen. I understand from the Arab perspective and it makes me support Israel even more. Israel is the only liberal democracy in the region. It is a beacon there. Not just strategically for us but they are our closest ally there for sure.” [Jewish Insider, [4/3/17](#)]

Taylor Condemned Obama’s Decision To Abstain On A United Nation’s Vote Condemning Israeli Settlements

Taylor’s First Speech On The Floor Of The House Condemned The U.N.’s Resolution On Israel. “The Obama administration had eight years to show their true colors, but when they didn’t get their way, they insecurely, naively, and cowardly lashed out at our greatest and strongest ally in the Middle East. Women, religious minorities, LGBT, and Jews would not have equal rights, democracy, or peace in a Palestinian country. [...] The current administration has used the United Nations to both legitimize a profoundly flawed Iran deal and delegitimize Israel. To think that settlements are the only thing that stand in front of peace is dangerously naïve.” [YouTube, [1/11/17](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted For Expressing The House’s Opposition To A U.N. Security Council Resolution Criticizing Expansion Of Israeli Settlements In Unoccupied Areas. In January, 2017, Taylor voted for “adoption of the resolution that would express the House’s opposition to a U.N. Security Council resolution that criticized continued expansion of Israeli settlements in occupied areas” on the grounds that the U.N. Security Council Resolution was an obstacle to Israel-Palestinian peace. A yes vote was a vote to block criticism of the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 342-80. [H.Res 11, [Vote #11](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [1/5/17](#)]

Taylor Agreed With Trump That The Israeli Embassy Should Be Moved To Jerusalem

Taylor Agreed With Trump That The Israeli Embassy Should Be Moved To Jerusalem. “Taylor agrees with President-elect Trump that the US embassy should be moved to Jerusalem and this is one of the reasons he attended the leadership summit in Jerusalem.” [Israel National News, [12/28/16](#)]

Iran

Taylor Voted For A Bill Requiring The Department Of The Treasury To Report All Assets Under The Control Of High-Ranking Iranian Officials

2017: Taylor Voted For A Bill Requiring The Department Of The Treasury To Report All Assets Under The Control Of High-Ranking Iranian Officials. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the Department of the Treasury to report to Congress on assets held in U.S. and foreign financial institutions that are under direct or indirect control certain high ranking Iranian officials, and how sanctions may be used to prevent the funds from being used to contribute to the continued development of ballistic missile technology by Iran. The bill requires that such a report be submitted to congress within 270 days of enactment, and that it be updated by the Department annually for at least two years thereafter.” The bill passed 289 to 135. [HR 1638, [Vote #680](#), 12/13/17; CQ, [12/13/17](#)]

Rep. Denny Heck (D-Wash): HR 1638 Would Divert Resources From Terrorism Investigations. “A bill opponent, Rep. Denny Heck, D-Wash., said the time and effort used by Treasury employees to track down the leaders’ assets would take resources away from investigations into terrorist financing and money laundering.” [Concord Monitor, [12/17/17](#)]

Iran Deal

Taylor Opposed The Iran Deal

Taylor: “This Deal, As It Stands, Will Lead To An Increasingly Out Of Balance Region And More, Not Less Conflict.” “Iran is the clear winner in this deal, who continues their nuclear program without immediate inspections, with sanctions lifted, with billions of dollars more in their accounts, and with the ability to get ballistic missiles in eight years. [...] Congress must have the courage to stand up to an administration that has, once again, put hope and wishful thinking above reality in the Middle East, to the detriment of American and world security. This deal, as it stands, will lead to an increasingly out of balance region and more, not less conflict.” [Delegate Taylor’s Statement on the #IranDeal via LinkedIn, [7/14/15](#)]

Taylor Argued That The Iran Deal Should Have Involved Congress. “TAYLOR: Well, I’m certainly on the record and very overtly saying that I think [the Iran Deal] was a bad deal. I think it just solidifies their path to nuclear weapons in the future. But when you have these international agreements, that has to go through the Congress, through the Senate. The Senate has to see those. And these are treaties. They’re not just an agreement, in my opinion, that the executive branch just unilaterally make. So I think that you have to have the rest of the government involved in these as well, these international agreements.” [CEO Wire, 5/5/17]

Iraq

2017: Taylor Would Not Directly Say What He Thought The Way Forward For Iraq Was But Said It Was A Mistake To Pull Out

VIDEO: Taylor: “I Think It Was A Mistake To Pull Out The Troops [In Iraq] And That Stabilizing Force.” “Yes, you talked about boots on the ground. I think it was misleading, obviously, of the last administration to say no boots on the ground. They’re all boots on the ground that are there. They’re all combat troops that are there. BLITZER: And they’re all in harm’s way. TAYLOR: Absolutely. They’re in harm’s way. And creating that vacuum that’s there, we had to do that. I think it was a mistake to pull out the troops there and that stabilizing force. But that was then. This is now. And what do we do next?” [CNN, The Situation Room, [2/27/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

Taylor: “I Think That The Last Administration Did Create A Vacuum In Iraq, Did Create Instability.” “TAYLOR: Well, understand, international relations is a chess game. It’s not checkers. Right? One move changes the whole game. If you had asked me this question five years ago, you would have a completely different answer. I think that the last administration did create a vacuum in Iraq, did create instability more so. Yes, going into Iraq in the first place creates that. Then it was stabilized. BLITZER: How do you guarantee? Let’s say Mosul is liberated, the second largest city in Iraq. And ISIS has been in control now for, what, almost three years. Let’s say Raqqa is liberated in Syria. Then what? Who is going to deploy troops there to maintain that liberation? It’s going to go on for...” [CNN, The Situation Room, [2/27/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

Taylor On Sending U.S. Ground Forces To Iraq: “I Need To Hear More Information...That’s Something That I’m Confident That The Generals Can Do.” “BLITZER: But if you’re to defeat and destroy ISIS in Mosul, and Iraqi troops are there, but in Raqqa, their so-called capital of their caliphate, you are going to have to send in a lot of ground forces to do it. And the U.S. is going to have to be involved. Would you support that? TAYLOR: As I said, I need to hear more information. Like I said, you have these great powers playing in that battle space. And before, you never had something like that, where you had, again, Russia, Turkey, Iran, Israel, as well, too, and some other folks that are in that battle space. How do we deconflict? What does that look that? That’s something that I’m confident that the generals can do. But I want to hear about it before I would say that that makes sense.” [CNN, The Situation Room, [2/27/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

Taylor Argued That Special Operators Would Have A Role To Play In Mosul’s Future

VIDEO: Taylor Said Special Operators “Will Have To Play A Role In Some Capacity” In Mosul After ISIS’s Departure From The City. “TAPPER: Do you think as part of the post-Mosul victory that U.S. troops, whether special operators such as yourself or others, should be part of a hold force to keep Mosul safe, or do you think that

that should entirely be from people -- by people in the region? SCOTT TAYLOR (R), VIRGINIA: [...] Look, I think -- you know, what comes next in Mosul is going to be important. You know, if there's going to be -- there -- potentially problems there, and that's not just -- not just Mosul, that's also Iraq, that's Syria, what's a post-ISIS strategy. I think that we will have to play a role there in some capacity. I'm not sure exactly what that -- what that looks like at the moment but there's no question that there will have to be some adviser there that are helping the Iraqi army keep that stability and security that they fought so hard to get." [CNN, The Lead with Jake Tapper, [7/14/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Taylor Said The Notion Military Advisors In Iraq Did Not Count As 'Boots On The Ground' Was "B.S. Of Course, They're All Boots On The Ground"

Taylor Said The Notion Military Advisors In Iraq Did Not Count As 'Boots On The Ground' Was "B.S. Of Course, They're All Boots On The Ground." "STARR: From Somalia to Yemen, Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan, it's largely fallen on special operations forces to wage battle against ISIS, al Qaeda and their affiliates, and they are increasingly paying with their lives. Five killed in action in 2017, 22 since June 2014, when the war against ISIS began. Taylor, like so many who have served on the front lines, rejects the controversial Pentagon view that when troops are military advisors, they must stay out of the direct line of fire. TAYLOR: There's no boots on the ground. They're just advisors. Well, we know that's B.S. Of course, they're all boots on the ground. STARR: On Milliken's final, he was an advisor to Somali forces, alongside them in the line of fire. TAYLOR: You certainly can't blame the operator for wanting to get into the fight. They're there on the ground with the force that they're helping." [CNN, New Day, [6/13/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

NATO

Taylor Echoed Trump's Criticism That The United States Paid More Than Its Fair Share Towards NATO

Taylor: "23 Out Of 28" NATO Members "Aren't Holding Their End Of The Bargain Up." "BERMAN: [Trump] didn't commit himself. Just to be clear because he did not say -- TAYLOR: Sure. BERMAN: -- I stand behind Article 5, the collective defense. That was a notable omission from his statement, also. TAYLOR: I don't think there's any question that we would stand by that as a nation. But what I'll say to you is, you know, sometimes families have disagreements and sometimes family disagreements are pretty deep. And I will tell you that you've had two presidents -- President Obama, President Trump -- who have both said the same thing, that members of NATO, the 23 out of 28 who aren't holding their end of the bargain up, who aren't paying for the defense, that's very important. [...] ...they should also hold up their end of the bargain and both President Obama and President Trump have told them that." [CNN, New Day, [5/26/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

North Korea

September 2017: Taylor Praised Trump For "Doing A Very Decent Job" In His Response To North Korea's Missile Launches

Taylor Said Trump Was "Actually Doing A Very Decent Job With A Tense And Difficult Situation" In North Korea. "Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Va.), a former Navy SEAL, is praising President Trump's handling of North Korea's recent missile launches, saying the president is doing 'a very decent job with a tense and difficult situation.' 'I think that this president, and this administration further, is actually doing a very decent job with a tense and difficult situation,' Taylor said in a recent interview with The Hill. 'I know some people may not like that the president is there and he's doing it, but when you look — North Korea was marching toward shooting something at Guam,' he continued." [The Hill, [9/5/17](#)]

April 2017: Taylor Praised The Trump Administration For Engaging With China About North Korea

VIDEO: Taylor Stated That He Was “Encourage By The White House, Quite Frankly, For Engaging In These Multilateral Talks.” [CHRIS] CUOMO: All right. So, let’s deal with the policy and then we’ll get to the politics of it. The idea of what to do about North Korea, what is your word of caution about how much rattling of the saber we should see from the White House, given how what Vice President Pence has said so far was met from the North Korean response of we’re going to test a missile every week, thermal nuclear war could be upon us? TAYLOR: Well, let me first say I applaud the president for engaging in multilateral talks with our allies over there as well as China and trying to bring them in there. You know, I’m not -- I’m not one to bluster and saber rattle and all those things. North Korea, of course, has a history of doing that. They have been doing that for a while now, most of the time trying to gain concessions from us. But the last thing we want is war. There’s no doubt about that. We want peace. The situation is tense over there. But I am encouraged by the White House, quite frankly, for engaging in these multilateral talks. Something has to be done over there. [...] And I applaud the multilateral talks to try to tamp down on the tensions.” [CNN, New Day via Mark Newton, YouTube, [4/18/17](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: Taylor Diffused The Responsibility For Creating Peace With North Korea: “Of Course We Want Peace, But It Is Important That Our Partners As Well As China And Others Engage In This Denuclearization Of The Korean Peninsula.” “CUOMO: Well, to the extent that’s what’s going on, how is it different, this new edict of maximum engagement from strategic patience? The White House was working China then, figure out how China could work, figure out how Japan could work, trying to deal with Iran’s component of this as part of that extensive deal they did with their nuclear program. [08:20:06] TAYLOR: Well, that’s an excellent statement. I think some of the difference of course is as you see the potential for the military to be there, so the potential of force as well, too, is a sort of a new component with this. [...] You can see that that has brought China to the table, unlike ever before that we have seen. So, yes, this situation is tense and the last thing we want is this to break out in war. Of course we want peace, but it is important that our partners as well as China and others engage in this denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.” [CNN, New Day via Mark Newton, YouTube, [4/18/17](#)] (VIDEO)

April 2017: Taylor Said That The U.S.’s Decision To Drop A Bomb On Afghanistan Was “A Message To North Korea”

VIDEO: Taylor Called The April 2017 Bomb Dropped On Afghanistan “A Message To North Korea.” “REGAN: What do you think the reaction is going to be, given what we just did in Afghanistan? It certainly struck a very different tone. We have never dropped a weapon like this. [...] TAYLOR: Well, I think -- again, I think it’s very clear that you have a different type of administration here, one that is willing to back up. Listen, when you -- when you are using diplomacy as a tool, when you are using economic sanctions as a tool, or you have U.N. resolutions, those things have to be backed up by force, or at least the willingness to do so if all else fails. The bomb that you’re explaining right now, of course, was dealing with these tunnels underground, of course. I think that’s actually a message to North Korea.” [Fox News Network, Your World, [4/14/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Russia**April 2017: Taylor Said He Thought The United States Would Win A Hypothetical War Against Russia**

VIDEO: Taylor Stated That He Thought The United States “Could Beat Russia In A War, I Do Absolutely. But Is It In Our Best Interests? No, It’s Not.” “CARLSON: So, Senator John McCain in Arizona was asked today, should we do this? And what happens if it leads to a wider war with Russia? And I’m quoting him precisely when he said, I don’t give a damn if we get into war with Russia, he said in effect, we will win, we are the superior military power. Do you think that that’s a wise course to invite war with Russia over this? TAYLOR: With all due

respect to Senator McCain who's been around a lot longer than I have, of course. CARLSON: Yes. TAYLOR: I disagree with him on that point. [...] I think that, look, I think we can beat Russia in a war, I do absolutely. But is it in our best interests? No, it's not. I don't think it is. I don't think it's in our best interests, I don't think it's in Russia. And I don't think it's in the world's best interest for that to happen. So, with all due respect to Senator McCain, I just disagree with him. CARLSON: That seems deranged, do you think that's a widespread view in the United States Senate? TAYLOR: What's that? CARLSON: -- war with Russia? TAYLOR: I don't think that's a widespread view." [Fox News Network, Tucker Carlson Tonight, 4/6/17]

Taylor Said That Russia Was An Enemy And A "Frenemy" But That The U.S. Should Work Together With Them

VIDEO: Taylor: "Russia Is A Frenemy, Of Course, At Times." "CUOMO: How do you understand the apparent disconnect between what the vice president just said, which is what we hear from most rational leaders around the world, right, is that you've got to check Russia and Ukraine — they can't just keep doing whatever they want to do—with what our president said about a week or so ago, where he said, 'I'm not sure about a connection between Russia and the separatists.' How do you understand that difference? TAYLOR: [...] I think that the president—and I'm not speaking for him, of course, but you're right. He has certainly talked about getting with Russia, having friendly relations with Russia. Russia is a frenemy, of course, at times. We've worked with Russian [sic] over the—for a long time in many things, but also, they've also been an enemy. Right?" [CNN, [2/20/17](#)]

Taylor: Despite Russian Interference In The Election, "Historically We Have Worked Together With" Russia, "Even Though They Are Enemies." "There is also notable concern and confusion about the Trump administration's relationship with Russia. At Taylor's event, a woman stood and said she voted for him but that she was disappointed he had stood by during what she saw as Trump's efforts to play nice with Russian President Vladimir Putin. [...] Taylor answered saying that he thought Russia should be held accountable for some of its leaders' actions and that he supports a Senate investigation into Russia's alleged interference in the U.S. election. 'The reality is in the international community that there are things that historically we have worked together with them on even though they are enemies and it has to happen sometimes for international order,' the congressman added." [ABC News Radio, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor Agreed With Vice President Pence That "We Should Hold Russia Accountable, But At The Same Time, We Should Find Ways...To Work Together With Them." "Well, listen, I think the vice president is correct when he says that we need to hold Russia accountable, of course. But there are opportunities for us to work together. [...] So I'm obviously on the vice president's side there in terms of what he's saying literally, because I believe that we should hold Russia accountable, but at the same time, we should find ways in the international community to work together with them." [CNN, [2/20/17](#)]

Taylor Supported A Sanctions Bill Against Russia As Retribution For Interfering In The 2016 Election

Taylor: "Ultimately, There Will Be Sanctions Against Russia For Trying To Attempt To Meddle In Our Election." "So I do think ultimately, there will be sanctions against Russia for trying to attempt to meddle in our election that are passed now the House. I just think they're working on the actual verbiage of the sanctions themselves." [CNN, [7/16/17](#)]

Taylor: "Some Sort Of Sanctions Bill Is Appropriate." "TAPPER: So you support the sanctions bill. You want it to pass the House? TAYLOR: I need to see the final product, but I think that yes, some sort of sanctions bill is appropriate." [CNN, [7/14/17](#)]

"Radical Islamic Terrorism"

Taylor Advocated For Using The Term “Radical Islamic Extremism”

VIDEO: On The Term “Radical Islamic Extremism,” Taylor Stated, “I Think That We Need To Call The Enemy What It Is.” “BLITZER: The president’s new national security adviser, Lieutenant H.R. McMaster, he is now suggesting something different than what the president suggests. He’s suggesting avoid the phrase radical Islamic terrorism because it could backfire against U.S. troops in harm’s ways. The president, he says don’t avoid that phrase. He says it all the time. Where do you stand? TAYLOR: I think it’s an interesting question. I have never been asked it before. But I think I’m somewhere in the middle. I don’t think you need to be pounding it and pounding it and everything like that. But I think you need to call this what it is. And it is radical Islamic terrorism. I have great respect for McMaster. And I think he will serve the president very, very well. But I think that we need to call the enemy what it is.” [CNN, The Situation Room, [2/27/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

Syria**Taylor Stated The U.S. Had An Obligation To Help End The Humanitarian Crisis In Syria**

VIDEO: When Asked About Crimes Against Humanity In Syria, Taylor Replied That “I Do Believe That We Have An Obligation As A World To Deal With The Problem That Is In Syria.” “CARLSON: A, do you think it’s our obligation to stop the killing in Syria, and B, do you think fewer children will die? Do you think children will stop dying if we do this? TAYLOR: I do think that children will stop dying if we do this? I do believe that we have an obligation as a world to deal with the problem that is in Syria. As I said to you before, Syria in itself to me is probably the most dangerous powder cake that’s going right now in the world because it can spiral out of control very quickly and a lot more children would die.” [Fox News Network, Tucker Carlson Tonight, 4/6/17] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: Taylor: “I Believe That We Should Have Been Engaged With Syria Much Before Now.” “TAYLOR: I believe that we should have been engaged with Syria much before now. Foreign policy, international relations is like a chess game. As soon as one move happens, the whole board changes, of course.” [CNN, New Day, [2/20/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Yemen**2017: Taylor Said There Were “Multiple Investigations” Under Way Regarding The Death Of Navy SEAL William Owens...**

When Asked About The Death Of Navy SEAL William Ryan Owens In Yemen And The Investigation Demanded By The Victim’s Father, Taylor Said, “There Are Multiple Investigations Under Way.”

“BLITZER: And I ask you this question because you are a Navy SEAL, you were a Navy SEAL. William Ryan Owens, a Navy SEAL, he was on a special U.S. military operation in Yemen, and he was killed. His father is now saying he didn’t want to meet with the president. He wants answers. He wants an investigation. Why was his son deployed to Yemen? What was the purpose of that operation? He’s owed answer, he says, by the Trump administration. Until then, he has no desire to sit down and meet with the president. Your reaction? TAYLOR: As I understand that, this has not -- this has happened before. And let me preface this by saying, every Gold Star family is sacred. I don’t care -- it doesn’t matter what politics. It doesn’t matter. Every single Gold Star family -- and, unfortunately I know too many of them. Every one of them are sacred. I understand the desire to have answers. I understand that. That being said, there are multiple investigations already under way that are mandatory that are happening. So, I support that taking place, and it’s already there. That being said, that man has -- there aren’t many families out there that understand what he’s going through right now. So he can say whatever he wants to say and people should listen to him.” [CNN, The Situation Room, [2/27/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

The Casualties Triggered A Routine Military Investigation Into The Mission. “The military has completed its after-action review of the controversial raid in Yemen in January, with several defense officials providing details of the findings to CNN Friday. [...] The military has conducted several investigations and reviews into the operation per standard operating procedure anytime there are civilian casualties, lost aircraft or the death of US service members.” [CNN, [3/11/17](#)]

The Military Concluded That There Had Been No Misconduct. “The military has declined to weigh in on whether the raid was a ‘success’ but has said that the raid accomplished what it was intended to. [...] Following the after-action review, [Gen. Joseph] Votel told the Senate that no additional investigations were warranted. ‘I am looking for indicators of incompetence, poor decision-making or bad judgment throughout all of this,’ Votel told the committee. ‘I was satisfied that none of those indicators that I identified to you were present.’” [CNN, [3/11/17](#)]

Owen’s Father Unsuccessfully Called For A Congressional Investigation Into His Son’s Death. “Bill Owens called on the administration and Congress to investigate what went wrong. ‘Don’t hide behind my son’s death to prevent an investigation,’ he said. ‘I want an investigation. ... The government owes my son an investigation.’” [US News, [2/27/17](#)]

...Despite His Organization, OPSEC, Fighting For Years To Investigate The Death Of Navy SEALs In Benghazi

From 2012 On, Taylor’s Group OPSEC Spearheaded A Campaign To Force Congress To Investigate The Death Of Tyrone Woods And Other Others At Benghazi. “OPSEC, a group consisting of former special forces officers, has been involved since the Benghazi attacks happened, beginning its push in October by sending out a releases and an ad called “Bump in the Road” that was critical of the administration’s Benghazi response. [...] OPSEC’s multi-pronged lobbying campaign also brought a face to the issue coordinating a Capitol Hill visit of Charles Woods, Ty Woods’ father, asking lawmakers to investigate his son’s death in Benghazi. [...] Taylor said that the despite the months without gaining traction they never stopped. ‘We weren’t getting any coverage from mainstream media and we understand that,’ Taylor said. ‘We weren’t going to stop.’” [Politico, [5/15/13](#)]

Taylor: Clinton “Did Nothing To Help Prevent The Deaths Of Four Americans In Benghazi.” ““If Hillary Clinton wants to run for president she’s not going to be able to continue hiding from the fact that she did nothing to help prevent the deaths of four Americans in Benghazi,’ said Scott Taylor, president of OPSEC, which this week is publishing a report highly critical of her actions during the Libya event.” [Reuters, [2/11/14](#)]

OPSEC Called For A Special Congressional Investigation Into The Matter. “The report, entitled ‘Breach of Duty: Hillary Clinton and Catastrophic Failure in Benghazi,’ says that due to a lack of due diligence by Congress, the ‘full story about Hillary Clinton’s deadly failure of leadership may never be completely told.’ It calls for a special congressional investigation of the affair.” [Reuters, [2/11/14](#)]

Trust Betrayed

Benghazi

In Trust Betrayed, Taylor Dismissed The House Intelligence Committee’s Benghazi Report As “Erroneous”

Taylor Dismissed The House Intelligence Committee’s Benghazi Report As “Erroneous.” “These are pretty basic facts the Intelligence Committee got wrong and so it’s no surprise the report’s conclusions are erroneous. The committee heard from eyewitnesses and yet somehow managed to produce a report at odds with the true facts on the ground in Benghazi. [...] The hope is that the findings of the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Benghazi, chaired by Representative Gowdy, will be more thorough and accurate than the whitewash from the House Intelligence Committee.” [Trust Betrayed, p.96, 98]

“Trust Betrayed” Chronicled Clinton’s Failings in Benghazi And Lack Of Fitness To Be President. “Hillary Clinton’s comments that we should ‘empathize’ with our enemies suggest someone not really up to the job of the presidency. The apology tour around the world for the last six years has clearly failed. [...] The next president must be someone who has the rock-solid conviction that America, despite its flaws, is great.” [Trust Betrayed, p.180]

Taylor’s Political Group OPSEC Pushed For Another Investigation Into Benghazi

Taylor: “If Hillary Clinton Wants To Run For President She’s Not Going To Be Able To Continue Hiding From The Fact That She Did Nothing To Help Prevent The Deaths Of Four Americans In Benghazi.” “The U.S diplomatic facility in Benghazi, Libya, was ‘woefully vulnerable’ before the deadly 2012 attack by militants, according to a report by House Republicans on the incident that blames the Obama administration for failing to beef up security. The report, released Tuesday by Republicans on the House Armed Services Committee, contains few new revelations about the Benghazi attack, which has sparked a long-running partisan battle. [...] ‘If Hillary Clinton wants to run for president she’s not going to be able to continue hiding from the fact that she did nothing to help prevent the deaths of four Americans in Benghazi,’ said Scott Taylor, president of OPSEC, a group of former special operations forces and intelligence operatives. The group this week plans to publish a report critical of her actions during the Libya event.” [Baltimore Sun, [2/12/14](#)]

May 2013: OPSEC Used The Testimony Of American Soldier Ty Woods’ Father To Lobby For An Investigation Into The Events At Benghazi. “OPSEC’s multi-pronged lobbying campaign also brought a face to the issue coordinating a Capitol Hill visit of Charles Woods, Ty Woods’ father, asking lawmakers to investigate his son’s death in Benghazi. That effort also included the release of an 8-minute video entitled ‘Benghazi: Unaware, Unresponsive and Unaccountable,’ and concluded by asking viewers to write lawmakers in support for a select committee. Since it’s release in mid-April, it has helped generate 15,000 letters and has also coincided with the increase off co-sponsors from 70 to nearly 150. Taylor said that the despite the months without gaining traction they never stopped. ‘We weren’t getting any coverage from mainstream media and we understand that,’ Taylor said. ‘We weren’t going to stop.’” [Politico, [5/15/13](#)]

May 2013: Charles Woods, Father Of Ty Woods, And OPSEC Called For A Bipartisan Select Committee Investigation Into Benghazi. “Dear Friends: My name is Charles Woods and my son Ty Woods died on September 11th, 2012, in Benghazi, Libya defending the Americans from a terrorist attack. [...] Thanks to groups like OPSEC, shocking testimony from whistleblowers have revealed contradictions to the official ‘tales’ of what happened in Benghazi. [...] It’s time for a full bipartisan Select Committee Investigation of what happened in Benghazi. There’s just one question I want answered: Would a stronger rescue effort been ordered if it were their family members under attack in Benghazi? Sincerely, Charles Woods, Father of Tyrone Woods, Navy SEAL Killed in Benghazi, Libya.” [Special Ops OPSEC press release via google groups, [5/22/13](#)]

National Security In Popular Culture

Taylor Claimed That Hollywood Movies About SEAL Missions Were Detrimental To National Security

Taylor Criticized Recent Movies About SEAL Missions: “The Fact That It’s All Over Hollywood Now Does Nothing Good, And It May Even Hurt.” “Journalists and producers had chronicled nearly every second of the May 2, 2011, raid in news articles, documentaries and a major Hollywood film. More details were disclosed in books by the men who oversaw the operation from the Pentagon and the CIA. [...] At a time when SEAL missions have become standard Hollywood fare, many newly retired operators face unique challenges adjusting to life in a civilian world where job opportunities are decidedly less glamorous, veterans say. ‘There are real difficulties,’ said Scott Taylor, a former SEAL from Virginia Beach who was elected to the Virginia House of delegates last year and regularly counsels Special Operations veterans about the struggles of post-military life. ‘The fact that it’s all over Hollywood now does nothing good, and it may even hurt.’” [Washington Post, [11/18/14](#)]

United Nations

Taylor Voted For Defunding The United Nations Human Rights Council

Taylor Voted For Defunding The United Nations Human Rights Council, The United Nations Office Of The United Nations High Commissioner For Human Rights, And The United Nations Relief And Works Agency. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Yoho, Fla., for Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to make contributions to the United Nations Human Rights Council, the United Nations Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 199-212. [H R 3354, [Vote #470](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Gun Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *2016 and 2018: The NRA gave Taylor an “A” rating and spent more than \$10,000 to get him elected.*
- ✓ *Taylor opposed background checks.*
- ✓ *Taylor said the ATF should reevaluate bump stocks after the Las Vegas shooting.*
- ✓ *Taylor spoke out against new gun laws in Virginia, and praised the efforts of Virginia Beach to become a 2nd Amendment “sanctuary.”*
- ✓ *Taylor voted twice to block closing gun safety loopholes.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to allow concealed carry reciprocity between states and supported Virginia’s concealed carry reciprocity law.*
- ✓ *Taylor said strong political rhetoric was at least partly to blame for the shooting of Rep. Scalise.*
- ✓ *Taylor supported putting “gun-alert” technology in schools to create a rapid response system in case of a shooting.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted against allowing the VA and the Social Security Administration from keeping guns out of the hands of those it deemed mentally unfit.*

NRA

2018: Taylor Had An “A” Rating From The NRA

2018: Washington Times: Taylor Had An “A” Rating From The NRA. “Rep. Scott Taylor said Monday that both political parties want to address the issue of gun violence and mass shootings, but said he doesn’t see universal background checks as a way to do that. ‘What I will tell you is I think there’s an equality of desire to prevent these things from happening. I think you can do things. I think there can be action that’s done,’ Mr. Taylor, Virginia Republican, said on CNN. He said that while he is not a member of the National Rifle Association, plenty of his constituents are, adding that targeting the organization isn’t getting anyone closer to solving the issue of gun violence. He does have an ‘A’ rating from the organization.” [Washington Times, [2/26/18](#)]

Headline: Washington Times: “Rep. Scott Taylor: NRA Seen As The ‘Boogeyman’ In The Gun Debate, Not Helpful To Solving The Issue.” [Washington Times, [2/26/18](#)]

2016: The National Rifle Association Endorsed Taylor For Congress

The NRA Endorsed Taylor In His Run For Congress. “Endorsed by the National Rifle Association, Taylor has said he opposes attempts to further restrict gun ownership.” [Virginian-Pilot, [11/8/16](#)]

Taylor’s Issues Platform Running For Congress Included Opposition To Any Attempts To Restrict Gun Ownership. “Endorsed by the National Rifle Association, Taylor has said he opposes attempts to further restrict gun ownership.” [Virginian-Pilot, [11/8/16](#)]

2016 And 2018: NRA Spent Over \$10,000 To Get Taylor Elected

Taylor Money From The NRA	
Year	Amount
2018	\$1,000
2016	\$3,500
Total	\$4,500

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 3/31/20]

2018: The NRA Spent \$7,888 On Independent Expenditures For Scott Taylor. According to Center for Responsive Politics, the NRA spent \$7,888 on independent expenditures for Scott Taylor. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/31/20](#)]

Background Checks And Loopholes

Taylor Said He Opposed Universal Background Checks

TRACKING FOOTAGE: Taylor Said He Opposed Background Checks “Like The Majority Of His District.” [YouTube, Virginia2RawFootage, [2/27/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Taylor Supported Exploring Ways To Empower Family Members To Temporarily Remove Guns From Relatives Who Are Exhibiting Disturbing Signs. “Taylor is looking at one potential legislative fix. He says he’s exploring ways to empower family members to temporarily remove guns from relatives who are exhibiting disturbing signs. ‘So, I’m actually researching something right now that would be similar to like a restraining order, where you could, in extremis, in a family member or someone close, present evidence to a judge and say ‘Hey, listen. This guy shouldn’t get guns.’ The that should go right to the FBI database, temporary hold. He or she could, of course, defend themselves, just like a restraining order thing. You know, I think we have to empower individuals more.” [WVTF, [3/17/18](#)]

Taylor: “I Don’t Support Universal Background Checks — I Don’t Support You Coming And Me Having To Have A Sale If I’m — Paperwork And Stuff Like That — If I’m Giving My Gun To My Son. I Don’t Agree With Gun Registration — I Don’t Agree With It.” “After that point, Taylor could come up with nothing beyond repeatedly insisting that he’s opposed to more background checks now because he’s been opposed to them the past. ‘I’m not supportive of universal background checks — I’m not supportive of it Chris,’ Taylor said. ‘I’m not supportive of it.’ ‘Why?’ Cuomo asked. ‘I don’t agree with universal background checks — I don’t agree with it, I haven’t supported it,’ Taylor reiterated. ‘I don’t support universal background checks — I don’t support you coming and me having to have a sale if I’m — paperwork and stuff like that — if I’m giving my gun to my son. I don’t agree with gun registration — I don’t agree with it.’ [Think Progress, [2/27/18](#)]

Headline: Think Progress: “House Republican Asked 11 Times Why He Opposes Universal Background Checks And Has No Answers: “Paperwork And Stuff Like That.” [Think Progress, [2/27/18](#)]

Taylor Spoke Out Against New Gun Laws In Virginia And Praised The Efforts Of Virginian Beach To Become A 2nd Amendment “Sanctuary”

Taylor On Gun Laws Proposed In The State Assembly As “Unfair, Unjust, And Unconstitutional.” “A gun rights movement spreading across Virginia came to the heart of Democrat [Elaine Luria](#)’s swing district Monday night, when city officials voted to make Virginia Beach — the site of a 2019 mass shooting — a ‘sanctuary’ for Second Amendment rights. The resolution is one of more than 100 similar measures passed in Virginia localities since Democrats flipped the state legislature in November on a platform that included gun control,

prompting [blowback](#) from some conservatives who say it could be a rallying cry up and down the ballot in Virginia and other purple states in the 2020 elections. So far, the ‘Second Amendment sanctuary’ movement has focused on pressuring state and local officials to buck state-level gun control efforts, but that hasn’t stopped congressional candidates and lawmakers from weighing in. That was the case Monday night in Virginia Beach, where Ben Loyola, former Rep. Scott Taylor, Jarome Bell and Andy Baan, who are seeking the GOP nod to challenge Luria in the 2nd District, joined the crowd in the packed City Council chambers to voice full-throated support. [...] Taylor, whom Luria unseated in 2018, called the state’s proposed gun control measures ‘unfair, unjust and unconstitutional.’” [Roll Call, [1/7/20](#)]

Taylor Spoke In Favor Of Virginia Beach Becoming A Second Amendment “Sanctuary.” “In Virginia Beach, former GOP Congressman Scott Taylor, who was running against Democratic Sen. Mark Warner but may instead seek to reclaim his old seat from Luria this fall, didn’t miss the chance to get in front of the pro-gun crowd trying to pressure Virginia Beach into adopting a sanctuary measure. ‘I guarantee you there are Republicans, independents, Democrats, people who aren’t politically active but want to protect their families and their property, and that is why they are here and you are seeing this across the commonwealth,’ Taylor said, according to WTKR.” [[Virginia Mercury, [12/26/19](#)]

Taylor Voted To Block Consideration Of Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes. In March 2018, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Thompson’s (CA) bill H.R. 4240; Mr. Clyburn’s bill H.R. 3464; Mr. Carbajal’s bill H.R. 2598; and Ms. Murphy’s bill H.R. 1478. These four bills close the dangerous gun show, internet sale, and classified ad background check loopholes; prevent the sale of guns without a completed background check; ensure that people who are a danger to themselves or others can be prevented from purchasing or possessing a gun; and allow the government to sponsor scientific research on the causes of gun violence.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bills.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-182. [H Res 780, [Vote #113](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/15/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Thompson’s (CA) bill H.R. 4240, Mr. Clyburn’s bill H.R. 3464, and Mr. Carbajal’s bill H.R. 2598. These three bills close the dangerous gun show, internet sale, and classified ad background check loopholes, prevent the sale of guns without a completed background check, and ensure that people who are a danger to themselves or others can be prevented from purchasing or possessing a gun.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bills.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-185. [H.Res. 747, [Vote #86](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/27/18](#)]

Bump Stocks

Taylor Said ATF Should Reevaluate Bump Stocks After The Las Vegas Shooting

Taylor Said ATF Should Reevaluate Bump Stocks After The Las Vegas Shooting. “Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Va.) in an interview broadcast Sunday said the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) should re-evaluate bump stocks in the wake of last week’s mass shooting in Las Vegas. ‘I think that should be re-evaluated,’ Taylor told ABC News’s ‘This Week’ during an interview focusing on gun legislation with Rep. Seth Moulton (D-Mass.). ‘I’m not willing to impede on someone’s rights just because of emotional rhetoric,’ Taylor said in the interview.” [The Hill, [10/9/17](#)]

Concealed Carry

Taylor Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States

Taylor Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons. The bill would require a twice-annual certification by all federal agencies, federal courts and state governments, in coordination with the Department of Justice, to verify that all relevant data has been reported and uploaded to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System regarding individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms.” The bill passed 231 to 198. [HR 38, [Vote #663](#), 12/6/17; CQ, [12/6/17](#)]

NRA Called The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act Its “Highest Legislative Priority In Congress.” “The House Judiciary Committee approved the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act on a 19-11 party-line vote, then passed the Fix NICS Act on a 17-6 bipartisan vote. The National Rifle Association this week called the concealed-carry bill, which requires states to honor permits issued elsewhere, its ‘highest legislative priority in Congress.’ The group says mandatory reciprocity would prevent ‘abuses’ in states with strict firearms laws and allow gun owners ‘to exercise their rights nationwide with peace of mind.’” [Washington Post, [11/29/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Domestic abusers could carry concealed guns under US House-passed bill [Columbus Dispatch, [12/6/17](#)]

15 States Allowed Domestic Abusers To Carry A Handgun. “Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, meanwhile, said Texas, despite being a strong gun rights state, has a ‘very thoughtful’ concealed carry process that includes a background check and safety test. Other states don’t necessarily have such requirements, he said. Fifteen states, for example, allow domestic abusers to carry a handgun.” [Columbus Dispatch, [12/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 645) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 38) that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons.” The rule was adopted 232 to 194. [H Res 645, [Vote #660](#), 12/6/17; CQ, [12/6/17](#)]

Concealed Carry In Virginia

2016: Taylor Co-Sponsored A Bill Overturning A Motion By The Virginia Attorney General To Not Recognize Concealed Carry Permits From Other States. “Attorney General Mark Herring recently set off a firestorm when he said Virginia will no longer recognize concealed carry permits from many other states. [...] That set off a Republican effort to overturn Herring’s decision. ‘I want to keep their freedoms,’ says Virginia Beach Delegate Scott Taylor. He is among the Republicans outraged with the Attorney General’s decision. He is co-sponsoring a bill that would overturn it. ‘I’m not expanding gun rights, I’m protecting gun rights,’ Taylor told NewsChannel 3.” [CBS – 3 WTKR, [1/18/16](#)]

Gov. McAuliffe And Virginia Republicans Struck A Deal To Restore Concealed Carry Reciprocity In Exchange For More Restrictions On Gun Ownership. “In an unexpected turn, the Democratic governor of Virginia struck a deal with Republicans to continue recognizing gun carry permits from 25 states despite the state attorney general’s decision late last year to do away with the recognition. The deal, which will be moved through the legislature and signed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe, will restore the reciprocity agreements Virginia has with dozens of states. In exchange for restoring the agreements, Republicans have agreed to prohibit those with a protective order against them from carrying a firearm during the life of the order and to staffing gun shows with state police officers specifically dedicated to performing voluntary background checks on private

gun sales. The deal would also keep Virginians who can't obtain Virginia carry permits from using another state's permit to carry in Virginia." [Free Beacon, [1/28/16](#)]

Parkland Shooting

Taylor Urged A Measured Response Following The Parkland Shooting

Taylor After Parkland: "Try To Take A Pause And Not Get Swept Up In The Emotions Because It's Easy To Do Obviously Because People Are Upset, Rightfully So. They Want To See Action. I'm A Staunch Supporter Of The Second Amendment." "I try to take a pause and not get swept up in the emotions because it's easy to do obviously because people are upset, rightfully so. But unlike many Republicans from across the nation, Taylor says the rush to overhaul US gun laws is misguided. 'I try to take a pause and not get swept up in the emotions because it's easy to do obviously because people are upset, rightfully so. They want to see action. I'm a staunch supporter of the second amendment.'" [WVTF, [3/17/18](#)]

Taylor Wanted A Final Report On Why The Parkland Shooter Wasn't Investigated By The FBI. "Taylor says he still needs to see the final report on why the Parkland gunman wasn't investigated after he was reported to the FBI. 'The reality is, what really happened there? Where were the flaws? Where were the signs that were exhibited and then not acted upon? And there were systematic failures at all levels of law enforcement.'" [WVTF, [3/17/18](#)]

Taylor Was On Fox Business Network To Talk About Guns After The Parkland Shooting. [Fox Business Network, [2/15/18](#)]

Scalise Shooting

Taylor Said Political Rhetoric Was Partly At Fault For The Shooting But That It Was Not An Excuse

Taylor Blamed Rhetoric For The Steve Scalise Shooting: "Do I Think It's Part Of The Cause? Yes. It Doesn't Excuse Anything. You Should Never Be Able To Resort To Violence Just Because You Don't Agree With Somebody Politically." "VARNEY: We have seen a ratcheting up in the viciousness of the rhetoric that is being passed around. Do you think that's part of the cause, the main cause for what happened yesterday? TAYLOR: Do I think it's part of the cause? Yes. It doesn't excuse anything. You should never be able to resort to violence just because you don't agree with somebody politically. But, throughout history, you have seen divisive, inciteful rhetoric that has caused people who might be on the margin, if you will, to take action, because, again, information leads to reason, but emotion leads to action, not that it excuses anything, because it certainly doesn't. But do I think some of the discourse that is going on in the country is a causation for some of this stuff? Yes, I do, and, again, which is why I'm calling on leaders of both parties, executive, legislative branch as well too, and folks that are in the media and who have a platform to tone down some of the divisive rhetoric." [Fox News Network, [6/15/17](#)]

Taylor Called For More Respect In Political Discourse After The Shooting Of Congressman Scalise: "We Should Tone Down Our Rhetoric." "Rep. Scott Taylor, R-2nd, said he received calls, texts and tweets about his whereabouts after the shooting. He too praised police. 'If it wasn't for them, this conversation would be a whole lot worse,' he said during an interview. Taylor said he was sure that a security review would be done. He was among members of Congress calling for more respect in political discourse. 'On both sides of the aisle people have come together and I think that's important,' he said. 'We should tone down our rhetoric.'" [Richmond Times Dispatch, [6/15/17](#)]

Taylor On The Shooting Of Congressman Steve Scalise: "Hopefully, Out Of This Tragedy, Something Like That Comes, That Leaders, That Folks In The Media, That Folks Who Have A Platform Sort Of Tone Down

Their Rhetoric, Because Information Leads To Reason, But Emotion Leads To Action. “REP. SCOTT TAYLOR (R), VIRGINIA: Hopefully, out of this tragedy, something like that comes, that leaders, that folks in the media, that folks who have a platform sort of tone down their rhetoric, because information leads to reason, but emotion leads to action. And there’s a tipping point in someone of these emotions out there of people who might be unstable. [...] But, more importantly and more broadly, I think it’s incumbent upon leaders of both sides of the aisle, of the executive branch, of media folks, folks who have platforms, to sort of tone down these emotions, tone down these -- this rhetoric and this viciousness that you’re seeing play out.” [Fox News Network, [6/15/17](#)]

Taylor Called For A Security Review For Congressional Offices

Taylor Said That “There Has To Be Security Reviews In Members’ Offices Around The Country.”

“TAYLOR Look, I think a security review is a proper thing to do when you have things like this, of course. [...] Now, that being said, sure, there has to be a security review here in the Capitol, potentially Capitol Police, who were heroes the other day. I can’t say that enough for those two Capitol Police. If they weren’t there, this conversation would be much worse. But, yes, I think there has to be security reviews in members’ offices around the country. There have been many members who have been getting threats.” [Fox News Network, [6/15/17](#)]

Gun Violence In Schools

2016: Taylor Supported New Gun-Alert Technology To Help Schools Respond Quickly To Shootings

Taylor Pre-Filed A Bill Pushing Schools To Adopt Expensive Gun-Alert Technology That Had Been Used In Military Operations In Iraq And Afghanistan. “A growing number of schools across the nation are installing technology that can instantly tell police when a gun is fired. State Del. Scott Taylor wants to bring that technology to new Virginia schools. He has prefiled a bill for the 2016 General Assembly proposing that blueprints of new public school buildings include active-shooter gunshot detection and alert systems. The technology has been used by the military in Iraq and Afghanistan. It uses sensors to detect when a gun has gone off. Then it immediately informs law enforcement and lets school staff know through texts, emails or other messages. Some educators elsewhere who have the technology say it improves safety, and they strongly support Taylor’s idea.” [Virginian-Pilot, [1/11/16](#)]

Opponents Of The Bill Cited The High Cost And The Focus On Response Rather Than Prevention.

“Others in the field are not sure, though, saying it would add costs during tight budget times and might not be the best approach everywhere. Taylor, a Virginia Beach Republican, says the technology would buy law enforcement time during a situation and could help save lives. [...] Dewey Cornell, an education professor at the University of Virginia who has studied school violence extensively, said that in general, schools spend too much on preparing to respond to a shooting and not enough on prevention. [...] Cost is another factor. Gunshot alert systems can be less than \$20,000, Connors said, but creep toward \$100,000 for extremely large facilities. While that might not represent a tremendous expense - divisions typically open new schools every few years, if that - it would come as divisions are struggling to give teachers raises and pay for other classroom necessities.” [Virginian-Pilot, [1/11/16](#)]

Taylor: “School Safety Obviously Is A Priority.” “Taylor understands that some might see his bill as a financial hardship and said he is looking at ways to offset the cost to divisions. But he is adamant that the systems will prove valuable, and ideally he would like them in every school. ‘School safety obviously is a priority,’ Taylor said.” [Virginian-Pilot, [1/11/16](#)]

Soldier Of Fortune Magazine

2016: Taylor's Views On Firearms Were The Subject Of An Article In The March 2016 Edition Of Mercenary Magazine *Soldier Of Fortune*

Taylor's Campaign Website Noted That Taylor's Views On Firearms Were The Subject Of Mercenary Magazine *Soldier Of Fortune* Cover Story. "With an A rating from the NRA, Scott Taylor has a record of strongly supporting the 2nd Amendment. The Heller and McDonald Supreme Court decisions are landmark cases that state that the Second Amendment to the Constitution includes an individual's right to bear arms. Scott's story and his views on firearms was recently the subject of a *Soldier of Fortune* cover story. Scott will oppose legislation that diminishes the rights of Americans protected by the Second Amendment." [Scotttaylor.us, accessed [5/25/17](#)]

Mental Health

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting A Veterans Affairs Department Determination That An Individual Is Mentally Incompetent From Preventing The Individual From Buying A Gun

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting A Veterans Affairs Department Determination That An Individual Is Mentally Incompetent From Preventing The Individual From Buying A Gun. In March 2017, Taylor voted for: "passage of the bill that would prohibit a Veterans Affairs Department determination that an individual is mentally incompetent from being used as basis for that individual's inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which would thereby prevent the individual from purchasing a gun. Under the measure, an individual could not be considered to be mentally defective without a judicial authority's finding that the individual poses a danger to himself or herself or others." The bill passed by a vote of 240-175. [HR 1181, [Vote #169](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Bill Would Prevent The VA From Submitting Records Of Veterans With Severe Mental Illnesses To The Federal Criminal Background Check System. "The second measure — which passed 240-175 — would prohibit VA officials from submitting records of veterans with severe mental illnesses to the federal criminal background check system, thereby preventing them from purchasing firearms. Exceptions would be made for court orders mandating the conditions be reported." [Military Times, [3/16/17](#)]

The Bill Was Supported By The NRA, But Opposed By A Coalition Of Retired General, Who Said It Put Vulnerable Veterans In Harm's Way. "The National Rifle Association supports the change, while gun control activists have opposed it. [...] Earlier in the week, a coalition led by retired Gens. Stanley McChrystal, David Petraeus, Peter Chiarelli, and Wesley Clark wrote a letter to lawmakers saying the proposal would 'put America's veterans who need our support the most in harm's way, by providing them with easy access to firearms.'" [Military Times, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Rule Keeping Firearms Out Of The Hands Of People Deemed Mentally Incompetent By The Social Security Administration

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Rule Keeping Firearms Out Of The Hands Of People Deemed Mentally Incompetent By The Social Security Administration. In February 2017, Taylor voted for: "passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Social Security Administration rule that outlines reporting of information by the agency for inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for gun purchases about certain non-elderly individuals with mental impairments who receive disability insurance or Supplemental Security Income benefits and use a 'representative payee' because they cannot manage their benefit payments." The resolution was passed by a vote of 235-180. [HJRes 40, [Vote #77](#), 2/2/17; CQ, [2/2/17](#)]

AP: Rule Would Have "Prevented An Estimated 75,000 People With Mental Disorders From Being Able To Purchase A Firearm." "The Obama rule would have prevented an estimated 75,000 people with mental disorders from being able to purchase a firearm. It was crafted as part of Obama's efforts to strengthen the

federal background check system in the wake of the 2012 massacre of 20 young students and six staff at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.” [Associated Press, [2/15/17](#)]

Resolution To Block Rule Was Supported By The NRA. “The National Rifle Association ‘applauded’ Trump’s action. Chris Cox, NRA-ILA executive director, said the move ‘marks a new era for law-abiding gun owners, as we now have a president who respects and supports our arms.’” [NBC News, [2/28/17](#)]

Health Care Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor voted the party line in favor of the AHCA.*
- ✓ *Taylor disputed the validity of the CBO score showing massive loss of coverage with the AHCA.*
- ✓ *Taylor claimed to want to protect insurance discrimination against people with pre-existing conditions and keep coverage for young adults under their parents' plans, but the AHCA gutted protections for people with pre-existing conditions.*
- ✓ *Taylor heavily criticized the Affordable Care Act and vowed to repeal it as early as 2010.*
- ✓ *Taylor called the ACA a "taxing scheme" and said it was "clearly failing."*
- ✓ *Taylor blamed the Democrats for not working to help repeal the ACA.*
- ✓ *Taylor said he made his decision to vote to repeal the ACA before the GOP meeting with Trump, but that the president had promised 2018 election help for Republican congressmen who toed the party line.*
- ✓ *Taylor said that he had been elected to repeal the ACA.*
- ✓ *Despite claiming that he wanted to deal with ACA repeal "slowly and methodically," Taylor stated that he had no changes to add before the vote on the first push to repeal.*
- ✓ *Taylor opposed the individual mandate.*
- ✓ *Taylor opposed Medicaid expansion in Virginia.*
- ✓ *Taylor claimed Medicaid was not feasible because of high deductibles, coverage issues, and because it took up too much of the state budget.*
- ✓ *Taylor took \$7,800 in campaign contributions from the pharmaceutical industry and voted for the Republican Tax Scam that saved them over \$40 billion in taxes.*

American Health Care Act (AHCA)

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more than \$350 million a year in Medicaid funds. As amended, it would give states the option of receiving federal Medicaid funding as a block grant with greater state flexibility in how the funds are used, and would require states to establish their own essential health benefits standards. It would allow states to receive waivers to exempt insurers from having to provide certain minimum benefits, would provide \$8 billion over five years for individuals with pre-existing conditions whose insurance premiums increased because the state was granted a waiver to raise premiums based on an individual's health status, and would create a \$15 billion federal risk sharing program to cover some of the costs of high medical claims." The bill was passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, [Vote #256](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

The American Health Care Act Would Gut Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions

Politifact Found That AHCA “Would Weaken Protections” For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions, “Would Allow States To Give Insurers The Power To Charge People Significantly More.” “An ad by the American Action Network says that under the American Health Care Act ‘people with pre-existing conditions are protected.’ The only kernel of truth here is that the amendment has language that states insurers can’t limit access to coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions. However, the ad omits that the House GOP health plan would weaken protections for these patients. The legislation would allow states to give insurers the power to charge people significantly more if they had a pre-existing condition. While Republicans point to the fact that those patients could get help through high-risk pools, experts question their effectiveness. Current law does not allow states to charge people with pre-existing conditions significantly more. We rate this claim Mostly False.” [Politifact, [5/24/17](#)]

American Health Care Act Would Lead To 23 Million More Uninsured – Disproportionally Older People With Lower Incomes

CBO Estimated 14 Million More People Would Be Uninsured In 2018; 23 Million More Uninsured By 2026. “CBO and JCT estimate that, in 2018, 14 million more people would be uninsured under H.R. 1628 than under current law. The increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number under current law would reach 19 million in 2020 and 23 million in 2026 (see Table 4, at the end of this document).” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

CBO Found Increase In Uninsured Would Disproportionately Impact Older People With Lower Income. “Although the agencies expect that the legislation would increase the number of uninsured broadly, the increase would be disproportionately larger among older people with lower income—particularly people between 50 and 64 years old with income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level (see Figure 2).” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

CBO: Even In States Without Waivers, More People Would Be Uninsured Than Under Current Law. “CBO and JCT expect that under the current version of the legislation, the effects on health insurance coverage would be similar to those previously estimated for the half of the population that resides in states that would not obtain a waiver from the EHB or community-rating requirements. In general, under H.R. 1628, as passed by the House, fewer people would have coverage through the nongroup market, Medicaid, and employment-based coverage, and more people would be uninsured in those areas than under current law.” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

American Health Care Act Would Create An Age Tax On Older Americans

American Health Care Act Allows Insurers To Charge Older Customers Five Times More Than Younger Adults. “Raises premiums for older people. The Affordable Care Act limited insurers from charging older customers more than three times what they charge younger adults. The House bill would raise that to five times. This may enable younger consumers to find cheaper coverage, but older policyholders would face higher rates.” [Huffington Post, [3/6/17](#)]

New York Times: ACHA Achieved Lower Premiums Not Through Increased Choice And Competition, But By Making Health Insurance So Unaffordable For Many Older Americans They Would Leave The Market. “There are a lot of unpleasant numbers for Republicans in the Congressional Budget Office’s assessment of their health care bill. But congressional leadership found one to cheer: The report says that the bill will eventually cut the average insurance premiums for people who buy their own insurance by 10 percent. [...] But the way the bill achieves those lower average premiums has little to do with increased choice and competition. It depends, rather, on penalizing older patients and rewarding younger ones. According to the C.B.O. report, the bill would make health insurance so unaffordable for many older Americans that they would simply leave the market and join the ranks of the uninsured.” [New York Times, [3/14/17](#)]

Taylor Said Trump Promised To Help Republicans In Competitive Districts Win In 2018 If They Voted For The Repeal Bill

Taylor Claimed That Trump Told Republicans On The Fence That If They Were In Competitive Districts And Voted For The Bill, He’d Help Them Win Re-Election. “Freshman Rep. Scott Taylor, R-2nd, backs the bill. His district is centered in Virginia Beach. ‘There are those who say this bill doesn’t do 100 percent of what they want it to do; I believe 85 percent of something in the right direction is much better than nothing,’ he said in a statement on his website. After Trump briefed House Republicans on Tuesday, Taylor said in an interview, a few members who were on the fence may have shifted to a ‘yes’ vote. Trump told them if they were in competitive districts and voted for the bill, he’d help them win re-election, Taylor said.” [Roanoke Times, [3/22/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed He Would Only Support A Bill That Protected Pre-Existing Conditions Coverage, But The AHCA Did Not

Taylor: “I Want To Protect People With Pre-Existing Conditions.” “TAYLOR: Well, there is no doubt about it that many people and everyone out there knows people with pre-existing conditions. So I want to protect people with pre-existing conditions. [...] We have federal protections and the state. Even if the state, if they waiver, not an opt out, there is a waiver process, it is not simply an opt out. They have to have a plan in place to protect people with pre-existing conditions at the state level if they choose to get a waiver that they would use to not force you or other folks to buy insurance that they may not want or need. But they still have to protect them. So if there is in fact a change that further protects them, then great. I’m all for it because I want to make sure people with pre-existing conditions are protected.” [CNN, Newsroom, [5/3/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Taylor: “Whatever Replaces ACA Will Have To Cover Pre-Existing Conditions.” “YORK COUNTY - U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, faced an angry crowd of protesters and constituents during a town hall in York County Tuesday evening. [...] Taylor stood firm on his support for repealing the Affordable Care Act, also called Obamacare, because he said the health care law has done more harm than good. ‘I believe my party has been sent to Washington to repeal Obamacare,’ Taylor said over a chorus of boos. ‘C’m on guys, we’re better than that,’ he scolded the audience. Taylor said he combed through more than 500 responses on whether ACA should be repealed. ‘Many families who want it repealed are paying a lot - people are having to make very hard choices in their lives just to pay for health care. That’s not the way it should be.’ He waited through another round of boos, with one man shouting, ‘Taylor doesn’t care about poor people!’ The congressman got some applause when he responded to another ACA question about keeping the pre-existing conditions clause, which bars insurance companies from denying insurance because of pre-existing conditions. ‘I won’t support something that doesn’t include pre-existing conditions,’ Taylor said. ‘Whatever replaces ACA will have to cover pre-existing conditions.’” [Daily Press, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Co-Sponsored A Bill That “Will Deal With People With Pre-Existing Conditions. My Mother Has A Pre-Existing Condition. Sorry, Mom.” “TAYLOR: What I’m saying to you, Chris, is I believe that we can do it better. I think that we can actually reduce the cost curve, which the ACA clearly does not. Listen, the vast majority of people, in my district, I’ve asked them. And the vast majority of people who were for the ACA, who were worried about pre-existing conditions. We support that. And I co-sponsored a bill that says that we will -- we

will deal with people with pre-existing conditions. My mother has a pre-existing condition. Sorry, Mom.” [CNN, New Day, [2/28/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

REALITY: The AHCA, Which Taylor Supported, Would Gut Coverage For People With Pre-Existing Conditions

AHCA Undermined Protections For Pre-existing Conditions

Washington Post: CBO Found That People With Pre-Existing Condition Would Be Far From “Protected” By AHCA, Undermining Claims Made By GOP Leaders. “The CBO found that while insurers could not deny coverage to sick Americans, they would be far from being ‘protected.’ In states that choose to waive certain insurance coverage mandates as allowed under the GOP bill, the report stated, ‘people who are less healthy (including those with preexisting or newly acquired medical conditions) would ultimately be unable to purchase comprehensive nongroup health insurance at premiums comparable to those under current law, if they could purchase it at all.’ [...] The analysis undermines not only the claims made by GOP leaders, but also shows that their bill could, by undoing what is perhaps the Affordable Care Act’s single most popular provision, throw consumers back into insurance markets where their ability to purchase affordable insurance would depend on their health.” [Washington Post, [5/26/17](#)]

FiveThirtyEight: CBO Found That “Many People With Pre-Existing Conditions Would Be Priced Out Of The Marketplace Where The Waivers Are Used.” “The CBO’s findings align with what many health policy experts expected: Many people with pre-existing conditions would be priced out of the marketplace where the waivers are used. The CBO doesn’t say where exactly it thinks that will happen, but it estimates that the waivers would affect areas where about one-sixth of the U.S. population lives.” [FiveThirtyEight, [5/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Repeatedly Against Protecting Health Care Coverage For People With Pre-Existing Conditions

2017: Taylor Voted To Block An Amendment That Would Protect Health Care Coverage For Pre-Existing Conditions, Ban Lifetime Insurance Limits, Protect Medicare, Block Tax Increases On The Middle Class, And Would Require A CBO Estimate Prior To Consideration Of Any Health Care Reform Bill. In May 2017, Taylor voted for “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 308) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2192) that would repeal, if the health care marketplace overhaul measure (HR 1628) is enacted” Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer an amendment that “The amendment would restrict consideration of legislative provisions relating to health care that would result in: (1) the denial of health insurance on the basis of a preexisting condition or a requirement for individuals with a preexisting condition to pay more for coverage; (2) the elimination of the prohibition on life-time limits on dollar value of health insurance benefits; (3) the termination of the ability of individuals 26 years of age to be included on their parent’s employer or individual health insurance; (4) the reduction in the number of individuals receiving health insurance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; (5) an increased cost to seniors for prescription drugs due to any changes pertaining to closing the Medicare prescription drug ‘donut hole’; (6) the requirement that individuals pay for preventive services such as mammography, health screening, and contraceptive services; (7) reduction of Medicare solvency or any changes to the Medicare guarantee; or (8) the reduction of Federal taxes on the 1% of the population with the highest income or an increase on the 80% of the population with the lowest income. Additionally, the amendment would restrict consideration of legislation relating to health care unless an easily searchable electronic estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office is made available on a publicly available website of the House.” A vote yes was a vote to block the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 235-193. [H.Res 308, [Vote #252](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted Against A Motion To Protect Individuals From Discrimination In The Health Insurance Marketplace Based On Gender Or Pre-Existing Conditions, Protect Seniors From Higher Premiums And

Out-Of-Pocket Costs Under Medicare Part D. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Castor, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would add an exemption to the bill for rules that prohibit health insurance companies from discriminating against individuals based on gender or preexisting conditions. The amendment also would exempt from the measure rules that prohibit higher premiums or out-of-pocket costs for seniors for medication under the Medicare Part D prescription drug program.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 183-236. [HR 21, [Vote #7](#), 1/4/17; CQ, [1/4/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed The CBO Numbers On The AHCA Were Inaccurate

Taylor Echoed The Trump Administration Claim That The CBO Numbers Were Imprecise

Taylor Disputed The Nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office Report On The Amount Of People Who Would Lose Health Insurance. “He disputed a March 13 report by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office warning that the number of people without health insurance would grow to 24 million in the next decade - 14 million more than expected under current law. Taylor contended, as has the Trump Administration, that the report doesn’t include many changes omitted from the CBO’s analysis. The congressman noted that the agency’s estimates have been imprecise on past predictions of the effect of the Affordable Care Act and Medicare’s prescription drug program for retirees. Taylor said Trump’s private speech to lawmakers was persuasive. ‘The president has got a big stick,’ Taylor said. ‘The people who were leaning yes on the fence are absolutely on board now. ... People who were leaning no, they’re probably reconsidering, if you will.’” [Virginian-Pilot, 3/22/17]

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Taylor Voted For Against Requiring A Public CBO Cost Estimate Before Consideration Legislation To Repeal Or Replace Obamacare

2017: Taylor Voted To Block A Requirement That A CBO Cost Estimate Be Made Publicly Available Before Considering Any Legislation To Repeal Or Replace The Affordable Care Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 210) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would exempt health care plans sponsored by trade and business associations from most state laws and regulations.” Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO) described the vote in a floor speech, saying, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule that would require a CBO cost estimate that analyzes the impact of any legislation amending or repealing the Affordable Care Act, as well as the impact of any manager’s amendment to that legislation, to be made publicly available before the bill may be considered on the House floor.” A vote against is a vote to allow the Democratic minority to offer an alternative plan. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-186. [H.Res 210, [Vote #179](#), 3/21/17; Congressional Record, Pages H2260-H2267, [3/21/17](#); CQ, [3/21/17](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted To Block An Amendment To Require A CBO Score For Any Legislation Or Amendments Repealing The Affordable Care Act Before The Legislation Could Be Considered. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and

possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 209) that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill that would eliminate most of the federal antitrust exemptions for health insurance providers that are subject to regulation at the state level.” According to Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO), “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule that would require a CBO cost estimate that analyzes the impact of any legislation amending or repealing the Affordable Care Act, as well as the impact of any manager’s amendment to that legislation to be made publicly available before the bill may be considered on the House floor.” A yes vote was a vote to block the amendment. The motion was agreed to be a vote of 231-185. [H.Res 209, [Vote #176](#), 3/21/17; Congressional Record, H2255, [3/21/17](#); CQ, [3/21/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [3/21/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed He Wanted To Be Slow And Methodical With Health Care Reform

Taylor Stated That It Could Be Anytime From A Month To Years Before The Final Republican Health Care Legislation Is Complete: “We Better Get It Right.” “During an interview after his town hall, GOP Rep. Scott Taylor of Virginia acknowledged that a lack of specificity from Republican leadership about what they will do with Obamacare is adding to the unease. Taylor said it could be anytime from a month to years before final health care legislation is complete. ‘It is extremely important and imperative that people who are working on that repeal and replacement are very deliberative ... We better get it right. I think it is responsible to be methodical about it,’ he told ABC News.” [ABC News Radio, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed That It Was More Important That The New Legislation Be Done “Slowly, Methodically, Deliberately” Rather Than “Super Quickly.” “BALDWIN: [...] There just seems to me -- there seems to be such a trust issue, Congressman Taylor. TAYLOR: Sure. BALDWIN: And just what would you say to people out there who feel like they can’t trust you? TAYLOR: That’s an excellent question, because you have political rhetoric on both sides, quite frankly. And, listen, I’m someone who is able, because of my background, my training, I think it’s a duty for all leaders to see clarity in chaos and to be able to explain things and let people know. Look, I put something on my Facebook and asked a question about the ACA, how did it help you, how did it hurt you? Nothing political, just the responses. Overwhelmingly, the people who support it are concerned about preexisting conditions, which I support, and so does the Republican Party of keeping that in place obviously to help people. There’s not a family out there that doesn’t have somebody without preexisting conditions. On the opposite side, the overwhelming majority and way more than the other side, quite frankly, was crushing premiums that are hurting families all across -- millions of them across this nation. So, we have to deal with that as well, too. So I think it should be done slowly, methodically, deliberately. I think that’s a good thing. I think Republicans should own that. They should own that saying, hey, look, we’re not passing something super quickly. This is extremely important and we have to get it right.” [CNN, Newsroom, [2/22/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Taylor On The Republican Health Care Bill: “...I’ve Been Very Open And Very Plain About Being Deliberate And Methodical And Making Sure The Bill Is The Best It Could Be...Obviously, We Don’t Want It To Be The Worst, But It Is Not Surprising To Me That They Would Consider Making Changes To Make The Bill Better.” “[JOHN] BERMAN: I want to bring in a Republican Congressman Scott Taylor of Virginia. He is a yes vote on health care right now. Congressman, first let me go to you with the news we’re just getting in, message from leadership that they are willing to open up the bill yet again for changes or amendments. What are you hearing on that front this morning, sir? REP. SCOTT TAYLOR, R-VIRGINIA: Good morning. It is great to be with you as always. I appreciate being here. I haven’t heard that yet, but, listen, I’ve been very open and very plain about being deliberate and methodical and making sure the bill is the best it could be. So I don’t think it’s -- you know, to me it is not breaking news if there is a piece of the legislation that can be changed to the better, of course. Obviously, we don’t want it to be to the worst, but it is not super surprising to me that they would consider making changes to make the bill better.” [CNN, Newsroom, [5/3/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

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Because That's What They Campaigned On. "TAYLOR: Well, listen, Republicans have been very clear. To be clear, so have the American people. I'm not standing here as simply an individual. I'm standing here as someone who is elected by the vast majority of 800,000 people in my district and by and large the American people who put people in Congress to change this law because that's what they campaigned on. Not just the presidency but congressional members across the country." [CNN, Newsroom, [5/3/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

February 2017: Taylor Would Not Answer Directly When Asked If He Had Read The Republican Health Care Plan

When Asked If He Had Seen The New Republican Health Care Plan, Taylor Replied, "It's Not That Simple." "BALDWIN: And just even back -- if you go back to mid-January and 'The Washington Post' interviewed the president and he said at the time he was nearing completion of a plan. I'm getting different stories from Republicans on the Hill and when this actually happens. Congressman, have you seen the plan? TAYLOR: It's not that simple. BALDWIN: It's not. TAYLOR: There's a nuanced answer here, of course. And people don't want to hear that. And I will say, repeal and replace sounds like one thing, right? It sounds very quick. It sounds easy. It's not. BALDWIN: But the president did say he had a plan. I'm just going by the president's words. TAYLOR: Let me finish. BALDWIN: OK. TAYLOR: It doesn't matter what -- I'm not in the executive branch. I'm in the legislative branch. So, what I will tell you is, there's reconciliation. There's executive actions and then there's legislation. And it is imperative an important that my party, who overwhelmingly was sent across the nation into power, right? So, people have confidence in us." [CNN, Newsroom, [2/22/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Taylor Said He Was Not Pushing For Any Changes To The AHCA

After The ACA Repeal Passed The House, Taylor Said He Was Not Pushing For Any Adjustments: "I'm Not Aware Of Anything That I Need To See More In The Bill." "Taylor noted that the bill, which now goes to the Senate, may change in the coming months, but he's not pushing for any adjustments. 'At this moment I'm not aware of anything that I need to see more into the bill. But I am also open at the same time to improvements,' he said." [Virginian-Pilot, [5/8/17](#)]

Taylor: "I Believe 85% Of Something In The Right Direction Is Better Than Nothing." "A majority of local members of Congress don't support the Republican healthcare plan. On Friday, House Speaker Paul Ryan pulled the bill. [...] Rep. Scott Taylor, R-2, announced this week he plans to vote in favor of the bill. 'I believe 85% of something in the right direction is better than nothing,' he said in a statement, calling Obamacare 'the failing status quo.'" [CBS - 3 WTKR, [3/24/17](#)]

Taylor Blamed Democrats For Not Getting Involved In The Affordable Care Act Repeal

Taylor Called The ACA "Fundamentally Flawed" And Called On Democrats To "Come To The Table, Too, And Work With Us To Fundamentally Fix ACA And Health Care." "Health care is consumed at the local level. So we believe that it should be the states and the local localities that should be dealing with that much closer to the patients themselves. But I think that we have to do something about it. I believe that the ACA is fundamentally flawed. I think that health care before could have been changed or tweaked, if you will, to deal with some of the issues, good things that came out of the ACA. But I think it's fundamentally flawed and to not act is wrong. So I think leaders must act. Dems should come to the table, too, and work with us to fundamentally fix ACA and health care." [CNN, Newsroom, [7/17/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Taylor: "If Republicans Want To Seize The Moment And Do Big Things, Some Will Have To Learn The Everyday Value Of Compromise And Gain An Understanding Of What Things Are Possible To Get Through A Diverse Legislative Body." "Virginia Democrats greeted Friday afternoon's abrupt cancellation of a long-promised GOP vote to repeal and replace Obamacare with renewed calls for compromise and more than a few I-told-you-so's. [...] U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, months into his first congressional term, chastised colleagues in his statement for letting the perfect become the enemy of the good on this bill, saying 'we must fix the

disaster that is the Affordable Care Act.’ The ACA is the official name of the legislation known as Obamacare. The AHCA was the Republican repeal-and-replace proposal which couldn’t pull enough votes to pass the House Friday despite a GOP majority. ‘If Republicans want to seize the moment and do big things, some will have to learn the everyday value of compromise and gain an understanding of what things are possible to get through a diverse legislative body,’ Taylor said.” [Daily Press, [3/24/17](#)]

VIDEO: Taylor Said That The ACA Repeal “Should Be Bipartisan. And I Think Democrats Have Been Screaming For Several Years Now” But “I Haven’t Seen Any Plans From The Side.” “BASH: So, if this bill ends up just not getting the votes in the Senate, the Republican bill, you’re OK with sitting down and doing this in a bipartisan way? TAYLOR: I think it should be bipartisan way anyway. And I think Democrats have been screaming for several years now. I mean, Senator Mark Warner when he was up for re-election he was talking about, it’s the ACA’s problem. We’ve got to fix it. But I haven’t seen any plans from that side. So I think it’s important they know it’s messed up. They know it predates the November election, that there are big problems -- fundamental problems with the ACA. So come to the table. I think it’s important that they do.” [CNN, State of the Union, [7/9/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Taylor Claimed That He Wanted The Democrats To Join In To Help Repeal The ACA. “And we want Democrats to join in. We want Republicans on all sides to come in and make sure that we do this the right way. It’s so important to families that are out there. Not just the ones that -- like, that we’re concerned about, the poor folks, because we do want to help them, absolutely. But we also have to be concerned about the working females out there that are getting crushed under taxes and premium increases and making very tough decisions for their families.” [CNN, New Day, [3/8/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Taylor Faced Criticism From The Local Paper After Voting To Repeal The Affordable Care Act

The Virginian-Pilot Editorial Board Criticized Taylor For Voting To Repeal The ACA

The Virginian-Pilot: [ACA Repeal] “Is A Deeply Cynical And Reckless Ploy... The Senate...May Not Follow In the Irresponsible Footsteps Of The Other Chamber, But It Cannot Erase What The House—including Reps. Taylor And Wittman—Voted To Do.” “THE CONGRESSIONAL Budget Office recently confirmed suspicions that the American Health Care Act passed by the House last month is an irresponsible farce, little better than its previous iteration. [...] So it’s a gamble: Republicans are betting that they can deliver lower premiums and substantial tax cuts while millions of Americans lose their insurance coverage and programs that serve the poorest among us are hacked. It is a deeply cynical and reckless ploy, as the CBO makes clear. The Senate, which now has the bill, may not follow in the irresponsible footsteps of the other chamber, but it cannot erase what the House -- including Reps. Taylor and Wittman -- voted to do.” [Virginian-Pilot, Editorial Board editorial, [6/1/17](#)]

Taylor Defended His Vote To Repeal The ACA

Taylor Said He Had Already Made His Decision To Vote For ACA Repeal Even Before The GOP Meeting With Trump

Taylor Said He Would Vote For ACA Repeal But Claimed He Had Already Made His Decision Before Trump’s Meeting To Push Lawmakers To Vote For It. “U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor said Tuesday he’ll vote this week for Republican legislation that would overhaul the health care system, abolishing key components of the Affordable Care Act. Taylor declared his intentions just hours after he and other GOP lawmakers met privately on Capitol Hill to hear President Donald Trump’s aggressive push for their votes. The Virginian Beach Republican said he’d already made up his mind before Trump’s visit. ‘I think leaders must act, and to not do so leaves the failing status quo of Obamacare,’ Taylor said in a telephone interview. ‘There are those who say this bill doesn’t do 100 percent of what they want it to do. But I believe that 85 percent of something in the right direction is a lot better than nothing.’ [...] Taylor won election to the 2nd Congressional District seat last year in part by promising to support abolition of the Affordable Care Act in favor of a then-unknown replacement.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/22/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed The AHCA Would “Put Back” The Loss Of Coverage That Would Result From The ACA Repeal

When Asked About The Loss Of Coverage That Would Result From The Repeal Of The ACA, Taylor Said, “We’re Putting It Back. I Want To See The States Have More Say In It.” “CUOMO: It might be the state, not the federal government that directly takes people off the rolls. You’re going to have people not have coverage who has coverage now. I don’t understand why you guys don’t dance around that, because you don’t want this to be an entitlement anyway. Why not just be honest about it and say, ‘Yes, we want access. People are going to lose coverage, but we think, on balance, it’s still better but we own that reality.’ Why not? TAYLOR: The thing is, we’re putting it back. I want to see the states have more say in it. I don’t believe that the federal government should control the things and make sure that you have one size fits all as we have seen. There’s only one insurer. I do want to see states step up because they know better than Washington does. We are trying as best we can.” [CNN, New Day, [3/8/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Taylor Voted To Repeal All Or Part Of The Affordable Care Act

Taylor Voted To Begin The Process Of Repealing Affordable Care Act

Taylor Voted For Beginning The Process Of Repealing Affordable Care Act. In January 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that includes reconciliation instructions for the House Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees as well as the Senate Finance and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committees to develop legislation to reduce the deficit by at least \$1 billion each over a 10-year period by January 27, 2017, which is expected to repeal parts of the 2010 health care law. The concurrent resolution also would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next 10 years. It would allow \$3.3 trillion in new budget authority for fiscal 2017.” The resolution was adopted 227-198. [S Con Res 3, [Vote #58](#), 1/13/17; CQ Floor Votes, [1/13/17](#)]

The Vote “Began The Process Of Dismantling The Affordable Care Act” By Allowing Republicans To Use Budget Reconciliation To Roll Back The Law. “The House of Representatives began the process of dismantling the Affordable Care Act on Friday, approving a budget resolution on a mostly party line vote. The vote was 227-198. The Senate passed the measure earlier this week. It allows Republicans on Capitol Hill to use a process known as ‘budget reconciliation’ to roll back major parts of the health care law. Top Republican leaders are also saying they plan to move to replace Obamacare along the same track, but they are still struggling to come up with the details on how it will work.” [CNN, [1/3/17](#)]

HEADLINE: House Takes First Step Towards Repealing Obamacare. [CNN, [1/3/17](#)]

Taylor Repeatedly Vowed To Repeal The Affordable Care Act

2017: Taylor Said That He Would Have Voted For The Republican Overhaul Of The ACA Even Before His Meeting With Trump. “U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor said Tuesday he’ll vote this week for Republican legislation that would overhaul the health care system, abolishing key components of the Affordable Care Act. Taylor declared his intentions just hours after he and other GOP lawmakers met privately on Capitol Hill to hear President Donald Trump’s aggressive push for their votes. The Virginian Beach Republican said he’d already made up his mind before Trump’s visit. ‘I think leaders must act, and to not do so leaves the failing status quo of Obamacare,’ Taylor said in a telephone interview.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/22/17](#)]

Taylor: “I Believe My Party Has Been Sent To Washington To Repeal Obamacare.” “U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, faced an angry crowd of protesters and constituents during a town hall in York

County Tuesday evening. [...] Taylor stood firm on his support for repealing the Affordable Care Act, also called Obamacare, because he said the health care law has done more harm than good. 'I believe my party has been sent to Washington to repeal Obamacare,' Taylor said over a chorus of boos. 'C'mon guys, we're better than that,' he scolded the audience." [Daily Press via Personal PAC, [2/22/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "Rep. Taylor Said He'll Vote For GOP Bill To Replace Obamacare." [Virginian-Pilot, [3/22/17](#)]

2010: Taylor Stated That If Elected To Congress He Would Work To Repeal The Recently Passed Affordable Care Act Reforms. "The eight candidates hoping to knock off freshman Democratic Rep. Glenn Nye shared the stage for the first time this past week, wooing local Tea Party activists with promises to drastically shrink power in Washington. [...] The evening debate drew a crowd of about 200 to a ballroom at the Virginia Beach Wyndham hotel. It featured all seven Republicans - Kenny Golden, Ben Loyola, Maulbeck, Bert Mizusawa, Scott Rigell, Jessica Sandlin and Scott Taylor - and independent candidate Doug Hutchinson. [...] There was a significant amount of agreement on issues - especially on the recently passed health care reform legislation. All eight candidates said they would work to repeal the reforms. [...] Taylor said America has taken a wrong turn. 'We are on the path of a socialist country,' he said." [Daily Press, [4/4/10](#)]

Taylor Called The Affordable Care Act A "Taxing Scheme" And Claimed It Was "Clearly Failing"

Taylor Criticized The Affordable Care Act As The "Biggest Taxing Scheme In The History Of Our Nation." "Thursday's House vote to repeal Obamacare, a rush job after amendments broke a logjam Wednesday on the long-lingering Trump campaign promise, left Virginia politicians at odds over just what the bill would mean back home. [...] This amended version of the American Health Care Act didn't draw any 'yes' votes from Democrats, and 20 Republicans voted no. Among Virginia Republicans, only U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock, who represents a swing district in Northern Virginia, voted no. [...] U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, R-Virginia Beach, accused Democrats of lying about the bill's effect and said the bill represents a path away from the 'biggest taxing scheme in the history of our nation.' He called the bill 'far from a final piece of legislation,' but also 'the vessel that will rid us of D.C.-mandated health care.' [...] Taylor, who's in his first term, said the same people who pitched Obamacare with promises that everyone with a plan they liked could keep it were now 'attempting to scare our neighbors, saying pre-existing conditions are not covered. 'This is a lie,' Taylor said in his release." [Daily Press, [5/4/17](#)]

Taylor Stated That "Obamacare Is Clearly Failing" And Defended The GOP Bill. "Hampton Roads' congressmen split along party lines Thursday as the Republican-controlled House of Representatives narrowly passed legislation that would abolish and replace key elements of the Affordable Care Act. Republican Reps. Scott Taylor and Rob Wittman - Wittman opposed a March version of the GOP bill - supported the new legislation while Democratic Reps. Bobby Scott and Donald McEachin opposed it. [...] Taylor, who supported a similar GOP plan two months ago, said Thursday it's a better option than the Affordable Care Act. 'Obamacare is clearly failing,' Taylor said. 'This is the biggest tax scheme in the history of this nation. ... We're punishing the majority of Americans.' The GOP bill gives more control to people buying insurance and to patients, he said. 'To me, this makes more sense. It's market-driven.'" [Virginian-Pilot, [5/5/17](#)]

Taylor Opposed The Individual Mandate

Taylor Was Opposed To Requiring People To Have Health Insurance Or Pay Penalties: "I Believe That The Government Should Not Require Citizens To Engage In Commerce That They Do Not Want To Engage In." "On Tuesday he reiterated his opposition to the financial linchpin of the health care law: requiring almost everyone to have health insurance or pay a penalty, and requiring many employers to offer coverage. 'I believe that the government should not require citizens to engage in commerce that they do not want to engage in,' Taylor said. 'I was quite clear in my campaign that Obamacare is failing and we needed to repeal and replace it.'" [Virginian-Pilot, [3/22/17](#)]

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March 2017: Constituents Protested Outside Taylor’s Office In Support Of The Affordable Care Act

WAVY News Reported That Constituents Who Supported The Affordable Care Act “Met At Town Center To Encourage Taylor To Not Support The Repeal Of The Affordable Care Act.” “Supporters of the Affordable Care Act gathered outside of Congressman Scott Taylor’s Virginia Beach office Thursday. Around 30 people met at Town Center to encourage Taylor to not support the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Republicans unveiled a healthcare plan on Monday that would replace the ACA and moved to immediately repeal it. [...] One of the organizers for the protest says the group will continue to return to Congressman Taylor’s office until their voices are heard. ‘There are issues that need to be fixed. Fix those issues, don’t repeal it,’ said Kimberly Tucker. ‘We will be heard tonight or we will be heard on Election Day.’” [WAVY, [3/9/17](#)]

Protesters In Virginia Beach Staged A “Die-In” In Protest Of The ACA Vote And Criticized Taylor For His Support Of The Bill. “A group of protesters laid on the ground for seven minutes in the Virginia Beach Town Center Wednesday night. The seven minutes represented the seven years the Affordable Care Act has been in place. Thursday the U.S. House of Representatives will vote on a new health care bill supported by President Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan. ‘If this bill passes 24 million Americans will lose their health insurance. In (Rep.) Scott Taylor’s district alone 23,000 people will lose their health insurance,’ said Ron Roe with progressive political group Indivisible. ‘Some of them will not be able to get the care they need, some of them will not be able to get emergency care that they need.’ The group marched in a circle for around a half hour before lying down on the pavement holding signs. Many also criticized Republican Congressman Scott Taylor for his support of the bill.” [WTKR, [3/22/17](#)]

Medicaid Expansion

Medicaid Expansion In Virginia

Taylor Argued That Medicaid Expansion In Virginia Was Not Sustainable Because Of Coverage Issues

VIDEO: Taylor Claimed That Medicaid Expansion Was Not Feasible In Virginia Because It Didn’t Necessarily Cover Pregnant Women And The Disabled. “TAYLOR: I think, you know, there’s no question that the Medicaid expansion states, who Republican governors like your governor. And the reason -- one of the reasons why the legislature opposed him is because there’s this weird distortion that incentivizes states so the Medicaid expansion doesn’t necessarily cover pregnant women, disabled folks. It covers childless able body adults. In Virginia, we knew that Medicaid was five percent of our budget. It’s now going past 22 percent at an unsustainable rate. So -- and if you just expand it -- hold on a second. So you -- you expand it, the reimbursement rate for those able bodied childless adults is much higher than the disabled and the poor. So there’s a - there’s a -- there’s a pretty bad distortion there.” [CNN, State of the Union, [7/9/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Taylor Argued That Medicaid Expansion In Virginia Was Not Sustainable Because It Was Too High A Percentage Of The State Budget

Taylor Criticized Medicaid: “It’s At 22 Percent Now [Of Virginia’s Budget] And Unsustainable Trajectory. There’s Not A Sane Person On Capitol Hill Who Would Tell You That Medicaid Is On A Sustainable Trajectory.” “HARLOW: OK, let’s move on to health care, Vice President Pence and Republican Senator Susan Collins on very different pages when it comes to the Medicaid portion of the Senate’s new health care bill. Listen to both of them. [...] Does it help the most needy, as the vice president said, or does it hurt the most vulnerable as the Republican senator says? TAYLOR: Well, two things. Listen, they’re going to have to work through their differences, of course, to get something in the Senate. But look, Virginia didn’t expand Medicaid because we knew it started out at 5 percent of our budget. It’s at 22 percent now and unsustainable trajectory. There’s not a sane person on Capitol Hill who would tell you that Medicaid is on a sustainable path.” [CNN, Newsroom, [7/17/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Taylor: “To Get [Medicaid] In On A Sustainable Track, You Do Have To Slow The Growth Of Medicaid...” “Furthermore, you have a weird distortion, actually bad one, that has Medicaid expansionist states and Medicaid expansion reimburses able-bodied childless adults at a rate of almost 90 percent from the federal government as opposed to 50 percent or 60 percent for those who the program was actually designed to deal with, the needy, poor kids, pregnant women and such. So the most vulnerable of our population, I believe, to get in on a sustainable track, you do have to slow the growth of Medicaid so that we, in fact, can deal with the most needy of our population.” [CNN, Newsroom, [7/17/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Taylor Argued That Medicaid Expansion In Virginia Was Not Sustainable Because Of High Deductibles

Taylor Used High Deductibles To Argue Against Medicaid Expansion. “HARLOW: So you don’t think that the reduction in growth, the \$772 billion reduction in Medicaid expansion growth for these states over a decade is going to hurt people because Senator Collins is saying it hurts the most vulnerable. You argue that will not happen. Despite your state not expanding, I’m just asking, is that what you’re comfortable with for folks across America to rely on it? TAYLOR: Well, let’s be clear, there will be states who did expand who will fight against that, who did -- they’re sort of incentivized to put people on the rolls who are able-bodied childless adults with a reimbursement rate at that. I think you have to get a handle on this or will end up hurting more people if you don’t deal with the growth of Medicaid, an unsustainable rate. [...] Look, you also have to deal with the fact that we are hurting families across this country. There’s a huge swath of families who have way high deductible. Their premiums are insane. They’re paying more than they pay on their mortgages. We’re hurting more people right now by not getting this deal done.” [CNN, Newsroom, [7/17/17](#)] *Note: No video found.*

Single Payer Health Care

Taylor Opposed Single Payer Health Care

Taylor Stated His Opposition To A Single-Payer System

Taylor Stated His Opposition To Establishing A Single-Payer System. “The Republican majority’s vow to dismantle the Affordable Care Act was a focus of several inquiries, as it was in the earlier forums. Taylor said he understood some people’s worries but argued there’s no doubt that the law is going to be abolished and replaced. ‘It is going to change because, across the nation, Republicans were put in charge,’ he said. ‘That is the reality.’ He predicted it won’t happen quickly - as Trump and GOP leaders in Congress have vowed. No Republican plan has been proposed. ‘We should be methodical and deliberate,’ he said, noting it’s a complex law to unravel. He restated his opposition to establishing a government single-payer system similar to Medicare.” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor: “I’m Not For Universal Health Care. That’s Not What I’m For.” “REP. SCOTT TAYLOR (R), VIRGINIA: I’m not for universal health care. That’s not what I’m for.” [International Wire, 2/22/17]

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the first time this past week, wooing local Tea Party activists with promises to drastically shrink power in Washington. [...] The evening debate drew a crowd of about 200 to a ballroom at the Virginia Beach Wyndham hotel. It featured all seven Republicans - Kenny Golden, Ben Loyola, Maulbeck, Bert Mizusawa, Scott Rigell, Jessica Sandlin and Scott Taylor - and independent candidate Doug Hutchinson. [...] There was a significant amount of agreement on issues - especially on the recently passed health care reform legislation. All eight candidates said they would work to repeal the reforms. [...] Taylor said America has taken a wrong turn. 'We are on the path of a socialist country,' he said." [Daily Press, [4/4/10](#)]

Taylor Criticized The Democrats As Being Divided On The Idea Of Single-Payer Health Care

VIDEO: Taylor Argued That "You Have A Huge Divide In The Democratic Party Right Now...More Of A Divide, I Would Say, Than The Republicans Do." "TAYLOR: Let's talk about the Democrats for a second. You have a huge divide in the Democratic Party right now. They are not aligned in terms of what -- what should -- if they had a choice to replace something like that you have a huge percentage of Democrats who are looking for single payer option for universal health care, which is sustainable. And you have all the ones that don't want that. They actually have more of a divide, I would say, than the Republicans do." [CNN, State of the Union, [7/9/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Subsidies

Taylor Did Not Comment On Trump's Effort To Cut Healthcare Subsidies Required Under The ACA

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CHIP

Taylor Blamed Democrats For Not Passing CHIP Reauthorization

Taylor Said It Was "Disingenuous To Insinuate" That He Didn't Support Reauthorizing CHIP And Blamed It On Democrats. "In response to McAuliffe, U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, a Republican from Virginia Beach, said that 'scaring families via press release is not helpful.' 'It is completely disingenuous to insinuate that I or any other member of the Virginia congressional delegation are ignoring reauthorization of this important program,' Taylor stated in a press release of his own. 'In fact, the present delay is a result of a request by the minority party to further negotiations on offsets.'" [Capital News Service, [12/13/17](#)]

Headline: Capital News Service: CHIP Families Still At Risk, Despite Temporary Program Funding.
[Capital News Service, [12/13/17](#)]

Drug Prices/ Pharma

Taylor Voted For The Republican Tax Scam Bill – "A Major Victory" For Big Pharma Investors

Taylor Voted For The Republican Tax Scam Bill

Taylor Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. [HR 1, [Vote #699](#), 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Included A “Major Victory For Pharma Manufacturers”

Politico: Repatriation Provision In Tax Bill Was A “Major Victory For Pharma Manufacturers.” “The bill, H.R. 1 (115), lowers the corporate tax rate and would offer a one-time reduction on profits U.S.-based multinational companies earn and keep abroad. The repatriation provision is seen as a major victory for pharma manufacturers who store boatloads of cash in countries where tax rates are lower.” [Politico, [12/4/17](#)]

Pharmaceutical Companies Were “One Of The Biggest Beneficiaries” Of The Provision, And Were Seen As Likely To Return Money To Their Shareholders, Rather Than Invest In Research And Innovation.

“U.S. drugmakers will be one of the biggest beneficiaries of the repatriation portion of the bill. They’ve been sitting on billions of dollars in overseas earnings and can now bring home that cash at a reduced rate. While the tax bill has been promoted by Republicans as a job creator, the reality is that drug companies are more likely to return the money to shareholders, or use it to make acquisitions.” [Bloomberg, [12/20/17](#)]

Tax Bill Was Estimated To Save Top Five Pharmaceutical Companies \$42.7 Billion. “The tax proposal supported by President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans would give five top pharmaceutical corporations a \$42.7 billion tax break.” [Public Citizen and ITEP, [11/20/17](#)]

Pharmaceutical Companies Worked To Benefit Shareholders, Rather Than To Bring Down The Cost Of Drugs Or Invest In New Research And Development

Pharmaceutical Companies Were Predicted To Use Savings From Tax Bill To Invest In Mergers And Acquisitions In An Effort To Preserve Patents And Prevent Competitors From Producing Cheaper, Generic Drugs. “Blue-chip drugmakers holding \$200 billion in cash, mostly overseas, will start investing more of it in mergers and acquisitions after President Trump’s tax overhaul slashed the cost of spending the money in the U.S., debt-ratings firm Moody’s predicts. [...] Amgen, Pfizer, Gilead, and Celgene are the most likely to seek deals, Moody’s projects, as they grapple with challenges from a shrinking market for some medications to the expiration of patents on others that will enable rivals to produce cheaper generic versions.” [Washington Examiner, [1/9/18](#)]

Nine Pharmaceutical Companies Announced \$50 Billion In Share Buybacks After Tax Bill Passed, “A Sum That Towers Over Investments In Employees Or Drug Research And Development.” “The pharmaceutical industry is using a large portion of its windfall from Republicans’ corporate tax cuts to boost its stock prices. Nine drug companies are spending a combined \$50 billion on new share buyback programs, a sum that towers over investments in employees or drug research and development. The bottom line: All of those buybacks were announced during or after the passage of the Republican tax bill. That money is enriching hedge funds, other Wall Street investors and top drug company executives, but it isn’t necessarily helping patients.” [Axios, [2/22/18](#)]

HEADLINE: Pharma’s \$50 billion tax windfall for investors [Axios, [2/22/18](#)]

HEADLINE: Big Pharma investors cash in on Trump’s tax plan [Salon, [2/22/18](#)]

Career: Taylor Took \$7,800 In Campaign Cash From Big Pharma

Career: Taylor Received \$7,800 From The Pharmaceutical Industry. [OpenSecrets, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

2017-2018: Taylor Received \$7,550 From The Pharmaceutical Industry. [OpenSecrets, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

Opioid Epidemic

Taylor Voted For Sentencing Guidelines For Distributing Synthetic Opioids That Democrats Warned Would Impose Mandatory Minimums For Low-Level Offenders, Rather Than Expanding Treatment

Taylor Voted For Creating Sentencing Guidelines For Manufacturing Or Distributing Synthetic Opioids. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would create a new category of controlled substances, “schedule A,” for drugs or substances that have similar chemical structures or effects as controlled substances in schedules I through V. It would immediately classify certain fentanyl analogues as schedule A drugs. The bill would establish maximum penalties for the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of schedule A drugs, though possession of such substances alone would not constitute a basis for criminal or civil penalties.” The bill passed, 239-142. [H.R. 2851, [Vote #268](#), 6/15/18; CQ, [6/15/18](#)]

Democrats Warned The Bill Would Impose Mandatory Minimum Sentences, Filling Prisons With Low-Level Drug Offenders. “The House on Friday passed Rep. John Katko’s bill aimed at combating the opioid epidemic by making it easier for the federal government to stop the importation and distribution of synthetic drugs. But Democrats who opposed the bill warned the law would also impose mandatory minimum sentences, filling up the nation’s prisons with low-level drug offenders rather than expanding treatment options [...] House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer said before the vote that the bill could have unintended consequences. ‘This legislation lacks clarity that could result in thousands of Americans being incarcerated, potentially for life sentences, thus exacerbating an already over-populated prison system,’ Hoyer said. ‘Those suffering from opioid addiction need treatment and proper medical care, not more laws that will simply put them behind bars.’” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [6/15/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Considering An Amendment To Prohibit Restrictions On Medical Malpractice Lawsuits For “Grossly Negligent” Prescription Of Opioids

Taylor Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment To The Underlying Legislation That Would Prohibit Restrictions On Medical Malpractice Lawsuits For “Grossly Negligent” Prescription Of Opioids. In June 2017, Taylor voted against: “Kuster, D-N.H., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would modify the bill’s definition of ‘health care lawsuits’ to not include a claim or action related to the ‘grossly negligent’ prescription of opioids.” The motion was rejected, 235-191. [HR 1215, [Vote #336](#), 6/28/17; CQ, [6/28/17](#)]

Housing Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor introduced a fair housing act in the house to protect LGBT people from housing discrimination; U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA) introduced a companion bill in the U.S. Senate.*
- ✓ *Taylor backed several unsuccessful bills in the Virginia House of Delegates to attempt to address LGBT discrimination in housing.*

LGBT Housing Discrimination Bill

2017: Taylor Introduced A Bill He Claimed Would Address Housing Discrimination Against The LGTB Community

March 2017: Taylor Introduced The Fair And Equal Housing Act Of 2017

Taylor Introduced Legislation He Claimed Would Address LGBT Housing Discrimination. “Earlier this month, Taylor introduced legislation that would protect LGBT citizens from housing discrimination. ‘I believe that there was a gap in protection there,’ said the Republican representative, who is receiving bipartisan support on the measure. ‘A vulnerable population shouldn’t worry about having to be protected, of course. So it was important that we got out there and got something. I understand it’s not orthodoxy for my party, if you will, but it’s the right thing to do and I don’t mind stepping out and leading.’” [CBS-3 WTKR, [3/20/17](#)]

Virginian-Pilot: Taylor’s Fair & Equal Housing Act Would Amend Federal Fair-Housing Laws To Add Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity To List Of Protected Categories Of People. “In what may be a first for a Republican in Congress, Rep. Scott Taylor introduced legislation Thursday that would make it a violation of federal law to discriminate based on sexual orientation or gender identity when renting or selling housing. The measure, the first bill Taylor has introduced since taking office in January, would amend federal fair-housing laws to add the two categories of individuals to protections that already forbid housing discrimination based on sex, race, religion, national origin, disability or familial status. Taylor campaigned in the 2nd Congressional District as a self-described conservative and attended gay pride or gay rights events.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

March 2017: Taylor’s Anti-Discrimination Bill Was Referred To The Subcommittee On The Constitution And Civil Justice. [Congress.gov, [3/21/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed He Opposed Discrimination In Housing Because Renting To LGBT “Doesn’t Mean You’re Imposing Your Gayness On Me”

Taylor: “It’s A Personal-Freedom Issue... Just Because I Rent To You And You’re Gay Doesn’t Mean You’re Imposing Your Gayness On Me - Or Religion Or Whatever.” “He disagrees with the views of many social conservatives in the GOP-controlled Congress who oppose LGBT protections. ‘It’s a personal-freedom issue,’ Taylor said in an interview. ‘To me it is a conservative belief to have the pursuit of happiness and to be free as long as you’re not hurting someone else. Just because I rent to you and you’re gay doesn’t mean you’re imposing your gayness on me - or religion or whatever.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

Taylor On Religious Opposition To His Fair & Equal Housing Bill: “Eh, I Think Jesus Would Be Okay With It.” “Taylor’s bill would amend the Fair Housing Act of 1968 — which protects classes based on race,

sex, religious, and other characteristics — to also ban landlords from, say, turning away a gay couple, even if the proprietor has a religious objection. ‘There are social conservatives who don’t approve of that lifestyle, and that’s fine,’ he said, ‘but that shouldn’t stop people from being happy and not being discriminated against.’ He argued someone’s moral beliefs are insufficient grounds for balking at a business transaction. But what if religious conservatives argue that their faith prevents them from renting an apartment to a gay couple? ‘Eh,’ he said, ‘I think Jesus would be okay with it.’” [Buzzfeed, [2/21/17](#)]

Democratic U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine Introduced A Companion Bill In The U.S. Senate

June 2017: Senator Tim Kaine Of Virginia Introduced A Fair Housing Act To Target LGBT Discrimination And Credited Taylor As Introducing The House Version Of The Bill. “Yesterday, U.S. Senator Tim Kaine led 15 of his colleagues to introduce the Fair and Equal Housing Act of 2017, a bill that would add gender identity and sexual orientation to the classes protected from discrimination under the Fair Housing Act (FHA), to ensure equal housing opportunities for all Americans. U.S. Representative Scott Taylor (R-VA) introduced the original House version of this bill in early March of this year. The FHA only prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability. Currently, 22 states, the District of Columbia, and over 200 localities protect sexual orientation and gender identity in their housing discrimination statutes.” [Tim Kaine press release, [6/9/17](#)]

In The Virginia Legislature, Taylor Supported Bipartisan Legislation To Ban Anti-LGBT Housing Discrimination

Taylor Supported A Democratic Bill In The State Legislature That Would Have Banned Anti-LGBT Discrimination In Housing

2015: Taylor Supported A Democratic Bill In The Virginia House Of Delegates That Would Have Banned LGBT Housing Discrimination. “As a delegate in the state General Assembly, Taylor was a primary supporter of a bill introduced by Del. Marcus B. Simon (D-Fairfax), who represents a liberal Northern Virginia district, that would have banned LGBT discrimination in housing.” [Washington Post, [6/5/17](#)]

January 2015: HB 1454 Was Laid On The Table By Voice Vote. [Virginia’s Legislative Information System, [1/29/15](#)]

Taylor: “There’s A Generational Divide In Terms Of Acceptance Of The LGBT Community Being Part Of The Norm.” “There’s a generational divide in terms of acceptance of the LGBT community being part of the norm. I understand that’s maybe changing quickly for people, but that’s the society we live in,’ said Del. Scott W. Taylor (R-Virginia Beach), 36, who is running for Congress. [...] Taylor and Villanueva sponsored bills with Democrats in the House this year that would have banned discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace and in housing. Those bills never got a vote in committee.” [Washington Post, [2/18/16](#)]

Taylor Was A Chief Co-Sponsor Of A Bipartisan Bill In The House Of Delegates To Ban Anti-LGBT Discrimination In Housing And The Work Place That Never Received A Vote In Committee

2016: Taylor’s Anti-Discrimination Bill In The House Of Delegates Never Got A Vote In Committee. “Taylor and Villanueva sponsored bills with Democrats in the House this year that would have banned discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace and in housing. Those bills never got a vote in committee.” [Washington Post, [2/18/16](#)]

February 2016: HB 300 Virginia Fair Housing Law Was Laid On The Table By Voice Vote. [Virginia’s Legislative Information System, [2/4/17](#)]

Immigration And Border Issues

Significant Finding

- ✓ Taylor said, “physically, a [Mexican border] wall doesn’t make sense,” but voted to continue funding the border wall.
- ✓ Taylor voted for Katie’s Law.
- ✓ Taylor said that Trump’s Muslim Ban was not in fact directed at Muslims.
- ✓ Taylor castigated Christiane Amanpour for using the term “Muslim Ban” and later called it “irresponsible journalism.”
- ✓ Taylor accused Amanpour “giving a gift” to terrorist recruiters by calling it a “Muslim Ban.”
- ✓ Taylor voted twice to protect the Muslim Ban.
- ✓ Taylor said he supported a more stringent vetting process for immigrants from the Middle East and defended the order’s specific protections for Christians.
- ✓ Taylor eventually conceded that the ban was directed at Muslims and called it “unconstitutional.”
- ✓ Taylor claimed that 30% of FBI investigations into terrorism involved refugees.
- ✓ A Washington Post fact check rated the figure “highly misleading” and reported that it was more likely to be around 3%.
- ✓ Taylor said he wanted a solution to DACA but voted 21 times to block consideration of the DREAM Act.
- ✓ Taylor said Trump’s actions were “right” because “it was illegal for President Obama to create [the DACA] program.”
- ✓ Taylor said he wanted to protect current DACA recipients but disincentivize future illegal immigration.
- ✓ Numbers USA, a group that opposed illegal immigration, placed an ad against Taylor for his support of DACA. Taylor responded by calling the group “scumbags” in a Facebook post.
- ✓ Taylor voted to block legislation prohibiting family separation at the border.
- ✓ Taylor voted to ban sanctuary cities.

Border Wall

Taylor Equivocated On Trump’s Mexico-U.S. Border Wall: “I Believe That Any Wall...Should Have A Door”

Taylor: “I Believe That We Should Have Protections On Our Border, But I Believe That Any Wall Or Any Border Should Have A Door, And I Believe That Door Should Allow People To Come In Here Who Respect Our Laws.” “Asked about the administration’s pledge to build a wall on the United States border with Mexico, Taylor said that physically, a wall doesn’t make sense in some places on the border. ‘I believe that we should have protections on our border, but I believe that any wall or any border should have a door, and I believe that door should allow people to come in here who respect our laws,’ he said.” [Delmarva Daily Times, [2/23/17](#)]

Taylor Said A Physical Wall Did Not Make Sense As A Border Solution

Taylor Conceded That “Physically, A Wall Doesn’t Make Sense.” “Two women wanted to know about Trump’s plan to build a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border and had concerns that losing many immigrant workers can hurt the region’s agriculture and seafood industries. ‘Physically, a wall doesn’t make sense,’ Taylor said, noting that the border has too many geographic obstacles. ‘I believe we should be protecting our borders. I believe our borders should have a door.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [2/22/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Keep Border Wall Funding In The Security Minibus

Taylor Voted Against Increasing FEMA Funding, Eliminating Funding For A Border Wall, And Decreasing Funding For ICE Operations In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would increase funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Predisaster Mitigation Fund by \$2.4 billion, would eliminate \$1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border, and would decrease funding for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations by \$849.5 million.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 186-223. [H R 3354, [Vote #527](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For The “Security Minibus” Which Included \$1.6 Billion In Funding For A Southern Border Wall. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide \$788 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2018 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$658.1 billion in funding for Defense programs; \$88.8 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; \$37.6 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for the Energy Department, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and related agencies; and \$3.6 billion in funding fiscal 2018 for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. The bill would provide \$1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” Passed by a vote of 235-192. [H R 3219, [Vote #435](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Motion To Eliminate Border Wall Funding From The Security Minibus. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision related to providing funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would strike the division of the underlying bill that appropriates \$1.6 billion in taxpayer funds to begin construction of President Trump’s border wall along the U.S. – Mexico border.” Motion rejected by a vote of 193-234. [H R 3219, [Vote #434](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#); Democratic Leader’s Office, motion to recommit, [7/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Adding A Requirement That All Iron And Steel Products Used In The Construction Of The Border Wall Be From The United States. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “O’Halloran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require, as a condition of issuing a certificate of crossing, that all iron

and steel products used in the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of a border-crossing facility would be produced in the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add a requirement to the underlying bill that all iron and steel products used in construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of the border-crossing facility be produced in the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-232. [H R 2883, [Vote #397](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Defense Authorization From Being Used To Plan, Develop, Or Constrict A Border Wall. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Armed Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit funds authorized by the bill from being used to plan, develop, or construct any barriers, including walls or fences, along “the international border of the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would prohibit any funds authorized to be appropriated in the underlying bill from being used to plan, develop, or construct any barriers, including walls or fences, along the international border of the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [H R 2810, [Vote #377](#), 7/14/17; CQ, [7/14/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [7/14/17](#)]

Kate’s Law

Taylor Voted For Kate’s Law

Taylor Voted For ‘Kate’s Law’ – A Bill To “Establish Specific Possible Fines And Prison Sentences For Undocumented Immigrants Convicted Of Certain Criminal Offenses.” In June 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would establish specific possible fines and prison sentences for undocumented immigrants convicted of certain criminal offenses and who illegally return to the United States despite having been previously deported or otherwise excluded from the country. The bill would establish maximum sentences for such individuals with varying criminal histories, including a 10-year maximum sentence for illegal immigrants who reattempt to enter the country after three or more deportations, even if such individuals have not been convicted of any other crimes.” The bill Passed by a vote of 257-167. [H R 3004, [Vote #344](#), 6/29/17; CQ, [6/29/17](#)]

Washington Post: ‘Kate’s Law’ “Would Enhance Penalties For Convicted And Deported Criminals Who Reenter The United States Illegally. “On Thursday, just two days before the second-year anniversary of Steinle’s shooting, the House of Representatives passed a bill known as “Kate’s Law,” which would enhance penalties for convicted and deported criminals who reenter the United States illegally. It was first introduced in 2015, but it failed to advance in the Senate.” [Washington Post, [6/29/17](#)]

Washington Post: “Civil Rights Groups... Strongly Opposed Kate’s Law,” Described It As “Shortsighted And Ill-Conceived.” “Civil rights groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union, have strongly opposed Kate’s Law, calling it a ‘shortsighted and ill-conceived response’” to the young woman’s slaying. They argue that it is blanket legislation that would penalize even those who come to the United States to escape persecution. Opponents also say that the bill perpetuates the false notion that undocumented immigrants are inherently criminals.” [Washington Post, [6/29/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Motion To Exempt From Kate’s Law “Victims Of Sex Trafficking That Voluntarily Present Themselves At A Port Of Entry And Request Protection.” In June 2017, Taylor voted against: “motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions victims of sex trafficking that voluntarily present themselves at a port of entry and request protection.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add an exemption to the underlying bill to allow a victim of sex-trafficking to voluntarily present herself or himself at a port of entry to request protection without fear of violating the law.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-232. [H R 3004, [Vote #343](#), 6/29/17; CQ, [6/29/17](#); Democratic Leader’s office, motion to recommit, [6/29/17](#)]

The Muslim Ban

Taylor Said The Executive Order On Immigration Was Not A “Muslim Ban” And That He Disagreed With Trump’s Call For A Muslim Ban During His Campaign

HEADLINE: “GOP Lawmaker Argues Trump’s Call For Increased Travel Restrictions Not A ‘Muslim Ban.’” [Washington Times, [6/5/17](#)]

VIDEO: Taylor: “I Absolutely Disagree With Rhetoric During The Campaign, Saying—You Know, Calling For A Muslim Ban.” “TAYLOR: So again, the rhetoric I don’t agree with. I don’t agree with the pre-campaign rhetoric. So but I do think it’s responsible for an incoming administration [sic]. If they believe that they need to look at tougher -- tougher vetting procedures and specific countries that, quite frankly, are from the less -- from the previous administration of having a higher risk, I don’t disagree with that on its face. I absolutely disagree with rhetoric during the campaign, saying -- you know, calling for a Muslim ban. I don’t agree with that. I think it’s unconstitutional, but I don’t -- I think ultimately the Supreme Court will uphold. I just do, from a legal standpoint. Not an emotional or a policy standpoint but from a legal standpoint.” [CNN, New Day via Almutaz Bur News Network, YouTube, [6/5/17](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: Taylor: “I Do Not Agree With The Rhetoric Before, Before The Campaign, At All.” “TAYLOR: I do not agree with the rhetoric before, before the campaign, at all. Listen, I’ve been -- I’ve had my life in Muslim hands many times in the middle of the Arabian Desert. So I don’t agree with that, that rhetoric whatsoever. That being said, I think it will ultimately be upheld. I just do. I believe that there’s certainly debate on the policy itself. But I don’t think the legality...” [CNN, New Day via Almutaz Bur News Network, YouTube, [6/5/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Taylor: “I Do Not Support A Muslim Ban. I’d Be The First One To Stop And Say That’s Unconstitutional And That’s Wrong.” ‘I understand emotions are running high, but when I read that document it doesn’t tell me that it’s a Muslim ban,’ Taylor said. ‘I do not support a Muslim ban. I’d be the first one to stop and say that’s unconstitutional and that’s wrong.’ The executive order legitimately addressed concerns about state-sponsored terrorism in the affected countries, Taylor said. The White House should be criticized, however, for moving too quickly to put in motion the ban without preparation, he said. It was wrong to first say the ban included those with green cards or permanent U.S. resident status and then to reverse that interpretation. ‘But then it was corrected,’ Taylor said. ‘I’m hopeful that moving forward the White House learned a lesson. ... It’s up to them to gain the trust of the public.’” [Virginian-Pilot, [1/30/17](#)]

Taylor Defended The Order’s Emphasis On Protecting Christians

VIDEO: Taylor: “You Mentioned Christians. But I’ve Seen What Happens In Some Of These Countries With Christians...So I Get Why They Want [Christians] To Have Elevated Status...” “And like I’ve said, I’ve personally been to these countries. And you mentioned Christians. But I’ve seen what happens in some of these countries with Christians. So I get it. I get why they want to have elevated status to -- to at least to look and try to get some of these folks who in some countries there’s been genocide committed against them.” [CNN, New Day via Almutaz Bur News Network, YouTube, [6/5/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Taylor Argued That A More Stringent Vetting Process Was Appropriate While Also Admitting That It Would Be Nearly Impossible In Some Regions

VIDEO: Taylor: “...I Don’t Think It’s Unreasonable For An Incoming Administration To Say We Want To Stop And We Want To Look At These Countries Specifically, Because That’s Their Opinion That They’re A Higher Threat.” “I’ve already said on the record that I’ve been to many of these countries and that I do agree that there should be tougher vetting. That I don’t think it’s unreasonable for an incoming administration to say we want

to stop and we want to look at these countries specifically, because that's their opinion that they're a higher threat. I don't think it's unreasonable. I think there's a ton of rhetoric out there sort of on both sides that I agree with or don't agree with. But the actual policy. I trust the national security adviser. I trust General Mattis and those guys to makes these decisions to look at these countries. I just do." [CNN, New Day via Almutaz Bur News Network, YouTube, [6/5/17](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: Taylor Admitted That Vetting Would Be “Very, Very Difficult” In Some Regions But Said “I Think It’s Responsible To Look At Some Of These Countries And Have Tougher Vetting In There.” “So I don’t disagree with an incoming administration looking at these policies and looking at these countries to figure out. [...] In some of these countries, there are government institutions to be able to properly vet folks. It will be very, very difficult to vet someone in the Shabwah region in Yemen. It’s just because there aren’t -- there’s not information about them, and then there’s certainly not a government system that will help us, as well, too. I think it’s responsible to look at some of these countries and have tougher vetting in there. I just do. CUOMO: Everybody agrees.” [CNN, New Day via Almutaz Bur News Network, YouTube, [6/5/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Taylor Voted Twice To Protect Trump’s Muslim Ban

Taylor Voted To Block Consideration Of An Act Nullifying Trump’s Immigration Executive Order. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 70).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act of 2017, which provides that President Trump’s Immigration Executive Order shall have no force or effect.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 236-183. [HRes 70, [Vote #68](#), 1/30/17; CQ, [1/30/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [1/30/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Blocking Consideration Of An Act To Nullify Trump’s Immigration Executive Order. In February 2017, Taylor did not vote on the “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 71).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act of 2017, which provides that President Trump’s Immigration Executive Order shall have no force or effect.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-191. [HRes 71, [Vote #70](#), 2/1/17; CQ, [2/1/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Block Consideration Of An Act Nullifying Trump’s Immigration Executive Order. In February 2017, Taylor voted for the “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 74).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would bring up HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act, offered by Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, which would give the Republican Congress a second chance in as many days to defund and rescind President Trump’s unconstitutional and dangerous ban.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-188. [HRes 74, [Vote #74](#), 2/2/17; CQ, [2/2/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/2/17](#)]

Taylor Blasted Christiane Amanpour For Calling Trump’s Immigration Order A “Muslim Ban”

VIDEO: Taylor Claimed Amanpour Calling Trump’s Immigration Order A “Muslim Ban” Was “Irresponsible.” “TAYLOR: Well, listen, I think that -- first of all, let me finish one thing and I will get -- I will absolutely answer that specifically because I think there are issues with that. I appreciate Alberto [Mora]. I really do appreciate his opinion. But as he said—he did not say that it was a Muslim ban which you said was. And I think that it’s irresponsible of you to say that because you’re also fomenting problems as well too. (Crosstalk)

AMANPOUR: Oh, Scott. Oh, Scott. Come on, we're playing word games. TAYLOR: It's irresponsible of you. Irresponsible." [CNN, Amanpour, [1/31/17](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: Taylor: "...There Are Lot Of People Here Who Are Reasonable And Not All Crazy Who Truly Believe That We Have To Vet Folks A Little Bit More Securely..." "REP. SCOTT TAYLOR (R), VIRGINIA: Well, I take issue of the couple of things that you said and respectfully of course I appreciate you having me on your program. Let me preface it by saying I don't support a Muslim ban on. And when I read this text to me it's not a Muslim ban. I wholeheartedly don't support that... [...] And I just have to say -- I mean, the whole way that you've framed the whole thing, I just take a little bit of issue with it because I think there are lot of people here who are reasonable and not all alt-right and crazy and stuff like that, who truly believe that we have, that we have to vet folks a little bit more securely before they come over here and that is a pause." [CNN, Amanpour, [1/31/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Taylor Accused Amanpour Of Aiding Terrorist Recruiters By Using The Term "Muslim Ban"

VIDEO: Taylor: "When You Say Muslim Ban When It's Clearly Not, You're Giving A Gift" [To Terrorist Recruiters]. "AMANPOUR: But do you not think that's irresponsible Representative Taylor to throw out these executive orders and you heard what some tweets have been saying that this is -- and again, you, you clearly must understand this better than I because you've been out there, actually so have I. But this will be a gift to recruiters, to terrorists recruiters...? [...] The question was, you've accused me of being irresponsible, I'm asking you did you not think it's irresponsible to throw out this policy and create the chaos that we're seeing right now. TAYLOR: So, you asked two questions and I'm answering specifically. Number one, I think that there were legitimate criticisms with the rule out of the policy. Absolutely I agree with Alberto that the subject matter experts should see it. I agree at that hundred percent. But you also said, is it gift to folks to see -- AMANPOUR: Yes I'm asking the question -- TAYLOR: And I said -- hold on, let me finish. Because I think when you say Muslim ban when it's clearly not, you're giving a gift there. AMANPOUR: I see, OK. TAYLOR: -- in the Muslim community." [CNN, Amanpour, [1/31/17](#)] (VIDEO)

HEADLINE: "Trump Asked For A 'Muslim Ban,' Giuliani Says—And Ordered A Commission To Do It 'Legally.'" [Washington Post, [1/29/17](#)]

After The Interview, Taylor Criticized Amanpour For "Irresponsible Journalism"

Taylor Wrote A Facebook Post Castigating Amanpour For "Irresponsible Journalism And Fanning The Flames." "Rep. Taylor pushes back on Christiane Amanpour on irresponsible journalism and fanning the flames. No matter if you support or oppose the executive order, journalists should not frame their segments with their own political views or make definitive statements about text, using rhetoric as the source for the statement, as opposed to the actual text." [Scott Taylor Facebook, [2/1/17](#)]

Taylor Then Backtracked And Claimed Both That Action Was A Muslim Ban And That It Was Unconstitutional

Taylor: "I Disagreed With Him Publicly On A Muslim Ban. It's Unconstitutional. The Implementation Of The Order Was Very Bad." "The president is certainly imperfect. I'm going to agree with him on many things, and I'm going to disagree. And I'm not going to be bashful when I disagree with him — particularly the immigration order that came down. I agree with stronger vetting, but I disagreed with him publicly on a Muslim ban. It's unconstitutional. The implementation of this order was very bad. I'm on an equal branch of government, and we're there to provide oversight of the executive branch sometimes. If I agree with the president, I'll say it, but if I don't I'll say it." [Task and Purpose, [3/12/17](#)]

DACA, DAPA, And The DREAM Act

Taylor Said He Wanted A Solution To DACA But Also Said He Agreed With Trump

Taylor Organized Letter To Speaker Paul Ryan Urging A Fix For Young Undocumented Immigrants By The End Of The Year. “Dozens of House Republicans are preparing a letter to Speaker Paul Ryan urging a fix for young undocumented immigrants by the end of the year, adding pressure to high-stakes government funding discussions that could hinge on such a deal, according to three sources familiar with the matter. The letter, organized by Virginia Rep. Scott Taylor, already has signatories numbering in the 20s, according to a source familiar with the letter, and could reach into the 30s by the time it is sent. Taylor's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.” [CNN, [11/30/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Agrees With Trump 100 Percent On DACA, And That He Was Attacked By NumbersUsa. [WHKT, 1650AM, [1/11/18](#)]

Taylor On Trump DACA Decision: “President Trump Is Right To Put The Authority Back Into The Hands Of Congress.” “While benevolent and well intended, it was illegal for President Obama to create this program; a President does not create laws. Therefore, President Trump is right to put the authority back into the hands of Congress. I believe Congress should create, negotiate, and pass a law protecting those in this stateless limbo, which should contain disincentives to future illegal immigrants from attempting the same and border security measures. There are DACA recipients who are as American as myself. Americans do not punish children for their parents' sins. Under this Congress and this President we have returned to proper immigration enforcement and significantly reduced border crossings. Now is our time in Congress to lead with justice, mercy, and compassion on this issue.” [Office of Rep. Scott Taylor, Press Release, [9/5/17](#)]

Virginia Pilot: Taylor Wanted “Legislation That Would Create Disincentives To Parents Or Others Bringing Minors Illegally Into The United States While Protecting Current DACA Recipients.” “Taylor has met DACA recipients and said if Congress cannot change immigration laws to protect them, he and other legislators should be held accountable. ‘Can you imagine if some guy comes here when he’s 10 years old. He’s Somalian. He speaks like you and I do. You going to deport him to Somalia and he doesn’t speak Arabic?’ Taylor said. He wants legislation that would create disincentives to parents or others bringing minors illegally into the the United States while protecting current DACA recipients.” [Virginia-Pilot, [9/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Republican Immigration “Compromise” With A Path To Citizenship For A Limited Number Of DREAMers And \$25 Billion For A Border Wall

Taylor Voted Against Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2018, Which Would Appropriate Funds To Build A Border Wall With Mexico, Renew DACA For 6 Years, End The Diversity Visa Program And Require That Undocumented Immigrants Be Detained With Their Children. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$23.4 billion for various border security activities. Included would be \$16.6 billion for a ‘border wall system,’ which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2027, and \$6.8 billion for border security investments, which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023. It would provide those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status a six-year renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status and would allow them to apply for a green card after five years, providing a path to citizenship. It would modify legal immigration by ending the diversity visa program and reallocating those visas to other classifications. The bill would require that undocumented immigrants who are charged with a misdemeanor offense for improper entry into the United States be detained with their minor children.” The bill failed 121-301. [HR 6136, [Vote #297](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill, Known As “Goodlatte 2,” Was Republicans Attempt At An Immigration Compromise. “House Republicans’ legislative attempt to find consensus within their own party on the divisive issue of immigration failed on the floor Wednesday, with the chamber overwhelmingly rejecting their so-called compromise bill, 121-301.” [Roll Call, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill Would Have Allowed Dreamers To Apply For A “Merit-Based” Visa With A Path To Citizenship. “It would have provided DACA recipients the opportunity to obtain an indefinitely renewable three-year non-immigrant legal status. Goodlatte 2 included the same provision but made it last for six years and expanded its eligibility beyond current DACA recipients to those who would qualify but had not applied. Under the compromise bill, Dreamers could also apply for a new merit-based visa and eventually citizenship, something some conservatives felt amounted to amnesty.” [Roll Call, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill Added Restrictions To DACA Eligibility; The Bill Would Likely Provide A Pathway To Citizenship To Only 18 Percent Of Dreamers. “These restrictions were also in DACA, but the new bill would go even further to restrict eligibility. [...] In the best case scenario, the House GOP plan would likely provide a pathway to citizenship to fewer than 630,000 Dreamers—barely a third of the president’s promise in January and just 18 percent of the entire Dreamer population. Moreover, only an estimated 421,000 immigrants are likely to become citizens.” [CATO Institute, [6/19/18](#)]

The Bill Would Have Required Families Who Illegally Crossed The Border To Be Housed Together, Rather Than In Criminal Custody, But Eliminated The 20 Day Cap On Administrative Custody For Accompanied Children. “The compromise bill also included language intended to prevent children from being separated from their parents when detained at the border. It would have required the Department of Homeland Security to house families together while the parents are going through criminal proceedings for the misdemeanor of first-time illegal border crossing, instead of in criminal custody, and would have eliminated the 20-day cap on administrative custody for accompanied children.” [Roll Call, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill Granted \$25 Billion In Funds For A Southern Border Wall. “The bill also called for granting \$25 billion in funds for a southern border wall, making it more difficult for migrants to seek asylum, and allowing families to be detained indefinitely at the border in response to the Trump administration’s ‘zero-tolerance’ family separation policy. It also included provisions that would have significantly cut legal immigration levels.” [Vox, [6/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Amending The Border Security And Immigration Reform Act Of 2018 To Prohibit Law Enforcement From Detaining, Separately From Their Child, Any Individual Accused Of Entering The U.S. Illegally. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Espaillat, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit law enforcement from detaining, separately from their child, any individual accused of illegally entering the United States with a child, in cases in which the child is under the age of 18.” The motion failed, 190-230. [H.R. 6136, [Vote #296](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Hardline Conservative Immigration Bill That Criminalized Undocumented Immigration And Funded The Border Wall

Taylor Voted For The Securing America’s Future Act, Which Wouldn’t Offer DREAMers Pathway To Citizenship While Cracking Down On Asylum Seekers And Funding Trump’s Border Wall. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “bill that would authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including \$9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. It would modify legal immigration by ending the diversity visa program and restricting most family-based immigration to allow only spouses and minor children of legal permanent residents to receive green cards. It would increase enforcement of immigration laws within the United States, including by requiring all employers to verify the immigration status and eligibility of individuals seeking jobs in the United States.” The bill failed 193 to 231. [HR 4760, [Vote #282](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “The Conservative Alternative: No Chance For Citizenship For Legalized Immigrants, Deeper Cuts To Legal Immigration” [Vox, [6/18/18](#)]

Securing America's Future Act Offered Only Limited Protections For Current DACA Recipients, And Put DREAMers Who Did Not Apply Before Trump Ended The Program At Risk. “[T]he Securing America's Future Act provides only a potentially renewable three-year reprieve from deportation to current DACA recipients. [...] Rep. Goodlatte's bill offers only a tenuous second-class status to a small subset of people. Left out of the measure, for example, are people such as the 120,000 young Dreamers who never had the opportunity to apply for protection because of the Trump administration's decision to end the initiative. For these individuals—and for hundreds of thousands of other Dreamers—the Goodlatte bill offers the same peril it offers to all other undocumented immigrants: the threat of criminal prosecution, imprisonment, and deportation.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America's Future Act Would “Make It Easier To Deport Asylum Seekers, Including Unaccompanied Children.” Securing America's Future Act would “make it easier to deport asylum seekers, including unaccompanied children, without providing basic due process protections. [...] Instead of recognizing the unique vulnerability of people fleeing violence and persecution, the bill would make it far more likely that asylum seekers and unaccompanied children will be quickly deported back to their countries of origin, potentially being returned to harm or even death.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America's Future Act Would Criminalize All Undocumented Immigrants. “Under long-standing immigration law, being in the country without status is a civil—not criminal—violation. The Goodlatte bill would change the law and make unlawful presence a crime, turning the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country today into criminals overnight.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America's Future Act Provided \$9.3 Billion For Trump's Border Wall. The Securing America's Future Act would “authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including \$9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers” [CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Killing Attempt To Bring DREAM Act And Bipartisan Immigration Bill To A Vote

Taylor Voted For Bringing The Securing America's Future Act Of 2018 To The Floor For A Vote. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 954) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 4760) that would authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. Adoption of the rule would provide for the automatic adoption of an amendment that would modify funds authorized for border activities under the bill; authorizing \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022, instead of authorizing \$24.8 billion annually for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022.” The resolution passed 226 to 195. [H Res 954, [Vote #280](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Moderate Republicans Agreed To Process To Vote On Republican-Only Immigration Bills, Even Though It “Would Effectively Kill Their Discharge Petition” To Bring Bipartisan Immigration Fix To The Floor. “They agreed to a process that night that would effectively kill their discharge petition. With no agreement in sight, Ryan proposed two immigration votes: One on a conservative DACA bill, the other on ‘compromise’ legislation they’d continue trying to negotiate. Sensing the wind was against them, moderates reluctantly agreed.” [Politico, [6/27/17](#)]

Los Angeles Times: The Vote “Meant Defeat” For The Discharge Petition Effort. “An effort by moderate Republicans to force votes on a bipartisan immigration bill failed in the House on Tuesday, with members agreeing instead to vote on legislation that would guarantee funds for President Trump's proposed border wall. The agreement meant defeat, at least for now, for an effort led by Rep. Jeff Denham of Turlock and other GOP moderates to use a rare parliamentary maneuver known as a discharge petition to force the House to vote on the bipartisan immigration plan, and three other bills, over the objections of party leaders. [...] Defeat of the effort

greatly reduces the chances — already slim — that Congress could pass any form of Dreamer legislation before this year’s midterm election.” [Los Angeles Times, [6/12/18](#)]

Ryan “Acknowledged That One Of The Main Goals Of These Votes Was To Forestall” The Discharge Petition. “At Thursday’s weekly news conference, Ryan acknowledged that one of the main goals of these votes was to forestall a renegade group of Republicans from working with Democrats to pass a more liberal overhaul of immigration laws. ‘Our goal was to prevent a discharge petition from reaching the floor, because a discharge petition would have brought legislation to the floor that the president would have surely vetoed,’ Ryan said. ‘It would have been an exercise in futility.’ So instead, he set up this tortured series of votes.” [Washington Post, 6/21/18]

New York Magazine: “The Only Real Purpose Of This Exercise Was To Preempt A Discharge Petition” That Would Have Brought A Bipartisan Immigration Bill To The Floor. “Indeed, the only real purpose of this exercise was to preempt a discharge petition that House Democrats and some politically vulnerable House Republicans had signed that might have brought a Democratic immigration bill — indeed, the original DREAM Act — to the floor under conditions where it might have actually passed. So for all the endless and interminable and redundant House GOP talk about wanting to take action on immigration, when votes were finally held it was really about preventing action on immigration.” [New York Magazine, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Replacing The Text Of The Goodlatte Bill With The Text Of The DREAM Act. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would replace the bill’s provisions with a system that would provide a pathway to citizenship for recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, the motion “would strike the text in the underlying bill and replace it with the text of Rep. Roybal-Allard’s bill H.R. 3440 – Dream Act of 2017.” The motion failed 191 to 234. [HR 4760, [Vote #281](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Amendment To The Rule To Bring Up The Four Bills From The Discharge Petition – Two Republican Bills, The DREAM Act, And A Bipartisan Bill – Under A Queen Of The Hill Rule. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would would [sic] provide for consideration of H.R. 4760 – Securing America’s Future Act, and will make in order four substitute amendments to that bill, drafted at the discretion of the authors so long as they are germane to the underlying bill. H.Res. 774 allows for the amendment that receives the most votes (and at least a simple majority) to pass the House under a rule known as “queen-of-the-hill.” The four amendments that H.Res. 774 allows for are: an amendment offered by Rep. Goodlatte, which could be similar to H.R. 4760, an amendment offered by Rep. Roybal-Allard, which could be similar to a clean DREAM Act an amendment offered by Speaker Ryan an amendment offered by Rep. Denham, which could be similar to the bipartisan bill H.R. 4796 – USA Act. If the underlying Rule passes, it will turn off the discharge petition, and allow the House GOP to bring up anti-immigrant legislation that does not solve the DACA crisis.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to 232-190. [H Res 954, [Vote #279](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Sign The Discharge Petition That Would Have Brought Four Immigration Bills To The Floor For A Vote. [Discharge Petition No. 10, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

The Discharge Petition Would Bring The Conservative Goodlatte Bill, The Democratic DREAM Act, A Republican Leadership Sponsored Bill, And A Bipartisan Immigration Compromise To The Floor Under A “Queen Of The Hill” Rule. “The proposals in Denham’s Queen of the Hill rule are a conservative bill proposed by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) that would grant temporary status to so-called Dreamers while imposing a series of restrictive measures on legal and illegal immigration; the Dream Act, which would grant a path to citizenship to at least 1.8 million Dreamers; the USA Act, a bipartisan compromise that would pair

Dream Act-like measures with \$25 billion in border security; and an open slot for Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) to propose an immigration bill of his choosing.” [The Hill, [5/17/18](#)]

Taylor Voted 21 Times To Block The DREAM Act

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In March 2018, Taylor voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-186. [H Res 796, [Vote #123](#), 3/22/18; CQ, [3/22/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/22/18](#)]

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Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 773).” According to Rep. Polis, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act.* The previous question carried, 234-187. [H Res 773, [Vote #104](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/14/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Taylor voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 762).” According to Rep. Hastings, “Democrats have offered to bring the Dream Act to the floor now 24 times. We are going to give them one more chance. We have done it 23, and every single time this effort has been blocked by the majority. To address my friend who correctly cited that we were bringing this up: [...] We on this side of the aisle clearly want to fix this problem. So let’s do it now. Mr. Speaker, I urge a ‘no’ vote on the rule, on the previous question, and on the underlying bills.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act.* The previous question carried, 229-183. [H Res 762, [Vote #96](#), 3/7/18; CQ, [3/7/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 228-184. [H.Res.748, [Vote #84](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 228-187. [H.Res. 736, [Vote #72](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/14/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 224-186. [H.Res. 734, [Vote #67](#), 2/9/18; CQ, [2/9/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/9/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 235-189. [H. Res. 727, [Vote #58](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Taylor voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block Democrats from bringing the DREAM Act to a vote, according to a floor speech by Democratic Rep. Jim McGovern:* “Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge that my colleagues vote to defeat the previous question, and I will give a little explanation why. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, President Trump tweeted that he wants to show that ‘Democrats do not want to solve DACA, only use it.’ Well, I would beg to differ. This is the 19th time that we have attempted to bring the bipartisan bill, H.R. 3440, the Dream Act, for a vote on the House floor, and, if we defeat the previous question, we will bring that bill up. Motion agreed to by a vote of 232-187. [H.R. 695, [Vote #47](#), 1/30/18; Congressional Record, page H694, [1/30/18](#); CQ, [1/30/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility for amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote against considering a bill to protect DREAMers.* The motion was agreed to 230-187. [HR 2954, [Vote #20](#), 1/17/18; CQ, [1/17/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, archived, accessed [1/17/19](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Taylor voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 234 to 181. [H Res 681, [Vote #9](#), 1/10/18; CQ, [1/10/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [1/10/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 234-189. [HR 2874, [Vote #626](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#); Congressional Record, [11/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Tom Emmer (D-MN) said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young

people who are Americans in every way, except on paper.” **A vote *for* the amendment was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** The motion was agreed to 224-190. [HRes 609, [Vote #616](#), 11/8/17; CQ, [11/8/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 232-184. [HR 2936, [Vote #592](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#); Congressional Record, [11/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” **A vote *for* the amendment was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** The motion passed 228-189. [HRes 577, [Vote #572](#), 11/9/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [11/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 562).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Polis was going to offer an amendment for “consideration of the bill (H.R.3440) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.” **A vote *for* the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440.** The previous question carried, 227-190. [H Res 562, [Vote #560](#), 10/11/17; CQ, [10/11/17](#); Congress.gov, [10/11/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 548).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prohibited “consideration of the bill (H.R. 3440) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.” **A vote *for* the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440.** The previous question carried, 233-184. [HR 36, [Vote #546](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [10/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 538).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” **A vote *for* the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 223-187. [H RES 538, [Vote #538](#), 9/27/17; CQ, [9/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 533).” According to Democratic Rep. Alcee Hastings, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” **A vote *for* the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-189. [H RES 533, [Vote #532](#), 9/26/17; Congressional Record, H7503, [9/26/17](#); CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment).”

According to the Democratic Leader's website "The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.RE.3440, which would permanently protect dreamers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-186. **A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** [H RES 504, [Vote #457](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Democratic Leader's Website "The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.RE.3440, which would permanently protect dreamers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood." **A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-187. [H RES 500, [Vote #442](#), 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17; DemocraticLeader.Gov, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor Said Trump's Actions Were "Right" Because "It Was Illegal For President Obama To Create [The DACA] Program"

Taylor: "It Was Illegal For President Obama To Create This Program... President Trump Is Right To Put The Authority Back Into The Hands Of Congress." "While benevolent and well intended, it was illegal for President Obama to create this program; a President does not create laws. Therefore, President Trump is right to put the authority back into the hands of Congress. I believe Congress should create, negotiate, and pass a law protecting those in this stateless limbo, which should contain disincentives to future illegal immigrants from attempting the same and border security measures." [Office of Rep. Scott Taylor, Press Release, [9/5/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Wanted To Protect Current DACA Recipients But Disincentivize Future Illegal Immigration

Virginia Pilot: Taylor Wanted "Legislation That Would Create Disincentives To Parents Or Others Bringing Minors Illegally Into The United States While Protecting Current DACA Recipients." "Taylor has met DACA recipients and said if Congress cannot change immigration laws to protect them, he and other legislators should be held accountable. 'Can you imagine if some guy comes here when he's 10 years old. He's Somalian. He speaks like you and I do. You going to deport him to Somalia and he doesn't speak Arabic?' Taylor said. He wants legislation that would create disincentives to parents or others bringing minors illegally into the the United States while protecting current DACA recipients." [Virginia-Pilot, [9/5/17](#)]

Taylor Emphasized Disincentives To Future Illegal Immigrants But Said "There Are DACA Recipients Who Are As American As Myself." "I believe Congress should create, negotiate, and pass a law protecting those in this stateless limbo, which should contain disincentives to future illegal immigrants from attempting the same and border security measures. There are DACA recipients who are as American as myself. Americans do not punish children for their parents' sins. Under this Congress and this President we have returned to proper immigration enforcement and significantly reduced border crossings. Now is our time in Congress to lead with justice, mercy, and compassion on this issue." [Office of Rep. Scott Taylor, Press Release, [9/5/17](#)]

Taylor Feuded With Numbers USA After The Group Attacked Taylor For Supporting DACA

Numbers USA, A Group That Opposes Illegal Immigration, Placed An Ad Against Taylor For His Support Of DACA

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Numbers USA Alleged Taylor Called Their Offices, Screamed Obscenities At Their Staff, Asked The Group For Their Address And Threatened To “Blow Them Up.” “According to some people at Numbers USA, on Friday Dec. 8, Mr. Taylor called the offices of Numbers USA. According to Numbers USA, at first, he screamed obscenities at the staff, then asked for the address of the group and threatened to ‘blow them up.’” [Washington Times, [12/27/17](#)]

The Washington Times Pushed For A Congressional Investigation Into Taylor And Questioned Why Republicans Would Investigate Accusations Of Child Molestation Against Roy Moore But Not This. “This story is disturbing, but there is a bigger question that should be asked. Where is the congressional investigation on this incident? Calling an advocacy group and screaming obscenities at them is certainly beneath the dignity of a sitting U.S. congressman. Many establishment Republicans were very interested in an investigation of Roy Moore because of events that occurred thirty or more years ago. How about an investigation of a very disturbing incident that occurred this month?” [Washington Times, [12/27/17](#)]

Family Separation

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 953) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6136) that would appropriate \$23.4 billion for various border security activities.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Ranking Member Nadler’s bill, H.R. 6135, the Keep Families Together Act, which I am proud to cosponsor. This thoughtful proposal would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from separating children from their parents, of course, except in extraordinary circumstances, and limit the criminal prosecution of asylum seekers.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill prohibiting immigrant family separations. The motion was agreed to 233-191. [HR 6136, [Vote #285](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); Congressional Record, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Privatized For-Profit Immigration Detention Facilities

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Privatized For-Profit Immigration Detention Facilities. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security to be used to enter into contracts with privatized immigration detention facilities.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 183-230. [H R 3354, [Vote #465](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Sanctuary Cities

Taylor Voted To Ban Sanctuary Cities

Taylor Voted For A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit federal, state and local governments from restricting any federal, state, or local government entity or official from complying with immigration laws or from assisting federal law enforcement entities or officials in their enforcement of such laws. The bill would allow the Homeland Security Department to issue detainers for arrests of individuals in violation of “any criminal or motor vehicle law” in cases where there is probable cause to believe such individual is an “inadmissible or deportable alien,” and would revoke eligibility for certain federal law enforcement grants for states and cities found not to be in compliance with the bill’s provisions.” The bill passed 228-195. [HR 3003, [Vote #342](#), 6/29/17; CQ, [6/29/17](#)]

New York Times: The No Sanctuary For Criminals Act “Broadens The Pool Of Money That Cities Could Lose For Not Cooperating With Federal Immigration Officials.” “One of the House bills, known as the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act, potentially broadens the pool of money that cities could lose for not cooperating with federal immigration officials. It also seeks to indemnify local law enforcement officials who detain immigrants on behalf of the federal authorities from lawsuits, making the federal government the defendant in such cases. The bill passed 228 to 195.” [New York Times, [6/29/17](#)]

The National Fraternal Order Of Police Opposed The No Sanctuary For Criminals Act. “Some law enforcement officials have also expressed concerns with the legislation. The National Fraternal Order of Police came out against the sanctuary cities bill this week. In a letter to House leadership, the group’s national president, Chuck Canterbury, said, ‘Law enforcement officers do not get to pick and choose which laws to enforce, and must carry out lawful orders at the direction of their commanders and the civilian government that employs them.’” [New York Times, [6/29/17](#)]

ACLU: HR 3003 Would Violate 4th Amendment Protections Against Detention Without Due Process Or Probable Cause. “And the American Civil Liberties Union said the sanctuary cities bill violates the Fourth Amendment by requiring local law enforcement to hold people without due process or probable cause when requested by immigration agents.” [New York Times, [6/29/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 414) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3003) that would prohibit federal, state and local governments from restricting any federal, state, or local government entity or official from complying with immigration laws or from assisting federal law enforcement in its enforcement of such laws.” The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3003, [Vote #332](#), 6/28/17; CQ, [6/28/17](#)]

Refugees

Taylor Claimed The FBI Said “30 Percent...Of Their Domestic Terrorism Cases Involved Refugees” But Added That “It [Was] Important Not To Label Refugees As Bad People”

Taylor: “Just Today The FBI Comes Out And Says That 30 Percent -- 30 Percent -- Of Their Domestic Terrorism Cases They Are Investigating Are From Folks Who Are Refugees.” “TAYLOR: Again, just today the FBI comes out and says that 30 percent -- 30 percent -- of their domestic terrorism cases they are investigating are from folks who are refugees. It’s important not to label refugees as bad people.” [CNN, [3/6/17](#)]

Reuters: An Unnamed Congressional Source Said The FBI Was Investigating 300 Refugees “As Part Of 1,000 Counterterrorism Investigations.” “The FBI is investigating 300 people who were admitted into the United States as refugees as part of 1,000 counterterrorism investigations involving Islamic State or individuals inspired by the militant group, congressional sources told Reuters on Monday, citing senior administration officials.” [Reuters, [3/6/17](#)]

The Congressional Sources Requested Anonymity. “Department of Homeland Security officials did not provide details of the investigations or the current immigration status of those 300 individuals during a briefing with congressional staffers, according to the sources, who requested anonymity.” [Reuters, [3/6/17](#)]

The Washington Post Estimated That Investigations Into Refugees Actually Made Up Approximately 3 Percent Of Terrorism Investigations. “The FBI has averaged 7,000 to 10,000 preliminary or full investigations involving international terrorism annually in recent years, the Times reported in September 2016. So that means the 300 refugee investigations make up about 3 percent of the total number of assessments per year in recent years.” [Washington Post, [3/6/17](#)]

The FBI Said 2,000 People Were Being Investigated For Either Ties To ISIS Or Homegrown Terrorism And That Was Only A Subset Of The Total Number Of Counterterrorism Investigations. “Through a May 3, 2017, congressional testimony and May 9 follow-up letter, the FBI said there are about 1,000 investigations of suspected homegrown violent extremists and another 1,000 investigations of people suspected of being connected to ISIS. The FBI said the 2,000 investigations are a subset of the total number of counterterrorism investigations, which is classified.” [Washington Post, [3/6/17](#)]

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A Washington Post Fact Check Rated The Figure “Highly Misleading.” “In the absence of context or additional information from the administration, we find this figure highly misleading, worthy of Three Pinocchios. Should the administration decide to share more information to place this figure into context, we’re happy to reconsider the evidence and the rating.” [Washington Post, [3/6/17](#)]

Taylor Argued The United States Could Help More People In The Middle East Rather Than Resettling Them In The United States

Taylor: “We Can Help A Hell Of A Lot More People Over There [In The Middle East] Than We Can Trying To Resettle Them Here.” “The safe zones, I actually agree with that. I think that we do have a duty to the international community, not just the west in general but also the Gulf nations, to help those folks that are over there. But I can tell you right now, we can help a hell of a lot more people over there than we can trying to resettle them here.” [CNN, [2/20/17](#)]

Labor & Working Family Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor voted to block a bill increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour over seven years.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to undermine worker protections by allowing private-sector employees to swap overtime pay for “comp time.”*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to block or undermine workers’ ability to earn sick time.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted repeatedly to roll back Davis-Bacon wage protection.*

Minimum Wage

2017: Taylor Voted For Block A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour In Seven Years

Taylor Voted To Block A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour In Seven Years. In June 2017, Taylor voted for a motion to order the previous question. A yes vote would block consideration of “H.R. 15, The Raise The Wage Act., which would give workers the raise they deserve, and increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour within 7 years.” The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3003, [Vote #331](#), 6/28/17; CQ, [6/28/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [9/12/17](#)]

Paid Leave

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Allow Americans To Earn Paid Sick Leave

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Allow Americans To Earn Paid Sick Leave. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the previous question would allow for “consideration of the bill (H.R. 1516) to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the amendment for paid sick leave. The previous question carried, 231-188. [H Res 352, [Vote #275](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill That Undermined Overtime Pay And Sick Leave

Taylor Voted For The Working Families Flexibility Act, Allowing Private-Sector Employees To Swap Overtime Pay For ‘Comp Time.’ In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. To be eligible, employees would be required to have worked at least 1,000 hours in a 12-month period. Employees would be limited to 160 hours of compensatory time and employers would be required to provide monetary compensation by Jan. 31, for any unused compensatory time accrued during the preceding year. The bill’s provisions would sunset five years after enactment.” The bill was passed by a vote of 229-197. [HR 1180, [Vote #244](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

NBC News: Democrats Opposed The Bill, Saying It Weakened Worker Protections And Could Allow Employers, Who Would Have Final Say On Scheduled Comp Time, To “Kick The Can Down The Road

On Money You Earned Putting In Extra Hours.” “The House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday that would allow employees to swap overtime pay for “comp time,” a rules change congressional Republicans have tried to push through for more than two decades. [...] Where do the Democrats stand? They really don’t like this bill. Many progressives in the House argue that the proposal would chip away at protections for hardworking Americans and undermine the Fair Labor Standards Act. The measure, among other rules, would give employers the final say on when comp time can be used. In other words, House Dems fear, your boss could conceivably kick the can down the road on money you earned putting in extra hours. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a fierce advocate for workers’ rights, blasted the bill as a ‘disgrace.’” [NBC News, [5/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Blocking Protections From The Bill For Employees Who Receive Seven Or More Sick Days From Their Employers, Which Can Be Used To Seek Care For Pre-Existing Medical Conditions. In May 2017, Taylor voted against: “Scott, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions employees who receive seven or more sick days from their employer.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 192-234. [HR 1180, [Vote #243](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Waive Certain Rules Making It Easier For The House To Pass A Bill To Allow Employees To Trade Overtime Pay For Comp Time. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 299) that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. It would waive, through the legislative day of May 5, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. It also would provide for consideration of measures under suspension of the rules on the legislative days of May 4 and May 5, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-193. [HR 1180 (HRes 299), [Vote #241](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Davis-Bacon

Taylor Repeatedly Voted To Roll Back Davis-Bacon Wage Protections

Taylor Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill from being used to implement, administer or enforce prevailing wage requirements associated with the Davis-Bacon Act, which specify the basis for wages paid to employees by companies under contract with the federal government.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-249. [H R 3219, [Vote #419](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

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Taylor Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirement. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #453](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

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2017, Taylor voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment, as modified, that would prohibit funding made available in the bill for the Department of Homeland Security and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 173-240. [H R 3354, [Vote #464](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

LGBT Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor supported Don't Ask, Don't Tell in 2010.*
- ✓ *In 2017, Taylor appeared to reverse his view and support allowing gay people to serve openly in the military.*
- ✓ *Taylor said he supported civil contracts but not gay marriage, and that marriage was meant to be between a man and a woman.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted for the Hartzler Amendment to reverse a measure requiring the Pentagon to pay for gender transition surgeries and hormone therapy.*
- ✓ *Taylor denied that the Trump Administration was rolling back protections for transgender teenagers.*

Don't Ask, Don't Tell

Taylor Recently Claimed He Supported Allowing LGBT Service In The Military, But When It Counted He Opposed It

2010: Taylor Supported "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" And Claimed Gay People Serving Openly In The Military "May Cause A Lack Of Discipline"

The Virginian-Pilot Reported That Taylor Wanted To Leave "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" In Place. "All the candidates but Sandlin also want to leave intact the 'don't ask, don't tell' law that permits gays to serve in the military as long as they keep secret their sexual orientation. [...] Taylor, a former Navy SEAL, said he's fine with gays in the military but if they serve openly 'that may cause a lack of discipline.'" [Virginian-Pilot, [5/31/10](#)]

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2017: Taylor Claimed He Supported Allowing Gay Men And Women To Serve Openly In The Military

Taylor Supported Allowing Gay Men And Women To Serve Openly In The Military. "[Taylor] also supports allowing gay men and women to serve openly in the military. Twenty-two states and the District of Columbia already include sexual orientation and gender identity in their housing protection statutes. Virginia does not. Taylor's bill defines gender identity as 'gender-related identity, appearance, or mannerisms or other gender-related characteristics of an individual, without regard to the individual's designated sex at birth.' Protected sexual orientation under the legislation would include 'homosexuality, heterosexuality or bisexuality.'" [Virginian-Pilot, [3/10/17](#)]

LGBT Discrimination

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2010: Taylor Said He Believed In Civil Contracts For Same-Sex Couples, But Not Marriage

2016: Taylor Believed Marriage Should Only Be Between A Man And A Woman But Claimed To Accept The Supreme Court Ruling. "Taylor said he believes marriage should only be between one man and one woman but accepts the U.S. Supreme Court rulings that protect rights to same-sex marriages." [Virginian-Pilot, [6/5/16](#)]

2010: The Virginian-Pilot Reported That Taylor Believed That The "Benefits Of Marriage" Should Be Reserved For Heterosexual Couples But That Same-Sex Couples Could Have Civil Contracts. "The other five candidates say the benefits of marriage should be only for heterosexual couples. Loyola, Mizusawa, Rigell and Taylor said they believe some civil contracts between same-sex couples could be permitted but not marriage." [Virginian-Pilot, [5/31/10](#)]

2016: Taylor Supported Legislation To Protect Those Who Discriminated Against LGBT People

June 2016: Taylor Supported Unsuccessful Legislation That Would Block Civil Penalties For Religious Organizations Or Ministers Who Decline To Perform Gay Marriages. "Taylor supported state legislation earlier this year that would protect ministers or religious organizations from civil penalties should they decline to perform a gay marriage because of religious objections. However, he opposed a related bill that he said would allow businesses or individuals to discriminate against gays, gay couples or anyone having sex before marriage. Neither measure became law." [Virginian-Pilot, [6/5/16](#)]

2016: Taylor Voted With Democrats To Kill A Bill That Would Protect People Who Oppose Gay Marriage

February 2016: In The House Of Delegates, Taylor Joined Democrats To Vote Against A Bill Seeking To Protect People Who Oppose Same-Sex Marriage. "Virginia's Republican-dominated House of Delegates approved a bill Tuesday that seeks to protect people who oppose same-sex marriage, which critics said would open the door to discrimination and roll back gains the LGBT community has made toward equal treatment. [...] Several Republican delegates joined Democrats to vote against the measure. Among them was Del. Scott Taylor, who is seeking Virginia's 2nd Congressional District Seat. Taylor said the bill was too broad." [Daily Progress, [2/16/16](#)]

Taylor Spoke Out Against "Gay Bashing" After A Discriminatory Mailing From A Republican State Senator

June 2017: Taylor Condemned An Anti-Gay Mailing Used By Virginia State Senator Bryce Reeves: "Gay Bashing And Discrimination Is Unacceptable." "Virginia state Sen. Bryce Reeves blasted one of his Republican rivals in the primary race for lieutenant governor for supporting the appointment of the state's first openly gay judge. Now, other Republicans are accusing Reeves of gay bashing, prompting an intraparty dispute around gay issues. In a pair of mailers landing days ahead of Tuesday's three-way GOP primary, Reeves (Spotsylvania) slams Sen. Jill Holtzman Vogel (Fauquier) because she 'voted to approve the first openly gay judge in the Commonwealth' and was the 'only Republican to vote for special rights for gays and transgenders.' [...] 'I am very

upset by the mailer I saw,’ Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Va.) said in an email. ‘Gay bashing and discrimination is unacceptable and the wrong message for the people of our party, the people of Virginia, and the people of America.’” [Washington Post, [6/9/17](#)]

March 2017: Taylor Introduced A Fair Housing Act

March 2017: Taylor Introduced HR 1447, The “Fair And Equal Housing Act Of 2017,” Which Would Amend The Fair Housing Act Under The Civil Rights Act Of 1968 To Add Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity As Protected Classes. According to the bill’s text, HR 1447 would “amend the Fair Housing Act (FHA) under the Civil Rights Act of 1968 to add sexual orientation and gender identity as classes protected against discrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing.” In the last action reported, the bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary’s Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. [HR 1447, [3/9/17](#)]

Transgender Rights

July 2017: Taylor Voted For The Hartzler Amendment To Remove An Obama-Era Measure Requiring The Pentagon To Pay For Gender Transition Surgeries And Hormone Therapy

Taylor Voted In Favor Of The Hartzler Amendment “On The Basis Of Individual Medical Readiness.” “Rep. Scott W. Taylor (R), a freshman from Virginia Beach, voted for the [Hartzler] amendment, despite a record of supporting LGBT causes through legislation. Taylor said that Trump’s ban, announced Wednesday via Twitter, is premature because the Defense Department is in the midst of a review of its policies addressing transgender members of the military. ‘There are heroic military members willing to put their lives on the line and give the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf, regardless of their gender identity,’ he said in a statement. He said he voted for the Hartzler amendment ‘on the basis of individual medical readiness,’ meaning that he did not want taxpayers to cover the year-long post-surgery recuperation period.” [Washington Post, [7/26/17](#)]

Taylor: “Readiness Is Crucial For Us To Continue To Have The Most Highly Capable Fighting Force In The World.” “I recently supported the Hartzler amendment on the basis of individual medical readiness, which should always be a priority for the military. Readiness is crucial for us to continue to have the most highly capable fighting force in the world.” [U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, Press Release, [7/26/17](#)]

Transgender Naval Officer Vivian Wise, A Constituent, Criticized Taylor’s Vote As “Naked Bigotry And A Backlash Against Progress The Transgender Community Has Made In Recent Decades.” “Vivian Wise, a transgender woman and Navy officer who works in off-ship communications and lives in Virginia Beach, said the ban leaves her wondering whether she should search for a new job and place to live. She said she considers Taylor’s vote for the Hartzler amendment an example of ‘naked bigotry and a backlash against progress the transgender community has made in recent decades.’ ‘Frankly I wasn’t surprised at all,’ she said. ‘Representative Taylor is something of a water carrier for his party. He seems to be someone who will go along with the majority.’” [Washington Post, [7/26/17](#)]

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Taylor Said That Trump’s Ban On Transgender People In The Military Was “Premature”

Taylor Said Trump’s Military Transgender Ban Was “Premature.” “Our office is currently waiting for the Department of Defense (DoD) to provide information requested on this issue. I am troubled that they seemed to be unaware of this potential policy change and how it was made public. I understand the DoD is in the middle of a review of relevant policies and I believe this ban is premature. There are heroic military members willing to put their lives on the line and give the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf, regardless of their gender identity. I support the ability for those who meet all military requirements, medical and otherwise, to have the opportunity to serve our great country. I recently supported the Hartzler amendment on the basis of individual medical readiness, which should always be a priority for the military. Readiness is crucial for us to continue to have the most highly capable fighting force in the world.” [U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, Press Release, [7/26/17](#)]

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February 2017: Taylor Denied The Trump Administration Was Rolling Back Protections For Transgender Teenagers

When Asked About Protections For Transgender Teens, Taylor Replied, “I’m Not So Sure They Tried To Roll Back The Protection Of Discrimination And Harassment. I’m Not Sure That’s That Case.”

“CAMEROTA: All right. I want to ask you about the news this morning about the Trump administration rolling back the protections for transgender teenagers at school. Are you worried this will make trans teenagers more vulnerable at school? [...] CAMEROTA: I want to understand -- TAYLOR: Yes? CAMEROTA: -- since this is an important issue to you, and you have tried protecting them -- TAYLOR: Sure. CAMEROTA: -- why do you think that the White House took this issue to roll back those protections? TAYLOR: I’m not so sure they tried to roll back the protection of discrimination and harassment. I’m not sure that’s that case. I’ll let them answer those questions.” [CNN, [2/23/17](#)]

National Defense & Security Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor wanted to reduce spending on government assistance in order to increase defense funding.*
- ✓ *Taylor claimed that the Army had 30% surplus infrastructure, which “has to be on the chopping block.”*
- ✓ *Taylor said President Trump’s \$18.5 billion military spending increase was “a start and something is better than nothing.”*
- ✓ *Taylor: “You’ve got to give kudos” to Trump for cutting “excess infrastructure” like the F-35 program.*
- ✓ *Taylor strongly opposed sequestration.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted against additional safeguards for warrantless wiretapping*
- ✓ *Taylor claimed international terror groups are a greater threat to national security than Russia or Iran.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to allow individuals with primarily political functions like Stephen Bannon to sit on the National Security Council.*
- ✓ *Taylor called the prosecution of a U.S. Navy SEAL charged with punching a suspected terrorist “ridiculous,” and dangerous for U.S. troops.*

Funding

FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act

Taylor Voted For Agreeing To The Conference Report For The National Defense Authorization Act FY 2019. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize \$708.1 billion for defense-related programs, with \$639.1 billion for the Defense Department’s base budget, and \$69 billion for overseas contingency operations. Specifically, it would authorize \$65 million for the development of low-yield nuclear weapons. It would also authorize \$18.8 billion for Navy aircraft procurement, \$16.5 billion for Air Force aircraft, and 24.1 billion for Navy shipbuilding. It would prohibit any U.S. government agency from using technology produced by the Chinese companies ZTE or Huawei, but would not reimpose a ban on U.S. exports to ZTE.” The report was agreed to, 359-54. [HR 5515, [Vote #379](#), 7/26/18; CQ, [7/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of FY2019 Bill Providing Appropriations To The Department Of Defense For Military Activities. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make a total of \$674.6 billion in discretionary defense spending for fiscal 2019, which would include \$605.5 billion in discretionary spending subject to spending caps for fiscal 2019 and \$68.1 billion in uncapped Overseas Contingency Operations funding.” The bill passed, 359-49. [HR 6157, [Vote #313](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Bill Amounted To A 15,600 Troop Increase Across The Military And 2.6 Percent Pay Raise For Service Members. “The House’s budget amount includes a 15,600 troop increase across the military, and a 2.6 percent pay raise for service members beginning in January.” [The Hill, [6/28/18](#)]

Bill Included \$9.4 Billion For 93 F-35s – 16 More Than The Trump Administration Requested – And \$22.7 Billion For 12 New Navy Ships. “In addition, the bill would provide \$9.4 billion for 93 F-35 fighter jets - 16 more jets than the administration requested and four more than Senate appropriators want – as well as \$22.7 billion for 12 new Navy ships, and \$145.7 billion for equipment purchases and upgrades. House lawmakers had inserted several amendments into the bill leading up to the vote, including a provision to add \$10 million to aid in bringing Korea War remains from North Korea to the United States, and a proposal to block the Pentagon from business with Chinese telecom companies ZTE and Huawei.” [The Hill, [6/28/18](#)]

FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act

Taylor Voted For The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 That Authorized \$692.1 Billion For Defense And Prohibited Closing Guantanamo Bay. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize \$692.1 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2018, including \$65.7 billion for overseas operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, and for the general war on terror. It would authorize \$241.2 billion for operations and maintenance; \$146.2 billion for military personnel; 10.7 billion for military construction and family housing; \$15 billion for ballistic-missile defense; and \$33.9 billion for defense health care programs, including \$396 million from the overseas operations account. It would prohibit the use of funds for a new round of base closures. It would authorize \$8 billion for various cybersecurity programs, would require the president to develop a national policy for the United States related to cybersecurity and would withhold certain funds made available for White House staff until the president would submit such national policy to Congress. The bill would authorize a 2.4 percent pay raise for military personnel. It would prohibit detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from being transferred to U.S. soil, and would prohibit the closing of the main base and detention facility at Guantanamo. It would extend, through 2018, the authority for several bonus and special payments for military members.” The conference report was adopted 356-70. [HR 2810, [Vote #631](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

President Trump Signed The Bill Into Law On December 12, 2017. [HR 2810, latest action [12/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Authorization FY 2018 Discretionary Funding For Defense Programs. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize \$688.3 billion in discretionary funding for defense programs in fiscal 2018. The total would include \$74.6 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations funds, of which \$10 billion would be used for non-war, base defense budget needs; \$239.7 billion for operations and maintenance; \$10.2 billion for military construction; \$142.9 billion for military personnel; and \$33.9 billion for defense health care programs. It would authorize \$12.5 billion for procurement of F-35 planes, research and development, as well as modifications to existing aircraft, and would prohibit the retirement of the A-10 bomber fleet. The bill would require the Defense Department to submit to Congress a report on vulnerabilities to military installations resulting from climate change over the next 20 years, and would express the sense of Congress that climate change is a “direct threat” to U.S. national security. The bill would also require the Air Force to establish, by 2019, the Space Corps, a fighting force to improve the U.S. military’s ability to address threats in space.” The bill passed by a vote of 344-81. [H R 2810, [Vote #378](#), 7/14/17; CQ, [7/14/17](#)]

Funding Priorities

Taylor Said He Wanted To Reduce Spending On Government Assistance Such As Food Stamps To Balance Out An Increase In Defense Funds

Taylor Said He And Other Republicans Wanted To Reduce Spending On Food Stamps To Free Up Defense Funds. “To free up more defense funds, Taylor said he and other Republicans want to reduce spending on some government assistance, such as food stamps, and potentially cut outdated military programs.” [Associated Press, [2/12/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed Army's "30 Percent Surplus Infrastructure...Has To Be On The Chopping Block"

Taylor: "Army Has 30 Percent Surplus Infrastructure So That Has To Be On The Chopping Block." "I think we can tighten the belt on a lot of different agencies, as well, too. Defense has taken the brunt of this over the last eight years. And we've got to get our maintenance and everything back -- restored as a military. I think we can thread the needle. Army has 30 percent of surplus infrastructure. So that has to be on the chopping block. So again, I'm a budget hawk and a military hawk. I think we can thread the needle. I think that we can look at programs that may not address threats today and tomorrow that are very big and excess infrastructure and look for cost savings." [CNN, New Day, [2/28/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

Trump's Promises

Taylor Said President Trump's \$18.5 Billion Military Spending Increase Was "A Start And Something Is Better Than Nothing"

Taylor: "With All Due Respect To [Senator McCain]...It's A Start And Something Is Better Than Nothing." "CUOMO: McCain says the president says he's going to boost our military. He's not delivering. Three percent, \$18.5 billion. He says it's not enough, that it's a hollow promise. Do you agree with McCain? TAYLOR: Well, with all due respect to the senator who has been here longer than I have, of course, and I've listened to on him, as well, you know, it's a start and something is better than nothing. We've got to get this military apparatus and national security apparatus back functioning." [CNN, New Day, [2/28/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

Taylor: "You've Got To Give Kudos" To Trump For Cutting "Excess Infrastructure" Like The F-35 Program

Taylor: "Looking At Excess Infrastructure...You've Got To Give Kudos To The President. He Saved A Lot Of Money Helping Out With The F-35 Program." "And that being said, where I would differ with Senator McCain a little bit is exactly what I just said. Looking at excess infrastructure that the Army says they don't need and looking at programs that are potentially -- you've got to give kudos to the president. He saved a lot of money helping out with the F-35 program. We've got to look at those programs to say, 'Hey, are we using our money in the best way possible?' And then you can thread the needle and get some of the budget hawks over on your side to help restate this military apparatus." [CNN, New Day, [2/28/17](#)] *Note: Video not found.*

Sequestration

Taylor Said Sequestration Was Harming The Military And Blamed Congress For It

Taylor Said The "Biggest Problem Right Now With The Military Is Sequestration." "'The biggest problem right now with the military is sequestration,' [Taylor] says, referring to the spending limits imposed by the 2011 Budget Control Act." [Congressional Quarterly Magazine, 11/8/16]

Taylor Blamed Congress For Using Sequestration Rather Than Targeting Areas To Cut. "Taylor blasts Congress for not targeting areas to cut, instead of opting for sequestration. He argues that Congress has punted when it comes to paying for maintaining military equipment, claiming that the Air Force is taking parts from planes in museums to replace parts on aircraft. House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, claimed that earlier this year, and Fox News has quoted an U.S. Air Force captain in South Dakota saying he had to get parts from B1 bombers in museums for his squadron." [Daily Press, [6/11/16](#)]

Taylor Criticized Continuing Resolutions For Hurting Multi-Year Defense Projects

VIDEO: Taylor Criticized Continuing Resolutions: “This Hurts, Among Other Things, Multi-Year Defense Projects, Thus Reducing Predictability And Driving Up Costs In The Long Term.” “Amidst more budget uncertainty, local leaders say the unpredictability is trickling down to Hampton Roads. Reports on Capitol Hill suggest the threat of a government shutdown appears to be lowering, but the leaders say the continuing roller coaster isn’t helping the Commonwealth [...] Congress is likely to pass a resolution to continue funding the government beyond Friday, Sen. Tim Kaine said, but he and others say that’s not a long term solution. ‘Congress has been enacting continuing resolutions for years now. This hurts, among other things, multi-year defense projects, thus reducing predictability and driving up costs in the long term,’ Rep. Scott Taylor said in a statement. Taylor is a member of the House Appropriations Committee.” [CBS-3 WTKR, [4/26/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Reauthorization

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The Government To Obtain A Warrant Before Searching Surveillance Data Collected Through Section 702

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Detroit News: The Amendment Would Have “Required Officials To Get Warrants In Most Cases Before Intercepting And Reading Emails And More Of U.S. Citizens.” “Before approving a six-year extension of the law, the House voted 233 to 183 to kill an amendment designed to protect Americans civil liberties. This amendment would have required officials to get warrants in most cases before intercepting and reading emails and more of U.S. citizens. This amendment was proposed by Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich). The vote was a victory for Republican establishment. House Speaker Paul D. Ryan had blocked the House from considering a compromise bill.” [Forbes, [1/11/18](#)]

New York Times: The Amendment Would Have Provided “A Series Of New Safeguards” On Officials That Conduct Surveillance On Foreign Communications. “Before voting to extend the law, known as Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act, the House rejected an amendment that would have imposed a series of new safeguards. That proposal included a requirement that officials obtain warrants in most cases before hunting for, and reading, emails and other messages of Americans that were swept up under the surveillance.” [New York Times, [1/11/18](#)]

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HEADLINE: "House Extends Surveillance Law, Rejecting New Privacy Safeguards." [New York Times, [1/11/18](#)]

New York Times: Section 702 Permitted The Government To Conduct Warrantless Surveillance On Communications Of Foreigners Abroad, "Even When They Are Talking To Americans." "A yearslong debate over National Security Agency surveillance and protections for Americans' privacy rights will reach a climactic moment on Thursday as the House of Representatives takes up legislation to extend a program of warrantless spying on internet and phone networks that traces back to the Sept. 11 attacks. There is little doubt that Congress will extend an expiring statute, known as Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act, that permits the government to collect without a warrant from American firms, like Google and AT&T, the emails and other communications of foreigners abroad — even when they are talking to Americans." [New York Times, [1/10/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702. In January 2018, Taylor voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 682) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (S 139) that would reauthorize Title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act through Dec. 31, 2023, and would require the development of procedures for searching the Section 702 database that protect the Fourth Amendment rights of U.S. citizens." [H Res 682, [Vote #8](#), 1/8/18; CQ, [1/10/18](#)]

Terrorism

Taylor Claimed That International Terror Groups Were More Of A Threat To U.S. Security Than Russia And Iran

Taylor Stated That He Saw International Terror Groups And The Crisis In Syria As The Greatest Threats To National Security Over Russia And Iran. "The candidates also disagree on the top threat to national security. Forbes said he agrees with top Pentagon officials that Russia and Iran lead the list. Taylor says international terror groups and the crisis in Syria are where he sees the biggest risks. Cardwell says the biggest threat is the national debt." [Daily Press, [6/11/16](#)]

Political Appointees

Taylor Voted To Allow Politicization Of The National Security Council

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2017: Taylor Voted To Block An Amendment To Prohibit Members Of The Administration Whose Primary Function Is Political From Being Appointed To The National Security Council. In February 2017, Taylor voted for the “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 99).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the National Security Act of 1947 to prohibit any individual whose primary responsibility is political in nature from being designated a member of the Council. Further, the bill expresses the sense of Congress that the Director of National Intelligence or the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff should not be prevented from attending Principals Committee meetings.” A yes vote was a vote to block the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 225-189. [H.Res 99, [Vote #88](#), 2/14/17; CQ, [2/14/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/14/17](#)]

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January 2017: President Trump Designated Political Advisor Steve Bannon To A Full Seat On The “Principals Committee” Of The National Security Council, Elevating His Informal Rank To The Equivalent Of A Cabinet-Level Secretary. “The whirlwind first week of Donald J. Trump’s presidency had all the bravura hallmarks of a Stephen K. Bannon production. [...] But the defining moment for Mr. Bannon came Saturday night in the form of an executive order giving the rumpled right-wing agitator a full seat on the “principals committee” of the National Security Council — while downgrading the roles of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the director of national intelligence, who will now attend only when the council is considering issues in their direct areas of responsibilities. It is a startling elevation of a political adviser, to a status alongside the secretaries of state and defense, and over the president’s top military and intelligence advisers. In theory, the move put Mr. Bannon, a former Navy surface warfare officer, admiral’s aide, investment banker, Hollywood producer and Breitbart News firebrand, on the same level as his friend, Michael T. Flynn, the national security adviser, a former Pentagon intelligence chief who was Mr. Trump’s top adviser on national security issues before a series of missteps reduced his influence.” [New York Times, [1/29/17](#)]

Secretary Of Defense

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Enemy Combatants

2010: Taylor Called The Prosecution Of A U.S. Navy SEAL – Whom Taylor Knew – Charged With Punching A Suspected Terrorist “Ridiculous,” Dangerous For U.S. Troops

Taylor Claimed The Prosecution Of Navy SEAL Matthew McCabe For Punching A Suspected Terrorist Could Endanger U.S. Troops. “The trial of a Navy SEAL accused of gut-punching a suspected terrorist began yesterday, as protesters outside the Navy base here slammed the government for prosecuting him. Protesters waved signs that read, ‘Save Our Seals,’ while cars and trucks honked in approval, as attorneys representing Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew McCabe tried unsuccessfully to get the case thrown out. ‘A punch in the gut? This is

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State Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor was concerned about goose euthanization in Virginia Beach and claimed to be seeking more information and transparency on the issue.*

Animal Control

Taylor: “I Have Concerns About The Roundup And Subsequent Euthanization Of Canadian Geese In Virginia Beach”

Taylor Was Concerned About The Euthanization Of Canadian Geese In Virginia Beach. “I have concerns about the roundup and subsequent euthanization of Canadian geese in Virginia Beach recently by the Department of Agriculture. My office is requesting information on the process used for these roundups and to seek transparency for our community on this issue.” [U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor, Press Release, [7/13/17](#)]

Seniors' Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor voted to gut Medicare, affecting 21,069 residents of Virginia's 2nd district.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted against lowering out-of-pocket drug costs for seniors.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted to jeopardize Social Security for 129,256 residents of the Virginia 2nd district.*
 - ✓ *Taylor voted for a Republican plan that would raise the social security retirement age to 69.*
 - ✓ *In 2017, Taylor wanted to raise the Social Security retirement age for younger generations.*
 - ✓ *In 2016, Taylor bragged that he began drafting legislation to raise the Social Security retirement age within days of winning election to Congress.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted for the Republican Tax Scam, which plundered funding from Social Security and Medicare to offset raising the federal debt.*

Medicare

2019: 21,069 Residents Of Virginia's 2nd District Received Some Medicare Benefits

2019: 21,069 Residents Of Taylor's District Received Medicare Benefits. [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [2019 Congressional District Report](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Republican Budget That Would Gut Medicare

Taylor Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

AP: House Budget "Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program." "The House on Thursday passed a \$4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party's efforts to repeal the "Obamacare" health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul." [Associated Press, [10/5/17](#)]

Medicare Part D

2017: Taylor Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors

Taylor Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the "Demings, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would exempt regulations that significantly lower seniors' out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D. It would remove the

bill's provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency's interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules." The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-233. [HR 5, [Vote #44](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Social Security

2018: 129,256 Residents Of The Virginia 2nd District Received Some Social Security Benefits

2018: 129,256 Residents Of Taylor's District Received Social Security Benefits Worth Nearly \$179,498,000. [Social Security Administration, Congressional Statistics, released [May 2019](#)]

In Taylor's District, Social Security Beneficiaries Include 99,870 Seniors; 93,283 Were Retirees. Of the 112,950 social security beneficiaries in Taylor's district, 99,870 were aged 65 or older; 93,283 were retirees. [Social Security Administration, Congressional Statistics, released [April 2018](#)]

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RSC Budget Would Gradually Raise The Retirement Age For Social Security To 69. "The RSC budget would eliminate Social Security's long-run shortfall and make the program sustainably solvent by adopting Representative Sam Johnson's (R-TX) 'Social Security Reform Act,' which would slow initial benefit growth for higher-earners, gradually raise the normal retirement age to 69, and means-test annual cost-of-living adjustments, which would be calculated based on the chained Consumer Price Index (CPI)." [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, [9/11/17](#)]

Taylor Said He Wanted To Raise The Minimum Retirement Age For Younger Generations

February 2017: Taylor Said He Wanted To Raise The Minimum Retirement Age For Social Security For Younger Generations. "To free up more defense funds, Taylor said he and other Republicans want to reduce spending on some government assistance, such as food stamps, and potentially cut outdated military programs. Looking more broadly, Taylor said he also supports raising the minimum age for Social Security benefits for younger generations in order to keep the program solvent." [Washington Times, [2/12/17](#)]

Taylor Began Drafting Legislation To Raise The Retirement Age For Social Security Within Days OF His Election

November 2016: Upon Winning Congressional Seat, Taylor Claimed That He Was Already Writing Legislation To Raise The Social Security Age By Three Years. "Republican state Del. Scott Taylor won Virginia's 2nd Congressional District seat, outdoing Democratic community activist Shaun Brown to join the House of Representatives. [...] Afterward, he told reporters he's already drafting legislation to raise the age to qualify for government entitlements such as Social Security by three years for individuals currently younger than 41, and he plans to look at mandated budget cuts called sequestration." [Virginian-Pilot, [11/8/16](#)]

Taylor Promised That His Constituents Could “Expect [Him] To Look At Entitlement Reform And Raising The Age.” “[Taylor] said 2nd District voters can expect him to leap into that and a couple of other signature issues right off the bat. ‘They can expect me to look at entitlement reform and raising the age,’ Taylor said.” [Daily Press, [11/8/16](#)]

Taylor Wanted To Raise The Age Requirement For Both Social Security And Medicare: “We Need To Raise The Age Up Three Years.” “Scott Taylor, a former U.S. Navy SEAL and now real estate investor, has represented Virginia Beach’s 85th District in the Virginia House of Delegates since 2014. Taylor has taken aim at so-called entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare, saying he’d push Congress to take a good hard look at them. ‘Obviously entitlements are the big elephant in the room that nobody wants to talk about,’ Taylor said. ‘I believe my generation, 40 and under, will have to step up to the plate to reform entitlements to say, ‘Look, we’re living longer, we have more time, we need to raise the (retirement) age up three years.’” [Daily Press, [11/6/16](#)]

Republican Tax Scam

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State-Run Retirement Plans

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Taylor Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Labor Rule Exempting Certain Government-Administered State Retirement Savings Plans From Select Federal Regulations, Taking Power Away From States Helping Their Citizens Prepare For Retirement. In February 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Labor Department rule that exempts certain local government-administered retirement savings plans for non-government employees from select federal regulations governing pension plans. Under the rule, a city or county must have a population at least as large as the least populated state in the nation, and must administer a retirement plan for its own employees for the program to qualify for the exemption.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-191. [HJRes 67, [Vote #95](#), 2/15/17; CQ, [2/15/17](#)]

Tax Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ 2018: Taylor voted to make several provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent.
- ✓ Taylor voted to pass the Republican Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.
 - ✓ The act benefited the wealthy, corporations, and special interests, while forcing millions of Americans to pay more in taxes.
 - ✓ The act increased the deficit and reduced taxes for the wealthy, including dozens on members of Congress.
 - ✓ The act increased the federal debt, and Republicans planned to pay for it by cuts to Medicare and Social Security.
- ✓ Taylor voted to allow repeal of the state and local tax deduction.

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House Was Forced To Vote For A Second Time On The Final Bill After Small Changes Were Made To Comply With Senate Budget Rules. “The House, forced to vote a second time on the \$1.5 trillion tax bill, moved swiftly to pass the final version on Wednesday, clearing the way for President Trump to sign into law the most sweeping tax overhaul in decades. House lawmakers approved the tax bill 224 to 201 on Wednesday, after being forced to vote on the bill again after last-minute revisions were made to it in the Senate, which passed the measure 51 to 48 early Wednesday morning. The final House vote was essentially a formality, as the changes, which were made to comply with Senate budget rules, did not significantly alter the overall bill.” [New York Times, [12/20/17](#)]

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Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

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Politifact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025. “Gillibrand said the Republican ‘tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.’ That’s not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand’s statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill’s individual provisions expire that year. There’s no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill.” [Politifact, [12/22/17](#)]

Tax Policy Center: In 2018, 5 Percent Of Taxpayers Would Pay More In Taxes Under The GOP Tax Bill, But Would Increase To 53 Percent Of Taxpayers In 2027. “Some taxpayers would pay more in taxes under the proposal in 2018 and 2025 than under current law: about 5 percent of taxpayers in 2018 and 9 percent in 2025. In 2027, however, taxes would increase for 53 percent of taxpayers compared with current law.” [Tax Policy Center, [12/18/17](#)]

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HEADLINE: “Dozens Of Lawmakers Stand To Reap A Tax Windfall Due To A GOP Loophole.” [CNBC, [12/20/17](#)]

Four Dozen Members Of Congress Stood To Benefit From Change In Tax Treatment Of Real Estate Income Under GOP Tax Bill.

“The provision, which gives favorable tax treatment to a common form of real estate income, would also create generous tax saving for President Donald Trump, who derives much of his personal fortune from real estate. The measure — added late Friday to the \$1.5 trillion package of tax cuts — reduces the tax rate on ‘pass-through’ income derived from real estate. Owners of such businesses are allowed to ‘pass through’ the profits from these enterprises to their individual tax returns, which lowers the amount of tax they owe. Those benefits will now go to roughly four dozen Republican House and Senate members who voted for the bill, according to an analysis of personal financial disclosures for CNBC by the Center for Responsive Politics.” [CNBC, [12/20/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase Incentives To Move Jobs Overseas

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas. “What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. ‘This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,’ said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Lead To More Expensive Health Insurance; 13 Million More Uninsured

Final Tax Bill Eliminated Central Affordable Care Act Provision, Leading To 13 Million Fewer Americans With Insurance. “The individual mandate is part of the Affordable Care Act, and removing it was a top priority for Trump and congressional Republicans. The Congressional Budget Office projects the change will increase insurance premiums and lead to 13 million fewer Americans with insurance in a decade, while also cutting government spending by more than \$300 billion over that period.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

GOP Tax Bill Would Cause Health Insurance Premiums To Rise, And Could Lead Insurers To Drop Out Of Regional Markets. “The final GOP plan will repeal the Affordable Care Act’s individual insurance mandate, which would allow young and healthy people to leave the insurance pool, forcing insurers to compensate by raising prices due to the higher costs of insuring only less-healthy people. Not only would premiums likely rise, but many insurers could drop out of regional markets.” [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Republican Tax Plan Will Make Health Insurance More Expensive [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Failed To Live Up To Republican Promises

HEADLINE: “New Tax Code Will Still Be Complicated Despite GOP Promise To Simplify.” [CNN Money, [12/18/17](#)]

CNN Money: Final Tax Bill “Adds Plenty Of Complications, Particularly For Small Businesses.” “But the plan Republicans and Trump came up with almost certainly won’t put tax preparers out of business. The final tax bill, released on Friday, does indeed deliver some simplification, but not as much as promised. And it adds plenty of complications, particularly for small businesses.” [CNN Money, [12/18/17](#)]

Time: Republicans Failed To Follow Through On The “Central Promises” Of Their Tax Bill – To Allow People To File On A Postcard And To Benefit Working And Middle Class Americans. “As they pushed their sweeping tax bill through Congress, Republicans made two central promises. First, that the bill would simplify the U.S. tax code, allowing citizens to file their taxes ‘on the back of a postcard.’ And second, that the overhaul would primarily benefit working Americans and the middle class. The first claim proved false. And economic experts are skeptical about the second, arguing that the bill aids businesses at the expense of middle-class taxpayers.” [Time, [12/19/17](#)]

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Taylor Voted Against Instructing Conferees On The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Oppose Repeal Of The Individual Mandate And To Recede From The House Bill's Provisions To Eliminate The SALT Deduction.

In December 2017, Taylor voted against “Neal, D-Mass., motion to instruct conferees to disagree with the Senate amendment that would repeal the individual health insurance mandate, and to recede from the section House bill that would eliminate the deduction for state and local income taxes through 2025.” The motion to instruct conferees failed 186-233. [HR 1, [Vote #654](#), 12/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/4/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Sending The Tax Bill Back To Conference And Instructing Conferees To Oppose Repeal Of The Individual Mandate And To Disagree With Provisions Related To The SALT Deduction.

In December 2017, Taylor voted against “Neal, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the Committee of Conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House that they disagree with provisions related to state and local tax deductions, and related to the bill’s language that would effectively repeal the individual health care mandate established by the 2010 health care overhaul.” The motion to recommit the conference report failed 191-236. [HR 1, [Vote #691](#), 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For House Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill

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Taylor Voted For Passage Of The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would eliminate personal exemptions and would nearly double the standard deduction. It would raise the child tax credit through 2022, repeal the alternative minimum tax, repeal the estate tax in 2025 and reduce the gift tax rate in 2025. It would establish a new top tax rate for pass-through business income and would modify tax credits related to energy production.” The bill passed 227-205. [HR 1, [Vote #637](#), 11/16/17; CQ Floor Votes, [11/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 619) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1) that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries.” The rule was adopted 235-191. [HRes 619, [Vote #633](#), 11/15/17; CQ, [11/15/17](#)]

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Raise Taxes On Millions

Politifact Found In 2018, Roughly 14 Million American Households Would See A Tax Increase, And The Number Would Grow Over Time, Increasing To 40 Million Americans By 2027. “In other words, while most Americans would indeed see a tax cut or a minor increase in the first year, 8 percent, or roughly 14 million American households, would see an increase of at least \$100. (We approximated the raw number using Tax Policy Center data.) Meanwhile, the number of Americans facing a tax increase would grow over time. By 2027, 46 percent would see a decrease and 34 percent would see a change of less than \$100, but 20 percent would see a tax increase. That could mean close to 40 million Americans would pay higher taxes in 2027 than they would under today’s tax laws.” [Politifact, [11/9/17](#)]

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Benefit Wealthy Americans And Corporations

Huffington Post: Republican Tax Bill “Would Dramatically Cut Taxes For Corporations And The Wealthy.” “Republicans finally unveiled their tax reform legislation Thursday with a draft bill that would dramatically cut taxes for corporations and the wealthy. GOP legislators generally stuck to their already released framework for the

legislation: lowering individual and corporate tax rates while eliminating most individual deductions. But they also showed a willingness to jettison major aspects of their plan in order to get a bill through Congress.” [Huffington Post, [11/2/17](#)]

Washington Post Fact Checker: “No Matter How You Slice It, The Superwealthy Do Rather Well Under The House GOP Proposal.” “Contrary to the president’s claim, the tax plan is not ‘so bad’ for the wealthy. In fact, no matter how you slice it, the superwealthy do rather well under the House GOP proposal. As we have said, that’s because they already pay a large chunk of income taxes already. Trump could actually make the distribution tables look better if he pushed to keep the AMT in place for incomes above \$1 million and the estate tax in place for estates larger than \$11 million. The failure to do so underscores the fact that this tax plan is not only for the middle class.” [Washington Post, 11/9/17]

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase The Deficit

Washington Post Fact Checker: GOP Tax Plan Will Not Pay For Itself Or Reduce The Deficit. “And it’s a fantasy to claim that the tax cut will pay for itself — and even reduce the deficit — especially in an economy that already has low unemployment and a booming stock market.” [Washington Post, [9/29/17](#)]

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Repealed Medical Expense Deduction - Hurting Americans Who Need Long Term Care, Like Seniors With Alzheimer’s And Children With Chronic Illnesses

Medical Expenses Deduction Helped Older Americans With Long Term Care Costs, And Younger Families Struggling To Care For Children With Chronic Conditions And Disabilities. “According to an analysis in January from the Joint Committee on Taxation, most taxpayers who claim the deduction have incomes below \$100,000, with about 40 percent below \$75,000. More than half of those who claim it are older than 65, according to AARP, the lobby for older Americans. They often face staggering medical and long-term care costs. The deduction also helps younger families struggling to pay the enormous cost of caring for children with chronic conditions or disabilities, and couples going through costly fertility treatments like in vitro fertilization.” [New York Times, [11/8/17](#)]

New York Times: “Eliminating The Medical-Expense Deduction Would Hit The Middle Class Squarely, Eliminating A Source Of Relief That Has Helped Millions Of People Cope With Steep Medical Costs.” “But while the party has framed its tax plan as a boon for the middle class, eliminating the medical-expense deduction would hit the middle class squarely, eliminating a source of relief that has helped millions of people cope with steep medical costs in a country without comprehensive, universal health coverage.”

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would End Tax Breaks For Teachers, Student Loans, Graduate Tuition

Republican Tax Bill Cut Deduction For Teachers Who Spend Their Own Money On School Supplies, As They Are Regularly Expected To Do. “For now, teachers can get a small tax break — deducting up to \$250 from their taxes — for what they spend on supplies. But under the GOP tax reform bill, that deduction would go away for teachers and other categories of workers, including certain state and local officials and performing artists. [...] Unlike other professionals, teachers are regularly expected to furnish their own supplies. They are often filling in gaps where students are unable to afford supplies — and where districts are unable to furnish them. Teachers in the United States are not paid as well as other similarly educated professionals, studies have found.” [Washington Post, [11/2/17](#)]

Washington Post: “The GOP Plan Would No Longer Allow People Repaying Their Student Loans To Reduce Their Tax Burden By Up To \$2,500.” “The GOP plan would no longer allow people repaying their student loans to reduce their tax burden by up to \$2,500. People whose employers cover a portion of their college costs would also see the money become taxable income. The plan would also do away with a tuition tax break for

university employees and their families. As it stands, tuition discounts provided to that group are excluded from income, under what are known as qualified tuition reductions. Republicans estimate that doing away with all of those deductions and tax breaks will increase government revenue by \$47.5 billion over the next decade.” [Washington Post, [11/2/17](#)]

Under Republican Tax Bill, A Large Percentage Of Undergraduate And Graduate Students Would See Increases In Their Tax Bills, Some Dramatically. “To help pay for the \$1.5 trillion tax cut, lawmakers eliminated many individual tax breaks, arguing the overall plan would compensate for any lost benefits. The result: while many families and businesses would see tax cuts, a large percentage of undergraduates and graduate students would see their tax bills increase, some dramatically.” [New York Times, [11/15/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Allow Repeal Of The State And Local Tax Deduction

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit Repeal Of The State And Local Tax Deduction. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL) said, “if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment that will prohibit any legislation from limiting or repealing the State and local tax deduction, which prevents millions of families from being taxed twice on the same income.” **A vote for the amendment is a vote to block protecting the state and local tax deduction.** The motion was agreed to 234-193. [HRes 619, [Vote #632](#), 11/15/17; CQ, [11/15/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/15/17](#)]

Trade Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor said he opposed trade wars but decried dumping of steel.*
- ✓ *Trade was not a main issue of Taylor's campaign but he did claim that he wanted to reverse "bad trade deals."*

Taylor Claimed He Wanted To Reverse "Bad Trade Deals" But Never Specified Further

Taylor On Steel Tariffs: "I Think We Don't Want To Go Too Far To Where We're Creating Trade Wars And Hurting Ourselves And Our Allies"

Taylor On Steel Tariffs: "Think He's Not Wrong To Show There's Dumping, There's Cheating. At The Same Time, I Think We Don't Want To Go Too Far To Where We're Creating Trade Wars And Hurting Ourselves And Our Allies." "Tidewater-area Republican Congressman Scott Taylor speaks for many in his party on the issue when he says he wants free trade but he also doesn't want countries like China dumping cheap steel on the international market. 'I'm concerned. I'm a free trader, but I also want fair trade,' Taylor said. 'I think he's not wrong to show there's dumping, there's cheating. At the same time, I think we don't want to go too far to where we're creating trade wars and hurting ourselves and our allies.' Taylor says the surprise announcement hit many foreign leaders in the gut but he's still waiting to see what comes of it. 'That's probably not the best way to do that, however it may end up getting some movement.' [WTFV, [3/9/18](#)]

Taylor Said That "Bad Trade Deals" Had Caused "Economic Devastation" Across The Country

Taylor: "The Economic Devastation Realized Across Too Much Of America Because Of Bad Trade Deals Has To Be Reversed." "My priorities are to: [...] Ensure that our trade deals are fair to American workers; the economic devastation realized across too much of America because of bad trade deals has to be reversed." [Scott Taylor U.S. Congress, accessed [8/11/17](#)]

Veterans' Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Taylor voted to for an appropriations bill that left the VA open to funding cuts.*
- ✓ *Taylor defended Trump's record on veterans.*
- ✓ *After Trump's attacks on the Khan family, Taylor said he did not agree with Trump on "100 percent" of the issues.*
- ✓ *Trump introduced legislation to update regulations at the Veterans Administration.*
- ✓ *Taylor claimed that he had "insisted" on information about suicidal veterans from the Department of Veterans Affairs.*
- ✓ *Taylor voted for new Veterans Administration improvement measures but against any amendments offered by Democrats.*

Veterans' Administration

Taylor Voted For An Appropriations Bill That Would Transition VA Choice Program From Mandatory To Discretionary Spending, Leaving It Open To Cuts

Taylor Voted For A \$146.5 Energy-Water-Legislative Branch-Veterans Affairs Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2019. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$146.5 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$44.7 billion for the Energy Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation; \$98 billion for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; and \$3.8 billion for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. It would provide \$11.2 billion for programs that maintain and refurbish nuclear weapons in the United States' stockpile. As amended, it would provide \$1.1 billion in funding for the Veterans Community Care Program." The bill passed by a vote of 235-179. [HR 5895, [Vote #257](#), 6/8/18; CQ, [6/8/18](#)]

Rep Lowey: Appropriations Bill Would Transition VA Choice Program From Mandatory To Discretionary Spending, Leaving It Open To Cuts. "While I support many of the increases within the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill, Republicans have created a dilemma by transitioning the VA Choice program from mandatory to discretionary funding in the middle of fiscal year 2019. Even worse, Republicans have blocked consideration of my amendment to solve this problem. That will mean a further squeeze, and perhaps even cuts, to programs that benefit the middle class." [Rep. Lowey Floor Statement, [6/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers

Taylor Voted For A Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would set specific penalties for federal supervisors who retaliate against an employee who discloses waste, fraud or abuse. It would require a supervisor to be suspended for at least three days for an initial offense, and would require a supervisor to be fired for a second offense. It would also require the VA to develop a plan to protect the

medical records of employees and would prohibit VA employees from accessing medical files for demographic information when another non-medical database is available.” The bill passed, 420-0. [S 585, [Vote #568](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment That Would Extend The VA Whistleblower Protection Bill Provisions To Apply To Any Federal Employee Disclosure Regarding The Violation Of Any Law Or Regulation Related To Travel. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “O’Halloran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would extend the bill’s provisions to apply to any federal employee disclosure regarding the violation of any law or regulation related to travel by the head of an agency or a political appointee.” The motion was rejected, 232-190. [S 585, [Vote #567](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Exempt The VA From The Trump Administration’s Hiring Freeze

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Exempt The VA From The Trump Administration’s Hiring Freeze. In March 2017, Taylor voted for: the “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill (HR 1259).” According to Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL), a vote for the motion was a vote to block “an amendment to the rule to bring up HR 696, Representative Schrader’s bill to exempt the Department of Veterans Affairs from Donald John Trump’s hiring freeze. As we have already discussed, my amendment to allow the VA Secretary to fill vacant positions, regardless of whether they were vacated before or after the hiring freeze, was blocked last night in the Rules Committee. There are nearly 47,000 vacant positions within the VA, and we should not be limiting the VA’s authority to fill these positions, especially as we continue to work towards reducing patient wait times.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-185. [HRes 198, [Vote #162](#), 3/16/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [3/16/17](#); Congressional Record, H2099, [3/16/17](#); CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passing A Bill That Would Make More Funds Available For The Veterans Choice Fund

Taylor Voted For Passing A Bill That Would Make More Funds Available For The Veterans Choice Fund. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Roe, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would make available an additional \$2 billion in funding for the Veterans Choice Fund, without fiscal year limitation. The bill would extend until Dec. 31, 2027, the current cap on per-month payment of VA pensions to certain veterans residing at VA nursing care facilities, as well as the VA’s authority to collect fees for VA housing loans and the VA’s authority to obtain and use income information from the Social Security Administration and the IRS to validate an application for VA benefits.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 219-186. [S 114, [Vote #408](#), 7/24/17; CQ, [7/24/17](#)]

Taylor Stated That The U.S. Had To Hold The Veterans Administration Accountable For Underperformance

Taylor: “We Should Never Defend Mediocrity At The VA...” “We must continually and consistently hold the VA accountable for underperformance. Our veterans are sacred and deserve the same commitment to high standards they upheld as service members. We should never defend mediocrity at the VA, rather strive for better service, care, and excellence.” [Facebook, RepScottTaylor, [3/16/17](#)]

2017: Taylor Introduced Several Pieces Of Legislation To Update Regulations At The Veterans Administration

June 2017: Taylor Introduced A Bill To Disallow Reassignment of Senior Executives At The Veterans Affairs Department Unless Approved In Writing By The Secretary. According to the bill's text, the VA Senior Executive Accountability Act, or SEA Act, would amend subchapter 1 of chapter 7 of title 38, United States Code, by adding a section disallowing the reassignment of senior executives at the department unless approved in writing and signed by the secretary and by submitting to Congress a report on the nature of the reassignment and associated costs. In the last action reported, the bill was received in the Senate and read twice before being referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. [HR 2772, [6/6/17](#)]

May 2017: Taylor Introduced A Bill To Require Reassignment Of Department Of Veterans Affairs Senior Executive Employees To Be Approved In Writing, Signed By The Secretary, And Detailed To Congress. According to the bill's text, HR 2517 would amend subchapter 1 of chapter 7 of title 38, United States Code, by adding a section disallowing the reassignment of senior executives at the department unless approved in writing and signed by the secretary and by submitting to Congress a report on the nature of the reassignment and associated costs. In the last action reported, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs' Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. [HR 2517, [5/18/17](#)]

April 2017: Taylor Introduced A Resolution To Express The Sense That Congress And The President Should Help Foster Alliances Between The Police And The Communities They Serve. According to the bill's text, HRes 285 would "express the sense of the United States House of Representatives that Congress and the President should empower the creation of police and community alliances designed to enhance and improve communication and collaboration between members of the law enforcement community and the public they serve." In the last action reported, the bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. [HRes 285, [4/26/17](#)]

March 2017: Taylor Introduced The "HOPS Act," Which Would Disallow Department Of Homeland Security Funds From Being Used For Uniforms Not Manufactured In The United States. According to the bill's text, HR 1811 would "amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to prohibit the use of funds appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the procurement of DHS uniforms not manufactured in the United States." In the last action reported, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security's Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency. [HR 1811, [3/30/17](#)]

March 2017: Taylor Offered An Amendment To The VA Accountability First Act Of 2017, Which Would Require The Secretary Of The Veterans Affairs Department To Follow New Transparency Measures Regarding Reassignment Of Senior Executives. According to the amendment's text, HAmndt 84 would insert the following language into page 9, after line 19, of HR 1259, The VA Accountability First Act Of 2017: "(i) Semi-annual Report on Transferred Employees- The Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives semi-annual reports on senior executive employees who are transferred within the Department. Each such report shall include, for each such senior executive employee transferred during the period covered by the report, the reason for the transfer and any costs associated with the transfer." According to the last action reported, the amendment was agreed to by voice vote. [HAmndt 84, [3/16/17](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted For New Veterans Administration Improvement Measures But Against Any Democratic Amendments

Taylor Voted To Block A Bill To Exempt The VA From The Trump Administration's Hiring Freeze. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the "Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill (HR 1259)." According to Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL), a vote for the motion was a vote to block "an amendment to the rule to bring up HR 696, Representative Schrader's bill to exempt the Department of Veterans Affairs from Donald John Trump's hiring freeze. As we have already discussed, my amendment to allow the VA Secretary to fill vacant positions, regardless of whether they were vacated before or after the hiring freeze, was blocked last night in the Rules Committee. There are nearly 47,000 vacant positions within the VA, and we should not be limiting the VA's authority to fill these positions, especially as we continue to work towards reducing patient wait times." The motion

was agreed to by a vote of 227-185. [HRes 198, [Vote #162](#), 3/16/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [3/16/17](#); Congressional Record, H2099, [3/16/17](#); CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Provide For Consideration Of A Bill Creating New VA Staffing And Retention Programs And A Bill Prohibiting A VA Determination That A Veteran Is Mentally Incompetent From Automatically Preventing A Veteran From Being Able To Buy A Gun. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “adoption of rule that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill (HR 1259) that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department’s ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct; a bill (HR 1367) that would establish various new staffing, recruitment and retention programs at the VA; and a bill (HR 1181) that would prohibit a VA determination that a veteran is mentally incompetent from automatically preventing the veteran from being able to purchase a gun.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 229-187. [HRes 198, [Vote #163](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Expand The Veteran Affairs Department’s Ability To Fire, Demote, Or Suspend Employees For Misconduct. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department’s ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct or poor performance. The measure would authorize the VA to recoup any bonus paid to a VA employee if the VA deems it appropriate, and it would require that the employee be given advance notice and the right to appeal the decision. As amended, the measure would require that annual performance reviews for supervisors at the VA include evaluations on the supervisor’s ability to address poor performance among their employees and would require the VA to provide supervisors with periodic training related to whistleblower rights and effective management techniques.” The bill passed by a vote of 237-178. [HR 1259, [Vote #168](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Removing The Expansion Of The Veteran Affairs Department’s Ability To Fire Or Demote Employees For Misconduct From The VA Accountability First Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Walz, D-Minn., amendment that would remove the bill’s provisions that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department’s ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct, and would alternatively expand the VA’s authority to suspend or demote senior executives. It would allow for the removal of non-executives for performance issues occurring only within a preceding two-year period.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-223. [HR 1259, [Vote #165](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Replacing The Proposed VA Employee Removal Process For A Process That Provides For The Removal Of VA Employees For Misconduct Related To Public Health And Safety In The VA Accountability First Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Takano, D-Calif., amendment that would replace the bill’s proposed VA employee removal process with an alternative process that would provide for the suspension and removal of Veterans Affairs Department employees for misconduct that is a threat to public health and safety. Suspended employees would be entitled to a written statement of the charges, a hearing and a review of their case. It would also provide for back pay for suspended whistleblowers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 183-232. [HR 1259, [Vote #166](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Extending Whistleblower Protections In The VA. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Kihuen, D-Nev., motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would extend the bill’s whistleblower protections to individuals that make disclosures to the central whistleblower office, including those who do so anonymously. It would also exempt veterans and whistleblowers from the bill’s provisions that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department’s ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct or poor performance.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-229. [HR 1259, [Vote #167](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted To Update VA Guidelines On The Employee Hiring And Evaluation Process. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would require the Veterans Affairs Inspector General to determine non-clinical VA health care positions that should be eligible for expedited hiring, require annual performance reviews for all political appointees at the VA, and would require the VA to establish a database with information on

qualified individuals who previously applied for a position at the VA. The measure would require that the information from the database be used to fill positions that have been vacant for an extended period of time. As amended, it would prohibit the secretary of the VA from appointing former political appointees to non-political positions one grade higher than their last position at the VA without having to go through a competitive selection process.” The bill passed by a vote of 412-0. [HR 1367, [Vote #171](#), 3/17/17; CQ, [3/17/17](#)]

Taylor Claimed That He Had “Insisted” On Information About Suicidal Veterans From The Department Of Veterans Affairs

Taylor’s Official Facebook Page Claimed That Taylor “Insisted On Information From The Department Of Veterans Affairs Detailing The Process For Treating Suicidal Veterans...” “Today, Rep. Taylor insisted on information from the Department of Veterans Affairs detailing the process for treating suicidal veterans who physically show up to VA facilities and either state or exhibit suicidal signs. He had this to say, ‘Our community knows the impact multiple deployments and war has on individuals, not only when they are actively in service, but when they come back home. I want to be sure that we are doing every possible thing we can to guarantee that our veterans are given every opportunity to receive the care they need and are never turned away when potentially suicidal. I look forward to receiving a timely response from the VA and working with them to fix and improve the appropriate policies.’” [Facebook, RepScottTaylor, [3/30/17](#)]

Note: Department of Veterans Affairs FOIA pending as of 8/23/17.

Taylor Wanted To Build A New Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic In Virginia Beach

Taylor Advocated The Potential Building Of A VA Outpatient Clinic In Virginia Beach, To Be Developed by A “Service-Disabled Veteran.” “Rep. Scott Taylor is working with Virginia Beach officials and the federal Veteran Affairs Department to press for a public-private partnership to build a massive VA outpatient clinic near other medical facilities in the city’s Princess Anne Commons. [...] The Beach would set up a partnership with a yet-to-be-named developer who would build the new clinic and lease it to the VA. [...] Taylor noted in an Aug. 3 letter to [Virginia Beach Mayor Will] Sessions that he was advised that a successful approach would be for the city to conduct competitive bidding so it could transfer public land to a developer with specific conditions. It may be preferable to work with a business owned by a ‘service-disabled veteran’ who could link with a financially stronger partner, Taylor wrote.” [Virginian-Pilot, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump And Veterans

2016: Taylor Defended Trump’s Record On Veterans

Taylor Said That Trump’s Speech To The American Legion During His Campaign Had Shown “A Strong Commitment To Our Veterans.” “BERMAN: Now, you have been, as a Donald Trump supporter, I don’t want to use the word critical but you have been concerned over the last month or so occasionally about the tone that Donald Trump uses on the campaign trail and when addressing other people. Look at the last 24 hours. What’s your feeling on his tone? TAYLOR: Well, let’s look at the speech he just gave to the American Legion. I think it shows a strong commitment to our veterans. I am a candidate for Congress in Virginia and our district has active-duty veterans. I myself am in the V.A. system. In contrast, of course, Hillary Clinton said there’s not widespread problems at the V.A. A lot of folks here, literally thousands of them in my district, know there are. I think he did a great job in Ohio. On the world stage where the world leader, where he was basically an equal to the president standing there, of Mexico, I think that he did a great job.” [CNN, [9/1/16](#)]

Trump’s Criticism Of The Khan Family

2016: Taylor Pivoted Away From Condemning Trump For His Actions Toward The Khan Family

Taylor: “Gold Star Families, You Should Just, You Know, Say I’m Sorry For Your Loss, Thanks For Your Service And Certainly Move On. I’m Not Going To Agree 100 Percent With Mr. Trump.”

VIDEO: Taylor Criticized Trump For Not Apologizing To The Khan Family But Said “I’m Not Going To Agree 100 Percent With Mr. Trump But I’m Going To Agree With Most Things.” “BERMAN: You are a veteran. You were a Navy SEAL I believe, served in Iraq and many other places. You expressed concern, this is after the convention when Donald Trump had his dust-up with an, the Gold Star parents the Marine who died fighting in Iraq. At the time you said Donald Trump should apologize to the Khan family. Has he, as far as you know, issued an apology? TAYLOR: I’m not sure if he’s issued. Now, listen, I’m not going to agree with anyone 100 percent of the time. I don’t think any in the audience agrees with someone 100 percent of the time. So, yeah, in situations like that, Gold Star families, you should just, you know, say I’m sorry for your loss, thanks for your service and certainly move on. I’m not going to agree 100 percent with Mr. Trump but I’m going to agree with most things. I imagine your Hillary supporters that come on your show don’t agree with her 100 percent of the time either.” [CNN, [9/1/16](#)]

Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

Note: As of March 2020, Scott Taylor has not filed a Candidate PFD for his 2020 House race, but had filed a 2019 disclosure related to his abandoned Senate bid.

2019 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2019: Taylor Had An Estimated Net Worth Between -\$499,989 And \$1,639,991

2019: Taylor Had An Estimated Net Worth Between -\$499,989 And \$1,639,991. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Earned Income

2019: Taylor Reported \$130,000 In Earned Income

2019: Taylor Reported \$130,000 In Earned Income. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

2019 Taylor Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
The Elah Group LLC	Salary	\$130,000.00

[Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

2019: Taylor Reported Between \$40,008 And \$120,603 In Unearned Income

2019: Taylor Reported Between \$40,008 And \$120,603 In Unearned Income. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Taylor Assets						
#	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income	
		Min	Max		Min	Max
1	Navy Federal Credit Union <i>Type: Checking</i>	\$15,001	\$50,000	None	\$0	\$201
2	Assurance Holdings LLC <i>Description: The LLC Purchases, fixes up, and holds rental properties.</i>					
2.1	Bayport Credit Union <i>Type: Checking</i>	\$50,001	\$100,000	None	\$0	\$201
2.2	6139 Curlew <i>Description: Rental Property (Norfolk, VA)</i>	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent/Royalties	\$5,001	\$15,000
2.3	1069 Kane St <i>Description: Rental Property (Norfolk, VA)</i>	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent/Royalties	\$5,001	\$15,000
2.4	1449 Proescher St	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent/Royalties	\$5,001	\$15,000

	<i>Description: Rental Property (Norfolk, VA)</i>					
2.5	4810 N Cherokee Cluster <i>Description: Rental Property (Virginia Beach, VA)</i>	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent/Royalties	\$5,001	\$15,000
3	Bank Account (Company: The Elah Group LLC) <i>Description: Consulting Business</i>					
4	Navy Federal Credit Union <i>Type: Checking</i>	\$50,001	\$100,000	None	\$0	\$201
5	5814 N Cherokee Cluster <i>Description: Rental Property (Virginia Beach, VA)</i>	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent/Royalties	\$5,001	\$15,000
6	7814 Galveston BLVD <i>Description: Rental Property (Norfolk, VA)</i>	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent/Royalties	\$5,001	\$15,000
7	2400 Middle Ave <i>Description: Rental Property (Norfolk, VA)</i>	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent/Royalties	\$5,001	\$15,000
8	981 Rugby St <i>Description: Rental Property (Norfolk, VA)</i>	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent/Royalties	\$5,001	\$15,000
Total:		\$915,011	\$2,250,000	Total:	\$40,008	\$120,603

[Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Transactions

2019: Taylor Did Not Report Any Transactions

Liabilities

2019: Taylor Reported Between \$610,009 And \$1,415,000 In Liabilities

2019: Taylor Reported Between \$610,009 And \$1,415,000 In Liabilities. According to his 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, Taylor reported between \$610,009 and \$1,415,000 in liabilities. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

2019 Taylor Liabilities					
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Rate (Term)	Amount Of Liability
Scott Taylor	Navy Federal Credit Union	2018	Revolving Charge	13.24% (NA)	\$10,001 to \$15,000
Scott Taylor	Bayport Credit Union	2019	Mortgage	4.25% (25)	\$50,001 to \$100,000
Scott Taylor	Bayport Credit Union	2019	Mortgage	4.25% (25)	\$50,001 to \$100,000
Scott Taylor	Bayport Credit Union	2019	Mortgage	4.25% (25)	\$100,000 to \$250,000
Scott Taylor	Bayport Credit Union	2019	Mortgage	4.25% (25)	\$100,000 to \$250,000
Scott Taylor	Bayport Credit Union	2019	Mortgage	4.25% (25)	\$100,000 to \$250,000

Scott Taylor	Bayport Credit Union	2019	Mortgage	4.25% (25)	\$50,001 to \$100,000
Scott Taylor	Bayport Credit Union	2019	Mortgage	4.25% (25)	\$100,000 to \$250,000
Scott Taylor	Bayport Credit Union	2019	Mortgage	4.25% (25)	\$50,001 to \$100,000
				TOTAL:	\$610,009 to \$1,415,000

[Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Positions

2019: Taylor Reported One Position

2019: Taylor Reported One Position. According to his 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, Taylor reported one position – a consultant at The Elah Group LLC. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

2019 Taylor Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
Consultant	The Elah Group LLC

[Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Compensation

2019: Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Stonington Global LLC

2019: Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Stonington Global LLC. According to his 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, Taylor reported consulting compensation from Stonington Global LLC. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Stonington Global LLC’s Mission Was Meant To Build On The US-Qatari Relationship. “Nick Muzin is pleased to announce the formation of a new consulting firm, Stonington Global LLC. With offices in Washington, the firm will help domestic and international clients navigate global equity markets and facilitate interactions with governments. In addition to lobbying, procurement, and public affairs, the firm will help investors, including Service sovereign wealth funds, find opportunities in the United States and abroad. In launching the new firm, Nick Muzin & his team plan to build on their success representing the State of Qatar, which in the course of eight months saw the Gulf Emirate go from isolation, blockade, and criticism from the White House, to a strengthening the US-Qatari security and economic relationship, culminating in the US-Qatari Strategic Dialogue and subsequent Oval Office meeting between President Donald Trump and the Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani.” [Stonington Global, about, accessed [3/15/20](#)]

January 2019: Stonington Was Scrutinized For Payments Received From A PR-Firm Connected To The Qatari Government For Lobbying Work. “Two lobbyists known for helping Qatar curry favor among allies of President Donald Trump received nearly \$4 million from a mysterious PR firm that appears to be tied to the Qatari government—another indication that a shadow war in the Middle East has taken root in the DC swamp with little oversight. Nick Muzin and Joey Allaham have previously attracted attention for their unconventional lobbying in the United States for Qatar. This work involved courting 250 people they believed could influence Trump’s view of the small Gulf state and earned them more than \$3 million. But filings submitted to the federal government reveal that Stonington Strategies, a firm Muzin runs, received another \$3.9 million in payments in the fall of 2017 for work related to Qatar. Muzin, a former top aide to Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), reported paying \$2.3 million of that sum to a consulting company set up by Allaham, who once owned several high-end kosher restaurants in New York City.” [Mother Jones, [1/8/19](#)]

2019: Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Espada Inc

2019: Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Espada Inc. According to his 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, Taylor reported consulting compensation from Espada Inc. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Espada Was A Security And Logistics Support Company “Founded in 2004, ESPADA is a leading worldwide security and logistics support company. Since the beginning, ESPADA redefined the industry by delivering innovative solutions for our customers. We are a trusted partner to each of our customers. We deliver high-quality professionals equipped with the latest in training and technology. We institute proven management strategies to provide unparalleled communication and support. ESPADA provides our clients with critical, country-specific expertise. We are committed to: ➤ Delivering innovative and continuous improvement; with best-in-class local and regional services responsive to your dynamic environment and customized for your evolving needs ➤ Presenting a consistent, high standard of performance through a standardized Quality Control Program ➤ Providing value added options to drive efficiencies, through the introduction of technologically advanced solutions, designed to lower your cost of operations.” [Espada, about, accessed [3/15/20](#)]

Espada Conducted Trainings And Logistics Support For Their Clients. “ESPADA is a proven international security and logistics company that provides superior service in all types of environments. We deliver the best training, thoughtful consulting, and efficient security/logistics solutions world-wide. For over 10 years ESPADA customers have placed their trust in us to perform in difficult locations with assurance and confidence. Just some of the things we do: Active Shooter/Workplace Violence Training Security Assessments for domestic and international operations Crisis Consulting and Risk Mitigation Security Personnel and Training Air and Land Based Logistics Support Maritime Security Solutions ESPADA's blend of professionals provides us with the ability to design custom strategic solutions for our clients in all areas of the world. We adhere to the highest level of legal, moral, and ethical standards in our service, while protecting the safety, confidentiality, dignity, and privacy of our clients.” [LinkedIn, Espada Logistics and Security Group, accessed [3/15/20](#)]

Espada Was Registered In San Antonio, Texas. [Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, accessed 3/15/20]

Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Cuba Vision

2019: Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From Cuba Vision. According to his 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, Taylor reported consulting compensation from Cuba Vision. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From MI Systems, A Water Processing Company

2019: Taylor Reported Consulting Compensation From MI Systems. According to his 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, Taylor reported consulting compensation from MI Systems. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

MI Systems Is A Texas-Based, National And International Water Treatment Company. Magna Imperio Systems (MI Systems) Corp. is a Texas-based, national and international water technology company that designs, develops, manufactures and has commercialized the highest recovery, most energy and cost-efficient, sustainable water treatment system in the world. MI Systems' patented Electrochemical Nano Diffusion (END®) process is a revolutionization of the long established electrodialysis reversal (EDR) process and has established new benchmarks in terms of energy efficiency and recovery for desalination technology. END® offers up to 60% energy savings versus traditional treatment technologies with clean water recoveries up to

99+%, capitalizing on the far-reaching impacts of Maximum Recovery, Minimum Energy™.” [Magna Imperio Systems, about, accessed [3/15/20](#)]

2019 Taylor Compensation	
Duties	Source
Consulting	Stonington Global LLC, <i>Washington, DC</i>
Consulting	Espada Inc, <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
Consulting	Cuba Vision, <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
Consulting	MI Systems, <i>Houston, TX</i>

[Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

Agreements

2019: Taylor Did Not Report Any Agreements

2019: Taylor Did Not Report Any Agreements. According to his 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, Taylor did not report any agreements. [Taylor 2019 United States Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/19/19](#)]

2018 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2018: Taylor Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$2,429,999 And \$167,015

2018: Taylor Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$2,429,999 And \$167,015. [Taylor 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [4/11/19](#)]

Earned Income

2018: Taylor Reported No Earned Income

2018: Taylor Reported No Earned Income. [Taylor 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [4/11/19](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

2018: Taylor Reported Between \$50,015 And \$151,000 In Unearned Income

2018: Taylor Reported Between \$50,015 And \$151,000 In Unearned Income. [Taylor 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [4/11/19](#)]

2018 Taylor Assets & “Unearned” Income					
Asset	Year-End Value		Type of Income	Amount of Income	
	Min	Max		Min	Max
Piper Arrow Plane	\$50,001	\$100,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Navy Federal Checking	\$15,001	\$50,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
Union Bank & Trust Checking	\$100,001	\$250,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
Southern Bank Checking	\$1,001	\$15,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
Southern Bank Savings	\$1,001	\$15,000	Interest	\$1	\$200

Navy Federal Assurance Checking	\$100,001	\$250,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
Assurance Properties Proescher St. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Middle Ave. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Rugby St. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties N. Cherokee Virginia Beach VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties N. Cherokee Cluster Virginia Beach VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Curlew Ave Virginia Beach VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Tyndale Ct. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Kane St. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Galveston Blvd. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
TOTAL:	\$1,167,015	\$2,930,000	TOTAL:	\$50,015	\$151,000

[Taylor 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [4/11/19](#)]

Taylor Reported Making Between \$45,009 And \$135,000 In Rent On Properties Owned By Assurance Properties. [Taylor 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [4/11/19](#)]

Taylor Reported Making Between \$5,001 And \$15,000 In Rent On A Piper Arrow Aircraft. [Taylor 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [4/11/19](#)]

Liabilities

2018: Taylor Reported Between \$500,001 And \$1,000,000 In Liabilities

2018: Taylor Reported Between \$500,001 And \$1,000,000 In Liabilities. [Taylor 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [4/11/19](#)]

2018 TAYLOR LIABILITIES			
CREDITOR	DATE INCURRED	TYPE	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
First Union Bank, Virginia Beach, VA	9/15	Mortgage on Rental Properties	\$500,001-\$1,000,000
		TOTAL	\$500,001-\$1,000,000

[Taylor 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [4/11/19](#)]

Positions

2018: Taylor Reported Three Positions

2018 TAYLOR POSITIONS	
POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION
Manager	Assurance Properties, LLC – Uncompensated
Manager	Assurance International, LLC – Uncompensated
President/Principal Broker	Neptune Associates – Uncompensated

[Taylor 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/18](#)]

2017 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2017: Taylor Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$2,429,999 And \$167,015

2017: Taylor Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$2,429,999 And \$167,015. [Taylor 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/18](#)]

Earned Income

2017: Taylor Reported No Earned Income As Of August 2017

2017: Taylor Reported No Earned Income. [Taylor 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/18](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

2017: Taylor Reported Between \$50,015 And \$151,000 In Unearned Income

2017: Taylor Reported Between \$50,015 And \$151,000 In Unearned Income. [Taylor 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/18](#)]

2017 Taylor Assets & “Unearned” Income					
Asset	Year-End Value		Type of Income	Amount of Income	
	Min	Max		Min	Max
Piper Arrow Plane	\$50,001	\$100,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Navy Federal Checking	\$15,001	\$50,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
Union Bank & Trust Checking	\$100,001	\$250,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
Southern Bank Checking	\$1,001	\$15,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
Southern Bank Savings	\$1,001	\$15,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
Navy Federal Assurance Checking	\$100,001	\$250,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
Assurance Properties Proescher St. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Middle Ave. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Rugby St. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties N. Cherokee Virginia Beach VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties N. Cherokee Cluster Virginia Beach VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Curlew Ave Virginia Beach VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Tyndale Ct. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Kane St. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Galveston Blvd. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
TOTAL:	\$1,167,015	\$2,930,000	TOTAL:	\$50,015	\$151,000

[Taylor 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/18](#)]

Taylor Reported Making Between \$45,009 And \$135,000 In Rent On Properties Owned By Assurance Properties. [Taylor 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/18](#)]

Taylor Reported Making Between \$5,001 And \$15,000 In Rent On A Piper Arrow Aircraft. [Taylor 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/18](#)]

Transactions

2017 TAYLOR TRANSACTIONS

ASSET	TYPE OF TRANSACTIONS	CAPITAL GAINS > \$200?	DATE	AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION
Assurance Properties Ladd Ave. Norfolk VA	Sale	Yes	8/14/17	\$100,001- \$250,000

[Taylor 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/18](#)]

Liabilities

2017: Taylor Reported Between \$500,001 And \$1,000,000 In Liabilities

2017: Taylor Reported Between \$500,001 And \$1,000,000 In Liabilities. [Taylor 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/18](#)]

2017 TAYLOR LIABILITIES			
CREDITOR	DATE INCURRED	TYPE	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
First Union Bank, Virginia Beach, VA	9/15	Mortgage on Rental Properties	\$500,001-\$1,000,000
		TOTAL	\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000

[Taylor 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/18](#)]

Positions

2017: Taylor Reported Four Positions

2017 TAYLOR POSITIONS	
POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION
Manager	Assurance Properties, LLC – Uncompensated
Manager	Assurance International, LLC – Uncompensated
President/Principal Broker	Neptune Associates – Uncompensated

[Taylor 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/18](#)]

Travel

2017 Taylor Travel					
Source	Date(s)	City of Departure-Destination-City of Return	Lodging?	Food?	Family Member?
Government of Qatar	Dec 30- Jan 2	Kuwait-Doha-DC	Yes	Yes	No
American Israel Education Fund	Aug 7-Aug 14	Newark-Tel Aviv-Norfolk	Yes	Yes	Yes

[Taylor 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/18](#); Taylor 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Amendment, Filed [6/26/18](#)]

2016 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2016: Taylor Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$349,661 And -\$1,636,860

2016: Taylor Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$349,661 And -\$1,636,860. [Taylor 2016 New Member Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

Earned Income

2016: Taylor Reported No Earned Income As Of August 2017

2016: Taylor Reported No Earned Income As Of August 2017. [Taylor 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

2016: Taylor Reported \$32,640 In Earned Income

2016: Taylor Reported \$32,640 In Earned Income From The Commonwealth Of Virginia. [Taylor 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

2016 Taylor Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Commonwealth of Virginia	Salary	\$32,640

[Taylor 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

2016: The Base Salary For A Member Of The Virginia House Of Delegates Was \$17,640 A Year. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, the base salary for a member of the Virginia House of Delegates was \$16,640, the mileage reimbursement was .54/mile and session per diem rate was \$185 a day. [National Conference of State Legislatures, 2016 Survey: State Legislative Compensations, Session Per Diem and Mileage, accessed [9/1/17](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

2017: Taylor Reported No Unearned Income As Of August 2017

2017: Taylor Reported No Unearned Income As Of August 2017. [Taylor 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

2016: Taylor Reported Between \$50,015 And \$151,000 In Unearned Income

2016: Taylor Reported Between \$50,015 And \$151,000 In Unearned Income. [Taylor 2016 New Member Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

2016 Taylor Assets & "Unearned" Income					
Asset	Year-End Value		Type of Income	Amount of Income	
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Southern Bank Checking	\$1,001	\$15,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
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Assurance Properties Kane St. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Galveston Blvd. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties Ladd Ave. Norfolk VA	\$100,001	\$250,000	None	\$0	\$0
TOTAL:	\$1,267,016	\$3,180,000	TOTAL:	\$50,015	\$151,000

[Taylor 2016 New Member Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

Taylor Reported Making Between \$45,009 And \$135,000 In Rent On Properties Owned By Assurance Properties. [Taylor 2016 New Member Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

Taylor Reported Making Between \$5,001 And \$15,000 In Rent On A Piper Arrow Aircraft. [Taylor 2016 New Member Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

2015: Taylor Reported Between \$120,004 And \$1,065,200 In Unearned Income

2015: Taylor Reported Between \$120,004 And \$1,065,200 In Unearned Income. [Taylor 2016 Candidate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/16/16](#)]

2015 Taylor Assets & "Unearned" Income					
Asset	Year-End Value		Income Type	Amount of Income	
	Min	Max		Min	Max
Assurance International, 100% Interest	\$1	\$1,000	Book Income	\$5,001	\$15,000
Assurance Properties LLC, 100% Interest	\$1,000,001	\$5,000,000	Rent	\$15,001	\$50,000
Navy Federal Credit Union	\$50,001	\$100,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
Neptune Associates, 100% Interest	\$1,001	\$15,000	Real Estate Commissions	\$100,001	\$1,000,000
TOTAL:	\$1,051,004	\$5,116,000	TOTAL:	\$120,004	\$1,065,200

[Taylor 2016 Candidate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/16/16](#)]

Liabilities

2016: Taylor Reported Between \$1,000,001 And \$5,000,000 In Liabilities

2016: Taylor Reported Between \$1,000,001 And \$5,000,000 In Liabilities. [Taylor 2016 New Member Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

2016 TAYLOR LIABILITIES			
CREDITOR	DATE INCURRED	TYPE	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
First Union Bank, Virginia Beach, VA	9/15	Mortgage on Rental Properties	\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000
		TOTAL	\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000

[Taylor 2016 New Member Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

2015: Taylor Reported Between \$510,001 And \$1,015,000 In Liabilities

2015: Taylor Reported Between \$510,001 And \$1,015,000 In Liabilities. [Taylor 2016 Candidate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/16/16](#)]

2015 TAYLOR LIABILITIES			
CREDITOR	DATE INCURRED	TYPE	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
Assurance Properties LLC	Oct 2015	This is a loan for properties held in Assurance Properties for which I am personally liable	\$500,001-\$1,000,000
Navy Federal Credit Union	Ongoing	credit card	\$10,000-\$15,000
		TOTAL:	\$510,001-\$1,015,000

[Taylor 2016 Candidate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/16/16](#)]

Positions

2016: Taylor Reported Four Positions

2016 TAYLOR POSITIONS	
POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION
State Delegate	Virginia House of Delegates
Manager	Assurance Properties, LLC – Uncompensated
Manager	Assurance International, LLC – Uncompensated
President/Principal Broker	Neptune Associates – Uncompensated

[Taylor 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

2015: Taylor Reported Four Positions

2015 Taylor Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
State Delegate	Virginia House of Delegates
Manager	Assurance Properties, LLC – Uncompensated
Manager	Assurance International, LLC – Uncompensated
President/Principal Broker	Neptune Associates – Uncompensated

[Taylor 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/14/17](#)]

2014: Taylor Reported Four Positions

2014 TAYLOR POSITIONS	
POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION
President	Assurance Intl.
Principal Broker	Neptune Associates
Partner	Neptune Rehab
President	Courthouse Fitness LLC DBA Anytime Fitness

[Taylor 2015 Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [3/23/15](#)]

Appendix II – Campaign Finance

Items of Interest

- ✓ Taylor's federal campaign committees raised more than \$5 million and spent more than \$5.4 million.
- ✓ Taylor loaned himself more than \$110,000 over the course of his political career, despite being in significant debt. His campaigns repaid him for all but \$10,000 of his loans.

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U.S. Senate

Taylor's US Senate Campaign Committee Raised More Than \$600,000 And Spent More Than \$400,000

Scott Taylor for Senate – Total Contributions				
Year	Total	Individuals	PACs	Party
2020	\$632,221.04	\$620,221.04	\$12,000	\$0
Career	\$632,221.04	\$620,221.04	\$12,000	\$0

[Federal Election Commission, Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

Scott Taylor for Senate – Total Expenditures				
Year	Total	Operating Expenditures	Refunds	
			Individual	Committee
2018	\$468,466.67	\$465,456.67	\$3,010	\$0
Career	\$468,466.67	\$465,456.67	\$3,010	\$0

[Federal Election Commission, Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

Note: Campaign finance numbers were last updated 3/1/20 and the last report included 2019 End-Of-Year. Taylor's Senate campaign began 7/8/19.

U.S. House Of Representatives

Taylor's Congressional Campaign Committee Raised More Than \$4.6 Million And Spent More Than \$5 Million

Taylor For Congress – Total Contributions				
Year	Total	Individuals	PACs	Party
2020	\$74,790.73	\$70,790.73	\$4,000	\$0
2018	\$3,693,051.37	\$2,675,290.76	\$1,016,760.61	\$1,000
2016	\$832,852.99	\$520,153.04	\$307,699.95	\$5,000
2010	\$62,693.23	\$62,693.23	\$0	\$0
Career	\$4,663,388	\$3,328,928	\$1,328,461	\$6,000

[Federal Election Commission, Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

Taylor For Congress – Total Expenditures				
Year	Total	Operating Expenditures	Refunds	
			Individual	Committee

2020	\$98,519.89	\$98,519.89	\$0	\$0
2018	\$4,083,442.48	\$4,059,330.54	\$13.04	\$10,000
2016	\$806,017.60	\$712,217.66	\$1,500	\$0
2010	\$64,797.83	\$42,307.83	\$0	\$0
Career	\$5,052,778	\$4,912,376	\$1,513.04	\$10,000

[Federal Election Commission, Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

Note: Campaign finance numbers were last updated 3/1/20 and the last report included 2019 End-Of-Year.

House Of Delegates

Taylor For Delegate Campaign Committee Funds Top Lines		
Year	Receipts	Expenses
2015	\$83,856	\$77,206
2013	\$259,495	\$258,458
Total	\$343,351	\$335,664

[Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [8/14/17](#)]

House of Delegates Career: Raised \$343,351

2012 – 2017: Taylor’s House Of Delegates Campaign Committee Raised A Total Of \$343,351. [Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [8/14/17](#)]

House of Delegates Career: Spent \$335,664

2012 – 2017: Taylor’s House Of Delegates Campaign Committee Spent A Total Of \$335,664. [Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [8/14/17](#)]

Taylor’s Mayoral Campaign Committee Spent \$38,556 And Raised \$38,554

Taylor For Mayor of Virginia Beach Campaign Committee Funds Top Lines		
Year	Receipts	Expenditures
2008	\$38,556	\$38,554
Total	\$38,556	\$38,554

[Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [8/14/17](#)]

Candidate Self Loans

Taylor Candidate Loans Top Lines				
Race	Receipts		Expenditures	
	Total	Self-Loans	Total	Self-Loans
2020 U.S. House	\$74,790.73	\$0	\$98,519.89	\$0
2020 U.S. Senate	\$632,221.04	\$0	\$468,466.67	\$0
2018 U.S. House	\$3,693,051.37	\$0	\$4,083,442.48	\$8,132
2016 U.S. House	\$832,852.99	\$38,132	\$806,017.60	\$30,000
2016 VA House	\$83,856	\$0	\$77,206	\$0
2014 VA House	\$259,495	\$20,000	\$258,458	\$20,000
2010 U.S. House	\$62,693.23	\$10,000	\$64,797.83	\$0
2008 Mayoral	\$38,556	\$44,000	\$38,554	\$44,000

Career	\$5,677,516	\$112,132	\$5,895,462	\$102,132
[Federal Election Commission, Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 3/1/20 ; Virginia Public Access Project, accessed 8/14/17 ; Virginia Public Access Project, accessed 8/14/17]				

Career: Loaned His Campaigns \$112,132

Taylor Loaned His Campaigns A Total Of \$112,132. [Federal Election Commission, Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [3/1/20](#); Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [8/14/17](#); Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [8/14/17](#)]

Career: Repaid Himself \$102,132

Taylor Repaid Himself A Total Of \$102,132. [Federal Election Commission, Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [3/1/20](#); Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [8/14/17](#); Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [8/14/17](#)]

Top Congressional Campaign Committee Contributors

Taylor Career Top Contributors To Campaign Committee				
Rank	Contributor	Total	Indivs	PACs
1	Preston Hollow Capital	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$0
2	Honeywell International	\$25,351	\$5,352	\$19,999
3	Cox Enterprises	\$22,850	\$8,850	\$14,000
4	Franklin Johnston Group	\$20,900	\$20,900	\$0
5	Northrop Grumman	\$20,540	\$3,040	\$17,500

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

Taylor's Top Campaign Contributor Was Preston Hollow Capital

Taylor's Top Campaign Contributor Was Honeywell International. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

Honeywell International, Cox Enterprises, Franklin Johnston Group, And Northrop Grumman Were Also Top Contributors

Honeywell International, Cox Enterprises, Franklin Johnston Group, And Northrop Grumman Were Also Top Contributors To Taylor's Campaign Committee. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

NOTE: According to the Center for Responsive Politics, "The organizations themselves did not donate, rather the money came from the organizations' PACs, their individual members or employees or owners, and those individuals' immediate families. Organization totals include subsidiaries and affiliates" [Center for Responsive Politics Top Contributors, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

Top Overall Industries

Note: Numbers last updated 10/5/17.

Taylor Career Top Industries (Campaign Committee)				
Rank	Sector	Total	PACs	Indivs
1	Retired	\$451,265	\$0	\$451,265
2	Leadership PACs	\$289,600	\$289,600	\$0
3	Real Estate	\$283,734	\$251,234	\$32,500

4	Securities & Investment	\$256,994	\$246,994	\$10,000
5	Republican/Conservative	\$240,084	\$194,584	\$45,500

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

Retired People Were Taylor's Top Contributor By Industry And Contributed \$451,265

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Leadership PACs, Real Estate, Securities & Investment, And Republican/ Conservative Were Also Top Contributing Industries

Leadership PACs, Real Estate, Securities & Investment, And Republican/ Conservative Were Also Top Contributing Industries. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

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2018 Cycle: Securities And Investment Was Taylor's Top Contributor By Industry And Contributed \$265,944

Taylor 2018 Cycle Top Industries (Campaign Committee & LPAC Combined)				
Rank	Sector	Total	Indivs	PACs
1	Securities & Investment	\$265,944	\$255,944	\$10,000
2	Retired	\$240,003	\$240,003	\$0
3	Republican/Conservative	\$210,614	\$191,114	\$19,500
4	Real Estate	\$193,984	\$167,984	\$26,000
5	Leadership PACs	\$169,900	\$0	\$169,900

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

NOTE: Includes campaign committee and leadership PAC (Unknown, more research necessary).

2016 Cycle: Retired People Were Taylor's Top Contributor By Industry And Contributed \$77,470

Taylor 2016 Cycle Top Industries		
Rank	Sector	Total
1	Retired	\$77,470
2	Leadership PACs	\$66,700
3	Real Estate	\$54,000
4	Republican/Conservative	\$25,000
5	Automotive	\$23,450

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [10/5/17](#)]

NOTE: Numbers for PACs and Individuals not available.

Overall Sectors

Taylor Career Top Sectors (Campaign Committee)				
Rank	Sector	Total	Indivs	PACs

1	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	\$826,632	\$662,132	\$164,500
2	Ideological/Single-Issue	\$725,966	\$271,882	\$454,084
3	Other	\$573,381	\$572,381	\$1,000
4	Misc Business	\$425,782	\$296,423	\$129,359
5	Transportation	\$206,867	\$99,867	\$107,000
6	Defense	\$200,460	\$57,960	\$142,500
7	Energy & Natural Resources	\$171,739	\$94,739	\$77,000
8	Construction	\$164,203s	\$131,203	\$33,000
9	Agribusiness	\$139,463	\$72,713	\$66,750
10	Communications/Electronics	\$132,127	\$61,537	\$70,590

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

The Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate Sector Was Taylor's Top Contributing Sector And Contributed \$826,632

The Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate Sector Was Taylor's Top Contributing Sector And Contributed \$826,632. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

Single-Issue, Other, And Miscellaneous Business Sectors Were Also Top Contributors By Sector

Single-Issue, Unclassified, And Miscellaneous Business Were Also Top Contributing Sectors. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

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2018 Cycle: The Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate Sector Was Taylor's Top Contributing Sector And Contributed \$564,032

Taylor 2018 Cycle Top Sectors		
Rank	Sector	Total
1	Finance/Insur/RealEst	\$564,032
2	Ideology/Single-Issue	\$510,796
3	Misc Business	\$297,897
4	Other	\$286,534
5	Transportation	\$128,417

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

2016 Cycle: The Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate Sector Was Taylor's Top Contributing Sector And Contributed \$129,000

Taylor 2016 Cycle Top Sectors		
Rank	Sector	Total
1	Finance/Insur/RealEst	\$129,000
2	Ideology/Single-Issue	\$115,920
3	Other	\$98,705
4	Misc Business	\$76,600
5	Transportation	\$41,450

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [10/5/17](#)]

Appendix III – Revolving Door

Top Lines

Taylor's Chief Of Staff Became A Lobbyist After Taylor Lost Re-Election

Jan. 2019: John Thomas Began Lobbying At Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP. [Legistorm, accessed [3/2/20](#)]

March 2020: Thomas Was Listed As Lobbying On Behalf Of Claroty Inc., IAI North America Inc., Rafael USA Inc., And RT Aerostat Systems Inc. [Legistorm, accessed [3/2/20](#)]

Jan. 2017- Jan. 2019: John Thomas Served As Taylor's Chief Of Staff During His Time In Congress. [Legistorm, accessed [3/2/20](#)]

Appendix IV – Paid Media Summary

NOTE: Paid media advertisements saved on drive.

2018 Cycle

Taylor 2018 “Bad Guys” Paid Media Summary				
Date	Name	Subject	Description	Notable
10/31/18	NRCC - “Pelosi Military”	Elaine Luria, tv ad, linking w/ Nancy Pelosi	Negative ad	
10/25/18	NRCC - “Comeback”	Elaine Luria, Nancy Pelosi	Negative ad	
10/17/18	NRCC - “Code”	Scott Taylor, Navy Seal & “rare independent”	Positive ad	
10/17/18	NRCC - “Most Radical”	Elaine Luria, amnesty for all illegals, oppose border wall	Negative ad	
10/9/18	NRCC - “Dominoes”	Elaine Luria, Nancy Pelosi	Negative ad	
10/2/18	NRCC - “Dangerous”	Elaine Luria, government takeover of health care	Negative ad	
9/25/18	NRCC - “Lurking”	Elaine Luria, radical and dangerous	Negative ad	
9/12/18	NRCC - “Too Far Left”	Scott Taylor, calls Elaine Luria “too far left”	Contrast ad	
10/3/18	NRCC/Taylor - “Steer Her Campaign”	Elaine Luria linked to Nancy Pelosi, Scott Taylor “independent leader”	Contract ad	
10/27/18	CLF - “Agenda”	Elaine Luria linked w/ Nancy Pelosi	Negative ad	
6/1/18	Scott Taylor - “Scott Taylor Positive”	Scott Taylor for Congress ad, radio ad, focused on family issues and record	Positive, focuses on record and family issues	
8/30/18	Scott Taylor - “Values”	Scott Taylor for Congress ad, tv ad, Taylor’s mother	Positive, family	Taylor’s mother, direct to camera
9/10/18	Scott Taylor - “Disgrace”	Scott Taylor for Congress ad, tv ad, ties Luria to Pelosi	Negative	Calls Luria, Pelosi’s puppet
9/10/18	Scott Taylor - “Learning to Listen”	Scott Taylor for Congress, tv ad, positive, tax bill	Positive, record	Touts passage of tax bill
9/25/18	Scott Taylor - “One Thing”	Scott Taylor for Congress, tv ad, positive/ negative, Taylor says he won’t cut ss	Personal record, attacks on opponents	
9/28/18	“Better Choice”	Scott Taylor for Congress ad, tv ad, Luria voted for Taylor	Negative ad	
9/28/18	Scott Taylor - “Moderate Choice”	Scott Taylor for Congress, tv ad, Luria Said Taylor was “moderate”	Negative	

10/3/18	Scott Taylor - "Steer Her Campaign"	Scott Taylor for Congress, tv ad, contrast, Nancy Pelosi, Chesapeake Bay cleanup	Contrast ad	Talks about helping Chesapeake Bay cleanup effort
10/18/18	Scott Taylor - "Unproven"	Scott Taylor for Congress, tv ad, contrast, Luria sold our VA values, Taylor has good values	Contrast ad	Refutes Luria ads against Taylor
10/24/18	Scott Taylor - "Unbelievable"	Scott Taylor for Congress, tv ad, contrast, Luria attacks are false, Taylor stood up to protect pre-existing condition protection	Contrast ad	
10/31/18	Scott Taylor - "Hand Picked"	Scott Taylor for Congress tv ad, Luria controlled by Pelosi, Taylor delivered for VA	Contrast ad	

Taylor 2018 "Good Guys" Paid Media Summary

Date	Name	Subject	Description	Notable
2/13/18	Stop Payday Predators - "Stop Payday Predators"	Scott Taylor, payday loans	Negative ad attacking Taylor's vote to protect payday lenders	
5/2/18	Mary Jones for Congress - "George Soros"	Mary Jones for Congress, tv ad, Scott Taylor, George Soros	Negative ad tying Taylor to George Soros; clip of him speaking	
10/30/18	Elaine Luria - "How will you know"	Elaine Luria for Congress, says she will stand up for "you	Positive ad	
10/19/18	Elaine Luria - "Mike Ott"	Elaine Luria for Congress, Mike Ott -- lifelong R and proud conservative who says he's about to vote D for the first time and Elaine would be good for Virginia	Positive ad	'Country over party' theme
10/19/18	Elaine Luria - "Nancy and Atoy"	Elaine Luria for Congress, attacking Taylor on votes against pre-existing conditions & tax breaks for donors	Negative ad	
10/10/18	Elaine Luria - "Jump the Shark"	Elaine Luria for Congress, highlights Navy experience while attacking Taylor for pre-existing conditions vote	Contrast ad	
10/9/18	Elaine Luria - "This is mom + DCCC"	Elaine Luria for Congress, happy mom turned sad because of damage to her life by Taylor's vote against pre-existing conditions	Negative ad	
10/2/18	Elaine Luria - "Life gets hectic"	Elaine Luria for Congress, family person, ability to bring people together	Positive ad	
9/25/18	Elaine Luria - "Served Under"	Elaine Luria for Congress, people who know her respect and admire her	Positive ad	

9/5/18	Elaine Luria - "Tell You"	Elaine Luria for Congress, "I want to tell you about my mom, Elaine Luria"	Positive ad	
8/28/18	Elaine Luria - "Fight for Virginia"	Elaine Luria for Congress, highlights resume	Positive ad	
8/8/18	Elaine Luria - "Sea Change"	Elaine Luria for Congress, highlights resume and Navy experience & priorities	Positive ad	
10/23/18	DCCC IE - "Rules"	Scott Taylor, criminal investigations/unpaid taxes/hidden businesses	Negative ad	
10/4/18	DCCC IE - "The File"	Scott Taylor, criminal investigations	Negative ad	
9/13/18	DCCC IE - "Overwatch"	Scott Taylor, fraud/criminal investigation	Negative ad	
9/13/18	DCCC IE - "Mission 2"	Scott Taylor, subpoena/criminal investigation	Negative ad	
9/4/18	DCCC IE - "Mission"	Scott Taylor/criminal investigation	Negative ad	
10/2/18	House Majority PAC - "Soaring Health Care"	Scott Taylor making healthcare worse	Negative ad	
9/18/18	House Majority PAC - "Washington Special Interests"	Scott Taylor sides w/ special interests, faces scandal, and voted to give billions in tax breaks	Negative ad	
10/17/18	Women Vote! - "Has to go"	Scott Taylor, election fraud scandal & vote to raise premiums for VA families	Negative ad	
10/27/18	Vote Vets- "Stepping up Again"	Elaine Luria, Scott Taylor and fraud investigation	Contrast ad	
10/31/18	Independence USA - "Hurt our families"	Scott Taylor, health care votes hurt VA families	Negative ad	
10/23/18	LCV - "Revelation"	Scott Taylor under investigation for "out and out fraud"	Negative ad	Good use of direct quote

Paid Media Transcripts

Stop Payday Predators

Title: [Stop Payday Predators](#) (30 Seconds)

Date: 2/13/18

Maria: I've been retired for ten years

Martha: I was a payday lender

Maria: I took out a \$100 payday loan

Martha: We would charge up to 300% interest

Maria: Today I pay \$554 a month

Martha: We would break people all of the time
Maria: I've been trapped now for 8 years
Martha: Only Congress can stop this
TEXT: Congressman Taylor voted to protect payday lenders.
SOURCE: H.R. 3354 Amdt 201
Maria: And they need to hear from you
Martha: Call Congressman Taylor
Maria: Protect people
Martha: Not predatory lenders
TEXT: Call Rep. Taylor, 757-364-7650, Stop Payday Predators

Mary Jones for Congress

Title: [“George Soros”](#)

Date: 5/2/18

Scott Taylor: Good evening Global Citizens!
VO: That's Congressman Scott Taylor speaking at a Soros sponsored Global Citizen conference last year.
Scott Taylor: It's great to be here with you and I am honored to be here to represent Virginia and be here on behalf of them.
VO: Stop. Scott Taylor says he's a Republican, so what's he doing addressing a George Soros conference?
VO: Virginians don't back Soros' Godless, leftist agenda of open borders, common core the progressive welfare state and turning our military into social workers.
VO: Virginians need a conservative voice in Congress who will put America first.
VO: Mary Jones for Congress.
Mary Jones: I'm Mary Jones and as your congressman I'll be standing up to George Soros, not speaking at his rallies.
Mary Jones: I approve this message and ask for your vote for a real Republican to represent us in Congress.
VO: Mary Jones for Congress because it's time to stand up to the left not join them.
VO: Paid for by Mary Jones for Congress

Elaine Luria

Title: How will you know

Date: 10/30/18

EL: How will you know what kind of representative I'll be? I'll look you in the eye and tell you.
EL: I'm not a politician and I've never run for office, I think we need that in Washington.
EL: In Congress, I'll listen to you not corporate donors and not party leaders.
EL: And I'll stand up to anyone, including the President to make quality health care more affordable, and protect Social Security and Medicare.
EL: I'm Elaine Luria and I approve this message because I'll represent you.

Title: Mike Ott

Date: 10/19/18

MO: I'm a lifelong Republican and proud conservative, but this November I'm about to do something that I've never done before. I am supporting a Democrat for Congress.
But calling Elaine Luria a Democrat misses the point she's an outstanding commanding officer, a mother and a tenacious leader who puts her country above party
We hated to lose Elaine, but I sincerely believe that our Navy's loss will be a tremendous gain for the people of Virginia.

Title: Nancy and Atoy**Date: 10/19/18**

Atoy: Nancy and I are losing our patience with Scott Taylor – it started when he voted to gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions and to charge older folks five times more for their premiums.

Nancy's furious about that.

Nancy: Furious.

Atoy: Then Taylor gave a billion dollar tax break to his big donors.

Atoy: But now this election fraud?

Atoy: Now that's just a mess Mr. Taylor.

Title: Jump the Shark**Date: 10/10/18**

Elaine Luria: I'm Elaine Luria and in the Navy you learn to prepare for any attack, even when they sort of jump the shark.

EL: Like Congressman Taylor attacking me on health care.

EL: Taylor voted to gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions. That could be cancer, asthma, diabetes.

EL: 45,000 people in his district would lose their health care.

EL: I approve this message because Congressman Taylor acts like a big fish in his ads but he's something totally different out of water.

Title: This is mom + DCCC**Date: 10/9/18**

Anna Davis: This is my mom, pretty happy right?

AD: This is my mom now, cancer took her speech and her ability to walk, but it didn't take her life. That's something to be happy about.

AD: But Scott Taylor voted to take away health care protections for people with pre-existing conditions. Things like asthma, diabetes and cancer.

AD: When you vote, remember how Mr. Taylor voted. And remember this happy family.

Title: Life gets hectic**Date: 10/2/18**

Elaine Luria: I'm Elaine Luria, and as a Navy Commander, business owner, and mom, life can get hectic.

EL: So to relax I build things and I'm running for Congress to build things too.

EL: Like an economy that works for everyone.

EL: And I'll bring together Democrats and Republicans so we can cut health care costs and protect Medicare and Social Security.

EL: So let the politicians run silly ads attacking me.

EL: I approve this message because I'm proud of what we're building.

Title: Served Under**Date: 9/25/18**

We've all served under Elaine Luria, in the military at the Mermaid Factory, and I answer to Elaine at home.

As a commander, Elaine didn't care what political party you were in. She always put country first.

Elaine treats her employees with respect, and really cares about her community.

And Elaine is an amazing mom. She is a true leader. We need that in Congress.

She also runs one tight ship.

Title: [Tell You](#)

Date: 9/5/18

Violette Luria: I want to tell you about my mom, Elaine Luria.

VL: She was a Navy commander that spent almost 20 years working on warships – they’re really big.

VL: The she started her own business. It went from an idea made out of clay to the Mermaid Factory. Isn’t that cool?

VL: Now she’s running for congress so she can do good work for everyone’s family.

VL: Oh and she’s also a great mom.

Title: [Fight for Virginia](#)

Date: 8/28/18

VO: From leading sailors, to starting a business to starting a family. Elaine Luria will fight for Virginia.

VO: In Congress she’ll stand up for our families by protecting Medicare and Social Security.

VO: Fixing our broken health care system so everyone can afford it, and making sure our troops have the resources they need and our veterans receive the benefits they earned.

VO: Commanding officer, business woman, mom. Elaine Luria for congress.

Title: [Sea Change](#)

Date: 8/8/18

Elaine Luria: I was one of the first women to serve my entire Navy career on combatant ships. Deployed six times.

EL: I’m Elaine Luria, and when this is your office, your only option is to work together.

EL: Congress could learn a thing or two at sea.

EL: Partisan politics can’t protect Social Security and Medicare or fix our broken health care system

EL: I approve this message because it will take leaders from way outside Washington to bring a sea change to Congress.

DCCC IE

Title: Rules

Date: 10/23/18

Facts...become patterns. We know Scott Taylor’s campaign is under criminal investigation. But with Scott Taylor – there’s a pattern. He thinks the rules don’t apply... Over \$10,000 in unpaid taxes \$1.5 million in legal judgments: unpaid loans, hidden businesses... And he continued to employ four staffers accused of election fraud. Scott Taylor is a politician who thinks the rules don’t apply to him. There’s enough of those in Washington – it’s time for a change.”

Title: The File

Date: 10/4/18

Narrator: “As he struggles with an election scandal, the file on Congressman Scott Taylor...is getting thick. Here’s what papers are reporting:

“A Judge has already found out-and-out fraud.

Virginia State Police are investigating.

“A special prosecutor has been appointed.

“Five Taylor staffers have invoked their Fifth Amendment rights.

And Congressman Taylor refused a subpoena.

“Papers call it “shady...” and possibly “criminal.”
“Congressman Scott Taylor. The evidence ... is mounting.”

Title: Overwatch**Date: 9/13/18**

“New developments in the scandal engulfing Congressman Scott Taylor.
The walls are closing in:
“A Judge recently found clear forgery and out and out fraud.
“Taylor has been accused of intimidation tactics, and five known associates have invoked their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination.
“Congressman Taylor himself was subpoenaed ... but refused to appear.
“The criminal investigation into his campaign is active.
And Scott Taylor remains at large.
Remain vigilant, Virginia.”

Title: Mission 2**Date: 9/13/18**

Narrator: “New developments in the scandal engulfing Congressman Scott Taylor. The walls are closing in.”
Narrator: “A Judge recently found clear forgery and out and out fraud.”
Narrator: “Taylor has been accused of intimidation tactics...”
Narrator: “...and five known associates have invoked their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination.”
Narrator: “Congressman Taylor himself was subpoenaed but refused to appear.”
Narrator: “The criminal investigation into his campaign is active.
Narrator: And Scott Taylor remains at large.
Narrator: Remain vigilant, Virginia.”

Title: [Mission](#)**Date: 9/4/18**

Narrator: “Your mission, Virginia, is to uncover a growing political scandal. Congressman Scott Taylor's campaign is under investigation for forging signatures to aid his re-election campaign.”
News Anchor 1: “Right now at 4 we have breaking news...a bombshell in Hampton Roads”
News Anchor 2: “How then could a dead man have signed this document?”
News Anchor 3: “Is that your signature”
Interviewee: “No it isn't”
News Anchor 4: “This is the judge's order calling for a special prosecutor”
Narrator: “Remain vigilant. Congressman Scott Taylor is still at large. And this scandal is still developing.”

House Majority PAC

Title: [Soaring Health Care](#)**Date: 10/2/18**

VO: You get sick, she falls down, he needs his medication.
VO: Soaring health care costs hit all of us hard.
VO: And Congressman Taylor is making it worse.
VO: Taking thousands from insurance interest – now they're raising your premiums.

VO: Taylor would even allow insurance companies to impose what the AARP calls an age tax, charging older Virginians more.

VO: Congressman Taylor's not for us.

Title: Washington Special Interests**Date: 9/18/18**

VO: Congressman Taylor sides with Washington special interests, and faces scandal and a special prosecutor.

VO: What does it mean for us?

VO: Taylor voted for a Washington plan that gives special interests billions in tax breaks, adding nearly \$2 trillion to the national debt.

VO: Washington's plan to pay for it? Cut Medicare and Social Security, even care for veterans.

Text: The Hill, 12/3/17

VO: Congressman Taylor's just not for us.

Women Vote!

Title: Has to go**Date: 10/17/18**

VO: We've all heard about election fraud scandal, but his other scandal is his record on health care.

VO: Scott Taylor took thousands from the drug and insurance industries and voted to raise premiums for Virginia families by up to 64 percent.

VO: Taylor also supported an age tax on older Americans and voted to gut protections for pre-existing conditions.

VO: Big donors win, Virginia families lose. That's his other scandal.

VO: It's why Scott Taylor has to go.

LCV

Title: Revelation**Date: 10/23/18**

VO: Congressman Taylor's campaign under investigation for "out and out fraud."

VO: Now this shocking revelation Taylor took over \$750,000 in contributions from special interests and sided with big corporations allowing them to spew more toxic pollution into our air.

VO: And Taylor sided with insurance companies too – voting to gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions like asthma and cancer.

VO: Congressman Taylor's not for us.

Vote Vets

Title: Stepping up Again**Date: 10/27/18**

VO: After serving as a Navy commander, Elaine Luria came home to start a business and raise a family. Now she's stepping up again.

VO: Because our Congressman, Scott Taylor, the guy being investigated by a special prosecutor for fraud.

VO: Taylor voted to cut health care for 32,000 Virginia veterans.

VO: Virginians who risked everything losing access to care.

VO: It's time for a leader who will honor our service. Elaine Luria for Congress.

Scott Taylor

Title: Hand Picked**Date: 10/31/18**

Scott Taylor: Nancy Pelosi and her far left interest groups have spent almost \$4 million trying to help their handpicked candidate, Elaine Luria. Because they know they can control her.

ST: I'm Scott Taylor and I approve this message so you'll know the truth.

ST: I voted to make your health care more affordable, to protect people with pre-existing conditions, brought money back to clean our Chesapeake Bay, help raise military pay, help to rebuild our military and take care of our veterans.

ST: I'm asking you to come out and vote for me on November 6th so that I can continue to fight and get things done for you.

Title: 10/24/18**Date: Unbelievable**

Penny: Have you seen Elaine Luria's latest attack ad on Scott Taylor?

Jean: Unbelievable. My mom passed from breast cancer...

Liddy: I know, mine did too. So I looked into Scott's stance on pre-existing conditions. The truth is, Scott stood up to the insurance companies and he voted to protect people with pre-existing conditions.

Penny: Elaine Luria has gone way too far.

Jean: Well, Scott's got my vote...

Liddy: Mine too.

Penny: He's always had my vote.

Title: Unproven**Date: 10/24/18**

VO: The Pelosi Luria attacks? Unproven, no evidence, not true. Elaine should be ashamed.

Scott Taylor: My opponents attacks? Well that's just politics, but the way she sold out our Virginia values to extreme left people from California and New York, well that's just wrong.

Scott Taylor: As a Navy Seal combat veteran my values will never be for sale.

Scott Taylor: And I'll continue to fight for our community, our commonwealth and our country.

Title: Steer Her Campaign**Date: 10/3/18**

VO: Elaine Luria has let Nancy Pelosi steer her campaign into the gutter.

VO: Scott Taylor is an independent leader working for us.

Scott Taylor: I fought to secure Chesapeake clean up funds because I understand the importance.

ST: I grew up on the Eastern Shore, working on the farm and at a crab restaurant.

ST: I also understand how important it is to our tourism economy, to the seafood that we eat, and for our families who enjoy the Chesapeake Bay for generations to come.

Title: Better Choice**Date: 9/28/18**

VO: Elaine Luria voted for Scott Taylor, twice! Calling him the better choice.

Reporter: Why you instead of him?

Elaine Luria: Um.

VO: That's why Elaine Luria can't explain why we should vote for her.

Elaine Luria: I'm Sorry.

Title: Moderate Person**Date: 9/28/18**

VO: Elaine Luria says Scott Taylor is a reasonable, moderate person

Reporter: Why you instead of him?

Elaine Luria: Um.

VO: No wonder Nancy Pelosi's handpicked candidate was stumped when asked why we should vote for her.

Title: One Thing**Date: 9/25/18**

Scott Taylor: It's one thing for Elaine Luria to let liberal Nancy Pelosi pull her strings, but the things they are saying about me are not true and they're just not right.

ST: I respect our greatest generation and I fought in Iraq to protect the freedoms they preserve for us.

ST: I will never vote to cut Social Security and Medicare and I'm working on a lock box for both of them because it's your money.

ST: Let's stop politicians like Nancy Pelosi and Elaine Luria from spending your money on their far left priorities.

Title: Disgrace**Date: 9/10/18**

Scott Taylor: I'm Scott Taylor and I approve this message.

VO: Elaine Luria's negative campaign against Scott Taylor, a Navy Seal and Iraq war combat veteran, is a disgrace.

VO: Worse, liberal Nancy Pelosi is pulling Luria's strings, bankrolling her attacks because Pelosi's desperate to rule as house speaker.

VO: With Luria's vote we'll have higher taxes, lower wages and fewer jobs...again.

VO: If Nancy Pelosi's puppet Elaine Luria wins we'll lose.

Title: Learning to Listen**Date: 9/10/18**

ST: As your representative I'm learning to listen very well.

ST: And from farms to restaurants to manufacturers, they're telling me how they're able to give their workers' pay raises and bonuses and create new jobs.

ST: Business is booming because we passed the first reform of the tax code in over 30 years and cut burdensome regulations

ST: Our companies in our community are not just surviving they're thriving.

Title: Values**Date: 8/30/18**

Scott Taylor: I'm Scott Taylor and I approve this message.

ST: I was raised on the Eastern Shore by a single mom. We never had much, but we'll always had the values that she instilled in us.

Debbie Taylor-Silcott: I raised to be an honest, independent and very caring person.

DTS: From a little tyke up, he's always been a leader.

DTS: Scott wanted to be a Navy Seal in high school. I think he sees helping as a noble calling. I'm very proud of the man that he has become.

Title: Scott Taylor positive (Radio)**Date: 6/1/18**

Taylor: This is Scott Taylor. I'm a former Navy Seal, Iraq war veteran and conservative Republican congressman.

Taylor: I'm focused on issues facing families like yours and mine.

Taylor: I voted to cut taxes so that families and businesses can keep more of their own money.

Taylor: New jobs are being created, the economy is growing and people are optimistic - the tax cuts are working.

Taylor: We're rebuilding our forces, their training and their readiness. I believe the best defense for our nation is a robust military.

Taylor: I'm a veteran in the VA system. I know how to improve it and have passed legislation to make it more accountable.

Taylor: I'm working to take care of our vets.

VO: Scott Taylor is representing our families and our district. He voted against sanctuary cities and for strong borders to keep us safe.

VO: He voted to defund Planned Parenthood.

VO: And as a former Navy Seal sniper, he's strong on the Second Amendment.

VO: Scott Taylor is the conservative who listens to us. Let's vote for Scott Taylor for the Republican nomination on Tuesday, June 12th.

Taylor: I'm Scott Taylor I'm running for Congress and I approve this message. This ad is paid for by Scott Taylor for Congress.

NRCC/Taylor

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VO: Elaine Luria has let Nancy Pelosi steer her campaign into the gutter.

VO: Scott Taylor is an independent leader working for us.

Scott Taylor: I fought to secure Chesapeake clean up funds because I understand the importance.

ST: I grew up on the Eastern Shore, working on the farm and at a crab restaurant.

ST: I also understand how important it is to our tourism economy, to the seafood that we eat, and for our families who enjoy the Chesapeake Bay for generations to come.

NRCC

Title: [Pelosi Military](#)**Date: 10/31/18**

VO: When you get Elaine Luria, you get the Nancy Pelosi packaged deal

VO: So what does that mean for Hampton Roads?

VO: Nancy Pelosi refused to support the military pay raise

VO: Pelosi refused to support the submarine fleet

VO: Pelosi wanted less money for defense even than Obama wanted.

VO: Pelosi is a disaster for the military and if you vote for Luria, you vote for Pelosi

Title: Comeback**Date: 10/25/18**

VO: Nancy Pelosi is making a comeback, your vote decides if she becomes speaker again.

VO: Pelosi says amnesty for illegal immigrants and gun control are what you get is Elaine Luria gets elected.

VO: Pelosi admits it, in print, October 16th

VO: Read it yourself: amnesty, gun control and Pelosi already refused to support the military pay raise.

VO: If Elaine Luria wins, Pelosi wins. If Pelosi wins, you lose.

Title: Code

Date: 10/17/18

VO: The code of Navy Seals, serve with honor and integrity on and off the battlefield. Ready to lead, ready to follow. New quit.

VO: Scott Taylor never quit in Iraq, Scott Taylor never quits fighting for the people of Hampton Roads and the Peninsula.

VO: Fight to win.

VO: Scott Taylor stands up to both parties in Washington, he's the rare independent.

VO: Earn you trident every days. For Congress, Navy Seal Scott Taylor.

Title: Most Radical

Date: 10/17/18

VO: What's the most radical plank in Elaine Luria's platform? It's immigration.

VO: Read what she told the Pilot, Elaine Luria supports amnesty for all illegal immigrants.

VO: Luria opposes building the border wall.

VO: And Luria admits she wants more immigration, not less.

VO: Elaine Luria doesn't talk about her platform in her tv ads.

VO: What you don't know about Elaine Luria, makes her dangerous.

Title: Dominoes

Date: 10/9/18

VO: If Elaine Luria is elected, Nancy Pelosi could be speaker.

VO: That's why Pelosi is bankrolling Luria's campaign.

VO: Last time Pelosi was speaker, she raised taxes and drained military spending. Now, Pelosi wants more tax hikes and government health care.

VO: Pelosi's counting on Elaine Luria to help her do it.

VO: Stop Pelosi, defeat Elaine Luria.

Title: [Dangerous](#)

Date: 10/2/18

VO: It's a mystery. Elaine Luria's campaign ads say nothing about her platform. Wonder why?

VO: Elaine Luria has quietly committed to step towards a big government health care takeover.

VO: Experts say it would cost \$32 trillion.

VO: It could double the amount of taxes every individual and business pays.

VO: And it would end Medicare as we know it.

VO: Making employer coverage illegal.

VO: What you don't know about Elaine Luria, is what makes her dangerous.

Title: [Lurking](#)

Date: 9/25/18

VO: You may not see it yet, but it's out there...danger.

VO: Lurking in the race for Congress.

VO: Stealth candidate Elaine Luria has quietly promised something radical and dangerous.

VO: Luria backs a gateway to a government takeover of health care.

VO: It would cause health care costs to skyrocket and deteriorate your quality of care.

VO: What you don't know about Elaine Luria is what should make you nervous

Title: Too Far Left

Date: 9/12/18

VO: For congress, Scott Taylor is the independent, middle of the road.

VO: And Elaine Luria she's a far left liberal.

VO: Elaine Luria supports new, big government health insurance that would help government take over our health care – jeopardizing your good employer coverage.

Text: Atlantic, [can't see date]

VO: And Elaine Luria opposes the tax cuts that are creating jobs, and saving average families almost \$1300 per year.

Text: Taxfoundation.org, accessed 8/5/18

VO: Elaine Luria is just too far left.

CLF

Title: Agenda

Date: 10/27/18

VO: Nancy Pelosi says she wants to increase your taxes.

So it's no wonder Pelosi and her allies are bankrolling Elaine Luria's campaign for Congress.

Because Luria supports Pelosi's tax-raising agenda.

Luria and Pelosi would cost you more.

Elaine Luria opposed tax cuts for middle-class families.

And supported raising taxes on small businesses too.

Elaine Luria and Nancy Pelosi, two liberal politicians who'd cost you more.

Independence USA

Title: Hurt our Families

Date: 10/31/18

VO: Congressman Taylor's health care plan will hurt our families.

VO: Taylor voted seven times to dismantle health care for millions and voted to gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions like asthma and cancer.

VO: And Taylor voted to let insurance companies charge people over 50 five times more for health care.

VO: Scott Taylor, his health care votes hurt Virginia families.

2016 Cycle

Taylor 2016 Paid Media Summary				
Date	Name	Subject	Description	Notable
10/27/16	"Scott Taylor for Congress"	Scott Taylor for Congress ad, military service, veterans	Positive, personal record	
10/25/16	"Scott Taylor Spanish Ad"	Scott Taylor for Congress radio ad, Spanish language	Positive, personal record	
10/25/16	"Scott Taylor Hampton Roads Radio"	Scott Taylor for Congress radio ad	Positive, personal record	

10/25/16	"Scott Taylor Eastern Shore Radio"	Scott Taylor for Congress radio ad, replace Obamacare, veterans	Positive, personal record	
6/4/16	"Scott Taylor's Ad"	Scott Taylor for Congress ad, attacks Randy Forbes	Negative, personal record	Republican Primary
5/15/16	"Scott Taylor: A Fresh Start"	Scott Taylor for Congress ad, attacks Randy Forbes, military experience	Personal record, negative attacks on opponent	Republican Primary
9/10/15	"We Get Angry"	OPSEC radio ad, Benghazi, Hillary Clinton	Negative, encourages listener to visit Benghazivoices.com	
10/3/12	"Bump in the Road"	OPSEC, Benghazi, Obama Administration	Negative	TV ad ran in battleground states
9/23/09	"Scott Taylor for Congress"	Taylor's 2010 run for congress	Positive	

Appendix V – Bill Sponsorships & Amendments

Toplines

Note: Tables updated as of 3/1/20.

Taylor Sponsorship Toplines		
Congress	# of Sponsorships	# Became Law
115th Congress (2017 - 2018)	20	2
TOTAL	20	2

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Taylor Sponsorships By Subject		
Subject	# Of Bills Sponsored	# Became Law
Armed Forces and National Security	7	1
Education	4	0
Crime and Law Enforcement	2	1
Government Operations and Politics	1	0
Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues	1	0
International Affairs	1	0
Science, Technology, Communications	1	0

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115th Congress

NOTE: Updated as of 3/1/20.

Taylor Sponsored 20 Bills, 2 Of Which Became Law

Taylor 115th Congress Sponsorships				
Date	Bill #	Title	Last Action	Last Action/ Effective Date
9/20/2018	H.R. 6860	GI Bill Transfer Extension Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.	9/20/2018
9/10/2018	H.R. 6769	GI Bill Transfer Extension Act	Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.	9/10/2018
5/29/2018	H.R. 5986	Bill Mulder and Ryan Larkin Posttraumatic Growth Act	Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.	5/29/2018
4/18/2018	H.R. 5575	Pathway to Parenting Act of 2018	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	5/22/2018
4/18/2018	H.R. 5574	HOPR Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency.	4/27/2018

2/20/2018	H.R. 5075	Ashanti Alert Act of 2018	Became Public Law No: 115-401.	12/31/2018
12/13/2017	H.R. 4640	National Centers of Excellence in Coastal Flood Research and Education Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.	5/22/2018
11/9/2017	H.R. 4365	Domestic Violence Loophole Closure Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	12/13/2017
9/26/2017	H.R. 3831	PROPEL Act	Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.	9/26/2017
6/6/17	H.R.2772	SEA Act	Became Public Law No: 115-188.	6/21/2018
5/18/17	H.R.2517	To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for requirements relating to the reassignment of Department of Veterans Affairs senior executive employees	Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.	5/18/2017
3/30/17	H.R.1811	HOPS Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency.	4/11/2017
3/9/17	H.R.1447	Fair and Equal Housing Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.	3/21/2017
12/1/2017	H.Con.Res. 95	Expressing support for the use of public-private partnerships to bring computer science education to more K-12 classrooms.	Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	12/19/2017
12/19/2018	H.Res. 1182	Designating the National Center for Coastal Resilience, a partnership among Old Dominion University, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, and the College of William & Mary, as a national center of excellence for research in coastal flooding and recurrent flooding.	Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.	12/19/2018
7/6/2018	H.Res. 984	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the use of continuing resolutions to fund defense-related activities erodes military readiness and poses an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States.	Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.	7/6/2018
1/22/2018	H.Res. 711	Celebrating the 325th anniversary of the founding of the College of William & Mary in Virginia by British Royal Charter and congratulating President W. Taylor Reveley, III, after a decade of tremendous leadership as the 27th President of William & Mary.	Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.	1/22/2018

4/26/17	H.Res.285	Expressing the sense of the United States House of Representatives that Congress and the President should empower the creation of police and community alliances designed to enhance and improve communication and collaboration between members of the law enforcement community and the public they serve	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations	5/2/17
3/16/17	H.Res.200	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should develop and adopt a comprehensive cybersecurity policy	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs	3/16/17
3/16/17	H.Amdt.84 to H.R.1259	Page 9, after line 19, insert the following: "(i) Semi-annual Report on Transferred Employees- The Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives semi-annual reports on senior executive employees who are transferred within the Department. Each such report shall include, for each such senior executive employee transferred during the period covered by the report, the reason for the transfer and any costs associated with the transfer.". ***.	On agreeing to the Taylor amendment (A004) Agreed to by voice vote	3/17/17

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Taylor Sponsored Two Bills That Became Law

February 2018: Taylor Sponsored The Ashanti Alert Act Of 2018, A Bill Directing The Department Of Justice To Establish A National Communications Network To Support Regional And Local Efforts For Missing Adults. In February 2018, Taylor sponsored a bill that directed “the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a national communications network—the Ashanti Alert communications network—to support regional and local search efforts for missing adults.” Additionally, the bill said that “the Ashanti Alert communications network must be integrated with the Blue Alert communications network (i.e., the communications network that supports efforts to search for and apprehend violent offenders who injure, kill, or pose an imminent danger to law enforcement).” [HR 5075, Summary, [12/31/18](#)]

December 2018: The Ashanti Alert Act Of 2018 Became Law. “The bill became Public Law 115-401. [HR 5075, Actions, [12/31/18](#)]

Taylor Was Mentioned In The Press Coverage Of The Ashanti Alert Act Of 2018. “The Ashanti Alert Act is now law. President Donald Trump signed the legislation on Monday, December 31, the White House Office of the Press Secretary announced. [...] The vote marked one year since then-U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Virginia Beach) got involved in Ashanti's case and announced his plans to push for a vote to take the alert national.” [WTKR, [12/31/18](#)]

HEADLINE: WTKR: President Trump Signs Ashanti Alert Act Into Law. [WTKR, [12/31/18](#)]

June 2017: Taylor Sponsored The SEA Act Of 2018, A Bill Prohibiting Senior Executives At The Department Of Veterans Affairs From Being Reassigned To Another VA Position Without The Approval Of The Department Secretary. In June 2017, Taylor sponsored a bill that directed prohibited “an individual employed in a senior executive position at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from being reassigned to another such VA position unless the reassignment is approved in writing and signed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.” It also required the VA to biannually report on any reassignments to Congress. [HR 2772, Summary, [6/21/18](#)]

June 2018: The SEA Act Of 2018 Became Law. “The bill became Public Law 115-188. [HR 2772, Actions, [12/31/18](#)]

Taylor Sponsored Several Other Bills Which Did Not Become Law

June 2017: Taylor Introduced HR 2772, The “SEA Act,” Which Would Disallow Reassignment of Senior Executives At The Veterans Affairs Department Unless Approved In Writing By The Secretary. According to the bill’s text, the VA Senior Executive Accountability Act, or SEA Act, would amend subchapter 1 of chapter 7 of title 38, United States Code, by adding a section disallowing the reassignment of senior executives at the department unless approved in writing and signed by the secretary and by submitting to Congress a report on the nature of the reassignment and associated costs. In the last action reported, the bill was received in the Senate and read twice before being referred to the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. [HR 2772, [6/6/17](#)]

May 2017: Taylor Introduced HR 2517, To Amend Title 38, United States Code, To Provide For Requirements Relating To The Reassignment Of Department Of Veterans Affairs Senior Executive Employees. According to the bill’s text, HR 2517 would amend subchapter 1 of chapter 7 of title 38, United States Code, by adding a section disallowing the reassignment of senior executives at the department unless approved in writing and signed by the secretary and by submitting to Congress a report on the nature of the reassignment and associated costs. In the last action reported, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs’ Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. [HR 2517, [5/18/17](#)]

April 2017: Taylor Introduced HRes 285, Which Would Express The Sense That Congress And The President Should Help Foster Alliances Between The Police And The Communities They Serve. According to the bill’s text, HRes 285 would “express the sense of the United States House of Representatives that Congress and the President should empower the creation of police and community alliances designed to enhance and improve communication and collaboration between members of the law enforcement community and the public they serve.” In the last action reported, the bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary’s Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. [HRes 285, [4/26/17](#)]

March 2017: Taylor Introduced HR 1811, The “HOPS Act,” Which Would Disallow Department Of Homeland Security Funds From Being Used For Uniforms Not Manufactured In The United States. According to the bill’s text, HR 1811 would “amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to prohibit the use of funds appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the procurement of DHS uniforms not manufactured in the United States.” In the last action reported, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security’s Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency. [HR 1811, [3/30/17](#)]

March 2017: Taylor Introduced HRes 200, Which Would Express The Sense That The United States Should Develop A Comprehensive Cybersecurity Policy. According to the bill’s text, HRes 200, would express the “sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should develop and adopt a comprehensive cybersecurity policy that clearly defines acts of aggression, acts of war, and other related events in cyberspace, including any commensurate responses to any such act or event in cyberspace.” In the last action reported, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. [HRes 200, [3/16/17](#)]

March 2017: Taylor Offered HAmndt 84, An Amendment To The VA Accountability First Act Of 2017, Which Would Require The Secretary Of The Veterans Affairs Department To Follow New Transparency Measures Regarding Reassignment Of Senior Executives. According to the amendment's text, HAmndt 84 would insert the following language into page 9, after line 19, of HR 1259, The VA Accountability First Act Of 2017: "(i) Semi-annual Report on Transferred Employees- The Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives semi-annual reports on senior executive employees who are transferred within the Department. Each such report shall include, for each such senior executive employee transferred during the period covered by the report, the reason for the transfer and any costs associated with the transfer." According to the last action reported, the amendment was agreed to by voice vote. [HAmndt 84, [3/16/17](#)]

March 2017: Taylor Introduced HR 1447, The "Fair And Equal Housing Act Of 2017," Which Would Amend The Fair Housing Act Under The Civil Rights Act Of 1968 To Add Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity As Protected Classes. According to the bill's text, HR 1447 would "amend the Fair Housing Act (FHA) under the Civil Rights Act of 1968 to add sexual orientation and gender identity as classes protected against discrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing." In the last action reported, the bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. [HR 1447, [3/9/17](#)]

Appendix VI – Bill Co-Sponsorships

Note: Tables updated as of 3/1/20.

Toplines

Taylor Co-Sponsorship Toplines		
Congress	Co-Sponsorships	Became Law
115th Congress (2017 - 2019)	117	10
TOTAL	117	10

[Congress.gov, accessed [3/2/20](#)]

Taylor Co-Sponsorships By Subject		
Subject	Bills Sponsored	Became Law
Health	16	1
Armed Forces and National Security	14	3
Government Operations and Politics	12	3
International Affairs	12	1
Taxation	12	
Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues	9	1
Crime and Law Enforcement	7	0
Congress	5	0
Immigration	3	0
Public Lands and Natural Resources	3	0
Sports and Recreation	3	0
Transportation and Public Works	3	0
Finance and Financial Sector	2	0
Foreign Trade and International Finance	2	0
Science, Technology, Communications	2	0
Social Welfare	2	0
Agriculture and Food	1	0
Arts, Culture, Religion	1	0
Commerce	1	0
Economics and Public Finance	1	0
Emergency Management	1	0
Energy	1	0
Environmental Protection	1	0
Families	1	0
Law	1	0

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Taylor Co-Sponsored 21 Bills With Fewer Than 10 Other Members

Taylor Co-Sponsorships With Fewer Than 10 Other Members				
Date Intro.	Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Cosponsors
1/3/2017	H.Con.Res. 2	Authorization for Use of Military Force Against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and its Associated Forces	Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	1

2/24/2017	H.R. 1218	Social Security and Medicare Lock-Box Act	Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	1
7/26/2018	H.R. 6556	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 East Third Street in Farmville, Virginia, as the "Barbara Rose Johns Post Office".	Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	3
3/7/2017	H.R. 1383	Recognizing Officers and Enlisted Men of the Korean Constabulary Act of 2017	Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	3
5/11/2018	H.R. 5776	MOST Act	Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	3
2/7/2017	H.R. 984	Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017	Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	5
2/13/2017	H.R. 1019	To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 255 West Main Street Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Justice Antonin G. Scalia Federal Building and United States Courthouse".	Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	6
1/16/2018	H.R. 4808	Transparent Health Care Pricing Act of 2018	Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	6
3/1/2017	H.J.Res. 85	Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the number of terms Senators and Representatives may serve.	Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	6
6/23/2017	H.R. 3033	Aeronautics Innovation Act	Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]	7
6/6/2017	H.R. 2774	Hack DHS Act	Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	7
5/18/2017	H.R. 2520	BROWSER Act of 2017	Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	7
2/15/2018	H.R. 5061	Shellfish Aquaculture Improvement Act of 2018	Rep. Sanford, Mark [R-SC-1]	8
1/24/2017	H.R. 628	Guaranteed Health Coverage for Pre-Existing Conditions Act of 2017	Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	8
4/3/2017	H.Res. 245	Expressing support for designation of April 23 as "Barbara Johns Day" to highlight the important role Ms. Barbara Rose Johns (Powell) played in the Civil Rights Movement, in Brown v. Board of Education and the desegregation of schools, and her role in the history of the United States and the lives of United States citizens.	Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	9
5/24/2018	H.Res. 912	Recognizing the importance of the Chesapeake Bay and supporting the efforts and goals of the Clean the Bay Day.	Rep. Brat, Dave [R-VA-7]	9
11/30/2017	H.R. 4495	Settlement Tax Deductions are Over for Predators Act	Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	9
7/11/2017	H.R. 3184	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 180 McCormick Road in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Captain Humayun Khan Post Office".	Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	10
3/15/2017	H.Con.Res. 33	Designating the George C. Marshall Museum and George C. Marshall Research Library in	Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	10

		Lexington, Virginia, as the National George C. Marshall Museum and Library.		
7/11/2017	H.R. 3183	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13683 James Madison Highway in Palmyra, Virginia, as the "U.S. Navy Seaman Dakota Kyle Rigsby Post Office".	Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	10
5/10/2018	H.R. 5747	Special Operations Forces Tax Cut Act of 2018	Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	10

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Date Introduced	Bill #	Title	Last Action	Date
9/26/2018	H.Con.Res. 140	Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the life and work of Senator John S. McCain III in promoting the United States, human rights, and peace.	Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	9/26/2018
9/7/2018	H.R. 6734	Full Military Honors Act of 2018	Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.	9/10/2018
7/26/2018	H.R. 6556	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 East Third Street in Farmville, Virginia, as the "Barbara Rose Johns Post Office".	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.	7/26/2018
7/24/2018	H.R. 6495	Marijuana Data Collection Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	10/1/2018
6/28/2018	H.Con.Res. 126	Affirming the importance of religious freedom as a fundamental human right that is essential to a free society and protected for all people of the United States under the Constitution of the United States.	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.	8/2/2018
6/27/2018	H.R. 6246	Puerto Rico Admission Act of 2018	Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.	7/11/2018
6/12/2018	H.Res. 935	Congratulating the Washington Capitals for winning the 2018 Stanley Cup hockey championship.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.	6/12/2018
5/24/2018	H.Res. 912	Recognizing the importance of the Chesapeake Bay and supporting the efforts and goals of the Clean the Bay Day.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.	5/30/2018

5/22/2018	H.R. 5903	Permanent Tax Relief for Working Families Act	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	5/22/2018
5/11/2018	H.R. 5776	MOST Act	Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 115-764, Part I.	6/19/2018
5/10/2018	H.R. 5747	Special Operations Forces Tax Cut Act of 2018	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	5/10/2018
4/26/2018	H.R. 5634	Medical Cannabis Research Act of 2018	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.	9/13/2018
4/18/2018	H.R. 5561	Barbara Johns Congressional Gold Medal Act	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.	4/18/2018
4/12/2018	H.R. 5499	Stephen Michael Gleason Congressional Gold Medal Act	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.	4/12/2018
3/26/2018	H.R. 5413	Improving Veterans Access to Congressional Services Act of 2018	Subcommittee Hearings Held.	9/13/2018
3/19/2018	H.Res. 789	Expressing support for designation of April 2018 as "Second Chance Month".	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	4/6/2018
3/13/2018	H.Res. 774	Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4760) to amend the immigration laws and the homeland security laws, and for other purposes.	Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Curbelo (FL). Petition No: 115-10. (Discharge petition text with signatures.)	5/9/2018
2/15/2018	H.R. 5061	Shellfish Aquaculture Improvement Act of 2018	Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.	2/16/2018
2/14/2018	H.R. 5012	Creating Real and Useful Middle-Class Benefits and Savings (CRUMBS) Act of 2018	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	2/14/2018
2/6/2018	H.R. 4949	Civil Defense Accountability Act of 2018	Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.	2/9/2018
1/30/2018	H.R. 4909	STOP School Violence Act of 2018	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.	3/15/2018
1/29/2018	H.R. 4886	Permanent Tax Cuts for Americans Act	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	1/29/2018
1/19/2018	H.R. 4852	Pay Our Protectors Not Our Politicians Act of 2018	Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the	1/19/2018

			jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	
1/16/2018	H.R. 4808	Transparent Health Care Pricing Act of 2018	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	1/19/2018
12/19/2017	H.R. 4682	Open Internet Preservation Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.	12/22/2017
12/6/2017	H.R. 4565	To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones or markers to private cemeteries for graves of certain veterans of World War I.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.	12/6/2017
11/30/2017	H.R. 4495	Settlement Tax Deductions are Over for Predators Act	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	11/30/2017
11/30/2017	H.R. 4494	Congressional Accountability and Hush Fund Elimination Act	Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.	11/30/2017
11/28/2017	H.Res. 630	Requiring each Member, officer, and employee of the House of Representatives to complete a program of training in workplace rights and responsibilities each session of each Congress, and for other purposes.	Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.	12/19/2017
11/14/2017	H.R. 4392	To provide that the provision of the Medicare Program: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs final regulation relating to changes in the payment amount for certain drugs and biologicals purchased under the 340B drug discount program shall have no force or effect, and for other purposes.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	11/17/2017
11/14/2017	H.R. 4382	Free Flow of Information Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	12/13/2017
11/6/2017	H.R. 4256	BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	11/10/2017
11/2/2017	H.R. 4229	Protecting HOME Access Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	11/3/2017
10/24/2017	H.R. 4107	USS Indianapolis Congressional Gold Medal Act	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.	10/24/2017
10/5/2017	H.R. 3976	Access to Marketplace Insurance Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	10/6/2017
9/14/2017	H.R. 3798	Save American Workers Act of 2017	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	9/14/2017
9/11/2017	H.R. 3733	Federal Firefighter Pay Equity Act	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.	9/11/2017
9/7/2017	H.J.Res. 117	Condemning the violence and domestic terrorist attack that took place during events between August 11 and August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia, recognizing the first responders who lost their lives while monitoring the events, offering deepest condolences to the families and friends of those individuals who were killed and deepest sympathies and support to those individuals who were injured in the attack, expressing support for the Charlottesville	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	9/7/2017

		community, rejecting White nationalists, White supremacists, the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, and other hate groups, and urging the President and the President's Cabinet to use all available resources to address the threats posed by those groups.		
7/19/2017	H.R. 3303	First Responder Fair RETIRE Act	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.	3/15/2018
7/17/2017	H.R. 3274	President John F. Kennedy Commemorative Coin Act	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.	7/17/2017
7/11/2017	H.R. 3184	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 180 McCormick Road in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Captain Humayun Khan Post Office".	Became Public Law No: 115-347.	12/21/2018
7/11/2017	H.R. 3183	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13683 James Madison Highway in Palmyra, Virginia, as the "U.S. Navy Seaman Dakota Kyle Rigsby Post Office".	Became Public Law No: 115-209.	7/24/2018
6/29/2017	H.R. 3109	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1114 North 2nd Street in Chillicothe, Illinois, as the "Sr. Chief Ryan Owens Post Office Building".	Became Public Law No: 115-148.	3/23/2018
6/26/2017	H.R. 3063	Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Reauthorization Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.	7/6/2017
6/23/2017	H.R. 3036	DD-214 Modernization Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.	7/17/2017
6/23/2017	H.R. 3033	Aeronautics Innovation Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Space.	5/22/2018
6/22/2017	H.Res. 400	Supporting the designation of a National Day of Civility.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.	6/22/2017
6/13/2017	H.R. 2899	Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2017	Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.	9/13/2018
6/12/2017	H.R. 2871	Preserving Patient Access to Compounded Medications Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	6/16/2017
6/6/2017	H.R. 2774	Hack DHS Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection.	6/15/2017
5/25/2017	H.Res. 357	Reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Canada, recognizing bilateral cooperation that advances United States national interests, and urging increased bilateral cooperation on security, economic issues, and energy, and for other purposes.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.	12/12/2017
5/23/2017	H.Res. 351	Condemning the violence and persecution in Chechnya.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.	6/27/2017
5/18/2017	H.R. 2520	BROWSER Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.	5/19/2017
5/18/2017	H.R. 2519	The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act	Became Public Law No: 115-65.	10/6/2017

5/4/2017	H.Res. 314	Recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.	5/5/2017
5/3/2017	H.R. 2315	To posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.	12/13/2018
5/2/2017	H.R. 2286	Domestic Maritime Centers of Excellence Act of 2017	Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.	5/2/2017
5/2/2017	H.R. 2282	Equality Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.	6/2/2017
4/28/2017	H.R. 2227	MGT Act	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	5/18/2017
4/26/2017	H.Res. 281	Expressing support for designation of April 2017 as "Second Chance Month".	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	4/26/2017
4/6/2017	H.Res. 267	Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the 1st Infantry Division.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.	4/12/2017
4/6/2017	H.Res. 257	Condemning hate crime and any other form of racism, religious or ethnic bias, discrimination, incitement to violence, or animus targeting a minority in the United States.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.	7/25/2018
4/5/2017	H.R. 1928	Families of Fallen Servicemembers First Act	Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.	4/5/2017
4/4/2017	H.R. 1884	Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2017	Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.	4/4/2017
4/3/2017	H.Res. 245	Expressing support for designation of April 23 as "Barbara Johns Day" to highlight the important role Ms. Barbara Rose Johns (Powell) played in the Civil Rights Movement, in Brown v. Board of Education and the desegregation of schools, and her role in the history of the United States and the lives of United States citizens.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.	4/3/2017
3/29/2017	H.R. 1783	Improving Veterans Access to Quality Care Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.	4/12/2017
3/29/2017	H.R. 1777	To amend titles 10 and 32, United States Code, to improve and enhance authorities relating to the employment, use, status, and benefits of military technicians (dual status), and for other purposes.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.	4/12/2017
3/23/2017	H.R. 1698	Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.	10/30/2017
3/23/2017	H.R. 1697	Israel Anti-Boycott Act	Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under	6/28/2018

			Suspension of the Rules, by Unanimous Consent.	
3/21/2017	H.R. 1661	Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2017	ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Curbelo asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1661, a bill originally introduced by Representative Tiberi, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.	1/16/2018
3/16/2017	H.R. 1565	Saving Lives, Saving Costs Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.	3/31/2017
3/15/2017	H.R. 1544	Keeping Our Promise to Our Afghan Allies Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.	3/31/2017
3/15/2017	H.Con.Res. 33	Designating the George C. Marshall Museum and George C. Marshall Research Library in Lexington, Virginia, as the National George C. Marshall Museum and Library.	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 115-526.	8/15/2018
3/9/2017	H.R. 1468	Recognizing America's Children Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence.	3/22/2017
3/7/2017	H.R. 1383	Recognizing Officers and Enlisted Men of the Korean Constabulary Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific.	5/18/2017
3/6/2017	H.R. 1363	Federal Firefighter Flexibility and Fairness Act	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.	3/6/2017
3/1/2017	H.J.Res. 85	Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the number of terms Senators and Representatives may serve.	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.	3/16/2017
2/28/2017	H.R. 1242	400 Years of African-American History Commission Act	Became Public Law No: 115-102.	1/8/2018
2/27/2017	H.R. 1227	Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	3/16/2017
2/24/2017	H.R. 1218	Social Security and Medicare Lock-Box Act	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	2/24/2017
2/21/2017	H.R. 1205	Social Security Fairness Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.	3/6/2017

2/16/2017	H.Res. 135	Urging North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member countries to meet or exceed the two percent gross domestic product commitment to spending on defense.	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.	2/17/2017
2/16/2017	H.R. 1136	FDA Deeming Authority Clarification Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	11/8/2017
2/16/2017	H.R. 1133	Veterans Transplant Coverage Act of 2017	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.	2/16/2017
2/14/2017	H.R. 1057	STOP Act of 2017	ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Faso asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1057, a bill originally introduced by Representative Tiberi, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.	2/5/2018
2/13/2017	H.R. 1019	To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 255 West Main Street Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Justice Antonin G. Scalia Federal Building and United States Courthouse".	Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.	2/14/2017
2/7/2017	H.R. 984	Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017	Became Public Law No: 115-121.	1/29/2018
2/7/2017	H.R. 931	Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018	Became Public Law No: 115-194.	7/7/2018
2/7/2017	H.R. 930	Lymphedema Treatment Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	2/21/2017
2/6/2017	H.R. 873	Global War on Terrorism War Memorial Act	Became Public Law No: 115-51.	8/18/2017
2/3/2017	H.R. 849	Protecting Seniors Access to Medicare Act	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.	11/6/2017
2/3/2017	H.R. 846	Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.	2/24/2017
2/2/2017	H.R. 820	Childhood Cancer STAR Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	2/3/2017
2/1/2017	H.R. 795	Employer Participation in Student Loan Assistance Act	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	2/1/2017
1/31/2017	H.R. 754	Anwar Sadat Centennial Celebration Act	Became Public Law No: 115-310.	12/13/2018
1/30/2017	H.R. 747	Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act of 2017	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	1/30/2017
1/30/2017	H.R. 721	BRACE Act	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	1/30/2017
1/24/2017	H.Res. 60	Expressing continued support for the special relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom and urging commencement of negotiations	Referred to the Subcommittee on Europe,	1/24/2017

		for the development of a North Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (NATIP) between the United States and the United Kingdom.	Eurasia, and Emerging Threats.	
1/24/2017	H.R. 628	Guaranteed Health Coverage for Pre-Existing Conditions Act of 2017	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	2/26/2018
1/24/2017	H.R. 620	ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017	Received in the Senate.	2/16/2017
1/13/2017	H.R. 553	To redesignate Gravelly Point Park, located along the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Arlington County, Virginia, as the Nancy Reagan Memorial Park, and for other purposes.	Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 192.	11/16/2018
1/13/2017	H.R. 545	United States Commission on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries Act of 2017	Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	1/13/2017
1/13/2017	H.R. 525	Cuba Agricultural Exports Act	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	1/13/2017
1/12/2017	H.R. 506	Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act of 2017	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.	3/15/2018
1/10/2017	H.R. 392	Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2017	ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Yoder asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 392, a bill originally introduced by Representative Chaffetz, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.	7/11/2017
1/9/2017	H.R. 377	Muslim Brotherhood Terrorist Designation Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	2/6/2017
1/9/2017	H.R. 367	Hearing Protection Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime,	2/6/2017

			Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	
1/5/2017	H.R. 321	Inspiring the Next Space Pioneers, Innovators, Researchers, and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act	Became Public Law No: 115-7.	2/28/2017
1/5/2017	H.R. 299	Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018	Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-616.	8/1/2018
1/4/2017	H.R. 282	Military Residency Choice Act	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.	7/25/2017
1/3/2017	H.Res. 11	Objecting to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 as an obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian peace, and for other purposes.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.	7/26/2018
1/3/2017	H.R. 60	ENLIST Act	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.	1/25/2017
1/3/2017	H.R. 44	Muhammad Ali Expansion Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.	1/3/2017
1/3/2017	H.R. 38	Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.	1/25/2017
1/3/2017	H.R. 184	Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2018	Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 528.	12/7/2017
1/3/2017	H.R. 113	Safeguard American Food Exports Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	1/3/2017
1/3/2017	H.Con.Res. 2	Authorization for Use of Military Force Against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and its Associated Forces	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.	1/5/2017

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Ten Bills Co-Sponsored By Taylor Were Signed Into Law

Taylor Cosponsored The “Inspiring The Next Space Pioneers, Innovators, Researchers, And Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act,” Which Directs NASA To Encourage Women And Girls To Pursue Education And Career In STEM Fields. In January 2017, Taylor cosponsored a bill that “directs the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to encourage women and girls to study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), pursue careers in aerospace, and further advance the nation’s space science and exploration efforts through support of the following initiatives: NASA GIRLS and NASA BOYS; Aspire to Inspire; and Summer Institute in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Research.” [HR 321, Summary, [2/28/17](#); Cosponsors, [1/9/17](#)]

February 2017: The INSPIRE Women Act Became Law. “The bill became Public Law 115-7. [HR 321, [2/28/17](#)]

LiveScience: Women In STEM Fields Get Boost From President Trump. “Women in STEM Fields Get Boost from President Trump. President Donald Trump signed into law two bills that aim to encourage women to pursue careers in science and technology. The bills — ‘Inspiring the Next Space Pioneers, Innovators,

Researchers and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act’ and ‘Promoting Women in Entrepreneurship Act’ — were both introduced by women in Congress.” [LiveScience, [3/1/17](#)]

Taylor Cosponsored The “Global War On Terrorism War Memorial Act,” Allowing For The Establishment Of A National Global War On Terror Memorial Paid For With Private Funds. In April 2017, Taylor cosponsored a bill that “allows the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work on federal land in the District of Columbia to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism. [...] The bill prohibits the use of federal funds to pay any expenses for the establishment of the memorial.” [HR 873, Summary, [8/18/17](#); Cosponsors, [4/28/17](#)]

August 2017: The Global War On Terrorism War Memorial Act Became Law. “The bill became Public Law No: 115-51. [HR 873, [8/18/17](#)]

Taylor Cosponsored “The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act,” Which Required The Department Of Treasury To Mint And Issue Commemorative Coins In Celebration Of The 100th Anniversary Of The American Legion. In July 2017, Taylor cosponsored “The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act.” The act required the Department of Treasury to mint and issue gold, silver, and half-dollar clad commemorative coins in recognition and celebration of the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. The Treasury could issue coins minted under this bill for only a one-year period, beginning January 1, 2019. [HR 2519, Summary, [10/6/17](#); Cosponsors, [7/18/17](#)]

October 2017: The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act Became Law. The bill became Public Law No: 115-65. [HR 2519, [10/6/17](#)]

Taylor Cosponsored The “400 Years of African-American History Commission Act.” In February 2017, Taylor cosponsored the “400 Years of African-American History Commission Act.” The bill “establishes the 400 Years of African-American History Commission to develop and carry out activities throughout the United States to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Africans in the English colonies at Point Comfort, Virginia, in 1619. “ Additionally, the commission was required to: “Plan programs to acknowledge the impact that slavery and laws that enforced racial discrimination had on the United States; encourage civic, patriotic, historical, educational, artistic, religious, and economic organizations to organize and participate in anniversary activities; assist states, localities, and nonprofit organizations to further the commemoration; and coordinate for the public scholarly research on the arrival of Africans in the United States and their contributions to this country.” The commission would terminate on July 1, 2020. [HR 1242, Summary, [1/8/18](#); Cosponsors, [2/18/17](#)]

January 2018: The 400 Years of African-American History Commission Act Became Law. The bill became Public Law No: 115-102. [HR 1242, [1/8/18](#)]

Taylor Cosponsored The “Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017,” Which Extended Federal Recognition To The Chickahominy Tribe, The Chickahominy Indian Tribe--Eastern Division, The Upper Mattaponi Tribe, The Rappahannock Tribe, The Monacan Indian Nation And The Nansemond Indian Tribe. In February 2017, Taylor cosponsored the “Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017. The bill extended federal recognition to the Chickahominy Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe--Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, the Monacan Indian Nation and the Nansemond Indian Tribe. [HR 984, Summary, [1/29/18](#); Cosponsors, [2/7/17](#)]

January 2018: The Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017 Became Law. The bill became Public Law No: 115-121. [HR 1242, [1/29/18](#)]

WTVR News Richmond: HEADLINE: Virginian Indian Tribes Finally Get Federal Recognition. [WTVR News Richmond, [1/30/18](#)]

Taylor Cosponsored H.R. 3109, Legislation That Would Designate A Post Office In Illinois As The “Sr. Chief Ryan Owens Post Office Building.” In June 2017, Taylor cosponsored a bill that would “designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1114 North 2nd Street in Chillicothe, Illinois, as the ‘Sr. Chief Ryan Owens Post Office Building.’” [HR 3109, Summary, [3/23/18](#); Cosponsors, [6/29/17](#)]

March 2018: H.R. 3109 Became Law. The bill became Public Law No: 115-148. [HR 3109, [3/23/18](#)]

Taylor Cosponsored The “Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018,” Which Required The Center For Disease Control To Develop And Maintain A Voluntary Registry Of Firefighters For Collection Of History And Occupational Information To Determine Incidences Of Cancer Among Firefighters. In March 2017, Taylor cosponsored the “Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018.” The bill required “the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop and maintain a voluntary registry of firefighters in order to collect history and occupational information that can be used to determine the incidence of cancer among firefighters. The registry must be used to improve monitoring of cancer among firefighters and to collect and publish epidemiological information. The CDC should seek to include specified information in the registry, including the number and type of fire incidents attended by an individual.” [HR 931, Summary, [7/7/18](#); Cosponsors, [3/27/17](#)]

July 2018: The Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018 Became Law. The bill became Public Law No: 115-194. [HR 931, [7/7/18](#)]

Taylor Cosponsored H.R. 3183, Legislation That Would Designate A Post Office In Virginia As The “U.S. Navy Seaman Dakota Kyle Rigsby Post Office.” In July 2017, Taylor cosponsored a bill that would “designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13683 James Madison Highway in Palmyra, Virginia, as the ‘U.S. Navy Seaman Dakota Kyle Rigsby Post Office.’” [HR 3183, Summary, [7/24/18](#); Cosponsors, [7/11/17](#)]

July 2018: H.R. 3183 Became Law. The bill became Public Law No: 115-209. [HR 3184, [7/24/18](#)]

Taylor Cosponsored The “Anwar Sadat Centennial Celebration Act,” Which Directed Congress To Arrange A Posthumous Awarding Of The Congressional Gold Medal To Anwar Sadat – The Former President Of Egypt – To Recognize His Achievements And Efforts To Attain Peace In The Middle East. In July 2017, Taylor cosponsored the “Anwar Sadat Centennial Celebration Act.” The bill directed “Congress to arrange for the posthumous award of a Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat, the former President of Egypt, in recognition of his achievements and efforts to attain comprehensive peace in the Middle East.” The medal would be presented to “the widow of Anwar Sadat, Jehan Sadat, or her next of kin; and a representative of the government of Egypt.” [HR 754, Summary, [12/13/18](#); Cosponsors, [7/17/18](#)]

December 2018: The Anwar Sadat Centennial Celebration Act Became Law. The bill became Public Law No: 115-310. [HR 754, [12/13/18](#)]

Egypt Today: HEADLINE: Trump Signs Law Honoring Anwar Sadat. [Egypt Today, [12/14/18](#)]

Taylor Cosponsored H.R. 3184, Legislation That Would Designate A Post Office In Virginia As The “Captain Humayun Khan Post Office.” In July 2017, Taylor cosponsored a bill that would “designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 180 McCormick Road in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the ‘Captain Humayun Khan Post Office.’” [HR 3184, Summary, [12/21/18](#); Cosponsors, [7/11/17](#)]

December 2018: H.R. 3184 Became Law. The bill became Public Law No: 115-347. [HR 3184, [12/21/18](#)]

Appendix VII – Office Expenditures

2018

Office Expenditures

Note: Numbers were last updated 3/3/20.

Taylor Office Expenditures - 2018									
	Franked Mail	Personnel Compensation	Travel	Rent, Comms., Utilities	Printing	Other Services	Supplies & Material	Equipment	Total
Q 1	625.11	222,672.23	2,582.91	15,114.58	11,146.59	5,580.00	2,278.32	1,522.55	261,522.29
Q 2	5,434.06	243,341.65	12,691.44	22,999.82	4,478.22	5,685.00	2,886.01	1,080.51	298,596.71
Q 3	15,544.53	251,416.66	5,772.04	24,404.57	1,326.01	5,580.00	1,620.36	1,180.77	306,844.94
Q 4	281.58	349,658.39	10,827.11	22,780.57	15,484.42	5,705.00	2,189.91	1,052.56	407,979.54
Total	21,885.28	1,067,088.93	31,873.50	85,299.54	32,435.24	22,550.00	8,974.60	4,836.39	1,274,943.48

[U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements 2018 Q1, accessed [3/3/20](#); U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements 2018 Q2, accessed [3/3/20](#); U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements 2018 Q3, accessed [3/3/20](#); U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements 2018 Q4, accessed [3/3/20](#)]

2017

Office Expenditures

Note: Numbers were last updated 3/3/20.

Taylor Office Expenditures - 2017									
	Franked Mail	Personnel Compensation	Travel	Rent, Comms., Utilities	Printing	Other Services	Supplies & Material	Equipment	Total
Q 1	-12.65	179,716.63	3,413.18	15,104.10	1,257.40	10,800.84	1,438.86	4,449.48	216,167.84
Q 2	126.09	208,355.52	5,596.08	20,851.15	228.15	6,480.94	5,065.33	9,961.41	256,664.67
Q 3	218.96	227,333.31	8,255.37	20,783.64	502.31	14,040.28	2,224.81	1,597.10	274,955.78
Q 4	4,921.19	324,245.15	13,876.12	22,253.40	2,171.21	5,580.00	2,264.45	5,385.25	380,696.77
Total	\$5,253.59	\$939,650.61	\$31,140.75	\$78,992.29	\$4,159.07	\$36,902.06	\$10,993.45	\$21,393.24	\$1,128,485.06

[U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements 2017 Q1, accessed [8/14/17](#); U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements 2017 Q2, accessed [10/5/17](#); U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements 2017 Q3, accessed [3/3/20](#); U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements 2017 Q4, accessed [3/3/20](#)]

2017: In The First Half Of 2017, Taylor's Office Spent \$472,832.51 On Office Expenditures, 37.12% Of Their Total Budget

In The First Quarter Of 2017, Taylor's Office Spent \$472,832.51 Of Their \$1,273,709 Budget. [Legistorm, Official Congressional Expenses, accessed [10/5/17](#)]

Appendix VIII – Travel Expenditures

NOTE: Primary source documents backed up in drive.

Taylor Private Travel Expenditures

Taylor Reported \$20,105.04 In Personal Travel Expenditures

Taylor Spent \$20,105.04 During The Course Of A One Week Trip To Israel

August 2017: The American Israel Education Foundation Paid \$20,105.04 For Taylor And His Mother To Attend An “Educational Seminar For Republican Members Of Congress.” [Legistorm, Privately Financed Travel, [8/29/17](#)]

The Trip Took Place August 7th Through August 14th. [Legistorm, Privately Financed Travel, [8/29/17](#)]

Taylor Israel Trip Expenses		
	Personal	Companion
Transportation	\$6,221.56	\$6,130.56
Lodging	\$1,052	\$1,052
Meal	\$1,210.80	\$1,210.80
Other	\$1,613.66	\$1,613.66

[Legistorm, Privately Financed Travel, [8/29/17](#)]

Taylor Noted That Expenses Under “Other” Included “Security, Speaker Fees, Room Rentals, Tour Guides And Others.” [Legistorm, Privately Financed Travel, [8/29/17](#)]

Taylor’s Staff Received \$6,977 Worth Of Private Travel And Traveled To Senegal

Taylor’s Staff Received \$6,977 Worth Of Private Travel

Taylor’s Staff Received \$6,977 Worth Of Private Travel. [Legistorm, Privately Financed Travel, accessed [3/2/20](#)]

Taylor’s Staff Private Travel Expenditures									
Date	Staff Member	Most Recent Position	Destination	Sponsor	Transportation	Lodging	Meals	Other Expense	Total Cost
05/10/18-05/12/18	Reginald Darby	Legislative Director	Cambridge, MD	Congressional Institute	\$0	\$326.88	\$160.00	\$172.07	\$658.95
05/10/18-05/12/18	Scott Weldon	Communications Director	Cambridge, MD	Congressional Institute	\$0	\$326.88	\$160.00	\$172.07	\$658.95
03/08/18-03/10/18	John Thomas	Chief of Staff	Cambridge, MD	Congressional Institute	\$0	\$233.81	\$163.29	\$167.03	\$564.13
5/11/17-5/13/17	Reginald Darby	Legislative Director	Baltimore	Congressional Institute	\$48.26	\$359.58	\$172.50	\$207.87	\$788.21
5/11/17-5/13/17	Scott Weldon	Communications Director	Baltimore	Congressional Institute	-	\$359.58	\$172.50	\$207.87	\$739.95

4/8/17-4/14/17	Reginald Darby	Legislative Director	Dakar, Senegal	World Vision International	\$1,504.87	\$704.70	\$335.08	\$236.39	\$2,781.04
3/23/17-3/25/17	John Thomas	Chief of Staff	Hot Springs, VA	Congressional Institute	\$98.65	\$198.93	\$90.50	\$398	\$786.08
							TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$6,977

[Legistorm, Privately Financed Travel, accessed [3/2/20](#)]

Appendix IX – Vote Statistics

Attendance Record

Taylor Voting Attendance Record – GovTrack.US				
Time Period	Votes Eligible	Missed Votes	Percent	Percentile
2017 Jan-Mar	208	9	4.3%	80th
2017 Apr-Jun	136	3	2.2%	59th
2017 Jul-Sep	199	1	0.5%	37th
2017 Oct-Dec	167	12	7.2%	86th
2018 Jan-Mar	129	1	0.8%	24 th
2018 Apr-Jun	184	8	4.3%	65th
2018 Jul-Sep	102	6	5.9%	78 th
2018 Oct-Dec	85	32	37.6%	89th
Total	1210	72	5.9%	

[GovTrack.us, Rep. Scott Taylor, accessed [3/1/20](#)]

Vote Comparisons

Speakership Votes

Taylor Voted For Rep. Paul Ryan For Speaker Of The House

January 2017: Taylor Voted To Elect Rep. Paul Ryan Speaker Of The House. In January 2017, Taylor voted for on “the Nomination of Paul D. Ryan, D-Wis., and Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., for Speaker of House of Representatives for the 115th Congress.” Ryan was elected by a vote of 239-189. [[Vote #2](#), 1/3/17; CQ, [1/3/17](#)]

Vote Studies

Taylor Vote Statistics					
Year	Voting Participation	Presidential Support		Party Unity	
		Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose
2017	96%	100%	0%	98%	2%

[CQ, updated February 2018, accessed [3/2/20](#)]

Appendix X – Votes – 115th Congress

115th Congress

Agriculture & Food Safety

Taylor Voted For The Farm Bill Conference Report, Funding Farm And Nutrition Programs Through FY 2023. In December 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, including crop subsidies, conservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would reauthorize and extend supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs, sugar policies and loan rates, several international food aid programs, nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for loan commodities, and several dairy programs, including the dairy risk management program (previously the margin protection program). It would create new pilot programs that would test strategies for improving the accuracy of the SNAP income verification process. It would allow industrial hemp to be grown in the United States, subject to close regulation at the state level. It would modify the activities permitted on land contracted under the conservation reserve program.” The conference report was adopted by a vote of 369-47. [HR 2, [Vote #434](#), 12/12/18; CQ, [12/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For House Floor Consideration Of The Farm Bill. In December 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1176) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the Farm Bill (HR 2), that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023. The rule would also waive section 7 of the War Powers Resolution for a concurrent resolution related to hostilities in Yemen.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 206-203. [HR 2, [Vote #432](#), 12/12/18; CQ, [12/12/18](#)]

Language Was Also Attached To The Vote Advancing The Farm Bill That Would Prevent A Vote That Year On Limiting U.S. Involvement In Yemen. “The bill only narrowly advanced in the House, 206-203, after language was tucked into the procedural rule preventing for the rest of the year a floor vote on any war powers resolution limiting the U.S. involvement in Yemen. The move sparked backlash from a number of lawmakers.” [The Hill, [12/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used To Issue A Grazing Permit Or Lease That Violates The Mandatory Qualifications For Such Permits. In July 2018, Taylor voted against “Gallego, D-Ariz., amendment no. 51, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to issue a grazing permit or lease that violates the mandatory qualifications for such permits.” The amendment failed, 203-212. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #352](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill That Would Reauthorize And Modify The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation And Management Act Through 2020. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize and modify the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act through fiscal 2022 and would provide greater authority to regional fishery management councils in setting the conditions under which overfished or depleted fisheries are to be restored. The bill would eliminate the current 10-year requirement for rebuilding overfished or depleted fisheries and would allow fishery councils to set rebuilding periods that reflect the individual fish species' ability to recover. The bill would also modify catch limits for specific species and would prohibit fisheries councils in four regions from implementing any new ‘catch share’ programs unless such plans had been approved by an industry referendum vote. The bill would authorize \$397 million annually for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 to carry out the bill's provisions.” The bill passed, 222-193. [HR 200, [Vote #321](#), 7/11/18; CQ, [7/11/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Motion To Recommit With Instructions To Require The Secretary Of Commerce Or State Governments To Declare A Fishery Disaster If Unilateral Tariffs Affect The Economic Viability Of The U.S. Fishing Industry. In July 2018, Taylor voted against “Gomez, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that

would require the Commerce Department, or a relevant state government, to declare a fishery disaster if any unilateral tariffs imposed by any countries on U.S. seafood exports affect the economic viability of the U.S. fishing industry.” The motion was rejected, 187-228. [HR 200, [Vote #320](#), 7/11/18; CQ, [7/11/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering A Bill Reauthorizing The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation And Management Act Through Fiscal 2022. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 965) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 200) that would reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act through fiscal 2022 and would provide greater authority to regional fishery management councils in setting the conditions under which overfished or depleted fisheries are to be restored.” The resolution was adopted 227-184. [H Res 965, [Vote #317](#), 7/11/18; CQ, [7/11/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, including crop subsidies, conservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would require individuals receiving SNAP benefits, who are 18-59 years old, to work or participate in work training programs for a minimum of 20 hours per week, and would require the Department of Agriculture to establish a database to track individuals receiving SNAP benefits. The bill would reauthorize and extend supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs, the current sugar policies and loan rates, several international food aid programs, nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for loan commodities, several dairy programs, including the dairy risk management program (previously the margin protection program) and would modify certain utility standards in the Home Energy Assistance Program to require SNAP benefits recipients to provide documentation of such expenses in order to receive increased benefits using the Standard Utility Allowance.” The bill passed, 213-211. [H.R. 2, [Vote #284](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

HEADLINE: House farm bill passes with controversial food stamp changes [Politico, [6/21/18](#)]

The Bill Would Tighten Eligibility For SNAP, Resulting In 400,000 Households Losing Benefits, And Would Risk Free And Reduced-Price School Meals For Thousands For Children. “The House farm bill would also tighten eligibility criteria under SNAP — changes that would result in some 400,000 households losing SNAP benefits. Thousands of children would also risk losing their enrollment in free and reduced-price school meal programs.” [Politico, [6/21/18](#)]

Anti-Hunger Groups Said The Changes Would Make It More Difficult For Millions For Receive Nutrition Assistance, While Investing In Job Training Programs That Are Not Proven To Move People Out Of Poverty. “Republicans contend the plan would put people on a pathway to self-sufficiency. Democrats and anti-hunger groups say it would make it more difficult for millions of needy Americans to receive nutrition assistance, and also would invest in a state-run job training bureaucracy under SNAP that has yet to prove it helps people move out of poverty.” [Politico, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Motion To Reconsider The 2018 Farm Bill. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Ryan, R-Wis., motion to reconsider the vote on passage of” the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018. The motion was approved, 233-191. [H.R. 2, [Vote #283](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill, Which Would Reauthorize SNAP And Farm And Rural Programs. In May 2018, Taylor voted fornservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would require individuals receiving SNAP benefits, who are 18-59 years old, to work or participate in work training programs for a minimum of 20 hours per week, and would require the Department of Agriculture to establish a database to track individuals receiving SNAP benefits.” The bill failed 198 to 213. [HR 2, [Vote #205](#), 5/18/18; CQ, [5/18/18](#)]

HEADLINE: House Farm Bill Collapses Amid Republican Disarray [New York Times, [5/18/18](#)]

The House Farm Bill Included Strict Work Requirements For Food Aid Recipients, While Maintaining Farm Subsidies For Rural Communities. “The twice-a-decade measure — which would have imposed strict new work requirements on food aid recipients while maintaining farm subsidies important to rural lawmakers — failed on a 213-to-198 vote. It was a rebuke of Speaker Paul D. Ryan by a key bloc of conservatives over his refusal to schedule an immediate vote on a restrictive immigration bill sponsored by the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.” [New York Times, [5/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Motion To Amend The Farm Bill To Remove Provision That Takes Away \$3.8 Billion In Food Assistance For Hungry Families. In May 2018, Taylor voted against “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Agriculture Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would strike the SNAP child support enforcement provision that perversely spends more than \$2 for every \$1 in savings while taking away \$3.8 billion in SNAP benefits from hungry families. By striking the provision, the amendment restores these vital SNAP benefits and eliminates wasteful administrative spending. It invests the remaining savings in 1) opioid addiction and treatment services and rural mental health services; 2) broadband connectivity to help rural communities compete in the modern economy; 3) increased export marketing to offset the uncertainty caused by the Administration’s trade policies; 4) support for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program to develop the next generation of producers; 5) scholarships at 1890 Institutions; and 6) research on organics and specialty crops.” The motion was rejected 183-226. [HR 2, [Vote #204](#), 5/18/18; CQ, [5/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Strengthen Prohibitions Against Animal Fighting. In May 2018, Taylor voted for amendment that: “Strengthens prohibitions against animal fighting by ensuring the law applies to all US territories.” The amendment was adopted 359 to 51. [HR 2, [Vote #202](#), 5/18/18; Republican Cloak Room, [5/17/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Allow For The Interstate Trade And Human Consumption Of Unpasteurized Milk And Milk Products. In May 2018, Taylor voted for “Massie, R-Ky., amendment that would prohibit federal interference in the interstate transportation of unpasteurized milk and milk products between states that allow for the distribution of such products for direct human consumption.” The amendment failed, 79-331. [HR 1865, [Vote #201](#), 5/18/18; CQ, [5/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Exclude Alcoholic Products From Counting As Value-Added Agricultural Products. In May 2018, Taylor voted against “Russell, R-Okla., amendment that would exclude beer, wine, distilled spirits, hard cider, and other alcoholic products from counting as value-added agricultural products, thus making such products ineligible for agricultural product market development grants, and would rescind \$8 million in unobligated funds from value-added agricultural product market development grant program.” The amendment was rejected, 54-356. [HR 1865, [Vote #200](#), 5/18/18; CQ, [5/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Repeal The Department Of Agriculture Biomass And Bioenergy Subsidy Programs. In May 2018, Taylor voted against “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment that would repeal the Department of Agriculture biomass and bioenergy subsidy programs.” The amendment failed, 75-340. [HR 1865, [Vote #197](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Allow States To Use Private Companies To Carry Out Program Eligibility Functions Of The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. In May 2018, Taylor voted for “Faso, R-N.Y., amendment that would allow states to carry out program eligibility and other administrative functions of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in a number of different ways, including the use of non-governmental contractors, as long as such personnel have no direct or indirect financial interest in an approved retail food store.” The amendment was adopted, 222-192. [HR 1865, [Vote #196](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Amendment Would Allow States To “Privatize SNAP Operations.” “An amendment from Representative John Faso (R-NY) that would allow states to privatize SNAP operations. This change would allow private companies to take over administration of the program, despite failed attempts in some states over the years.” [CLASP, [6/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Work-Requirement Exemptions To Five Percent Of SNAP Recipients. In May 2018, Taylor voted against “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would reduce work-requirement exemptions from 15 percent to five percent of SNAP benefit recipients; would reduce the qualifying age of children from three-years-old to six-years-old with respect to work requirement-exempted parents; would set the same hour-per-week work Requirement for married parents as for single parents; and would require employment and training program participants to have their work eligibility electronically verified through the E-verify system.” The amendment failed, 83-330. [HR 2, [Vote #195](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Phase Out Agricultural Crop Subsidies By 2030. In May 2018, Taylor voted against “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would phase out agricultural crop subsidies by 2030.” The amendment was rejected, 34-380. [HR 2, [Vote #194](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Adjust Loan Rates For The Sugar Program And Establish Tariff Rate Quotas For Raw And Refined Sugar. In May 2018, Taylor voted against “Foxy, R-N.C., amendment that would adjust loan rates for the sugar program, would terminate the feedstock flexibility program, and would establish tariff rate quotas for raw cane sugar and refined sugar. The amendment failed, 137-278. [HR 2, [Vote #193](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Effort To Force The Trump Administration To Certify That Their Tariffs Would Not Harm Farmers And Ranchers. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would prohibit the Farm Bill from going into effect until the President certifies to Congress that none of the Administration’s recent actions related to trade and tariffs would cause harm to domestic farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural producers.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to 228-189. [H Res 900, [Vote #190](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/17/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill Which Would Loosen Nutritional Disclosure Requirements For Restaurants And Other Food Establishments. In February 2018, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would modify the Food and Drug Administration’s menu labeling regulations to allow nutritional information to be provided online, as opposed to on a menu board, and would allow restaurants and other food establishments to determine the serving size for which nutritional information would be posted. It would prohibit states from enacting laws regarding the disclosure of nutritional information that are different from the federal law. It would prohibit the FDA from enforcing compliance with menu labeling regulations for 90 days after a violation is discovered.” The motion was adopted, 366-177. [H.R 392. 772, [Vote #56](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Rules Related To The Prevention Of Foodborne Illness Transmission. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Cicilline, D-R.I., amendment that would exempt rules related to the prevention of foodborne illness transmission. It would remove the bill’s provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-232. [HR 5, [Vote #38](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Arts & Humanities

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Decreasing Funds From The NEA And NEH And Appropriating Them To The Spending Reduction Account. In July 2018, Taylor voted against: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment no. 39, that would increase funding for the spending reduction account by \$46.5 million, and would decrease funding for funding for the National Endowment on the Arts and the Humanities by an equal amount.” The resolution failed by a vote of 119-297. [H R 6147, [Vote #345](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Budget

Taylor Voted For Funding The Government Through Feb. 2019 And Authorizing \$5.7 Billion For Construction Of A Border Wall On The U.S.-Mexico Border. In December 2018, Taylor voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with a further House amendment. The bill is the legislative vehicle for a short-term continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 8, 2019. It would also authorize \$5.7 billion for construction of a border wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, as well as an estimated \$7.8 billion in emergency disaster relief funding.” The bill passed by a vote of 217 – 185. [H.R. 695, [Vote #472](#), 12/20/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/18](#)]

Headline: CNBC: House Passes Spending Bill With Border Wall Money — Setting Up Shutdown Stalemate With Senate. [CNBC, [12/20/18](#)]

Eight Republicans Joined All 177 Voting Democrats To Oppose The Measure. “The House of Representatives Thursday approved a bill that would fund most of the federal government through early February -- and provides \$5.7 billion for President Trump's long-promised border wall, increasing the chances of a partial government shutdown later this week. Eight Republicans joined all 177 voting Democrats to oppose the measure, which passed 217-185. The bill now goes to the Senate, where it is certain to fall short of the 60 votes needed for passage since the chamber's 49 Democrats are against funding the wall.” [Fox News, [12/20/18](#)]

Voting Yes On The Measure Made It More Likely That A Partial Government Shutdown Would Occur. “That, in turn, makes it more likely that parts of the federal government, including nine of 15 Cabinet-level departments and dozens of agencies, will cease operations at midnight Friday.” [Fox News, [12/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering A Short-Term Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government And Construct A U.S.-Mexico Border Wall. In December 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill HR 695 which is the legislative vehicle for a short-term continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 8, 2019, and would provide funds for the construction of a U.S.-Mexico border wall and emergency disaster relief funding.” The rule was adopted 221-179. [HR 695, [Vote #469](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration of A Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government Without Funding For A U.S. Mexico Border Wall. In December 2018, Taylor voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 1183) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill HR 695 which is the legislative vehicle for a short-term continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 8, 2019, and provide funds for the construction of a U.S.-Mexico border wall and emergency disaster relief funding.” According to the Congressional Record, “That is why, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up the Senate amendment to H.R. 695, which is the clean CR that has already passed the Senate by a voice vote.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of a clean CR without border wall funding. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 223-178. [HR 659, [Vote #468](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#); Congressional Record, [12/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Legislation To Fund The Remainder Of The Government And Extend The National Flood Insurance Program And Violence Against Women Act. In December 2018, Taylor voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 1176) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the Farm Bill (HR 2), that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, and would waive section 7 of the War Powers Resolution for a concurrent resolution related to hostilities in Yemen.” According to the Congressional Record “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 7264, a continuing resolution to fund the remainder of the government and extend the National Flood Insurance Program, the Violence Against Women Act, and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act until September 30.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block

consideration of an amendment to bring up a bill funding the remainder of the government and extending the National Flood Insurance Program and Violence Against Women Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-191. [CQ, [12/12/18](#); HR 2, [Vote #431](#), 12/12/18; Congressional Record, [12/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Funding The Government For An Additional 2.5 Months Through December 2018. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the conference report to accompany the bill that would provide \$855.1 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments and agencies, including \$674.4 billion for the Defense Department and \$178.1 billion for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education departments. The Defense Department total would include \$606.5 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps, and would include \$67.9 billion in overseas contingency operations funding. The bill would provide \$90.3 billion in discretionary spending for the Health and Human Services Department, \$71.4 billion for the Education Department and \$12.1 billion for the Labor Department. The measure would also provide funding for federal government operations until Dec. 7, 2018, at an annualized rate of approximately \$1.3 trillion.” The amendment was adopted 361-61. [HR 6157, [Vote #405](#), 9/26/18; CQ, [9/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Proposing A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would propose a constitutional amendment that would require the U.S. government to operate under a balanced budget each year, beginning five years after ratification. Under the proposal, three-fifths of the entire House and Senate would be required to approve deficit spending or an increase in the public debt limit, but a simple majority would be sufficient to waive the requirement in times of congressionally declared war or in the face of a serious military threat.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 233-184. [H J Res 2, [Vote #138](#), 4/12/18; CQ, [4/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 811) that would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 4790) regarding ‘Volcker Rule’ regulation and exemptions thereto, and providing for the speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on April 12, 2018, relating to the joint resolution (H J Res 2) that would propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.” The rule was adopted 230-184. [H Res 811, [Vote #134](#), 4/11/18; CQ, [4/11/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Balanced Budget Amendment To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on [...] providing for the speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on April 12, 2018, relating to the joint resolution (H J Res 2) that would propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.” According to Rep. McGovern, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule which would amend the bill to exempt Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, vital pillars of our social safety net.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-186. [H Res 811, [Vote #133](#), 4/11/18; CQ, [4/11/18](#); Congressional Record, H3018, [4/11/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The \$1.3 Trillion FY 2018 Omnibus Spending Package That Funded The Government Through September 30, 2018. In March 2018, Taylor voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with a further amendment that would provide roughly \$1.3 trillion in funding for federal government operations and services through Sept. 30, 2018. The measure would provide a total of \$654.6 billion in additional funding to the Defense Department [...] \$98.7 billion to the Health and Human Services Department, [...] \$3.4 billion to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for substance abuse block grants, and would provide roughly \$3.7 billion to the National Institutes of Health, including an additional \$500 million for research into opioid addiction. It would provide \$47.7 billion to the Homeland Security Department, including \$1.6 billion for the purpose of bolstering security measures on the U.S.-Mexico border, including the construction of new fencing along sections of the border, and would provide \$7.1 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations and enforcement. The measure includes provisions from multiple bills related to school safety and firearms regulations, including a bill (S 2135) that would require the Department of Justice to certify that appropriate records have been submitted to the National Instant Criminal

Background Check System by federal agencies and state governments with respect to individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms. The measure includes language from the bill (S 2495) that would authorize \$75 million a year through fiscal 2028 for the Secure Our Schools grant program and would revise it to more explicitly focus the program on preventing student violence.” The motion as agreed to, 256-167. [H Res 796, [Vote #127](#), 3/22/18; CQ, [3/22/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of The 2018 Omnibus Spending Package. In March 2018, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 796) that would provide for consideration for the Senate amendment to HR 1625, the legislative vehicle for the fiscal 2018 omnibus appropriations package.” The rule was adopted, 211-207. [HR 1625, [Vote #124](#), 3/22/18; CQ, [3/22/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Concurring With The Senate On The Short Term Continuing Resolution That Funded The Government Through March 23, 2018. In December 2017, Taylor voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through March 23, 2018. The bill would increase defense spending caps to \$629 billion for fiscal 2018 and \$647 billion for fiscal 2019, and would increase non-defense spending caps by \$63 billion in fiscal 2018 and \$68 billion in fiscal 2019. It would suspend the debt ceiling through March 1, 2019, and would provide \$89.3 billion in emergency supplemental funding including \$23.5 billion in funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund, \$28 billion in funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Fund, and \$4.9 billion in additional Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would authorize funding for community health centers through fiscal 2019, and would provide for an additional authorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program from fiscal 2023 to fiscal 2027. The underlying bill would allow the governor of a state, territory, possession or the mayor of the District of Columbia to order that the United States flag be flown at half-staff to honor the death of a first responder who dies while serving in the line of duty.” [HR 1892, [Vote #69](#), 2/9/18; CQ, [2/9/18](#)]

Budget Deal Ending Second Government Shutdown Of 2018 Added \$320 Billion To The Deficit – The Second Shutdown In Three Weeks. “But action did not come soon enough to avoid a brief government shutdown — the second in three weeks — thanks to a one-man protest from Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who delayed the Senate vote past midnight to mark his opposition to an estimated \$320 billion addition to the federal budget deficit.” [Washington Post, [2/9/18](#)]

Budget Deal Raised Sequestration Caps For 2018 And 2019 By \$296 Billion, Suspended The Debt Ceiling Until March 2019, And Approved An Additional \$90 Billion In Disaster Relief. “Attached to the CR is language raising the sequestration budget caps for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 by a total of \$296 billion, suspending the debt ceiling until March 2019 and approving an additional \$90 billion in disaster relief, among a host of other policy provisions.” [Roll Call, [2/9/18](#)]

CNN: Continuing Resolution Included A Full Year Of Defense Spending To “Sweeten The Deal For Conservative And Defense Hawks... Who Have Been Emphatic That They Wouldn't Support The Fifth Continuing Resolution In Six Months.” “The House of Representatives passed legislation funding most federal agencies through March 23, and the Pentagon for a full fiscal year, roughly two days before the government faces a shutdown. The bill passed 245-182, but this is just the first step. The bill will next go the Senate, where Democrats are expected to oppose it because it doesn't also provide longer term money for domestic programs like opioid recovery efforts, transportation, and education. [...] GOP leaders tacked on a full year of defense funding to sweeten the deal for conservative and defense hawks in their ranks who have been emphatic that they wouldn't support the fifth continuing resolution in six months without some kind of certainty for the country's military.” [CNN, [2/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For House Passage Of Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government Through March 23. In February 2018, Taylor voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with an amendment that would provide for an extension of the current continuing resolution through March 23,

2018. The measure would provide for \$659.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department through fiscal 2018 and would provide \$3.6 billion annually for community health centers through fiscal 2019. It would also eliminate the cap on various Medicare payments and would extend funding for rural hospitals that see large numbers of Medicare patients.” The motion was adopted, 245-182. [H.R. 1892, [Vote #60](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Reopening The Government And Funding It Until February 8, 2018 As Well As Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Taylor voted for to provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Feb. 8, 2018. The measure would fund the state Children's Health and Insurance Programs at \$21.5 billion annually starting in fiscal 2018 and would gradually increase the funding annually through fiscal 2023. It would suspend or delay three health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 health care overhaul. It would allow the ballistic missile defense funding included in the last short-term funding bill to be used for certain related intelligence activities. Additionally, it would prohibit the Government Publishing Office from providing a free printed copy of the Federal Register to any member of Congress or other U.S. government office unless a specific issue or a subscription was requested by the member or office.” The motion passed 266-150. [H.R. 195, [Vote #44](#), 1/22/18; CQ, [1/22/18](#)]

Measure Ended A Three Day Government Shutdown. “Congress voted late Monday to reopen the government after a three-day shutdown, sending President Trump a short-term spending bill that passed after Senate Republican leaders pledged to act on immigration policy next month. [...] Roughly 60 hours after government funding lapsed, a bipartisan group of negotiators in the Senate prevailed with leadership and trading Democratic support for reopening the government for a commitment by Republicans to hold a vote resolving the status of young undocumented immigrants by mid-February.” [Washington Post, [1/22/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Funding The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Taylor voted forment operations and services at current levels through Feb. 16, 2018, at an annualized rate of \$1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, of which an annualized rate of \$621.5 billion would be designated for defense and an annualized rate of \$511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending. The measure would fund the state Children's Health and Insurance Programs at \$21.5 billion annually starting in fiscal 2018 and would gradually increase the funding annually through fiscal 2023. It would suspend or delay three health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 health care overhaul. It would allow the ballistic missile defense funding included in the last short-term funding bill to be used for certain related intelligence activities. Additionally, it would prohibit the Government Publishing Office from providing a free printed copy of the Federal Register to any member of Congress or other U.S. government office unless a specific issue or a subscription was requested by the member or office.” The motion passed 230-197. [H.R. 195, [Vote #33](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Bill Failed In The Senate, Leading To A Government Shutdown – The First Time A Shutdown Involving Furloughs Occurred While One Party Controlled Washington. “The federal government entered the 18th partial shutdown of the modern budget era at midnight Saturday after the Senate failed to reach a deal on a funding bill. The modern budget process began with the passage of the Budget Act of 1974. Since then, there have been a slew of different circumstances that prompted shutdowns, but this shutdown is unique for one reason. This is the first time that one party has controlled the House, the Senate, and the White House during a shutdown in which federal employees are furloughed.” [Business Insider, [1/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering Legislation To Fund The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Taylor voted for expected legislative vehicle for an extension of the current continuing resolution through Feb. 16, 2018, and funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal 2023. It would waive, through the legislative day of January 20, 2018, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee and would also provide for motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of January 20, 2018.” The rule was adopted 226-194. [H Res 695, [Vote #28](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Short Term Continuing Resolution That Funded The Government Through January 19, 2018. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with a further House amendment that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Jan. 19, 2018. The bill, as amended, would authorize \$2.1 billion for the Veterans Choice Program, \$2.9 billion in mandatory funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program and \$550 million in funding to Community Health Centers through Mar. 31. The bill would exempt funding provided to the Children's Health Insurance Fund and other health programs, as well as the tax overhaul package, from statutory pay-as-you-go requirements. It would provide \$4.7 billion in emergency supplemental funds for missile defense and Navy ship repairs. It would also extend authorities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act through Jan. 19, including FISA Section 702, which allows U.S. intelligence agencies to obtain data from electronic service providers or non-U.S. persons who reside outside the U.S.” The motion passed 231 to 188. [HR 1370, [Vote #708](#), 12/21/17; CQ, [12/21/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of The Short Term CR That Funded The Government Through January 19, 2018 And Supplemental Disaster Appropriations. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 670) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act (HR 1370) that would fund government operations and certain programs through Jan. 19, 2018, and the disaster supplemental appropriations for fiscal 2018 (HR 4667) that would make further supplemental appropriations for disaster assistance for Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria and calendar year 2017 wildfires.” The rule was adopted 228-186. [H Res 670, [Vote #705](#), 12/21/17; CQ, [12/21/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Short Term CR That Funded The Government Through December 22, 2017. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Dec. 22, 2017, at an annualized rate of \$1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, of which an annualized rate of \$621.5 billion would be designated for defense and an annualized rate of \$511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending. The bill would allow state Children's Health and Insurance Programs to receive extra redistribution funds beyond what is currently allowed, supporting the program's operations through the end of December.” The resolution passed 235 to 193. [H J Res 123, [Vote #670](#), 12/7/17; CQ, [12/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of Bills Loosening Regulations On Mergers And Acquisitions, Exempting Companies From Mortgage Escrow Requirements And Funding The Government Through December 22, 2017. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 647) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 477) that would exempt certain mergers and acquisitions brokers from Securities and Exchange Commission registration requirements; of the bill (HR 3971) that would exempt certain companies from home mortgage escrow requirements; and of the joint resolution (H J Res 123) that would fund government operations at current levels through Dec. 22, 2017 and allow state Children's Health and Insurance Programs to receive extra redistribution funds beyond what is currently allowed.” The rule was adopted 238 to 188. [H Res 647, [Vote #666](#), 12/7/17; CQ, [12/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Agreeing To The Senate Republican's Version Of The FY18 Budget That Provided \$3.1 Trillion In New Budget Authority. In October 2017, Taylor voted for “Black, R-Tenn., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution that would provide for \$3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would allow the cap on defense spending to be raised to \$640 billion for fiscal 2018, without the need for offsets. It would require the Senate Finance Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would increase the deficit by no more than \$1.5 trillion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. It would also instruct the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would reduce the deficit by \$1 billion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. The concurrent resolution would authorize the establishment of various reserve funds, including a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to repealing or replacing the 2010 health care overhaul law, and a revenue-neutral reserve fund related to modifying the federal tax system.” The budget passed 216-212. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #589](#), 10/26/17; CQ Floor Votes, [10/26/17](#)]

HEADLINE: House approves Senate-passed budget plan, paving way for tax reform [CBS News, [10/26/17](#)]

AP: “The Budget Plan Calls For \$5 Trillion In Spending Cuts Over The Decade, Including Cuts To Medicare, Medicaid And The Obama-Era Health Care Law.” “The budget plan calls for \$5 trillion in spending cuts over the decade, including cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and the Obama-era health care law, though Republicans have no plans to actually impose those cuts with follow-up legislation. Some Democrats criticized the measure for ruthless spending cuts; others took the opposite approach, failing it for tackling the deficit.” [Associated Press, [10/26/17](#)]

Senate Budget Directed Energy And Natural Resources Committee To Find \$1 Billion In Deficit Reduction, Which Was Likely To Come From Opening ANWR To Oil And Gas Leasing. “Democrats on Tuesday said they planned to introduce an amendment to the budget resolution (S Con Res 25) to strip a provision in its reconciliation instructions that would direct the Energy and Natural Resources Committee to find \$1 billion in deficit reduction. Those savings are likely to come in the form of legislation that would open ANWR to oil and gas leasing, which would generate revenues from the sale of federal leases to drilling companies and from royalties on the sale of oil and gas extracted from federally owned land.” [CQ, [10/17/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 580) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 budget resolution (H Con Res 71) that would provide for \$3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts.” The resolution was adopted 233-188. [HRes 580, [Vote #583](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For FY 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would provide for \$3.2 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would assume \$1.22 trillion in discretionary spending in fiscal 2018. It would assume the repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul law. It also would propose reducing spending on mandatory programs such as Medicare and Medicaid and changing programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (also known as food stamps). It would call for restructuring Medicare into a “premium support” system beginning in 2024. I would also require the House Ways and Means Committee to report out legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would provide for a revenue-neutral, comprehensive overhaul of the U.S. tax code and would include instructions to 11 House committees to trigger the budget reconciliation process to cut mandatory spending. The concurrent resolution would assume that, over 10 years, base (non-Overseas Contingency Operations) discretionary defense spending would be increased by a total of \$929 billion over the Budget Control Act caps and non-defense spending be reduced by \$1.3 trillion.” The concurrent resolution was adopted, 219-206. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

AP: House Budget “Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.” “The House on Thursday passed a \$4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party's efforts to repeal the “Obamacare” health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul.” [Associated Press, [10/5/17](#)]

Politico: House Budget Included “\$203 Billion In Mandatory Cuts Achieved Largely By Cutting Safety Net Programs.” “Under the House budget, any tax reconciliation bill would have to include the \$203 billion in mandatory cuts achieved largely by cutting safety net programs. That prompted some GOP moderates to warn of the political optics of cutting food stamps or Medicaid to pay for corporate tax breaks. The House budget also lays out strict parameters to prevent a tax plan from adding to the deficit, even short-term. And that language has given heartburn to Budget panel members like Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Ohio), who almost voted against the resolution because he was afraid it doesn’t provide tax writers with enough funding flexibility to achieve desired cuts.” [Politico, [10/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Democratic Alternative FY18 \$3.4 Billion Budget That Would Call For An Increase In The Minimum Wage And The Enactment Of Legislation To Expand Paid Sick Leave. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “Yarmuth, D-Ky., substitute amendment that would provide for \$3.4 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would repeal the Budget Control Act sequester and caps on discretionary spending and would provide an additional \$54 billion for both defense and non-defense spending in fiscal 2018. It would allow for Overseas Contingency Operations funding at the level requested by the president, but would prevent the use of OCO funding for base defense needs. It would assume \$160 billion in Medicare savings through efficiency programs. It would call for an increase in the minimum wage, would assume the implementation of a comprehensive immigration overhaul and it would call for the enactment of legislation to expand paid sick leave.” The amendment was rejected, 268-156. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #556](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Republican Study Committee Alternative FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “McClintock, R-Calif., substitute amendment that would provide for \$2.9 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018. It would balance the budget by fiscal 2023 by reducing spending by \$10.1 trillion over 10 years. It would cap total discretionary spending at \$1.06 trillion for fiscal 2018 and would assume no separate Overseas Contingency Operations funding for fiscal 2018 or subsequent years and would incorporate funding related to war or terror into the base defense account. It would assume repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul and would convert Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program into a single block grant program. It would require that off budget programs, such as Social Security, the U.S. Postal Service, and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, be included in the budget.” The amendment was rejected, 281-139. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #555](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

RSC Budget Targeted Medicare And Medicaid, As Well As Food Assistance For Families In Need. “The trillions of dollars in RSC-backed cuts are mainly for show, as there is little appetite within the conference or at the other end of the Capitol for deep reductions to the growth rate of mandatory spending. The RSC budget targets the major health care benefit programs Medicare and Medicaid and overhauls other means-tested benefits for the poor such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.” [Roll Call, [10/3/17](#)]

RSC Budget Included More Than \$10 Trillion In Spending Cuts Over A Decade, About Twice As Much As The House Republican Budget. “House Republicans will get the chance Thursday to vote for an alternative budget blueprint that offers up more than \$10 trillion in spending cuts over a decade. [...] The Budget Committee-approved plan also proposes sizable cuts to mandatory programs, but only about \$5.4 trillion in total reductions, about half of what the RSC wants. In addition, the RSC budget proposes to get to balance by fiscal 2023, as opposed to fiscal 2027 in the underlying resolution headed to the floor Thursday.” [Roll Call, [10/3/17](#)]

RSC Budget Repealed Obamacare And Replaced It With The American Health Care Reform Act. “(b) Policy on Replacing Obamacare.--It is the policy of this resolution that Obamacare must not only be repealed, but also replaced by enacting the American Health Care Reform Act.” [McClintock Substitute Amendment, [10/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Democratic \$3.8 Trillion FY18 Budget Alternative That Included A Public Option, Immigration Reform, And \$200 Billion For Hurricane Recovery. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “Scott, D-Va., substitute amendment that would provide for \$3.8 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would increase spending by \$1 trillion over five years and would provide for a number of revenue-raising options, totaling \$10.9 trillion, that could be used to raise at least \$3.9 trillion in additional revenues over 10 years. It would repeal the Budget Control Act sequester and caps on discretionary spending, would end defense funding through the Overseas Contingency Operations account, would create a public insurance option to be sold within the current health insurance exchanges, would call for implementation of comprehensive immigration overhaul and would include \$200 billion for hurricane recovery in in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.” The amendment was rejected, 292-130. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #554](#), 10/4/17; CQ, [10/4/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Democratic \$3.8 Trillion FY18 Budget Alternative That Included A Public Option And Comprehensive Immigration Reform. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., for Pocan, D-Wis., substitute amendment that would provide for \$3.8 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would raise overall spending by \$3.5 trillion over 10 years and would increase revenues by \$8.2 trillion over the same period through policies that would increase taxes for corporations and high-income individuals. It would repeal the Budget Control Act sequester and caps on discretionary spending, would modify the tax code by adding five higher marginal tax rates, would create a public insurance option to be sold within the current health insurance exchanges and would call for implementation of comprehensive immigration overhaul.” The amendment was rejected, 314-108. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #553](#), 10/4/17; CQ, [10/4/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of The Fiscal 2018 Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 553) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 budget resolution (H Con Res 71).” The rule was adopted, 232-188. [H Res 553, [Vote #552](#), 10/4/17; CQ, [10/4/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passing The \$1.23 Trillion Fiscal 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, including \$621.5 billion for defense and \$511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending.” The bill passed by a vote of 211-198. [H R 3354, [Vote #528](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding For Taxpayer Advocate Service’s Identity Theft Casework And Decreasing Funding For IRS Operational Support In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would increase funding for the Taxpayer Advocate Service’s identity theft casework by \$500,000, and would decrease funding for IRS operational support by \$1 million.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 265-143. [H R 3354, [Vote #526](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Funds From The Omnibus Appropriations Bill To Be Used To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce An SEC Rule Related To Conflict Materials. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Huizenga, R-Mich., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill from being used to implement, administer or enforce a Securities Exchange Commission rule related to conflict materials.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 211-195. [H R 3354, [Vote #525](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Reducing Funding For All Departmental Salary And Expense Accounts By 10 Percent And Transferring The Savings To A Spending Reduction Account In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Mitchell, R-Mich., amendment that would decrease funding for all departmental salary and expense accounts under the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations section of the bill by 10 percent and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 166-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #524](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Eliminating The Provision That Would Remove The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s Authority To Regulate Certain Types Of Small Dollar Credit In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would remove the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s authority to regulate certain types of small dollar credit, such as payday loans and vehicle loans.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 186-221. [H R 3354, [Vote #523](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Eliminating The Provision Related To Manufactured Housing Mortgages, Manufacturers, And Retailers. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provisions related to manufactured housing mortgages, manufacturers and retailers.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 163-245. [H R 3354, [Vote #522](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Eliminating The Provision That Would Incorporate The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Into The Regular Appropriations Process In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Ellison,

D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the bill's provision that would incorporate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 183-226. [H R 3354, [Vote #521](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Eliminating The FY 2018 Omnibus' Repeal Of The District Of Columbia's Budget Autonomy. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: "Norton, D-D.C., amendment that would eliminate the bill's repeal of the District of Columbia's budget autonomy." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 186-222. [H R 3354, [Vote #520](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Decreasing Funding For The IRS And Transferring The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Gohmert, R-Texas, for Posey, R-Fla., amendment that would decrease funding for Internal Revenue Service operations support by \$165,300, and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 186-223. [H R 3354, [Vote #519](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Any Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement DC's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Palmer, R-Ala., amendment that would prohibit any funds appropriated by the bill from being used to implement the District of Columbia's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-194. [H R 3354, [Vote #518](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement DOL Regulations Concerning Workplace Injuries And Illness In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Gibbs, R-Ohio, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill from being using to implement, administer or enforce Department of Labor regulations concerned with workplace injuries and illness, that were published May 12, 2016." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215-201. [H R 3354, [Vote #515](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To For Federal Contractors Who Have Willfully Or Repeatedly Violated The Fair Labor Standards Act. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: "Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would prohibit funding appropriated by the bill from being used to enter into contracts with federal contractors who have willfully or repeatedly violated the Fair Labor Standards Act." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-226. [H R 3354, [Vote #514](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Cutting One Percent Of All Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For The Labor, Health And Human Services, And Education Departments. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would provide for a one percent cut to all funds appropriated by the bill to the Labor Department, Health and Human Services Department and the Education Department." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-260. [H R 3354, [Vote #513](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Any Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement A 2014 NLRB Rule Governing Representation-Case Procedures. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Walberg, R-Mich., amendment that would prohibit any funds appropriated by the bill from being used to implement a 2014 National Labor Relations Board final rule governing representation-case procedures." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-196. [H R 3354, [Vote #512](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Reducing The Funding For The Coal Mine Safety And Health Program By 10 Percent In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Meadows, R-N.C., amendment that would reduce the funding for the Coal Mine Safety and Health program by 10 percent." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-238. [H R 3354, [Vote #511](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Decreasing The Salaries And Expenses Of The NLRB By \$99 Million In The FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Grothman, R-Wis., amendment decrease the salaries and expenses of the National Labor Relations Board by \$99 million and would transfer the savings to the

spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 175-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #510](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Decreasing Funding For The Student Aid Administration Program, Department Of Education Program Administration, And Department Of Education Office Of Inspector General In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease funding for the Student Aid Administration by \$34 million, would decrease funding for the Department of Education’s program administration by \$8.6 million, would decrease funding for the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Education by \$1.1 million, and would transfer the balance of the saving to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 131-285. [H R 3354, [Vote #509](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Increasing Funding For Adult Education By \$70.2 Million And Reducing Higher Education Funding By The Same Amount In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Lewis, R-Minn., amendment that would increase funding for adult education by \$70.2 million and would decrease funding for higher education by the same amount.” The amendment was reject by a vote of 153-263. [H R 3354, [Vote #508](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing, Then Decreasing, Funding For Education Innovation And Improvement In The FY 2018 Omnibus In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Courtney, D-Conn., amendment that would increase, then decrease, funding for education innovation and improvement by \$1.2 million (related to magnet schools).” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 204-212. [H R 3354, [Vote #507](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Increasing Funding For School Improvement Activities And Decreasing Funding For The Department Of Education Department Of Management In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Lowey, D-N.Y., for DeLauro, D-Conn., amendment that would increase funding for school improvement activities by \$100 million, would increase funding for school improvement for the academic year 2018-2019 by \$100 million, would increase funding for integrated student supports and specialized instructional support services by \$100 million, and would decrease funding for the Department of Management of the Department of Education by \$100 million.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 228-188. [H R 3354, [Vote #506](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Decreasing Then Increasing Funding For The Office Of The HHS Secretary In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Lujan, D-N.M., amendment that would decrease and then increase funding for the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services by \$2 million (related to peer support programs).” The amendment was adopted by of 213-205. [H R 3354, [Vote #505](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding Related To Access To Medicare For Mental And Substance Use Disorders In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Murphy, R-Pa., amendment that would increase funding related to access to Medicare for mental and substance use disorders by \$5 million.” The amendment failed by a vote of 198-219. [H R 3354, [Vote #504](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Substance Abuse And Mental Health Services Administration And Decreasing Funding For The Office Of The HHS Secretary And The DOE Department Of Management In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Clark, D-Mass., for DeLauro, D-Conn., amendment that would increase funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration by \$231.3 million, would decrease funding for the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services by \$219.6 million, and would decrease funding for the Department of Management of the Department of Education by \$11.7 million.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 225-192. [H R 3354, [Vote #503](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Increasing Funding For Maternal And Child Health Service Block Grants And Decreasing Funding For The Office Of The DHS Secretary In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted

for: “Kildee, D-Mich., amendment that would increase funding for Maternal and Child Health Service block grants by \$25 million, and would decrease funding for the office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 243-175. [H R 3354, [Vote #502](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The Bureau Of Labor And Statistics And Increasing Funding For Management Departments Within The Department Of Labor In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Meng, D-N.Y., amendment that would decrease funding for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by \$1.1 million, and increase funding for the departments of management within the Department of Labor by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-198. [H R 3354, [Vote #501](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Working Protection Agencies In The Labor, HHS, And Education Departments In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Pocan, D-Wis., for DeLauro, D-Conn., amendment that would increase funding for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Departments’ worker protection agencies by \$149 million, and would decrease funding to the departments’ program administration funds by \$164 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 199-219. [H R 3354, [Vote #500](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Department Of Labor’s Youth Employment Activities And Decreasing Funding For The Department’s Salaries And Expenses. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Kildee, D-Mich., amendment that would increase funding for the Department of Labor’s youth employment activities by \$10 million, and would decrease funding for the department’s salaries and expenses by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 247-170. [H R 3354, [Vote #499](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Violate The Government’s Ability To Exchange Information About Someone’s Citizenship Or Immigration Status. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill to be used to violate the federal government’s ability to send or receive information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of an individual.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 226-191. [H R 3354, [Vote #498](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce The National Ocean Policy. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Flores, R-Texas, for Byrne, R-Ala., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill to be used to implement, administer or enforce the National Ocean Policy, related to the stewardship of oceans, coasts and the Great Lakes.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-199. [H R 3354, [Vote #497](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Require Individuals In Halfway Houses To Pay A Subsistence Fee. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Norton, D-D.C., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill to be used to require individuals who reside in a halfway house or on home confinement to pay a subsistence fee.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 189-225. [H R 3354, [Vote #496](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Allowing Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission To Be Used For Gathering Information From Employers Related To Employees’ Earnings And Hours Worked. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Scott, D-Va., for DeLauro, D-Conn., amendment that would allow funds appropriated to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to be used for the collection of information from employers related to employees’ earning and hours worked.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 192-223. [H R 3354, [Vote #495](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The DOJ Salaries And Expenses And Increasing Funding For The Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Torres, D-Calif., amendment that would decrease funding for the Department of Justice’s salaries and expenses by \$5 million and would increase funding for the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 279-137. [H R 3354, [Vote #493](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Reducing EPA Funding By \$1.8 Million. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment that would reduce funding for the EPA by \$1.8 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 151-260. [H R 3354, [Vote #492](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of FY 2018 Funds To Pursue Extra-Legal Ways To Transfer Federal Funds To Private Owners. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Polis, D-Colo., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds appropriated by the bill to pursue any extra-legal ways to transfer federal lands to private owners in contravention of existing law.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 198-212. [H R 3354, [Vote #491](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For Closing Or Consolidating Any Regional EPA Office. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Polis, D-Colo., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds made appropriated by the bill to close or consolidate any regional office of the EPA.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 201-212. [H R 3354, [Vote #490](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting FY 2018 Omnibus Funds From Being Used To Implement Rules Or Regulations That Rely On Studies Related To The “Social Cost Of Carbon.” In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Mullin, R-Okla., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds appropriated by the bill to implement any rules or regulations that rely on certain studies related to the ‘social cost of carbon.’” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 225-186. [H R 3354, [Vote #489](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting FY 2018 Funds From Being Used To Enforce Rules Relating To Source Performance Standards For Greenhouse Gas Emissions. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Mullin, R-Okla., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds appropriated by the bill to enforce rules relating to source performance standards for greenhouse gas emissions and volatile organic compound emissions from the oil and natural gas sector.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-195. [H R 3354, [Vote #488](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of FY 2018 Funds To Enforce Bureau Of Land Management Rules About Natural Gas Waste On Federal And Indian Lands. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Pearce, R-N.M. amendment that would prohibit the use of funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the Bureau of Land Management’s rule aimed to reduce waste of natural gas from venting, flaring, and leaks during oil and natural gas production activities on onshore federal and Indian (other than Osage Tribe) leases.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-186. [H R 3354, [Vote #484](#), 9/8/17; CQ, [9/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of FY 2018 Funds To Process Any Application For A Permit To Drill Using Hydraulic Fracturing Or Acid Well Stimulation In The Pacific Outer Continental Shelf. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Carbajal, D-Calif., amendment that would prohibit funds to process any application under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act for a permit to drill or a permit to modify, that would authorize use of hydraulic fracturing or acid well stimulation treatment in the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 177-230. [H R 3354, [Vote #483](#), 9/8/17; CQ, [9/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of FY 2018 Funds For The EPA’s Criminal Enforcement Division. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Palmer, R-Ala., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds by the EPA to enforce the EPA’s Criminal Enforcement Division.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-227. [H R 3354, [Vote #482](#), 9/8/17; CQ, [9/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Reducing All Funds Appropriated In The Interior Division By One Percent In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would reduce all funds appropriated in Interior division of the bill by one percent.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-248. [H R 3354, [Vote #481](#), 9/8/17; CQ, [9/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Funding The Government Through December 8, 2017, Suspending The Debt Limit For Three Months And Making Available Supplemental Emergency Funding For Hurricane Relief. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would make available \$15.25 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2017 to partially cover the costs of responding to multiple natural disasters, including Hurricane Harvey. The measure would suspend the public debt limit from the bill’s date of enactment until Dec. 8, 2017, and would provide for government operations to be funded at fiscal 2017 levels until Dec. 8, 2017.” The motion passed, 316-90. [H R 601, [Vote #480](#), 9/8/17; CQ, [9/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting The EPA From Using FY 2018 Omnibus Funds To Take “Backstop” Actions Against States In The Chesapeake Bay Watershed. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Goodlatte, R-Va., amendment that would prohibit the EPA from using funds made available by the bill to take “backstop” actions against any of the six states in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in the event that a state does not meet the goals mandated by the EPA’s Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-197. [H R 3354, [Vote #479](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement A National Park Service Rule Related To Wildlife Management Practices On National Preserves In Alaska. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Young, R-Alaska, amendment that would prohibit funds made available by the bill from being used to implement a rule by the National Park Service related to wildlife management practices on national preserves in Alaska.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215-196. [H R 3354, [Vote #478](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Eliminating The Provision That Would Prohibit Using FY 2018 Omnibus Funds From being Used To Implement Coastal And Marine Spatial Planning And Ecosystem-Based Management Components Of The National Ocean Policy. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Lowenthal, D-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would prohibit funding made available by the bill from being used to further implement the coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management components of the National Ocean Policy.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 189-220. [H R 3354, [Vote #477](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Eliminating The FY 2018 Omnibus Provision That Would Delay The Implementation Date For National Ambient Air Quality Standards. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would delay the implementation date for national ambient air quality standards for ozone until 2026.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 194-218. [H R 3354, [Vote #476](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing And Decreasing Funding To EPA State Tribal Assistance Grants. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Lujan, D-N.M., amendment that would increase by \$6 million, and decrease by the same amount, funding to EPA state and tribal assistance grants for environmental programs and infrastructure assistance.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-191. [H R 3354, [Vote #475](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Decreasing The EPA Operations And Maintenance Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment that would decrease the EPA operations and maintenance funding by \$10.2 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 184-228. [H R 3354, [Vote #474](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Decreasing The Department Of The Interior's Office Of The Secretary Funding By \$1 Million And Increasing EPA Funding By The Same Amount In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: "Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would decrease the Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary funding by \$1 million, and would increase funding for the EPA by the same amount." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 190-218. [H R 3354, [Vote #473](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Increasing Funds For Reclamation Of Abandoned Mine Lands And Decreasing EPA Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Thompson, R-Pa., amendment that would increase funds for reclamation of abandoned mine lands and other related activities by \$32.5 million, and would decrease EPA funding by the same amount." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 207-205. [H R 3354, [Vote #472](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding For EPA Superfund Sites And Decreasing Funding For The Bureau Of Land Management Oil And Gas Program In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: "Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would increase funding for EPA Superfund sites by \$12 million, and would decrease funding for the Bureau of Land Management's oil and gas program by the same amount." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-221. [H R 3354, [Vote #471](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Funds From Being Used In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Make Contributions To The UN Human Rights Council, UN Office Of The High Commissioner For Human Rights, Or UN Relief And Works Agency. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Yoho, Fla., for Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to make contributions to the United Nations Human Rights Council, the United Nations Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 199-212. [H R 3354, [Vote #470](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Increasing Funding For Western Hemisphere Regional Cooperation And Decreasing Funding For International Multilateral Organizations In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Scott, R-Ga., amendment that would increase funding for Western Hemisphere Regional Cooperation by \$10 million, and would decrease funding for international multilateral organizations by the same amount." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-193. [H R 3354, [Vote #468](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Increasing Funding For The International Narcotics Council And Law Enforcement And Decreasing Funding For The Fulbright Program In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Rothfus, R-Pa., amendment that would increase by \$30 million funding for the International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement and decrease funding for the Fulbright Program by the same amount." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 163-248. [H R 3354, [Vote #467](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting Funds Appropriated To The Department Of Homeland Security In The FY 2018 Omnibus For Use In Construction Or Expansion Of Detention Facilities. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: "Jayapal, D-Wash., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security for use in the construction or expansion of detention facilities." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-230. [H R 3354, [Vote #466](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Department Of Homeland Security Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For Entering Into Contracts With Privatized Immigration Detention Facilities. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: "Castro, D-Texas, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security to be used to enter into contracts with privatized immigration detention facilities." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 183-230. [H R 3354, [Vote #465](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funding Appropriated For The Department Of Homeland Security To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce Wage Requirements. In September 2017, Taylor voted for:

“King, R-Iowa, amendment, as modified, that would prohibit funding made available in the bill for the Department of Homeland Security and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 173-240. [H R 3354, [Vote #464](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Increasing Funding For Coast Guard Research, Development, Test And Evaluating And Decreasing Coast Guard Operating Expenses. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Hunter, R-Calif., amendment that would increase by \$5 million funding for the Coast Guard Research, Development, Test and Evaluating account (for icebreakers), and would decrease funding for the Coast Guard Operating Expenses account by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 245-168. [H R 3354, [Vote #463](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding To The Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, And Improvements And Decreasing Funding For ICE Operations And Support. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Correa, D-Calif., amendment that would increase by \$100 million funding to the Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements account, and would decrease funding to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Operations and Support account by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 182-229. [H R 3354, [Vote #462](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing And Then Decreasing Funding To ICE Operations And Support. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment that would increase by \$10 million, and would decrease by the same amount, funding to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Operations and Support account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 203-211. [H R 3354, [Vote #461](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding To The Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, And Improvements And Decreasing Funding To ICE Operations And Support. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., amendment that would increase by \$850 million funding to the Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements account (for icebreakers), and would decrease funding to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Operations and Support account by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 170-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #460](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing And Decreasing Funding To Customs and Border Protection Operation And Support. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment that would increase by \$5 million, and decrease by the same amount, funding to the Customs and Border Protection Operations and Support account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 205-207. [H R 3354, [Vote #459](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Moving Forward The Consideration Of The FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 504) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 Interior-Environment appropriations bill (HR 3354), which is the legislative vehicle for an omnibus appropriations package which would include: eight of the 12 fiscal 2018 appropriations measures and the text of the minibuss appropriations package (HR 3219) passed on July 27, 2017.” The resolution passed by a vote of 222-190. [H RES 504, [Vote #458](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting State And Local Governments From Receiving HUD Funding If They Prohibit Or Restrict Reporting To INS Information About The Citizenship Or Immigration Status Of Any Individual. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Smith, R-Mo., amendment that would prohibit state and local government entities from receiving Housing and Urban Development Department funding if the state or local entity prohibits or restricts any government entity from reporting to Immigration and Naturalization Service with information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 225-195. [H R 3354, [Vote #455](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Reducing Housing And Urban Development Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus By Two Percent. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment that would reduce the bill’s

funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development by two percent.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 140-280. [H R 3354, [Vote #454](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting FY 2018 Omnibus Funds For The Departments Of Transportation And HUD From Being Used To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce The Davis-Bacon Act Prevailing Wage Requirement.

In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirement. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #453](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Decreasing Funding For Project Based Rental Assistance Subsidy Contracts In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease funding for project based rental assistance subsidy contracts by \$266 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 139-282. [H R 3354, [Vote #452](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The Public And Indian Housing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease the funding for the Public and Indian Housing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program of expiring section 8 housing tenant-based annual contributions contracts by \$177 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 124-195. [H R 3354, [Vote #451](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Decreasing Funding For Department Of Housing And Urban Development Offices And Increasing Funding For Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Funding. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Rosen, D-Nev., amendment that would decrease funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development administrative support offices by \$47 million, decrease HUD Office CFO funding by \$4 million, decrease HUD Office of General Counsel funding by \$8 million, decrease HUD Office of Administration funding by \$32.7 million, decrease HUD Office of the Chief Procurement Office funding by \$1.9 million, decrease HUD Office of Strategic Planning and Management funding by \$475,000 and increase the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation funding by \$35 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 200-220. [H R 3354, [Vote #450](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Eliminating Funding For Grants To Amtrak In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Brooks, R-Ala., amendment that would that would eliminate \$1.1 billion in funding for grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (operating as Amtrak).” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 128-193. [H R 3354, [Vote #449](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Decreasing Funding For State Of Good Repair Grants And Small Start Projects And Increasing Funding For Fixed Guideway Investment Grants In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Budd, R-N.C., amendment that would decrease funding for the Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair grants by \$474 million, would increase funding for fixed guideway investment grants by \$1, would increase funding for new fixed guideway grants by \$400 million and would decrease funding for small start projects by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 159-260. [H R 3354, [Vote #448](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Decreasing Funding To The Essential Air Service Program In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would decrease funding to the Essential Air Service program by \$150 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 140-280. [H R 3354, [Vote #447](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting FDA Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Finalize, Implement, Or Enforce A 2015 Draft MOU Between The FDA And States Related To Distributions Of Compound Human Drugs. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Carter, R-Ga., amendment that would prohibit

funds provided by the bill from being used by the Food and Drug Administration to finalize, implement or enforce a 2015 draft standard memorandum of understanding between the FDA and states related to distributions of compounded human drugs.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 141-279. [H R 3354, [Vote #446](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For The Department Of Agriculture From Being Used To Implement The Davis-Bacon Act Prevailing Wage Requirements. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill for the Agriculture Department and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 176-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #445](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Moving Forward To Consideration Of The FY 2018 Omnibus And Waiving The Two-Thirds Vote Requirement To Consider Legislation The Same Day It Is Reported From The House Rules Committee. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 500) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 Interior-Environment appropriations bill (HR 3354), which is the legislative vehicle for an omnibus appropriations package which would include: eight of the 12 fiscal 2018 appropriations measures and the text of the minibus appropriations package (HR 3219) passed on July 27, 2017. The rule would waive, through the legislative day of September 9, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. The rule would also provide for motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of September 9, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-191. [H RES 500, [Vote #443](#), 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Taylor Voted For The “Security Minibus” Which Included \$1.6 Billion In Funding For A Southern Border Wall. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide \$788 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2018 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$658.1 billion in funding for Defense programs; \$88.8 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; \$37.6 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for the Energy Department, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and related agencies; and \$3.6 billion in funding fiscal 2018 for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. The bill would provide \$1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” Passed by a vote of 235-192. [H R 3219, [Vote #435](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting Funding In The FY 2018 Minibus From Being Used To Begin, Continue, Process, Or Approve Of A Public-Private Competition Converting Federal Employee Function To Contractor Performance. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Cartwright, D-Pa., amendment that would prohibit funding made available by the bill from being used to begin, continue, process, or approve of a public-private competition regarding converting any function performed by federal employees to contractor performance.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 253-172. [H R 3219, [Vote #433](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Eliminating The FY 2018 Minibus’ Provision That Would Prohibit The Use Of Its Funding To Transfer Or Release Or Assist In The Transfer Or Release Of A Detainee Held At Guantanamo Bay. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Nadler, D-N.Y., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would prohibit the use of funding made available by the bill to transfer or release, or assist in the transfer or release, to or within the U.S. of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed or any other detainee who is not a U.S. citizen and is held at Guantanamo Bay. The amendment would eliminate a provision that would prohibit funds from being used to construct, acquire or modify any facility in the U.S. to house a prisoner transferred from Guantanamo Bay.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 172-252. [H R 3219, [Vote #432](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding For Navy And Air Force Environmental Restoration Operations And Reducing Funding For Defense Department Operations And Maintenance In The FY 2018 Minibus. In

July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Boyle, D-Pa., amendment that would increase by \$30 million funding for Navy environmental restoration operations, would increase by \$30 million funding to Air Force environmental restoration, and would reduce by \$60 million funding to Defense Department-wide operation and maintenance.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 256-169. [H R 3219, [Vote #431](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding For Naval Environmental Restoration Operations And Decreasing Funding For Defense Department-Wide Operations And Maintenance In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Suozzi, D-N.Y., amendment that would increase funding for Naval environmental restoration operations by \$34.7 million, and would decrease by an equivalent amount funding for Defense Department-wide operations and maintenance.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-211. [H R 3219, [Vote #430](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Funding In The FY 2018 Minibus Being Used To Implement Or Enforce An Energy Department Rule About Energy Conservation. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment that would prohibit funding made available by the bill from being used to implement or enforce the Energy Department rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps,” published on Jan. 5, 2017.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 177-248. [H R 3219, [Vote #429](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Reducing All Discretionary Spending In The Energy And Water Division Of The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would reduce by one percent all discretionary spending provided for in the Energy and Water division of the bill.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 140-285. [H R 3219, [Vote #428](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Moving Forward To Consideration Of The FY 2018 Minibus, Considering Amendments To The Defense Division Of The Minibus, And Funding Customs And Border Protection For Border Wall Construction. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 478) that would provide for further House floor consideration of the bill that would make certain appropriations for fiscal 2018 (HR 3219), would provide for consideration of amendments to the Defense division of the bill; and would provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of July 28, 2017. The rule would also automatically modify the fiscal 2018 minibus to include an amendment that would provide \$1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-196. [H RES 478, [Vote #427](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Reducing And Increasing Funding To The Army Corps Of Engineers Investigations Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would reduce by \$3 million, and increase by the same amount, funding to the Army Corps of Engineers Investigations account.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 234-192. [H R 3219, [Vote #425](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Eliminating The Provision That Would Prohibit Funding In The FY 2018 Minibus From Being Used To Implement Components Of The National Ocean Policy. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Pingree, D-Maine, amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would prohibit funding made available by the bill from being used to further implement the coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management components of the National Ocean Policy developed under a 2010 executive order.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 192-235. [H R 3219, [Vote #424](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding To The National Nuclear Security Administration Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment that would increase by \$118 million funding to the National Nuclear Security Administration defense nuclear nonproliferation account, and would decrease funding for weapons activities at National Nuclear Security Administration by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-247. [H R 3219, [Vote #423](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Office Of Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy And Decreasing Funding To The Fossil Energy Research Development Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Esty, D-Conn., amendment that would increase by \$20 million funding for facility acquisition, construction or expansion in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and would reduce by \$40 million funding to the Fossil Energy Research and Development account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 203-224. [H R 3219, [Vote #422](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Office Of Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy And Decreasing Funding To The Fossil Energy Research Development Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Norcross, D-N.J., amendment that would increase by \$161.7 million funding to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for facility acquisition, construction or expansion, and would reduce by \$323.5 million funding to the Energy Department Fossil Energy Research and Development account.” [H R 3219, [Vote #421](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding To The Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Account And Reducing Funding To The Fossil Fuel Research And Development Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Castor, D-Fla., amendment that would increase by \$177 million funding to the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account and would reduce by \$355 million funding to the Fossil Fuel Research and Development account.” [H R 3219, [Vote #420](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Minibus From Being Used To Implement Prevailing Wage Requirements Associated With The Davis-Bacon Act. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill from being used to implement, administer or enforce prevailing wage requirements associated with the Davis-Bacon Act, which specify the basis for wages paid to employees by companies under contract with the federal government.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-249. [H R 3219, [Vote #419](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Providing Funding In The FY 2018 Minibus For Salaries And Expenses For An Office Of Technology Assessment And Reducing Funding For The Architect Of The Capital. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Takano, D-Calif., amendment that would provide \$2.5 million in funding for salaries and expenses in what would become the Office of Technology Assessment, and would reduce by \$2.6 million funding to the capital construction and operations account of the Architect of the Capitol.” The amendment failed 191-236. [H R 3219, [Vote #418](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Moving Forward To Consideration Of Amendments To The Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, And Energy And Water Divisions Of The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 473) providing for consideration of the bill (HR 3219) that would make certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2018, and would provide for consideration of amendments to the Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Energy and Water divisions of the bill.” [H RES 473, [Vote #415](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bipartisan Deal To Fund The Government Through September 30, 2017 And Increase Defense Funding. In May 2017, Taylor voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill with an amendment that would provide \$1.16 trillion in discretionary appropriations through Sept. 30, 2017 for federal departments and agencies covered by the remaining 11 fiscal 2017 spending bills. Included in that total is: \$20.9 billion for Agriculture, \$56.6 billion for Commerce-Justice-Science, \$593 billion for Defense, \$37.8 billion for Energy-Water, \$21.5 billion for Financial Services, \$42.4 billion for Homeland Security (including \$772 million for improvements and maintenance to existing Customs and Border Protection infrastructure and technology), \$32.2 billion for Interior-Environment, \$161 billion for Labor-HHS-Education, \$4.4 billion for Legislative, \$53.1 billion for State-Foreign Operations, and \$57.7 billion for Transportation-HUD. The measure would authorize classified amounts of funding for fiscal 2017 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. government. The measure would provide \$608 million for health benefits

for retired coal miners and \$296 million for Medicaid payments to Puerto Rico.” The motion passed 309-118. [HR 244, [Vote #249](#), 5/3/17; CQ, [5/3/17](#)]

Bipartisan Deal To Prevent Shutdown Included \$15 For Defense Programs And \$1.5 Billion For Border Security, But Did Not Fund Trump’s Wall. “The House voted Wednesday to approve a bipartisan deal to fund the government through September and prevent a shutdown — at least for the next five months. House members voted 309-118 to pass the \$1.1 trillion spending bill, which funds federal agencies and boosts defense spending through the remainder of fiscal year 2017. Current funding was set to expire at midnight Friday unless Congress acted. [...] The bill approved by the House on Wednesday includes \$15 billion of a \$30 billion request from Trump for extra funding for defense programs and combat operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. It also includes \$1.5 billion in additional funding for border security, which was half of a \$3 billion request from Trump. Although the president did not get funding for his wall, the bill gives the administration about \$341 million to replace some existing border fencing, including about 40 miles of fencing in Arizona and California.” [USA Today, [5/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering The \$1.16 Trillion Omnibus Spending Bill. In May 2017, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 305) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill, with House amendment, intended to serve as the legislative vehicle for a measure that would provide \$1.16 trillion in discretionary appropriations for federal departments and agencies covered by the 11 unfinished fiscal 2017 spending bills.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 230-188. [HRes 308, [Vote #247](#), 5/3/17; CQ, [5/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Averting A Government Shutdown By Funding The Government With A Continuing Resolution For A Week Through May 5, 2017. In April 2017, Taylor voted for “Passage of the joint resolution that would extend continuing appropriations for federal government operations through May 5, 2017. It would also provide for an extension, through May 5, of health care benefits for retired coal miners.” The motion passed 382-30. [HRes 289, [Vote #236](#), 4/28/17; CQ, [4/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering A Resolution To Avert A Government Shutdown By Funding The Government With A Continuing Resolution For A Week Through May 5, 2017. In April 2017, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 289) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution that would extend continuing appropriations for federal government operations through May 5, 2017. It would also provide for an extension, through May 5, 2017, of health care benefits for retired coal miners.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 235-178. [HRes 289, [Vote #235](#), 4/28/17; CQ, [4/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Setting Forth The Congressional Budget For The United States Government For Fiscal Year 2017. In January 2017, Taylor voted for “adoption of the concurrent resolution that includes reconciliation instructions for the House Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees as well as the Senate Finance and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committees to develop legislation to reduce the deficit by at least \$1 billion each over a 10-year period by January 27, 2017, which is expected to repeal parts of the 2010 health care law. The concurrent resolution also would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next 10 years. It would allow \$3.3 trillion in new budget authority for fiscal 2017.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 227-198. [S Con Res 3, [Vote #58](#), 1/13/17; CQ, [1/13/17](#)]

CNN: Vote “Began The Process Of Dismantling The Affordable Care Act” By Allowing Budget Reconciliation. “The House of Representatives began the process of dismantling the Affordable Care Act on Friday, approving a budget resolution on a mostly party line vote. The vote was 227-198. The Senate passed the measure earlier this week. It allows Republicans on Capitol Hill to use a process known as ‘budget reconciliation’ to roll back major parts of the health care law. Top Republican leaders are also saying they plan to move to replace Obamacare along the same track, but they are still struggling to come up with the details on how it will work.” [CNN, [1/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An “Amendment That Would Eliminate The Budget Analysis Division Of The Congressional Budget Office”. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Griffith, R-Va., amendment that would eliminate

the budget analysis division of the Congressional Budget Office and would transfer the responsibilities of the division to the CBO's office of the director.” Rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 116-309. [H R 3219, [Vote #417](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Campaign Finance & Election Law

Taylor Voted Against Amending An Interior Appropriations Bill To Increase Funding For The Election Assistance Commission By \$380 Million. In July 2018, Taylor voted against “Quigley, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would increase funding for the Election Assistance Commission by \$380 million, and would decrease funding for the ‘Fund for America's Kids and Grandkids’ by the same amount.” The motion was rejected, 182-232. [HR 6147, [Vote #364](#), 7/19/18; CQ, [7/19/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Removing A Ban On The SEC Using Funds To Issue Rules On The Disclosure Of Political Contributions. In July 2018, Taylor voted against: “Capuano, D-Mass, amendment no. 81, that would remove the bill's ban on the use of funds by the Securities and Exchange Commission to issue rules on the disclosure of political contributions.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 190-224. [HR 6147, [Vote #358](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Create A Small Dollar Donor Matching System And Require Campaigns To Disclosure Of All Bundlers. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would help reduce the influence of big money in politics by establishing a small-donor matching system, permitting unlimited coordinated party expenditures from small donor sources, and by requiring disclosure by all bundlers of bundled contributions. Mr. Sarbanes’ bill is part of House Democrats’ Better Deal Agenda that will help make government more open and transparent.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 222-184. [H Res 905, [Vote #210](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/22/18](#)]

Civil Rights & Liberties

Taylor Voted For The Citizens’ Right to Know Act, A Bill Requiring State And Local Governments Receiving Justice Department Grants For Pretrial Services To Submit A Report To The Attorney General. In, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill would require state and local governments that receive Justice Department grants for pretrial services to submit annually a report to the attorney general that would include the names of defendants who received services, their prior convictions where applicable, and the amount of money that had been allocated for pretrial services. The bill also states that if a state or local government were to fail to submit such a report, it could lose grant funding for the following year.” The vote passed 221-197. [HR. 2152, [Vote #175](#), 5/9/18; CQ Floor Votes, [5/9/18](#)]

ACLU Opposed The Bill Due To Privacy Concerns; The Bill Would Publicly Report Personally Identifiable Information Of Individuals Who Had Not Been Convicted Of A Crime. “This legislation raises privacy concerns for the ACLU given the personally identifiable data that is to be collected and publicly reported by the federal government. The bill also undermines efforts to eliminate or reduce jurisdictions’ reliance on money bail systems. [...] We also believe that the potential to harm individual reputations should be considered when arrest records are publicly shared. We are troubled that the Citizens’ Right to Know Act would collect and publicly report personally identifiable information of individuals participating in pretrial services programs – individuals who have not been convicted of a crime given their pretrial status.” [ACLU, [3/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Limiting The Ability Of People With Disabilities To Go To Court Over ADA Violations. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require individuals to verbally request the removal

of an architectural barrier and provide written notice to give an establishment sufficient time to correct the infraction before filing a lawsuit under the Americans for Disabilities Act. It would also require the Justice Department to establish a program that would provide educational and training grants for professionals to provide guidance to state and local governments and property owners on the required public accommodations.” The bill passed by a vote of 225-192. [HR 620, [Vote #80](#), 2/15/18; CQ, [2/15/18](#)]

ACLU: “This Change In The Law Would Be A Boon For Businesses At The Expense Of People With Disabilities.” “The ‘ADA Education and Reform Act’ upends a key provision of the ADA by preventing people with disabilities from immediately going to court to enforce their rights and to press for timely removal of the barrier that impedes access. Without this critical enforcement mechanism, compliance under the ADA will suffer and people with disabilities will be denied the access to which they are entitled to under the law. MYTH: The ‘ADA Education and Reform Act’ doesn’t harm people with disabilities because it merely delays the ability to go to court. TRUTH: The so-called ‘ADA Education and Reform Act’ means that people with disabilities won’t have access for weeks, months, or possibly years, and it removes any incentive for businesses to comply proactively with the ADA. This change in the law would be a boon for businesses at the expense of people with disabilities.” [ACLU, accessed [3/22/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Remove A 180-Day Waiting Period Before People With Disabilities Can Go To Court Over ADA Violations. In February 2018, Taylor voted against: “Langevin D-R.I., amendment that would remove the bill’s requirement that a person who claims discrimination must first provide written notice that allows 60 days for an owner to acknowledge receipt of the complaint and 120 days to demonstrate substantial progress in removing the barrier before legal action may be pursued.” The amendment was rejected in the Committee of the Whole by 188-226. [HR 620, [Vote #79](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/15/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment Commissioning A Study To Determine The Role Islamic Rhetoric Played In Fomenting Violent Extremism. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Franks, R-Ariz., amendment that would require the secretary of Defense to conduct two concurrent strategic assessments of the use of violent or unorthodox Islamic religious doctrine to support extremist or terrorist messaging and justification, and would require the secretary to submit to Congress the results of the assessments.” The amendment was by a vote of 208-217. [H R 2810, [Vote #372](#), 7/14/17; CQ, [7/14/17](#)]

POLITICO: The Franks Amendment “Called For The Pentagon To Identify Islamic Leaders Who Preach Peaceful Beliefs Versus Those Who Espouse Extremist Views.” “The House on Friday rejected a controversial GOP proposal identifying “Islamic religious doctrines, concepts or schools of thought” that could be used by terrorist groups — something opponents say is unconstitutional and will lead to the targeting of Muslims. More than 20 centrist Republicans joined with Democrats to defeated the amendment, 208 to 217. Drafted by conservative Rep. Trent Franks (R-Ariz.), the proposal called for the Pentagon to identify Islamic leaders who preach peaceful beliefs versus those who espouse extremist views.” [Politico, [7/14/17](#)]

POLITICO: The Franks Amendment Would Require The Pentagon To Conduct “Strategic Assessments” And Specifically Identify Religious Doctrines And Concepts That “Extremists Use To Recruit Potential Terrorists, Radicalize Them And Ultimately Justify Their Heinous Acts.” “The amendment would require the Defense Department to conduct ‘strategic assessments of the use of violent or unorthodox Islamic religious doctrine to support extremist or terrorist messaging and justification.’ The proposal requires the assessment to identify religious doctrines and concepts that extremists use to recruit potential terrorists, radicalize them and ultimately justify their heinous acts. It also asks Pentagon officials for ‘recommendations for identifying key thought leaders or proponents.’ The proposal also requires the Pentagon to identify Islamic schools of thought that could be used to counter jihadist views, as well as leaders who are preaching these sorts of doctrines.” [Politico, [7/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Alleged Constitutional Or Civil Rights Violations From The Lawsuit Reduction Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Conyers, D-Mich., amendment that would exempt from

the bill's provisions actions alleging a violation of a constitutional or civil right.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-227. [HR 720, [Vote #155](#), 3/10/17; CQ, [3/10/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Resolution “Affirming That The Holocaust Occurred And That It Targeted Jews [...] After The White House Omitted Mention Of Jews In [Its] International Holocaust Remembrance Day Statement.” In February 2017, Taylor voted for the “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 91)...” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 234-187. According to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, “The House on Feb. 7 blocked, 234-187, a Democratic bid to force floor debate on a resolution affirming that the Holocaust occurred and that it targeted Jews. Democrats raised this issue after the White House omitted mention of Jews in the International Holocaust Remembrance Day statement it released Jan. 27. Six million Jews died in the Holocaust carried out by German leader Adolf Hitler and his Nazi regime between 1933-1945.” A yes vote was a vote to block the resolution. [HRes 91, [Vote #81](#), 2/7/17; St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [2/13/17](#); CQ, [2/7/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/7/17](#)]

Consumer Protections & Regulations

Taylor Voted For Appropriating Funds For The Postal Service To Provide Additional Financial Products Or Services. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “McHenry, R-N.C, amendment no. 87, that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill from being used by the Postal Service to provide additional financial products or services.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 201-212. [HR 6147, [Vote #362](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Unfunded Mandates Information And Transparency Act, Which Required Federal Agencies To Analyze Their Regulatory Effects On Industries And To Meet With These Stakeholders. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require independent agencies to conduct analyses of their proposed rules and the effect thereof on the private sector and on state and local governments. The bill would require that independent federal regulatory agencies, except for the Federal Reserve, conduct unfunded mandate analyses of their proposed rules and would require all agencies that conduct unfunded mandate reviews, including both independent and non-independent federal agencies, to consult with private-sector stakeholders on the potential impact of regulations being developed. The bill would also require federal agencies, if requested by a committee chairman or ranking member, to conduct retrospective unfunded mandate analyses of existing regulations. The bill would transfer authority for oversight of UMRA activities to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs within the Office of Management and Budget.” The bill passed, 230-168. [H R 50, [Vote #328](#), 7/13/18; CQ, [7/13/18](#)]

The Bill Would Require Agencies To Alert And Solicit Feedback From Regulated Industries Before Notifying The Public; Business Could Block New Regulations Without Any Broader Public Knowledge. “The Unfunded Mandates and Information Transparency Act would require federal agencies to alert regulated industries when they are considering drafting a rule and solicit their feedback – before the public learns there may be a rule under consideration. Businesses could block even a hypothetical future rule and the public might never find out.” [Coalition For Sensible Safeguards, accessed [7/13/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Adding An Amendment That Would Have Exempted Agencies That Protect Children From Sex Offenders From The Underlying Bill. In July 2018, Taylor voted against: “Beatty, D-Ohio, motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Governmental Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions the actions and mandates of agencies tasked with protection of children against sex offenders, protection of domestic violence victims, protection against rape and sexual assault, and those that assist in background checks for school employees.” The motion was rejected, 180-219. [H R 50, [Vote #327](#), 7/13/18; CQ, [7/13/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering HR 50, A Bill On Agencies Rules, And HR 3281, A Bill On Transfer Of Ownership Of Water Infrastructure Facilities. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 961) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 50) that would require that independent agencies conduct analyses of their proposed rules on the private sector and state and local governments, and would require

all federal agencies to consult with the private sector when developing rules, and would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 3281) that would permit the Bureau of Reclamation to transfer ownership of certain federal water infrastructure facilities to certain nonfederal entities without the need for Congress to enact project-specific legislation.” The rule was adopted, 229-183. [H Res 985, [Vote #319](#), 7/11/18; CQ, [7/11/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of The FAA Reauthorization Act, Which Also Modified FEMA Operations And Procedures. In April 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would that would reauthorize federal aviation programs through fiscal 2023. The measure would authorize \$10.2 billion in fiscal 2018, which would gradually increase to \$11.3 billion in fiscal 2023, for Federal Aviation Administration operations; \$3.4 billion annually for the Aviation Trust Fund for the Airport Improvement Program; \$2.9 billion in fiscal 2018, which would gradually increase to \$3.3 billion in fiscal 2023, for facilities and equipment; and \$181 million in fiscal 2018, which would gradually increase to \$204 million in fiscal 2023, for research and development. It would extend for six years the authorization for unmanned aircraft test ranges. It would also ban e-cigarettes and talking on a cell phone during a passenger flight. It would prohibit airlines from involuntarily removing passengers from a plane after they have checked in and taken their seats. The bill would modify the Federal Emergency Management Agency's operations and procedures, including allowing a portion of funds appropriated for major disaster assistance to be used for hazard mitigation. It would require FEMA to give greater weight and consideration to areas suffering a severe impact from a disaster when making recommendations to the president regarding the declaration of a major disaster.” The bill passed 393-13. [H.R. 4, [Vote #165](#), 4/27/18; CQ, [4/27/18](#)]

FAA Reauthorization Renewed Funding For The Agency For Five Years. “The House passed a Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill that will renew the agency's funding for another five years. Besides renewing funding, the legislation also includes provisions directing how disaster program funds are spent, though the measure does not allocate money for those programs. ... A total of about \$4.35 billion per year would be allocated for the FAA in the legislation. A few major FAA programs would receive funding authorizations. About \$3.35 billion per year through 2023 would go to infrastructure, and an additional \$1 billion would be authorized for an amendment proposed by House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster that would create a report on the agency's Next Generation Air Transportation System to evaluate air traffic control technology.” [CNN, [4/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Require That An Entity Hiring A Motor Carrier Verify That Certain Standards Are Met. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Duncan, R-Tenn., amendment that would require an entity hiring a motor carrier verify that certain standards are met, including that the motor carrier has a certain amount of insurance and has not been issued an unsatisfactory safety fitness determination.” The amendment was adopted 212 to 191. [HR 4, [Vote #163](#), 4/27/18; CQ, [4/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Eliminating The Bill's Authorization Of Funding For The Essential Air Service Program. In April 2018, Taylor voted against: “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the bill's authorization of funding for the essential air service program.” The amendment was rejected 113 to 293. [HR 4, [Vote #162](#), 4/27/18; CQ, [4/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Require The FAA To Work With Air Carriers To Retrofit Aircrafts With Devices That Mitigate Noise. In April 2018, Taylor voted against: “Lynch, D-Mass., amendment that would require the Federal Aviation Administration to work with air carriers to identify and facilitate opportunities for air carriers to retrofit aircraft with devices that mitigate noise, including vortex generators.” The amendment was rejected 187 to 227. [HR 4, [Vote #160](#), 4/26/18; CQ, [4/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Rolling Back Guaranteed Meal And Rest Breaks For Truck Drivers Implemented To Fight Fatigue, Crashes And Vehicular Deaths. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Denham, R-Calif., amendment that would state that a local or state government may not enact a law that would prohibit motor carrier employees from working to the full extent they are allowed to work, and would prohibit the enactment of additional obligations on motor carriers.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 222-193. [H.Amdt.563 to HR 4, [Vote #159](#), 4/26/18; CQ, [4/26/18](#); The Hill, [4/25/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Rule That Required Airlines To Accommodate Passengers That Were Delayed For More Than Three Hours. In April 2018, Taylor voted against: “Lipinski, D-Ill., amendment that would require the Transportation Department to issue a rule that would require an air carrier, in the event of a flight cancellation, misconnection or delay exceeding three hours, to seek alternative transportation for displaced passengers, including aboard another air carrier, and would require an air carrier to accept passengers of another air carrier that have been displaced following an event within an air carriers control. It would require the department to also issue a rule that would require air carriers adopt contingency plans for lengthy terminal delays at each airport where it operates, including essential needs, meal vouchers and lodging and transportation options for displaced passengers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 92-323. [H.Amdt.562 to HR 4, [Vote #158](#), 4/26/18; CQ, [4/26/18](#); Crain’s Chicago Business, [4/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Requiring Airplanes To Fly At The Highest Safe Altitude Possible Within 20 Minutes Of Approaching A Coastal Airport. In April 2018, Taylor voted for the “Rohrabacher, R-Calif., amendment that would require the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure that all aircraft transitioning from flight over ocean to flight over land fly at a safe altitude.” The amendment “would have required airplanes to fly at the highest safe altitude possible within 20 minutes of approaching an airport and fly farther out over the ocean after takeoff before turning inland.” The amendment was rejected, 37-375. [HR 4, [Vote #156](#), 4/26/18; CQ, [4/26/18](#); Los Angeles Times, [4/27/18](#)]

Amendment Was An Attempt To Ease Aircraft Noise In Orange County. “The House of Representatives voted against Rep. Dana Rohrabacher’s four proposed amendments to the Federal Aviation Administration’s annual reauthorization bill that he said would have eased aircraft noise in Orange County.” [Los Angeles Times, [4/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Repealing A Prohibition On U.S. Regulation Of Air Transportation Of Lithium Batteries. In April 2018, Taylor voted against the “DeFazio, D-Ore., amendment that would remove a prohibition on the Department of Transportation instituting regulations more stringent than the international standard on the transportation of lithium metal and lithium ion batteries in non-passenger-carrying aircraft.” The amendment was rejected, 192-223. [HR 4, [Vote #155](#), 4/26/18; CQ, [4/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of The FAA Reauthorization And Provide For Operations Of The Federal Columbia River Power System. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (HR 4) to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (HR 3144) to provide for operations of the Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to a certain operation plan for a specified period of time”. [H Res 839, [Vote #151](#), 4/25/18; CQ, [4/25/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Requiring The IRS To Develop Protections For Taxpayers Against Cybersecurity Threats And Identity Theft. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the IRS to develop protections for taxpayer information against cybersecurity threats and identity theft. The bill would require the IRS to expand the use of the electronic filing system and information technology infrastructure so that more taxpayers can file taxes and interact with the IRS online. The bill would also create a Chief Information Officer position to lead the modernization efforts of the IRS.” The bill passed by a vote of 414-3. [HR 5445, [Vote #145](#), 4/18/18; CQ, [4/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering A Bill To Make Structural And Procedural Changes At The IRS And Updating The IRS’ Technology Infrastructure. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 831) provide for consideration of the bill (HR 5444) that would require a number of structural and procedural changes at the IRS, including changes to customer service priorities and enforcement rules, and would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 5445) that would update and expand the information technology infrastructure of the IRS.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 239-177. [HR 5444/HR 5445, [Vote #144](#), 4/18/18; CQ, [4/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Settlement Agreements Involving The US Government From Requiring The Non-Governmental Party To Pay Any Third Party Other Than The US Government. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit settlement agreements involving the U.S. government from requiring the non-governmental party to make a payment or loan to any party other than the U.S. government. Prohibitions would not apply if the payment or loan under the settlement is for restitution to affected parties or is a direct remedy for actual harm.” The bill passed 238-183. [HR 732, [Vote #580](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

The Bill Would Prevent Settlements That Opponents Said Provide Essential Relief To Parties Who Have Suffered Collateral Damage From Defendants’ Actions. “Voting 238 for and 183 against, the House on Oct. 24 passed a GOP-sponsored bill (HR 732) that would prevent the Justice Department from entering into or enforcing settlement agreements that require corporate defendants in civil actions brought by the government to donate to third parties in addition to paying fines and making restitution to direct victims of their alleged misconduct. Backers said such donations circumvent congressional authority to direct the use of federal funds and can be politicized to direct money to favored groups. Opponents of the bill said such settlements provide essential relief to parties who have suffered collateral damage because of the defendant’s actions.” [Thomas Voting Reports, [10/28/17](#)]

Similar Agreements Were Enforced Against Bank Of America In Funding For Foreclosure-Prevention Following Its Role In The Financial Crisis, And Requiring BP To Fund Certain Parts Of Environmental Cleanup After The Deep Horizon Oil Spill. “In one settlement cited in debate, Bank of America and Citigroup agreed to fund foreclosure-prevention programs when they settled litigation based on their involvement in the 2007-2009 financial and housing crisis. In another, BP agreed to make payments to groups including the National Academy of Sciences and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in a settlement related to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.” [Thomas Voting Reports, [10/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Harm From Unlawful Conduct Related To Increased Lead In Drinking Water From HR 732. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “Conyers, D-Mich., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlements related to indirect harm from unlawful conduct that results in an increase in the amount of lead in public drinking water.” The amendment failed 229-191. [HR 732, [Vote #579](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Predatory Or Fraudulent Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities From HR 732. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “Cicilline, D-R.I., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlement agreements related to predatory or fraudulent conduct involving residential mortgage-backed securities.” The amendment failed 231-189. [HR 732, [Vote #578](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Providing Restitution For A State From HR 732. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlement agreements related to providing restitution for a state.” The amendment failed 234-185. [HR 732, [Vote #577](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Harm Caused By Unlawful Conduct Relating To Vehicles’ Emissions Control Systems From HR 732. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “Johnson, D-Ga., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlement agreements related to indirect harm caused by unlawful conduct, including the intentional bypassing, defeating or rendering inoperative a required element of a vehicle's emissions control system.” The amendment failed 235-183. [HR 732, [Vote #576](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Discrimination Based On Race, Religion, National Origin, Or Any Protected Category From HR 732. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “Cohen, D-Tenn., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlement agreements related to discrimination based on

race, religion, national origin or any other protected category.” The amendment failed 233-187. [HR 732, [Vote #575](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting Settlement Agreements Involving The US Government From Requiring The Non-Governmental Party To Pay Any Third Party Other Than The US Government. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 732) that would prohibit settlement agreements involving the U.S. government from requiring the non-governmental party to make a payment or loan to any party other than the U.S. government. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 469) that would require the federal government to provide advance public notice when it plans to enter into discussions regarding consent decrees and would codify and expand certain disclosure practices with regard to the Treasury Department's Judgment Fund payments.” The resolution was adopted 227-190. [HRes 577, [Vote #573](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Subject Providers Of Broadband Internet Access To Privacy Rules Adopted By The FCC In October of 2016. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 431) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2810).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prevented “consideration of the bill (H.R. 1868) to provide that providers of broadband Internet access service shall be subject to the privacy rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission on October 27, 2016.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 1868.* The motion passed, 234-183. [H Res 431, [Vote #347](#), 7/12/17; CQ, [7/12/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [7/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Reinstate FCC Rules Protecting The Privacy Of Broadband Customers. In May 2017, Taylor voted for “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 299).” Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer an, “amendment to the Rule, which would make in order Ms. Rosen of Nevada’s bill, H.R. 1868. H.R. 1868 would reinstate the Federal Communications Commission’s rules adopted on October 27, 2016 that protect the privacy of broadband customers.” *A vote yes was a vote to block the Democratic amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-190. [HR 1868 (HRes 299), [Vote #240](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Nullifying A Rule Requiring Internet Providers To Obtain Permission From Customers Before Using Or Selling Their Sensitive Information. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would disapprove and nullify a Federal Communications Commission rule that requires broadband internet service providers to obtain affirmative permission from customers to use or share their sensitive information, such as web browsing history, geolocation information, content of communications and Social Security numbers; to take reasonable measures to secure customer information; and to notify customers, the commission and law enforcement when a data breach occurs that could result in harm.” The resolution passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 215-205. A “yea” was a vote in support of the president’s position. [SJRes 34, [Vote #202](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of Nullification Of A Rule Requiring Internet Providers To Obtain Permission From Customers Before Using Or Selling Their Information. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “adoption of the rule (H Res 230) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution that would disapprove and nullify a Federal Communications Commission rule that requires broadband internet service providers to obtain affirmative permission from customers to use or share their sensitive information.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 231-189. [HRes 230, [Vote #200](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On The Regulatory Integrity Act, Requiring Federal Agencies To Maintain Online Databases Of Regulatory Actions Taken And Pending. In March 2017, Taylor did not vote on “passage of the bill that would require federal agencies to maintain and regularly update detailed online databases of regulatory actions taken and pending before the agency. Under the measure, an agency would be required to list whether it is considering alternatives and whether it is accepting comments. It would explicitly prohibit agencies from directly advocating support or opposition for pending regulatory actions in public communications. As amended, the

measure would require an agency to list regulatory actions issued by the agency, or any other agency, that would duplicate or overlap with the agency's pending regulatory action.” The bill passed by a vote of 246-176. [HR 1004, [Vote #126](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]

Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: HR 1004 Was “A Brazen Attack On The Public’s Right To Know By Micro-Managing The Type Of Information” Agencies Could Share “When Taking Actions To Protect The Public, Our Economy, And The Environment.” “The bill is a brazen attack on the public’s right to know by micro-managing the type of information that agencies are allowed to communicate to all of us when taking actions to protect the public, our economy, and the environment. An open government that prioritizes democratic public participation requires agencies to be able to effectively convey information to the public and make agency policy positions clear to the public. This bill will make our government less open and less democratic and should therefore be rejected.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, [2/28/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On An Amendment To The Regulatory Integrity Act Specifying That The Bill’s Restrictions On Agency Communications Would Not Apply To Any Communication Protected By The First Amendment. In March 2017, Taylor did not vote on the “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would specify that the bill's restrictions on agency communications would not apply to any communication that would be protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1004, [Vote #124](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On An Amendment Requiring An Agency To List Regulatory Actions That Would Duplicate Or Overlap With The Agency’s Pending Regulatory Action. In March 2017, Taylor did not vote on the “Farenthold, R-Texas, for Messer, R-Ind., amendment that would require an agency to list regulatory actions issued by the agency, or any other agency, that would duplicate or overlap with the agency's pending regulatory action.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 263-145. [HR 1004, [Vote #123](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On An Amendment To The Regulatory Integrity Act Defining The Term Propaganda As Information Or Claims Not Widely Accepted By The Scientific Community. In March 2017, Taylor did not vote on the “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would define the terms propaganda, publicity and advocacy as information or claims that are not widely accepted in the scientific community or not supported by empirical data.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 180-234. [HR 1004, [Vote #122](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Requiring The Office Of Management And Budget’s Office Of Information & Regulatory Affairs To Review Significant Government Regulatory Actions. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would require the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to review significant government regulatory actions to insure that they are consistent with relevant laws and do not conflict with regulations issued by other agencies. The bill would define significant regulatory actions as those that are likely to have an annual economic effect of \$100 million or more. As amended, it would require OIRA to keep a log of all of its communications with an agency related to a regulation before a regulation is submitted for review. The communications would be required to be published when the regulation is published in the Federal Register.” The bill passed by a vote of 241-184. [HR 1009, [Vote #120](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: HR 1009 Would Put “Corporate Profits Ahead Of Protecting Working Americans, Small Businesses, And Consumer” And Undermine Environment, Air, And Water Protections. “H.R. 1009 would further enable the radical and dangerous antiregulatory agenda that puts corporate profits ahead of protecting working Americans, small businesses, and consumers. This agenda seeks to thwart the effective enforcement of such public interest laws as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act – all of which enjoy widespread public support. [...] Particularly concerning, H.R. 1009 would in effect rewrite dozens of public interest laws containing congressional mandates that require agencies to prioritize public health and safety and the preservation of the environment, clean air, and clean water over concerns for industry profits.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, [2/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Adding An Amendment Exempting The Office Of Government Ethics From Executive Branch Review. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Cartwright, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to immediately report it back with an amendment that would exempt the Office of Government Ethics from the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs' reviews required under the bill.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-234. [HR 1009, [Vote #119](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Protecting Independent Agencies From Executive Branch Review. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Connolly, D-Va., amendment that would exempt independent agencies from the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs' reviews required under the bill.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 188-234. [HR 1009, [Vote #118](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment Requiring Agencies To Ensure New Rules Are Not Duplicative. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Young, R-Iowa, amendment that would require each agency to describe what steps were taken in order to ensure that a new rule or regulation would not be duplicative or conflict with any existing or planned regulatory action.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 265-158. [HR 1009, [Vote #117](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For The SCRUB Act, Establishing A Commission To Review And Cut Regulations That Should Be Repealed On The Basis Of Cost. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would establish a nine-member commission to review existing federal regulations and identify regulations that should be repealed on the basis of reducing costs on the U.S. economy. The commission would identify those regulatory policies that it deems should be repealed immediately, and would set up a ‘Cut-Go’ system that would require agencies to repeal existing rules to offset costs before issuing a new rule. As amended, the commission, in identifying which rules should be repealed, would be required to evaluate the extent to which a repeal of a rule would impact public health. It would bar from membership on the commission individuals who have been registered lobbyists during the previous two years.” The bill passed by a vote of 240-185. [HR 998, [Vote #114](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

SCRUB Act Would Only Consider Costs Of Regulation To Industry, While Ignoring Public Benefits; Commission Would Be Tasked With Achieving 15 Percent Cost Reduction Even When Benefit Of Health, Safety, And Environmental Safeguards Was Significant. “H.R. 998 would establish a new bureaucracy empowered to dismantle long-established science-based public health and safety standards and would make it significantly more difficult for Congress and federal agencies to implement essential future protections. [...] Unless prohibited by authorizing legislation, agencies seek to develop regulations that consider the costs to affected industries while maximizing public benefits. But this commission makes costs to affected industries primary. Under H.R. 998, the commission’s goal to achieve a 15 percent reduction in the cumulative cost of regulations would result in the repeal of critical health, safety, and environmental safeguards, even when the benefits of these rules are significant, appreciated by the public, and far outweigh the costs.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Letter of Opposition, [2/27/17](#)]

Under “Cut-Go” System In SCRUB Act, If Establishing A Needed Regulation To Protect Children, Agencies Would First Need To Find Another Protection To Cut. “To make matters worse, the SCRUB Act creates a ‘cut-go’ system that is completely divorced from real issues. H.R. 998 says that any agency that issues a new regulation would be required to remove an existing regulation of equal or greater cost. [...] Under this proposal if new evidence finds that another substance widely used in commerce today is harmful to infants, regulators would have to find some other protection, which still needs to be enforced, to cut before protecting young children.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Letter of Opposition, [2/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Amendment To Remove Funding For Carrying Out The Requirements Of The SCRUB Act. In February 2017, Taylor voted against the “Plaskett, D-V.I., amendment that would remove the bill's authorization of up to \$30 million and would prohibit funds authorized or appropriated by other laws from being

made available to implement the bill's provisions.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 181-243. [HR 998, [Vote #106](#), 2/28/17; CQ, [2/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of The Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017. In January 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would modify the federal rule-making process, including by codifying requirements for agencies to consider costs and benefits of alternatives. The bill would create additional steps that agencies would need to follow when planning “major” rules with annual costs of more than \$100 million or ‘high-impact’ rules with annual costs of more than \$1 billion. For example, agencies would need to hold an advanced-notice comment period prior to proposing such rules to determine whether to continue the rule-making process. The measure would postpone the effective dates of ‘high impact’ rules until any lawsuits filed within 60 days of the rule’s publication in the Federal Register are resolved. It would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering legal challenges to rules. It would also require agencies to evaluate the ‘indirect’ impacts of proposed rules on small businesses.” The bill passed by a vote of 238-183. [HR 5, [Vote #45](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: “The RAA Is Designed To Further Obstruct And Delay Rulemaking Rather Than Improve The Regulatory Process.” “It adds 80 new analytical requirements to the Administrative Procedure Act and requires federal agencies to conduct estimates of all the ‘indirect’ costs and benefits of proposed rules and all potential alternatives without providing any definition of what constitutes, or more importantly, does not constitute an indirect cost. The legislation would significantly increase the demands on already constrained agency resources to produce the analyses and findings that would be required to finalize any new rule. Thus, the RAA is designed to further obstruct and delay rulemaking rather than improve the regulatory process.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Letter of Opposition, [1/10/17](#)]

RAA Would Threaten Decades Of Public Protections By Requiring That Legislation Like The Clean Air Act Focused On Corporate Compliance Costs Rather Than Public Benefit. “This new version of the RAA would override and threaten decades of public protections. The innocuous-sounding act is, in reality, the biggest threat to public health standards, workplace safety rules, environmental safeguards, and financial reform regulations to appear in decades. It acts as a ‘super-mandate,’ rewriting the requirements of landmark legislation such as the Clean Air Act and the Occupational Safety and Health Act and distorting their protective focus to instead prioritize compliance costs.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Letter of Opposition, [1/10/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To The Regulatory Accountability Act Exempting Rules Related To Chemical Safety Law. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Tonko, D-N.Y., amendment that would exempt any rules made under a 2016 chemical safety law. It would remove the bill’s provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 188-235. [HR 5, [Vote #42](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To HR 5, The Regulatory Accountability Act, Exempting Rules Related To Occupational Health And Safety. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Scott, D-Va., amendment that would exempt rules related to occupational health and safety. It would remove the bill’s provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 195-227. [HR 5, [Vote #41](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To The Regulatory Accountability Act Exempting Rules Related To The Safety Of Children’s Toys. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Ruiz, D-Calif., amendment that would exempt rules related to the safety of children’s toys or products. It would remove the bill’s provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-233. [HR 5, [Vote #40](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Rules That Significantly Benefit The Workforce From The Regulatory Accountability Act. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Johnson, D-Ga., amendment that would exempt rules related to improving employment and wages, especially for workers with disabilities or limited English proficiency. It would remove the bill's provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency's interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 188-234. [HR 5, [Vote #39](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment Prohibiting Agencies From Appealing To The Public Concerning A Proposed Rule. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Peterson, D-Minn., amendment that would prohibit agencies from appealing to the public to advocate in support or against a proposed rule.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 260-161. [HR 5, [Vote #36](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Undermine The Legal Precedent Known As The Chevron Deference Under Which Courts Defer To Regulators Interpretation Of Ambiguous Legislation. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Goodlatte, R-Va., amendment that would prohibit a court, while reviewing an agency's rule, from interpreting a gap or ambiguity in a rule or law as an implicit delegation of legislative rule-making authority to the agency.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 237-185. [HR 5, [Vote #35](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of The Regulations From The Executive In Need Of Scrutiny (REINS) Act Of 2017. In January 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would require Congress to approve, by enacting legislation, any “major rule” issued by an agency in order for them to take effect. A ‘major rule’ would include any regulation with an annual economic impact of \$100 million or more; rules that would significantly harm employment, investment or U.S. economic competitiveness; or rules that would cause a major increase in costs or prices for consumers or industries. The bill also would create an expedited consideration process in both the House and the Senate for joint resolutions of approval. As amended, the measure would require that for new rules, agencies repeal or amend an existing rule or rules to offset any annual costs of the new rule before the new rule could take effect. As amended, it would create a process to sunset existing rules if Congress had not approved them within 10 years of the bill's enactment.” The bill passed by a vote of 237-187. [HR 26, [Vote #23](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

CAP: The REINS Act: Handing the reins of public health and safety over to big corporations [Center for American Progress, [1/4/17](#)]

Center For American Progress: The REINS Act Constituted A “De Facto Ban On New Public Interest Safeguards.” “It’s difficult to overstate the sweeping impact the REINS Act would have on federal watchdogs’ ability to hold big corporations accountable to the public interest. ‘Regulation’ may not be a politically popular word, but these rules help to protect consumers, public health, workers, and the environment. [...] No new major rule—defined as one with an economic impact of at least \$100 million—could go into effect until both chambers of Congress affirmatively approve it within a 70-day window. Given partisan gridlock in Congress, this could result in a de facto ban on new public interest safeguards.” [Center for American Progress, [1/4/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Suspending the Rules: How Congress Plans to Undermine Public Safety [New Yorker, [1/9/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Amending The REINS Act To Require All Rules Currently In Effect To Be Reviewed Over A Ten-Year Period Or Be Sunset. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would require each agency annually, for 10 years, to submit to Congress for review at least 10 percent of the agency's existing rules, and would sunset certain rules if Congress had not approved them within 10 years of the bill's enactment.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 230-193. [HR 26, [Vote #21](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Related To Child Product Safety From Being Defined As A “Major Rule” Under The REINS Act In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Johnson, D-Ga., for Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would exclude rules related to the safety of products designed to be used or consumed by children younger than 2 years old from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-234. [HR 26, [Vote #17](#), 1/15/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Amending The REINS Act To Require Agencies Offset Annual Costs Of Any New Rule By Repealing Or Amending An Existing Rule. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Messer, R-Ind., amendment that would require that for new rules, agencies repeal or amend an existing rule or rules to offset any annual costs of the new rule before the new rule could take effect.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 235 to 185. [HR 26, [Vote #12](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill Allowing Congress To Disapprove Of Regulations Issued During A President’s Final Year. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Passage of the bill that would permit a new Congress to use the procedures under the Congressional Review Act to disapprove, en bloc, multiple regulations issued during the final year of a president's term.” The bill passed by a vote of 238-184. [HR 21, [Vote #8](#), 1/4/17; CQ, [1/4/17](#)]

Crime & Law Enforcement

Taylor Voted For Allowing Judges More Flexibility When Handing Down Mandatory Minimum Sentences For Nonviolent Drug Offenders And Establishing Support Programs For Former Prisoners. In December 2018, Taylor voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill that would seek to reduce numbers of federally incarcerated individuals through changes in sentencing laws. The bill would seek to do so, in part, by allowing judges more flexibility when handing down sentences below the mandatory minimum for nonviolent drug offenders. It would also establish programs to provide support for prisoners returning to society in an attempt to reduce rates of recidivation.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 358-36. [S 756, [Vote #448](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Specifying What Acts Would Be Considered “Crimes Of Violence” For The Purpose Of Determining If The Crime Was An Aggravated Felony. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would specify that any of the following acts would be defined as a ‘crime of violence’ which could be used in determining whether a crime is an aggravated felony, including: murder; voluntary manslaughter; assault; certain types of sexual abuse; abusive sexual contact; child abuse; kidnapping; robbery; carjacking; firearms use; burglary; arson; extortion; communication of threats; coercion; fleeing via a motor vehicle; interference with airline flight crews members; domestic violence; hostage taking; stalking; human trafficking; piracy; certain terrorism offenses; and unlawful possession or use of a weapon of mass destruction.” The bill passed 247-152. [HR 6691, [Vote #393](#), 9/7/18; CQ, [9/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering A Bill That Would Modify The Definition Of The Term “Crime Of Violence.” In September 2018, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1051) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6691) that would modify the definition of the term ‘crime of violence,’ and would provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.” The resolution was adopted 225-179. [H Res 1051, [Vote #387](#), 9/6/18; CQ, [9/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Motion To Suspend The Rules And Pass A Bill That Would Require The Justice Department To Develop A System To Determine The Risk Of Recidivism For Each Prisoner. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Justice Department to develop a system to determine the risk of recidivism for each prisoner. It would authorize \$50 million annually in fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023 to carry out the system. It would require the Justice Department to provide incentives for inmates to participate in certain recidivism reduction programs. It would also generally prohibit the use of restraints on pregnant prisoners.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 360-59. [H.R. 5682, [Vote #215](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill That Would Create Penalties And Allow Federal Prosecution For Knowingly Causing Harm To Law Enforcement Officers. In May 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would limit the punishment of knowingly causing harm to a law enforcement officer to 10 years in imprisonment and a fine, which would increase to life imprisonment if the offence includes death, kidnapping, attempted kidnapping, or an attempt to kill. The bill would also allow for federal prosecution of the stated crime in certain situations including if the offence crosses state lines, the state verdict demonstrably does not serve the federal interest in protecting the public, or prosecution by the federal government is in the public interest.” The bill passed, 382-35. [HR 5698, [Vote #188](#), 5/16/18; CQ, [5/16/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of A Bill That Would Increase The Penalty For Stalking Minors By Five Years. In April 2018, Taylor voted for “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would increase, by five years, the maximum penalty for individuals convicted of stalking minors.” The motion was agreed to, 409-2. [HR 4203, [Vote #131](#), 4/10/18; CQ, [4/10/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of A Bill That Would Report On Ways To Curb Money Laundering Related To Human Trafficking. In April 2018, Taylor voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would add the secretary of the Treasury as a member of the president's Interagency Task Force To Monitor and Combat Trafficking and would require the task force and the Financial Institutions Examination Council to review and report on ways to curb money laundering related to human trafficking.” The motion was agreed to, 408-2. [HR 2219, [Vote #130](#), 4/10/18; CQ, [4/10/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill To Make Facilitating Sex Trafficking And Prostitution Online A Crime And Allowed Victims To Sue For Damages. In February 2018, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would explicitly make the use or operation of a website to promote or facilitate prostitution a federal crime. It would allow states to prosecute such conduct under state law, regardless of the immunity provisions in the 1996 Communications Decency Act, as long as the state's laws mirror federal prohibitions, and would allow victims of such sex trafficking or prostitution to recover civil damages from the website operator.” The bill passed, 388-25. [HR 1865, [Vote #91](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill To Make Facilitating Sex Trafficking And Prostitution Online A Crime And Allowed Victims To Sue For Damages. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 748) that would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 1865) that would make the use or operation of a website to promote or facilitate prostitution a federal crime. It would allow states to prosecute such conduct under state law, regardless of the immunity provisions in the 1996 Communications Decency Act, as long as the state's laws mirror federal prohibitions.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 235-175. [H.Res. 748, [Vote #85](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment That Clarified That State Attorneys General Were Able To Bring Civil Suits Against Sex Trafficking Websites. In February 2018, Taylor voted for “Walters, R-Calif., amendment that would clarify that nothing in the bill should be interpreted as limiting the civil and criminal prosecution of websites that knowingly facilitate online sex trafficking and would explicitly state that a state attorney general may bring civil prosecution against such websites for the purpose of obtaining relief for victims in the state.” The amendment was adopted, 308-107. [HR 1865, [Vote #90](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill That Would Require Adults Authorized To Interact With Minor Amateur Athletes To Report Any Suspected Incidents Of Child Abuse, Including Sexual Abuse, To The Sport's Governing Body, And Would Set Criminal Penalties For Failure To Report Such Suspected Incidents. In January 2018, Taylor voted for “Poe, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require adults authorized to interact with minor amateur athletes to report any suspected incidents of child abuse, including sexual abuse, to the sport's governing body, and would set criminal penalties for failure to report such suspected incidents. It would establish the United States Center for Safe Sport as an independent organization with jurisdiction over the United States Olympic Committee and all paralympic sports organizations, in relation to safeguarding amateur athletes against abuse in sports.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 406-3. [S.534, [Vote #45](#), 1/29/18; CQ, [1/29/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill Granting Probation Officers The Authority To Arrest Third Parties For Impeding Them In Their Official Duties. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize probation officers, during the course of their official duties, to arrest an individual without a warrant if there is probable cause that the individual has assaulted or impeded the officer. It would require the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to issue rules and regulations governing probation officers' use of expanded arrest authority.” The bill passed, 229 to 177. [HR 1039, [Vote #268](#), 5/19/17; CQ, [5/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Amending A Bill Allowing Probation Officers To Make Arrests To Study If Any Harm Resulted And Add A Sunset Provision. In May 2017, Taylor voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would require the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress on the results of the bill's expansion of arrest authority for probation officers, including if any harm resulted from the exercise of the expanded authority. It would also sunset the bill's expanded arrest authority 30 months after the bill's enactment.” The amendment was rejected 178-229. [HR 1039, [Vote #267](#), 5/19/17; CQ, [5/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Granting Probation Officers The Authority To Arrest Third Parties For Impeding Them In Their Official Duties. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 324) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would authorize probation officers, during the course of their official duties, to arrest an individual without a warrant if there is probable cause that the individual has assaulted or impeded the officer.” The rule was adopted, 230-184. [H Res 324, [Vote #264](#), 5/18/17; CQ, [5/18/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Stripping Social Security Benefits From Individuals Subject To An Outstanding Felony Arrest Warrant Or In Violation Of Parole Or Probation. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit, beginning in 2021, the payment of social security benefits to an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for committing a felony or for violating a condition of parole or probation.” The bill passed by a vote of 244-171. [HR 2792, [Vote #543](#), 9/28/17; CQ, [9/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Adopting The Rule That Would Provide For House Floor Consideration Of Authorization For The Maternal, Infant And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 533) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2824), that would authorize, through fiscal 2022, \$400 million a year for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program created under the 2010 health care overhaul, and for consideration of the bill (HR 2792), that would prohibit, beginning in 2021, the payment of social security benefits to an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for committing a felony or for violating a condition of parole or probation. The rule would also provide for the text of the Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act (HR 2792), as passed by the House, if passed by the House, to be incorporated into the text of the Increasing Opportunity through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act (HR 2824) during the engrossment of HR 2824.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-190. [H RES 533, [Vote #533](#), 9/26/17; CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bipartisan Bill That Protected Minor Athletes From Abuse. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require adults authorized to interact with minors or amateur athletes to report any suspected incidents of child abuse to the sport's governing body. It would shield sports organizations from legal liability if they investigate and resolve any such suspected incidents, and would allow victims who suffer a personal injury as a result of such abuse to file civil lawsuits in district court against their assailant.” The bill passed 415-3. [HR 1973, [Vote #285](#), 5/25/17; CQ, [5/25/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Limit Prison Time To One Year For Teenagers Under The Age Of 19 Convicted On Child Pornography Charges As Long As The Minor Involved Is At Least 15-Years-Old. In May 2017, Taylor voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would limit, to one year, a term of imprisonment for individuals convicted of child pornography crimes who are 19 years old or younger and the minor involved is 15 years old or older, as long as the minor was not more than four years younger than the individual

who committed the violation and the sexual conduct that occurred was consensual.” The amendment was rejected, 238-180. [HR 1761, [Vote #283](#), 5/25/17; CQ, [5/25/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bipartisan Bill That Protected Minor Athletes From Abuse And Of A Bill That Would Criminalize Consensual Sexual Activity Between Minors. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 352) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1973) that would require adults authorized to interact with minors or amateur athletes to report any suspected incidents of child abuse to the sport's governing body. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 1761) that would make the production of child pornography a crime regardless of whether the conduct with the minor was initiated for the purposes of producing such content.” The rule was adopted, 239-179. [H Res 352, [Vote #276](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#)]

The Rule Allowed For Consideration Of HR 1973, A Bipartisan Bill, And For HR 1761, A Bill That Could Subject Teenagers To Criminal Charges For Consensual Sexual Activity. According to the Congressional Record, “The House agreed to H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1973) to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1761) to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize the knowing consent of the visual depiction, or live transmission, of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct,” which could subject teenagers to criminal charges for consensual sexual activity. [Congressional Record, [5/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Granting Probation Officers The Authority To Arrest Third Parties For Impeding Them In Their Official Duties. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize probation officers, during the course of their official duties, to arrest an individual without a warrant if there is probable cause that the individual has assaulted or impeded the officer. It would require the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to issue rules and regulations governing probation officers' use of expanded arrest authority.” The bill passed, 229-177. [HR 1039, [Vote #268](#), 5/19/17; CQ, [5/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To The Probation Officer Arrest Authority That Would Require The GAO To Report On The Impact Of The Underlying Legislation. In May 2017, Taylor voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would require the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress on the results of the bill's expansion of arrest authority for probation officers, including if any harm resulted from the exercise of the expanded authority. It would also sunset the bill's expanded arrest authority 30 months after the bill's enactment.” The amendment failed, 178-229. [HR 1039, [Vote #267](#), 5/19/17; CQ, [5/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Thin Blue Line Act, Requiring Courts & Juries To Consider Attempted Murder Of Law Enforcement Officers An Aggravating Factor In Imposing The Death Sentence. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require courts and juries to consider if a defendant killed or attempted to kill a state law enforcement officer, local law enforcement officer or first responder as an aggravating factor when determining whether to impose the death sentence on a defendant.” The bill passed, 271-143. [HR 115, [Vote #265](#), 5/18/17; CQ, [5/18/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Requiring Courts & Juries To Consider Attempted Murder Of Law Enforcement Officers An Aggravating Factor In Imposing The Death Sentence. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 323) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would require courts and juries to consider if a defendant killed or attempted to kill a state law enforcement officer, local law enforcement officer or first responder as an aggravating factor when determining whether to impose the death sentence on a defendant.” The rule was adopted, 233-184. [HR 115, [Vote #260](#), 5/5/17; CQ, [5/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Authorizing The Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program Within The Department Of Homeland Security. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would formally authorize the Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program within the Department of Homeland Security. The program would direct DHS to coordinate with other federal agencies as well as foreign governments to collect and share biometric and biographical data on foreign nationals who may pose a terrorist threat or a threat to national or border security.” The motion was agreed to 272-119. [HR 6439, [Vote #381](#), 9/4/18; CQ, [9/4/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Transferring Unappropriated Money From Defense Appropriations Bill To The Departments Of Labor, Health And Human Services, And Education. In September 2018, Taylor voted against “DeLauro, D-Conn., motion to instruct House conferees to agree with the Labor-HHS-Education division of the Senate amendment to the bill.” The motion was rejected 171-221. [HR 6157, [Vote #380](#), 9/4/18; CQ, [9/4/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of FY2019 Bill Providing Appropriations To The Department Of Defense For Military Activities. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make a total of \$674.6 billion in discretionary defense spending for fiscal 2019, which would include \$605.5 billion in discretionary spending subject to spending caps for fiscal 2019 and \$68.1 billion in uncapped Overseas Contingency Operations funding.” The bill passed, 359-49. [HR 6157, [Vote #313](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Bill Amounted To A 15,600 Troop Increase Across The Military And 2.6 Percent Pay Raise For Service Members. “The House’s budget amount includes a 15,600 troop increase across the military, and a 2.6 percent pay raise for service members beginning in January.” [The Hill, [6/28/18](#)]

Bill Included \$9.4 Billion For 93 F-35s – 16 More Than The Trump Administration Requested – And \$22.7 Billion For 12 New Navy Ships. “In addition, the bill would provide \$9.4 billion for 93 F-35 fighter jets - 16 more jets than the administration requested and four more than Senate appropriators want – as well as \$22.7 billion for 12 new Navy ships, and \$145.7 billion for equipment purchases and upgrades. House lawmakers had inserted several amendments into the bill leading up to the vote, including a provision to add \$10 million to aid in bringing Korea War remains from North Korea to the United States, and a proposal to block the Pentagon from business with Chinese telecom companies ZTE and Huawei.” [The Hill, [6/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Amending Defense Appropriations Bill To Decrease Funding For Defense Operations And Maintenance By \$25 Million, While Increasing Funding For Defense Health Programs. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Lieu, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instruction to report it back immediately with an amendment that would decrease funding for defense-wide operations and maintenance by \$25 million and would increase funding for Defense Health Programs by the same amount.” The motion failed 186-224. [HR 6157, [Vote #312](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Amending Defense Appropriations Bill To Provide Additional Funding For Construction Of Virginia-Class Submarines. In June 2018, Taylor voted for “Courtney, D-Conn., amendment that would decrease funding for several programs and would provide funding for long lead time materials needed to construct additional Virginia-class submarines.” The amendment failed 144-267. [H.Amdt. 841, [Vote #311](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Prohibiting Funds For Procuring, Researching, Or Testing A Space-Based Ballistic Missile Intercept Layer. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Foster, D-Ill., amendment that would prohibit any funds appropriated by the bill to be used to procure, develop, research or test a space-based ballistic missile intercept layer.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 160-251. [H.R. 6157, [Vote #310](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Decreasing, Then Increasing, Funds Made Available For Defense-Wide Research And Development. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Clark, D-Mass., amendment that would

reduce, and then increase, by \$14 million funds made available in the bill for defense-wide research, development, test and evaluation.” The motion was adopted by a vote of 252-157. [H.R. 6157, [Vote #309](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Decreasing Funding For Non-Military Defense Department Activities By \$33 Million, While Increasing Funding For Air Force Missile Procurement. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Gallagher, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease funding for non-military Defense Department activities by \$33 million and increase funding for Air Force missile procurement by the same amount.” The motion was rejected, 115-296. [H.R. 6157, [Vote #308](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Decreasing Funding For Non-Military Defense Department Activities By \$23.8 Million And Increase Funding For Naval Weapons Procurement By The Same Amount. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Gallagher, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease funding for non-military Defense Department activities by \$23.8 million and increase funding for naval weapons procurement by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 116 – 296. [H.Amdt.824 to H.R. 6157, [Vote #307](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Decreased Funding For Payments To Nations Cooperating With The U.S. Militarily. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Poe, R-Texas, amendment that would reduce funding for payments to key cooperating nations for logistical and military support by \$200 million and would allocate the same amount to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected, 175-241. [H R 6157, [Vote #303](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Decreased Spending For Defense Operations And Maintenance, While Increasing Funding For Army And Navy Research And Development. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Langevin, D-R.I., amendment that would decrease funding for operations and maintenance, defense-wide, and research and development, defense-wide, by \$40 million, increase funding for Army scientific research and development by \$10 million and increase Naval scientific research and development by \$30 million.” The amendment was rejected, 188-228. [H R 6157, [Vote #302](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Closing Conference Meetings On The Defense Budget To The Public When Discussing National Security Information. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Thornberry, R-Texas, motion that the meetings of the conference between the House and the Senate on the bill may be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information may be discussed, provided that any sitting member of Congress shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the conference.” The motion was agreed to, 403-15. [HR 5515, [Vote #301](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Funding For Atomic Energy Defense Weapons Activities At The National Nuclear Security Administration By \$97.2 Million While Increasing Funding For Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Activities. In June 2018, Taylor voted against “Connolly, D-Va., amendment that would decrease funding for atomic energy defense weapons activities at the National Nuclear Security Administration by \$97.2 million, and would increase funding for NNSA defense nuclear nonproliferation activities by that same amount.” The amendment failed, 179-239. [H.R. 5895, [Vote #248](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Funding For Atomic Energy Defense Weapons Activities At The National Nuclear Security Administration By \$65 Million While Increasing Funding For Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Activities. In June 2018, Taylor voted against “Lee, D-Calif., amendment that would decrease funding for atomic energy defense weapons activities at the National Nuclear Security Administration by \$65 million, and would increase funding for NNSA defense nuclear nonproliferation activities by that same amount.” The amendment failed, 177-241. [H.R. 5895, [Vote #247](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Eliminate All Funding For The Energy Department’s Advanced Research Project Agency. In June 2018, Taylor voted for “Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment that would eliminate all

funding for the Energy Department's Advanced Research Project Agency, and would allocate \$325 million to the spending reduction account.” The amendment failed, 123-295. [H.R.5895, [Vote #246](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Reduced The National Nuclear Security Administration’s Budget By \$198 Million. In May 2018, Taylor voted against: “Polis, D-Colo., amendment that would reduce the amount authorized for the National Nuclear Security Administration by \$198 million.” The amendment was rejected, 174-239. [H R 5515, [Vote #228](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment That Prohibited Security Assistance For The Burmese Military Until They Respected Human Rights. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Engel, D-N.Y., amendment that would prohibit the United States from providing security assistance to the Burmese military until the secretary of State affirms that Burma has demonstrated progress in abiding by international human rights standards and would impose sanctions against current and former senior officials of the Burmese military who perpetrated humans rights offenses.” The amendment was adopted, 382-30. [H R 5515, [Vote #227](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment That Created A Service Medal Honoring Those Who Participated In Radiation-Risk Activities. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “McGovern, D-Mass., amendment that would require the Defense Department to produce a service medal to honor retired and former members of the armed forces who participated in radiation-risk activities.” The amendment was adopted, 408-1. [H R 5515, [Vote #224](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment That Sped Up The Environmental Review Process Of Mines Deemed Necessary For National Security. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Amodei, R-Nev., amendment that would expedite the environmental review process for certain domestic mine projects if the minerals in the mine are deemed necessary for strategic or national security purposes.” The amendment was adopted, 229-183. [H R 5515, [Vote #223](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Eliminate The Bill's Repeal Of The Requirement That The Secretary Of Energy May Not Commence The Development Of A Low-Yield Nuclear Weapon Unless Specifically Authorized By Congress. In May 2018, Taylor voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., for Blumenauer, D-Ore., amendment that would eliminate the bill's repeal of the requirement that the secretary of Energy may not commence the development of a low-yield nuclear weapon unless specifically authorized by Congress. It would also limit funding to the W76-2 warhead modification until the Defense Department reports to Congress on the potential effects of certain low-yield nuclear warheads.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 188-226. [H.Amdt.638 to H.R. 5515, [Vote #222](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The Annual Report On The Plan For U.S. Nuclear Weapons. In May 2018, Taylor voted against: “Aguilar, D-Calif., amendment that would require the annual report on the plan for U.S. nuclear weapons to include an estimate of the projected future total lifecycle cost of each type of nuclear weapon and delivery platform.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 198-217. [H.Amdt.637 to H.R. 5515, [Vote #221](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Eliminate The Authorization For The Defense Department To Develop And Implement A Strategy With Foreign Partners To Counter Destabilizing Activities Undertaken By Iran. In May 2018, Taylor voted against: “Gabbard, D-Hawaii, amendment that would eliminate the authorization for the Defense Department to develop and implement a strategy with foreign partners to counter destabilizing activities undertaken by Iran.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 60-355. [H.Amdt.636 to H.R. 5515, [Vote #220](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Eliminate The Authorization Of Appropriations For Overseas Contingency Operations. In May 2018, Taylor voted against: “Nolan, D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the authorization of appropriations for overseas contingency operations.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 62-351. [H.Amdt.635 to H.R. 5515, [Vote #219](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 That Authorizes \$692.1 Billion For Defense And Prohibits Closing Guantanamo Bay. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize \$692.1 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2018, including \$65.7 billion for overseas operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, and for the general war on terror. It would authorize \$241.2 billion for operations and maintenance; \$146.2 billion for military personnel; 10.7 billion for military construction and family housing; \$15 billion for ballistic-missile defense; and \$33.9 billion for defense health care programs, including \$396 million from the overseas operations account. It would prohibit the use of funds for a new round of base closures. It would authorize \$8 billion for various cybersecurity programs, would require the president to develop a national policy for the United States related to cybersecurity and would withhold certain funds made available for White House staff until the president would submit such national policy to Congress. The bill would authorize a 2.4 percent pay raise for military personnel. It would prohibit detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from being transferred to U.S. soil, and would prohibit the closing of the main base and detention facility at Guantanamo. It would extend, through 2018, the authority for several bonus and special payments for military members.” The conference report was adopted 356-70. [HR 2810, [Vote #631](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/114/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Authorization FY 2018 Discretionary Funding For Defense Programs. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize \$688.3 billion in discretionary funding for defense programs in fiscal 2018. The total would include \$74.6 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations funds, of which \$10 billion would be used for non-war, base defense budget needs; \$239.7 billion for operations and maintenance; \$10.2 billion for military construction; \$142.9 billion for military personnel; and \$33.9 billion for defense health care programs. It would authorize \$12.5 billion for procurement of F-35 planes, research and development, as well as modifications to existing aircraft, and would prohibit the retirement of the A-10 bomber fleet. The bill would require the Defense Department to submit to Congress a report on vulnerabilities to military installations resulting from climate change over the next 20 years, and would express the sense of Congress that climate change is a “direct threat” to U.S. national security. The bill would also require the Air Force to establish, by 2019, the Space Corps, a fighting force to improve the U.S. military’s ability to address threats in space.” The bill passed by a vote of 344-81. [H R 2810, [Vote #378](#), 7/14/17; CQ, [7/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Prohibit Student-Athletes Graduating From Service Academies From Seeking A Deferment In Order To Pursue Professional Athletic Careers. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Rooney, R-Fla., amendment that would eliminate the bill's provision that would prohibit student-athletes graduating from service academies from seeking a deferment of service in order to pursue professional athletic careers.” The amendment was rejected, 318-107. [HR 2810, [Vote #371](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment That Would Require Determination Of Prevailing Wage In The Underlying Bill To Be Conducted By The Secretary Of Labor Using Surveys That Utilize Random Statistical Sampling techniques. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment that would require any determination of prevailing wage under the bill to be conducted by the secretary of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, using surveys that utilize random statistical sampling techniques.” The amendment was rejected, 242-183. [HR 2810, [Vote #370](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Department Of Defense Funds From Being Used For Medical Treatment Related To Gender Transition. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Hartzler, R-Mo., amendment that would prohibit the use of Defense Department funds to provide medical treatment (other than mental health treatment) related to gender transition to a person entitled to military medical care under current law.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 209-214. [H R 2810, [Vote #369](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Purchasing Alternative Energy Unless They Can Prove It Is Equivalent In Cost And Capabilities To Conventional Energy. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., amendment that would prohibit funds authorized by the bill from being used by the Defense Department to purchase alternative energy unless such energy is equivalent in its cost and

capabilities to conventional energy. The bill would require the Defense Department to complete a cost competitiveness calculation in order to determine the cost and capabilities of such energy sources.” The amendment was rejected, 218-203. [HR 2810, [Vote #367](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Prohibition From Using Funding To Procure A New Coast Guard Icebreaker From The Underlying Bill. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the bill's provision that would prohibit defense department funds authorized in the bill from being used to procure a new Coast Guard icebreaker.” The amendment was rejected, 220-198. [HR 2810, [Vote #366](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Eliminate The Prohibition On Conducting An Additional Round Of Base Realignment And Closure From The Underlying Bill. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the bill's prohibition on conducting an additional round of base realignment and closure.” The amendment was rejected, 248-175. [HR 2810, [Vote #365](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Limit Funding For The Long Range Standoff Weapon And The W80-4 Warhead Until The Secretary Of Defense Submits A Nuclear Posture Review To Congress. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Blumenauer, D-Ore., amendment that would limit funding to \$95.6 million for development of the long range standoff weapon and \$220.3 million for the W80-4 warhead until the secretary of Defense, in consultation with other federal agencies, submits to Congress a nuclear posture review including a detailed assessment of the long range standoff weapon's capabilities.” The amendment was rejected, 254-169. [HR 2810, [Vote #364](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Extend The Reporting Period From 10 To 25 Years For Federally Mandated Reporting On Nuclear Weapons And To Require A Detailed Plan To Sustain And Modernize Nuclear Weapons. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment that would require that the federally mandated annual report regarding the nuclear weapons stockpile, complex, delivery systems and the nuclear weapons command and control system to include a detailed plan to sustain, life-extend, modernize or replace the nuclear weapons and bombs in the nuclear weapons stockpile, and would extend the scope of the report from covering a 10-year period to covering a 25-year period.” The amendment was rejected, 232-192. [HR 2810, [Vote #363](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Allow The Secretary Of Defense To Include Information On The Costs Of US Nuclear Weapons And Nuclear Weapons Delivery Systems Past A 10-Year Period. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Rogers, R-Ky., amendment that would allow the secretary of Defense to include information in the annual report on the plan for US nuclear systems on the cost of fielding, maintaining, modernizing and replacing nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons delivery systems past a 10 year period.” The amendment was adopted, 253-172. [HR 2810, [Vote #362](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Extend The CBO's Cost Estimate Review Of Nuclear Weapons From A 10-Year Period To A 30-Year Period. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Aguilar, D-Calif., amendment that would extend a Congressional Budget Office cost estimate review on the fielding, maintaining,

modernization, replacement and life extension of nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons delivery systems from covering a 10-year period to covering a 30-year period.” The amendment was rejected, 235-188. [HR 2810, [Vote #361](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Prevent The Department Of Defense From Developing Intermediate Range Ground-Launched Missile Systems Until They Prove It Is Both Preferred For Ensuring That The NATO Defense And Deterrence Posture Remains Credible And Necessary For Returning Russia To Full Compliance With The INF Treaty. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Blumenauer, D-Ore., amendment that would prohibit the Department of Defense from developing and funding an intermediate range ground-launched missile system until the secretary of Defense has certified to Congress that such missile system is preferred for ensuring that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's deterrence and defense posture remains credible in the face of a Russian intermediate ground-launched missile system, and the secretary of State has certified to Congress that such missile system is necessary to the secretary's efforts to return Russia to full compliance with the INF treaty.” The amendment was rejected, 249-173. [HR 2810, [Vote #360](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Removing The Underlying Bill's Prohibition On Using Funds To Relocate Individuals Detained At Guantanamo Bay To The United States. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Nadler, D-N.Y., amendment that would remove the bill's prohibition on the use of funds for the transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay to the United States.” The amendment was rejected, 257-167. [HR 2810, [Vote #359](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Expressing the Sense Of Congress That The Increase Of Defense Spending Should Be Matched By A Dollar-For-Dollar Increase Of Non-Defense Spending. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Jayapal, D-Wash., for Pocan, D-Wis., amendment that would express the sense of Congress that any increase of the combined amount authorized for National Defense Budget and Overseas Contingency Operations should be matched by a dollar-for-dollar increase of the annual amounts authorized for the federal non-defense discretionary budget.” The amendment was rejected, 245-179. [HR 2810, [Vote #358](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Instruct The President To Reduce The Funds Authorized By The NDAA By 1%. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Polis, D-Colo., amendment that would direct the president to make reductions in amounts authorized by the bill as the president considers appropriate to reach a total reduction of one percent of the funds authorized by the bill. Military, reserve and National Guard personnel accounts and the Defense Health Program account would not be eligible for such reductions.” The amendment was rejected, 351-73. [HR 2810, [Vote #357](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Prevent The Defense Department From Entering Into Or Acting Upon Existing Contracts With Biorefineries. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Conaway, R-Texas, amendment that would prohibit the Defense Department from entering into any new contracts, making any awards, or expending any funds with respect to drop-in biofuels or biorefineries.” The amendment was rejected, 225-198. [HR 2810, [Vote #356](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Providing \$577.9 Billion In Discretionary Funding For The Defense Department In Fiscal 2017. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would provide \$577.9 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department in fiscal 2017. The total would include \$516.1 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps. It also would include \$61.8 billion in overseas contingency operations funding. The bill would provide approximately \$210.1 billion for operations and maintenance, approximately \$117.8 billion for procurement, approximately \$72.7 billion for research and development and \$132.2 billion for military personnel, including a 2.1 percent pay raise. It also would provide roughly \$34.1 billion for defense health programs. The measure would prohibit use of funds to construct or modify potential facilities in the United States to house Guantanamo Bay detainees.” The bill passed by a vote of 371-48. [HR 1301, [Vote #136](#), 3/8/17; CQ, [3/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Granting Gen. James Mattis An Exemption On The Prohibition Of Newly-Retired Officers From Serving As Secretary Of Defense. In January 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would allow the first person to be confirmed secretary of Defense after the bill's enactment to serve in the position, even if the individual has not been retired from the military for seven years, so long as the person has been retired for at least three years. The bill would thus provide an exemption for President-elect Donald Trump's pick for the position, retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis, from a requirement for a seven-year waiting period before former servicemembers can be appointed to Defense secretary.” The bill passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 268-151. [S 84, [Vote #59](#), 1/13/17; CQ, [1/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Provide \$659 Billion To The Defense Department And Would Prohibit The Money From Being Used To House Guantanamo Detainees In The United States. In January 2018, Taylor voted for “Granger, R-Texas, motion to concur in Senate amendment to the bill with an amendment that would provide \$659.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department in fiscal 2018. The total would include \$584 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps. It also would include \$75.1 billion in overseas contingency operations funding, \$1.2 billion of which would be for additional U.S. troops in Afghanistan. The bill would provide approximately \$191.7 billion for operations and maintenance and \$138.2 billion for military personnel, including a 2.4 percent pay raise. It also would provide \$34.3 billion for defense health programs. The measure would prohibit use of funds to construct or modify potential facilities in the United States to house Guantanamo Bay detainees. It would also make permanent a pilot program that allows volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks on prospective employees through a fingerprint check using state and federal records, which are the original provisions of the bill.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 250-166. [H.R. 695, [Vote #49](#), 1/30/18; CQ, [1/30/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Measure That Would Provide \$659.2 Billion In Discretionary Funding For The Defense Department In Fiscal 2018. In January 2018, Taylor voted for “adoption of the rule (H Res 714) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 695) that is the expected legislative vehicle for a measure that would provide \$659.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department in fiscal 2018.” Adopted by a vote of 236-183. [H.R. 695, [Vote #48](#), 1/30/18; CQ, [1/30/18](#)]

Economy & Jobs

Taylor Did Not Vote On Establishing The Commerce Department's Office Of Space Commerce As The Primary Office Responsible For Authorizing And Supervising The Operation Of Nongovernmental Activities In Space. In December 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Smith, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish the Commerce Department's Office of Space Commerce as the primary office responsible for authorizing and supervising the operation of nongovernmental activities in space. It would direct the Transportation secretary to establish standards for this authorization of certain nongovernmental space activities related to data collection and imagery.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 239 – 137. [S. 3277, [Vote #485](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Raising The Maximum Threshold For Contracts That Are Awarded To Small Business Owners Who Are Women Or Service-Disabled Veterans. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “Chabot, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would raise the maximum threshold for sole source contracts that may be awarded to small business that are owned by women or service-disabled veterans, or operate in underutilized business zones. Contracts would not be allowed to exceed \$7 million for industrial manufacturing or \$4 million for any other contract. It would also modify the eligibility determination process for such contracts.” The motion was agreed to 392-5. [HR 6369, [Vote #401](#), 9/25/18; CQ, [9/25/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Requiring The Small Business Administration To Increase Past Performance Ratings of Small Business Contractors That Serve As Mentors To Other Small Businesses Within Certain Federal Programs. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “Chabot, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Small Business Administration to increase past performance ratings of small business contractors that serve as mentors to other small businesses within certain federal research and technology programs for small businesses.” The motion was agreed to 389-6. [HR 6368, [Vote #400](#), 9/25/18; CQ, [9/25/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment That Would Have Required The Defense Department To Domestically Source Their Flatware. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Tenney, R-N.Y., amendment that would establish a domestic sourcing requirement at the Department of Defense for stainless steel flatware and would provide for a one-year phase-in period.” The amendment was rejected, 174-239. [H R 5515, [Vote #226](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Required The Defense Department To Domestically Source Their Dinner Ware. In May 2018, Taylor voted against: “McKinley, R-W.Va., amendment that would establish a domestic sourcing requirement at the Department of Defense for dinner ware and would provide for a one-year phase-in period.” The amendment was rejected, 160-252. [H R 5515, [Vote #225](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act, A Bill To Reconcile Differences In Anti-Trust Injunction Standards Between The Federal Trade Commission And The Justice Department. In, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would reconcile differences in anti-trust injunction standards between the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department. It would also require FTC cases related to unfair methods of competition to be processed through federal courts as opposed to the commission's administrative process. The bill would allow the FTC to issue judicial actions when resolving a case and would require the commission to notify state attorneys general in instances in which the state would be entitled to bring an action.” The vote passed 230-185. [H.R. 5645, [Vote #177](#), 5/9/18; CQ Floor Votes, [5/9/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On A Motion To Recommit With An Amendment Prohibiting Provisions In The Bill From Applying To Mergers That Would Unreasonably Increase The Cost Of Drugs. In, Taylor did not vote on “Doggett, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit provisions in the bill from applying to mergers that would unreasonably increase the costs of pharmaceutical drugs.” The vote failed 193-220. [H.R. 5645, [Vote #176](#), 5/9/18; CQ Floor Votes, [5/9/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Invest In Apprenticeship Programs. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would invest in registered apprenticeship programs that give hard-working Americans the skills and tools they need to compete for good jobs. Additionally, H.R. 2933 improves coordination between these apprenticeship-trained workers and employers who are looking to hire them. Promoting apprenticeships is part of offering a better deal to hard-working Americans to ensure that they can make it in America with better jobs, better wages, and a better future.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 226-177. [H Res 872, [Vote #169](#), 5/8/18; CQ, [5/8/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/8/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Innovators To Entrepreneurs Act. In April 2018, Taylor voted for a bill that: “Expands the pool of eligible participants for I-Corps courses by allowing a portion of Small Business Innovation Research grants and Small Business Technology Transfer grants to be used to fund I-Corps training expenses and by allowing private citizens to apply to participate and pay out-of-pocket. Authorizes a new I-Corps course for commercial-ready research ventures that teaches skills involving company organization, attracting investors, and hiring.” [HR 5086, [Vote #149](#), 4/24/18; House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, [4/24/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Bring Jobs Home Act. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 685, the bring jobs home act, which closes a tax loophole that actually rewards companies for moving jobs overseas while providing a tax credit to companies that move jobs back home to the U.S. *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the Bring Jobs Home Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 236-192. [H RES 454, [Vote #393](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill That Would Promote Effective Apprenticeships. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 440).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prevented “consideration of the bill (H.R. 2933) to promote effective registered apprenticeships, for skills, credentials, and employment, and for other purposes.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the bill.* The previous question carried, 234-187. [H Res 440, [Vote #354](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986 That Would Encourage Domestic Insourcing And Discourage Foreign Outsourcing. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 415).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prevented “consideration of the bill (H.R. 685) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage domestic insourcing and discourage foreign outsourcing.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 685.* The previous question carried, 235-190. [H Res 415, [Vote #339](#), 6/29/17; CQ, [6/29/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/29/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill That Would Encourage Domestic Insourcing And Discourage Foreign Outsourcing. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 392) that would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 1873).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Polis offered an amendment for “consideration of the bill ([H.R.685](#)) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage domestic insourcing and discourage foreign outsourcing.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the bill encouraging domestic insourcing and discouraging foreign outsourcing.* The previous question carried, 229-186. [H Res 392, [Vote #312](#), 6/21/17; CQ, [6/21/17](#); Congressional Record, [6/21/17](#)]

Education

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Focused On Increasing Access To Early Learning And Care. In September 2018, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, families need access to a system that provides high quality, affordable early learning and care that will prepare children for success without breaking the bank. That is why, if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Education and the Workforce Committee Ranking Member Scott’s bill, H.R. 3773, the Child Care for Working Families Act.” A

vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of a bill to increase access to early learning and care. The motion was agreed to 224-181. [HR 6691, [Vote #386](#), 9/06/18; CQ, [9/06/18](#); Congressional Record, [9/06/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Requiring Higher Education Institutions To Ensure That Federal Student Loan Recipients Receive Annual Financial Counseling. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would require institutions of higher education to ensure that students and parents who receive federal student loans or Pell grants receive annual financial counseling. It would require that exit counseling be tailored to a borrower's loans and potential income. It would authorize \$2 million for the Department of Education to develop an online student loan counseling tool for institutions of higher education to use to meet the bill's annual requirements.” The bill passed 406-4. [HR 1635, [Vote #385](#), 9/5/18; CQ, [9/5/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring The Study On Effectiveness Of Student Loans To Include Information On The Veteran Status Of Borrowers. In September 2018, Taylor voted against “Lamb, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require that the bill's study on the effectiveness of student loan counseling include information on the veteran status of borrowers.” The motion was rejected 187-224. [HR 1635, [Vote #384](#), 9/5/18; CQ, [9/5/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering A Bill That Would Modify Counseling Requirements For Federal Student Loan Recipients. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1049) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1635) that would modify counseling requirements for federal student loan recipients, and would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 4606) that would allow certain small-scale imports and exports of natural gas to be automatically approved.” The resolution was adopted 224-180. [H Res 1049, [Vote #383](#), 9/5/18; CQ, [9/5/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Make Higher Education More Affordable. In September 2018, Taylor voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 6543, the Aim Higher Act. This thoughtful proposal invests in our students, making higher education more affordable while also addressing the rising costs of college.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of a bill to make higher education more affordable. The motion was agreed to 221-186. [HR 1635/4606, [Vote #382](#), 9/05/18; CQ, [9/06/18](#); Congressional Record, [9/06/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The Rebuild America's Schools Act That Would Invest \$100 Billion In Physical And Digital Infrastructure. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader's office, “The Democratic Previous Question would Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2017. H.R. 2475 would invest \$100 billion to improve important physical and digital infrastructure in our nation's schools. It's crucial for Congress to invest in infrastructure for our schools to ensure our children receive the education they deserve.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 222-189. [H Res 908, [Vote #217](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/23/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Consumer Protections For Student Loan Borrowers From The SCRUB Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Bonamici, D-Ore., amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions rules related to providing consumer protections for student loan borrowers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 191-235. [HR 998, [Vote #109](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Education Rule Requiring States To Annually Evaluate Teacher Certification Programs. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would that would nullify an Education Department rule that requires states to annually evaluate the effectiveness of teacher preparation programs at higher education institutions. Programs are required to be ranked by level of

performance and states would be required to provide assistance to the lowest-performing programs.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 240-181. [HJRes 8, [Vote #85](#), 2/7/17; CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Education Rule Requiring The Department To Define And Monitor Low-Performing Schools. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify an Education Department rule that requires states to define, subsequently monitor and intervene with schools deemed to be low-performing schools. Under the department's rule, states are required to measure academic achievement through factors such as graduation rates and English proficiency rates.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-190. [HJRes 57, [Vote #84](#), 2/7/17; CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Energy

Taylor Did Not Vote On Modifying Nuclear Regulatory Commission Licensing And Fee Processes. In December 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Kinzinger, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would modify Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing and fee processes, including several provisions related to the development of advanced nuclear reactor designs. It would also require the Commission to report on uranium recovery licensing.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 361 – 10. [S. 512, [Vote #493](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Allowing Applications For Small-Scale Imports And Exports Of Natural Gas To Be Automatically Approved If They Would Not Exceed .14 Billion Cubic Feet Per Day. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would allow applications for small-scale imports and exports of natural gas to be automatically approved if they would not exceed 0.14 billion cubic feet per day and would not require an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment.” The bill passed 260-146. [HR 4606, [Vote #392](#), 9/6/18; CQ, [9/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Amending A Bill To Prohibit Any Imports Or Exports From Being Automatically Approved If The Pipeline Involved Was Acquired Through Eminent Domain. In September 2018, Taylor voted against “Watson Coleman, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit any imports or exports from being automatically approved under the bill's provisions if any pipeline involved in the importing or exporting process used land acquired through eminent domain.” The motion was rejected 178-231. [HR 4606, [Vote #391](#), 9/6/18; CQ, [9/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring Natural Gas Exports To Include Information Demonstrating That The Natural Gas Was Produced Using Techniques To Minimize Methane Emissions. In September 2018, Taylor Voted Against “DeGette, D-Colo., amendment that would require natural gas export applications covered under the bill to include information to demonstrate that the natural gas was produced using techniques and systems designed to minimize methane emissions from leaks or venting.” The amendment was rejected 195-210. [HR 4606, [Vote #390](#), 9/6/18; CQ, [9/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Let Hearings And Public Input Before A Relevant Application Could Be Deemed Consistent With The Public Interest. In September 2018, Taylor voted against “Pallone, D-N.J., amendment that would require an opportunity for hearings and public input before a relevant application could be deemed consistent with the public interest.” The amendment was rejected 176-227. [HR 4606, [Vote #389](#), 9/6/18; CQ, [9/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment Prohibiting Appropriating Funds For Any Regulation Based On Documents From The Interagency Working Group On The Social Cost Of Carbon. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “Mullin, R-Okla., amendment no. 44, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to prepare, propose or promulgate any regulation or guidance which would rely on the analyses found in various documents published by the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Carbon.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 215-199. [H R 6147, [Vote #347](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment Prohibiting Appropriating Funds To Enforce An EPA Rule On Oil And Gas Emissions Standards. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “Mullin, R-Okla., amendment no. 43, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to enforce the EPA's ‘Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources’ rule.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 215-194. [H R 6147, [Vote #346](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering A Concurrent Resolution Expressing The Sense Of Congress That A Carbon Tax Would Be Detrimental To The Economy. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of rule (H Res 1001) that would provide for House floor consideration of the concurrent resolution (H Con Res 119) expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy.” The amendment was adopted, 229-183. [H Res 1001, [Vote #340](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A \$146.5 Energy-Water-Legislative Branch-Veterans Affairs Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2019. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$146.5 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$44.7 billion for the Energy Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation; \$98 billion for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; and \$3.8 billion for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. It would provide \$11.2 billion for programs that maintain and refurbish nuclear weapons in the United States' stockpile. As amended, it would provide \$1.1 billion in funding for the Veterans Community Care Program.” The bill passed by a vote of 235-179. [HR 5895, [Vote #257](#), 6/8/18; CQ, [6/8/18](#)]

Bill Included Cuts To Renewable Energy Research, Funding For Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository, And Rider To Repeal “Waters Of The United States” Rule. “House lawmakers want more money for nuclear weapon modernization efforts while introducing cuts to renewable energy research. It also would set aside funding for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository in Nevada and continue funding for the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility in South Carolina. The House bill includes controversial policy riders meant to ease the repeal of the EPA-Army Corps joint ‘Waters of the United States’ regulation. Democrats have called the measure a “poison pill” unlikely to survive Senate scrutiny.” [CQ, [6/8/18](#)]

Rep. Lowey: Republicans Attached Veterans Affairs Appropriations To Energy Appropriations To Force Through Cuts To Clean Energy Initiatives And Roll Back Clean Water Protections. “This broken process has a simple aim: Republicans are using America’s veterans as pawns to force through cuts to clean energy research and harmful policy provisions that weaken environmental safeguards. [...] With gas prices approaching \$3 a gallon, the bill cuts energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives. It cuts transformational science efforts, such as the successful and popular ARPA-E program. Just as bad, it contains many harmful riders, including rolling back clean water protections, blocking the National Oceans Policy, further endangering salmon on the Columbia River, and weakening gun safety rules on public lands.” [Rep. Lowey Floor Statement, [6/7/18](#)]

Appropriations Bill Would Transition VA Choice Program From Mandatory To Discretionary Spending, Leaving It Open To Cuts. “While I support many of the increases within the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill, Republicans have created a dilemma by transitioning the VA Choice program from mandatory to discretionary funding in the middle of fiscal year 2019. Even worse, Republicans have blocked consideration of my amendment to solve this problem. That will mean a further squeeze, and perhaps even cuts, to programs that benefit the middle class.” [Rep. Lowey Floor Statement, [6/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriating Funds For The Creation Of Regulations Or Guidance’s That Rely on Analysis From “Interagency Working Group On The Social Cost Of Carbon.” In June 2018, Taylor voted for “Gohmert, R-Texas, amendment that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to prepare, propose or promulgate any regulation or guidance which would rely on the analyses found in

various documents published by the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Carbon.” The vote was adopted 212-201. [HR 5895, [Vote #253](#), 6/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, [6/8/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment That Would Reduce Appropriations For The Energy Water Division By \$1.5 Billion. In June 2018, Taylor voted for “Norman, R-S.C., amendment that would reduce the total amount of appropriations for the Energy-Water division of the bill by \$1.5 billion.” The vote failed 128-289. [HR 5895, [Vote #252](#), 6/7/18; CQ Floor Votes, [6/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment That Would Reduce All Funds Appropriated In Energy-Water Division Of The Bill By One Percent. In June 2018, Taylor voted for “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would reduce all funds appropriated in Energy-Water division of the bill by one percent.” The amendment failed, 155-262. [H.R. 5895, [Vote #251](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Administrator Of The Western Area Power Administration To \$1. In June 2018, Taylor voted for “Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment that would reduce the salary of the administrator of the Western Area Power Administration, Mark Gabriel, to \$1.” The amendment failed, 139-276. [H.R. 5895, [Vote #249](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill That Would Require The Nuclear Regulatory Commission To Decide Whether To Construct A Waste Repository At Yucca Mountain. In May 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would require a decision within 30 months of enactment by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the licensing process and construction relating to the nuclear repository at Yucca Mountain. It would also authorize the establishment of interim storage facilities to be operated by the Energy Department until the repository is finished, and would additionally authorize a rail line to connect Yucca Mountain with the national rail system. The bill would also increase from 70,000 metric tons to 110,000, the allowable storage for the repository and provide additional financing mechanisms for the Yucca Mountain project as well as the compensation to Nevada for hosting the national nuclear waste repository.” The bill passed, 340-72. [HR 3053, [Vote #179](#), 5/10/18; CQ, [5/10/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Requiring Consent From State, Local, And Tribal Governments Before Transporting Nuclear Fuel And Nuclear Waste. In, Taylor voted against “Titus, D-Nev., amendment that would strike all provisions in the bill and would require consent from state, local, and tribal governments before spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste could be transported through the entity's jurisdiction.” The vote failed 80-332. [H.R. 3053, [Vote #178](#), 5/10/18; CQ Floor Votes, [5/10/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Modifying Non-Federal Hydropower Project Regulations To Extend Preliminary Permits To Five Years. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would specify a variety of timeframes and procedures for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to follow in carrying out required permitting and licensing activities for non-federal hydropower projects and would make FERC the lead agency for coordinating all applicable federal authorizations. It would extend, from three years to four, the duration of a preliminary permit for proposed non-federal hydropower projects and would allow project sponsors to initiate construction up to 10 years after a proposed project receives a license from FERC.” The bill passed 257-166. [HR 3043, [Vote #620](#), 11/8/17; CQ, [11/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring That Federal Agencies Work With Stakeholders To Create New Hydropower Licensing Rules. In November 2017, Taylor voted against: “Rush, D-Ill., amendment that would replace the entirety of the bill's provisions with a requirement that a number of federal agencies work alongside other stakeholders, including tribal organizations, to develop a rule that would provide a new process for coordinated federal hydropower project licensing.” The amendment failed 234-185. [HR 3043, [Vote #619](#), 11/8/17; CQ, [11/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Streamlining The Pipeline Approval Process. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would establish the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as the sole lead agency for the permitting of proposals to build or expand natural gas pipelines. The bill would require the commission to set deadlines by which

federal agencies would need to take certain actions as part of the pipeline project proposal review process and would, in the event an agency fails to meet a deadline set by the commission, require the head of the agency to notify Congress and set forth a recommended implementation plan for the completion of the action.” Passed by a vote of 248-179. [H R 2910, [Vote #402](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Curbing The Eminent Domain Authority of Pipeline Projects. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Watson Coleman, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit approval of an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity under the Natural Gas Act unless the applicant agrees not to exercise its eminent domain authority under such law.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add a requirement to the underlying bill that project applicants agree not to exercise eminent domain authority.” Motion rejected by a vote of 189-239/ [H R 2910, [Vote #401](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#); Democratic Leader’s Office, Motion to Recommit, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, To Prepare A Supplement To Its Environmental Impact Statement. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Beyer, D-Va., amendment that would require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, when conducting a project-related review under the National Environmental Policy Act, to prepare a supplement to its environmental impact statement in certain cases, such as if the commission makes a substantial change to the proposed action related to environmental concerns, or if there were to be “significant new circumstances or information” related to environmental concerns with bearing on the application.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 186-222. [H R 2910, [Vote #400](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission From Allowing An Oil Or Natural Gas Pipeline Project On Lands Managed For Natural Resource Conservation Or Recreation. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Tsongas, D-Mass., amendment that would that would prohibit the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity to an oil or natural gas pipeline project if any part of such facility would be located on lands required, by federal, state, or local law, to be managed for natural resource conservation or recreation.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-249. [H R 2910, [Vote #399](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Establishing A New System For The Approval And Permitting Of Border-Crossing Oil And Gas Pipelines And Electrical Transmission Lines. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would establish a new system for the approval and permitting of border-crossing oil and gas pipelines and electrical transmission lines. The bill would require sponsors of border-crossing oil pipelines and electricity transmission facilities that cross the U.S. borders into Canada and Mexico to receive a “certificate of crossing” from the relevant federal agency in order to build or modify their projects, thereby eliminating the need for a presidential permit. The bill would eliminate the requirement under current law that the Energy Department approve the transmission of electricity from the U.S. to another country.” The bill passed by a vote of 254-175. [H R 2883, [Vote #398](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Motion Requiring Iron And Steel Products Used In The Border-Crossing Facility To Be Produced in the United States. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “O’Halloran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require, as a condition of issuing a certificate of crossing, that all iron and steel products used in the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of a border-crossing facility would be produced in the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add a requirement to the underlying bill that all iron and steel products used in construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of the border-crossing facility be produced in the United States.” Motion rejected by a vote of 193-232. [H R 2883, [Vote #397](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#); Democratic Leader’s Office, Motion to Recommit, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission From Allowing An Oil Or Natural Gas Pipeline Project On Lands Managed For Natural Resource Conservation Or Recreation. In July

2017, Taylor voted against: “Tsongas, D-Mass., amendment that would prohibit the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from issuing a certificate of crossing for an oil or natural gas pipeline project if any part of such facility would be located on lands required, by federal, state, or local law, to be managed for natural resource conservation or recreation.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 179-247. [H R 2883, [Vote #396](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Establishing The State Department As Having The Agency Of Jurisdiction Regarding Permitting Cross-Border Oil Pipelines. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Engel, D-N.Y., amendment that would establish the State Department as the agency of jurisdiction with respect to permitting authority for cross-border oil pipelines.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 182-246. [H R 2883, [Vote #395](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Nullifying A Bureau Of Land Management “Methane Rule” To Limit The Release Of Methane From Oil And Gas Operations On Federal Land. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “a Congressional Review Act resolution to nullify the Bureau of Land Management’s rule to limit the release of methane from oil and gas operations on federal land. [...] The Interior Department’s BLM finalized the venting and flaring rule - also known as the methane rule - in November. It requires oil and gas operators to control releases of waste methane - a potent greenhouse gas - by adopting new technologies, more frequently inspecting for leaks and replacing outdated equipment that discharges large amounts of natural gas.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 221-191. [HJRes 36, [Vote #78](#), 2/3/17; CQ News, [2/3/17](#)]

Rule Would Force Companies To Capture Methane At Drilling Sites, Preventing An Estimated 180,000 Tons From Escaping Each Year, And Raising Millions In Revenue Each Year. “The methane emissions rule, issued by the Interior Department’s Bureau of Land Management in November, addresses a potent greenhouse gas that is accelerating climate change. The rule would force oil and gas companies to capture methane that had been previously burned off or ‘flared’ at drilling sites. According to federal estimates, the rule would prevent roughly 180,000 tons a year of methane from escaping into the atmosphere and would boost federal revenue between \$3 million and \$13 million a year because firms only pay royalties on the oil and gas they capture and contain.” [Washington Post, [5/10/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Protect Oil & Gas Companies From Having To Publicly Disclose Payments To Foreign Governments. In February 2017, Taylor did not vote on “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Securities and Exchange Commission rule that requires companies that develop oil, natural gas or minerals to publicly report in detail payments to foreign governments or to the U.S. government totaling at least \$100,000 annually per project for extraction, exploration or export of these resources.” The resolution passed by a vote of 235-187. [HJRes 41, [Vote #72](#), 2/1/17; CQ, [2/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Intended To Ensure Pipeline Safety From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “McNerney, D-Calif., for Pallone, D-N.J., amendment that would exclude rules intended to either ensure the safety of natural gas or hazardous materials pipelines or to prevent or reduce the impact of spills from such pipelines from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-235. [HR 26, [Vote #19](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

A “Major Rule” Is Any Rule The OMB Has Found Could Result In A Cost To The Economy Of \$100 Million Or More, A Major Increase In Costs Or “Adverse Effects On Competition, Employment, Investment,” And Other Economic Functions. “A ‘major rule’ is any rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds has resulted in or is likely to result in: (1) an annual cost on the economy of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation); (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.” [HR 26, Summary, [1/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Pertaining To Nuclear Reactor Safety Standards From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Nadler, D-N.Y., amendment that would exclude rules pertaining to nuclear reactor safety standards from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-231. [HR 26, [Vote #18](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

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Environment

Taylor Did Not Vote On Requiring The Environmental Protection Agency Administrator To Revise Clean Air Standards With Respect To The Manufacture And Use Of Certain Compression-Ignition Engines Used To Provide Power In Remote Areas Of Alaska. In December 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Shimkus, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Environmental Protection Agency administrator to revise clean air standards with respect to the manufacture and use of certain compression-ignition engines used to provide power in remote areas of Alaska.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 202 – 171. [S. 1934, [Vote #494](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Reauthorizing A 1998 Act To Conserve Tropical Forests Internationally, And Expand Its Scope To Also Focus On Coral Reef Conservation. In December 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize a 1998 act to conserve tropical forests internationally, and expand its scope to also focus on coral reef conservation. It would authorize \$20 million annually through fiscal 2020 for conservation programs, including grants to other countries for maintaining coral reef ecosystems.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 332 – 43. [S. 1023, [Vote #488](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Reauthorizing The National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration’s National Drought Information System. In December 2018, Taylor voted against: “Smith, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize through fiscal 2023 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s national drought information system. It would authorize \$13.5 million for the program in fiscal 2019, with the amount increasing by \$250,000 annually through fiscal 2023.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 379-9. [S 2200, [Vote #461](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Requiring Several Studies On The Management And Operations Of Fisheries. In December 2018, Taylor voted for: “Graves, R-La., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require several federal studies by the comptroller general, Commerce secretary, and National Academies on the management and operation of fisheries. It would also direct the Commerce Department collect and report data on recreational fisheries and create grants to assist states in complying with data collection.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 350-11. [S 1520, [Vote #444](#), 12/19/18; CQ, [12/19/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Authorizing The National Park Service To Acquire 89 Acres Of Land In New York. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “McClintock, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the National Park Service to acquire 89 acres of land adjacent to the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and incorporate such land into the site.” The motion was agreed to 394-15. [HR 5420, [Vote #404](#), 9/26/18; CQ, [9/26/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Authorizing Landowners In Northport Irrigation District Of Nebraska To Repay Obligations To The Bureau Of Reclamation. In September 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Gianforte, R-Mont., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the early repayment of obligations by landowners within the Northport Irrigation District of Nebraska to the Bureau of Reclamation for construction costs of the North Platte Project in Nebraska.” The motion was agreed to 378-1. [HR 4689, [Vote #396](#), 9/12/18; CQ, [9/12/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On A Bill That Would Direct Several Federal Agencies Across Four Departments To Establish The Every Kid Outdoors Program. In September 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Gianforte, R-Mont., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct several federal agencies across four departments to jointly establish the Every Kid Outdoors program to issue all fourth grade students with a pass that would provide free access to publicly accessible federal lands and waters. The passes would be issued as requested by each student.” The motion was agreed to 383-2. [HR 3186, [Vote #395](#), 9/12/18; CQ, [9/12/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Requiring The U.S. Forest Service To Exchange Land Within The Ouachita National Forest For Land Owned By Walnut Grove Community Church. In September 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Gianforte, R-Mont., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the U.S. Forest Service to exchange four acres of land within the Ouachita National Forest for six acres of land owned by the Walnut Grove Community Church of Jessieville, Ark.” The motion was agreed to 379-3. [HR 5923, [Vote #394](#), 9/12/18; CQ, [9/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Removing The Gray Wolf From The List Of Endangered Species And Therefore Removing Federal Protections For The Species. In November 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of a bill that would direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to issue a rule removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife, thus removing federal protections for the species, in the 48 contiguous United States. It would also direct the Interior Department to reissue a 2011 rule delisting gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes region of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and would exempt both rules, and another rule delisting the species in Wyoming, from judicial review.” The bill passed 196-180. [HR 6784, [Vote #420](#), 11/16/18; CQ, [11/16/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of A Bill Making Appropriations For The Department Of The Interior, Environment, And Related Agencies For FY 2019. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would make available \$58.7 billion through fiscal 2019, with \$35.3 billion for the Department of Interior and environmental programs, and \$23.4 billion for financial services matters and related agencies. Specifically, it would provide \$8 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency, \$3.1 billion for the U.S. Forest Service, non-wildfire, core functions, \$13 billion for the Interior Department, and \$11.6 billion for the Internal Revenue Service. It would also place \$585 million into a “savings account” that could not be used until the federal budget is balanced. As amended, it would also restrict greenhouse gas emissions regulations and would limit funding for enforcement of endangered species-protections for certain animals. Other amendments would also prohibit the District of Columbia from enforcing certain health care-related provisions.” The bill passed 217-199. [HR 6147, [Vote #365](#), 7/24/18; CQ, [7/24/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Resolution Decrying A Carbon Tax. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would express the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to American families and businesses, and is not in the best interest of the United States.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 229-180. [H Con Res 119, [Vote #363](#), 7/19/18; CQ, [7/19/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Funds From Being Used To Pay Lawyers’ Fees In Settlements Related To The Clean Air Act, Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Or The Endangered Species Act. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “Smith, R-Mo., amendment no. 70, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to pay attorney’s fees in a settlement related to the Clean Air Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or the Endangered Species Act.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215-199. [HR 6147, [Vote #357](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used For The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program. In July 2018, Taylor voted against “Hice, R-Ga., amendment no. 69, to that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used for Environmental Justice Small Grants Program.” The amendment failed, 174-240. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #356](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used To Establish The Ironwood Forest National Monument. In July 2018, Taylor voted against “Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment no. 63, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to carry out the establishment of the Ironwood Forest National Monument.” The amendment failed, 193-220. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #355](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used On Rulemaking Regarding The Lesser Prairie Chicken. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “Pearce, R-N.M., amendment no. 62, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to propose, implement or enforce any rulemaking on the lesser prairie chicken.” The amendment was agreed to, 216-199. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #354](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used To Treat The New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse As An Endangered Species. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “Pearce, R-N.M., amendment no. 60, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to treat the New Mexico meadow jumping mouse as an endangered species.” The amendment failed, 206-209. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #353](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funds From Being Used By The EPA For Any Actions Described As A “Backstop” In A December 2009 Letter From The EPA’s Regional Administrator To The States In The DC-Area Watershed. In July 2018, Taylor voted against “Goodlatte, R-Va., amendment no. 50, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used by the EPA to take any actions described as a ‘backstop’ in a December 2009 letter from the EPA’s regional administrator to the states in the watershed and the District of Columbia.” The amendment was agreed to, 213-202. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #351](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment That Would Prohibit Funds From Being Used To Implement The Threatened Or Endangered Species Listing Of Any Plant Or Wildlife That Has Not Undergone A Review Mandated By The Endangered Species Act. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “Lamborn, R-Colo., amendment no. 49, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to implement or enforce the threatened species or endangered species listing of any plant or wildlife that has not undergone a review as required by the Endangered Species Act.” The amendment was agreed to, 213-201. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #350](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment Against Appropriating Funds To Saving The Meadow Jumping Mouse. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “Lamborn, R-Colo., amendment no. 48, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to implement or enforce the threatened species listing of the Preble’s meadow jumping mouse under the Endangered Species Act.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 213-202. [H R 6147, [Vote #349](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment Against Appropriating Funds To Washington State’s Water Quality Initiatives. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., amendment no. 46, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to implement Washington state’s revised water quality standard.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 227-185. [H R 6147, [Vote #348](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Emphasizing A Need For More Funding For The Environmental Justice Program. In July 2018, Taylor voted against: “Adams, D-N.C., amendment no. 29 that would decrease, then increase, funding for Environmental Protection Agency environmental programs and management by \$742,000.” Congress.gov said, “this increase is to emphasize the need for greater funding for the Environmental Justice program area within the account.” The resolution failed by a vote of 194-218. [H R 6147, [Vote #344](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#); Congress.gov, accessed [8/2/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Increased The Interior Department's Inspector General's Office Budget, While Reducing The Secretary's. In July 2018, Taylor voted against: "Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment no. 25, that would increase funding for the Interior Department Inspector General's Office by \$2.5 million, and would decrease funding for the Office of the Interior Secretary by an equal amount." The amendment was rejected, 190-223. [H R 6147, [Vote #342](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment That Would Have Increased The National Park Service's Operations Budget, While Reducing Their Land Acquisition Budget. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 1, that would increase funding for the operations and maintenance of the National Park Service by \$2.4 million and would decrease funding for land acquisition activities by an equal amount." The amendment was rejected, 172-237. [H R 6147, [Vote #341](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering FY 2019 Appropriations For Interior, Environment, Financial Services, Agriculture, FDA, Transportation, And HUD. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 996) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6147) that would make available \$58.7 billion through fiscal 2019, with \$35.3 billion for the Department of Interior, environment portion, and \$23.4 billion for the Financial Services and related agencies portion." The rule was adopted 229-184. [H Res 996, [Vote #332](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/17/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of The Endangered Salmon And Fisheries Predation Prevention Act. In June 2018, Taylor voted for "Passage of the bill that would authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to issue permits for certain state governments to hunt for sea lions. The states that would be eligible for the permits would be Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and American Indian Tribes with lands surrounding the Columbia River and its tributaries, and each permit would authorize the taking of up to 100 sea lions." The bill passed, 288-116. [H.R. 2083, [Vote #294](#), 6/26/18; CQ, [6/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Remove A Ban On The Use Of Funds Appropriated By The Bill To Further Implement Certain Coastal And Marine Spatial Planning And Ecosystem-Based Management Projects. In June 2018, Taylor voted against "Lowenthal, D-Calif., for Beyer, D-Va., amendment that would remove a ban on the use of funds appropriated by the bill to further implement certain coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management projects." The amendment failed, 195-223. [H.R. 5895, [Vote #250](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Repeal Clean Water Rule That Extended Federal Protections To More Bodies Of Water And Would Protect Against Pollution in 60 Percent Of The Nation's Bodies Of The Water. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: "Banks, R-Ind., amendment that would repeal the EPA's rule regarding the definition of the "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act." According to the New York Times, the "Waters of the United States rule, designed to limit pollution in about 60 percent of the nation's bodies of water, was put forth by the E.P.A. and the Army Corps of Engineers in 2015. It had extended existing federal protections of large bodies of water, such as the Chesapeake Bay and Puget Sound, to smaller bodies that flow into them, such as rivers, small waterways and wetlands. Issued under the authority of the 1972 Clean Water Act, the rule has been hailed by environmentalists. But farmers, ranchers and real estate developers oppose it as an infringement on their property rights." The amendment adopted 238 to 173. [HR 2, [Vote #203](#), 5/18/18; CQ, [5/18/18](#); New York Times, [1/31/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Exempt Alaska From A Rule That Prohibits Road Construction On Roadless Forest Service Lands. In May 2018, Taylor voted for "Young R-Alaska, amendment that would exempt Alaska from a 2001 Forest Service rule that prohibits road construction and timber harvesting on approximately 58.5 million acres of roadless Forest Service lands." The amendment was adopted, 208-207. [HR 1865, [Vote #199](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Limit The Scope Of Certain Forest Management Related Environmental Impact Statements. In May 2018, Taylor voted for "Westerman, R-Ark., amendment that would

require environmental impact statements for certain forest management activities to only study and describe the forest management activity in question and the alternative of not taking any action.” The amendment was adopted, 224-191. [HR 1865, [Vote #198](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Requiring The Columbia River Power System To Be Operated With Lower Water Flow.

In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the Federal Columbia River Power System to be operated under specifications that allow for lower water flow until Sept. 30, 2022, or until the power system is issued a final environmental impact statement. The power system would be allowed to operate under different specifications if it would be necessary for public safety or grid reliability.” The bill passed, 225-189. [HR 3144, [Vote #153](#), 4/25/18; CQ, [4/25/18](#)]

Bill Would Block Additional Water Spill Over Lower Snake River Dams, And Was Opposed By Environmental Groups And Fishing Interests As Effort To Thwart Salmon Recovery Efforts. “Breaching the four Lower Snake River Dams would require an act of Congress under legislation that passed the U.S. House of Representatives today. The bill, sponsored by Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Dan Newhouse, R-Wash., would block spilling of additional water over the dams, which was recently ordered by the court to help young salmon and steelhead migrate to the ocean. Any modifications to the dams’ operations would be halted for about five years, unless Congress specifically authorized changes to power production or Snake River navigation [...] Environmental groups, outfitters and commercial and sport fishing interests criticized the bill, calling it an effort to thwart salmon recovery efforts by replacing science with a political process. The legislation would overturn multiple court rulings on salmon, they said.” [Spokesman-Review, [4/25/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Blocking An Amendment Ensuring Lowest Possible Rate Of Power From Columbia River Power System. In April 2018, Taylor voted against: “Jayapal, D-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit any of the bill's provisions from preventing the sale of power generated by the Federal Columbia River Power System at the lowest possible rate.” [HR 3144, [Vote #152](#), 4/25/18; CQ, [4/25/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Requiring Congressional Approval Of Mineral Withdrawal Or Monument Designation In Minnesota. In November 2017, Taylor did not vote on: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit the designation of national monuments and the withdrawal of lands in the National Forest System in the state of Minnesota from mineral and geothermal leases without the approval of Congress. It would designate any mineral leases issued within the boundaries of the National Forest System lands in Minnesota as indeterminate preference right leases.” The bill passed 216 to 204. [HR 3905, [Vote #643](#), 11/30/17; CQ, [11/30/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Amendment Setting The Royalty Rate For Mineral Leases In The Superior National Forest To 16.66%. In November 2017, Taylor did not vote on: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would set a royalty rate for mineral leases in the Superior National Forest at no less than 16.66 percent.” The amendment failed 182 to 237. [HR 3905, [Vote #642](#), 11/30/17; CQ, [11/30/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Reauthorizing The EPA’s Brownfields Program And Requiring Congressional Approval Of Mineral Withdrawal Or Monument Designation In Minnesota. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 631) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3017) that would reauthorize the EPA's brownfields program through fiscal year 2022. It would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 3905) that would require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or national monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the state of Minnesota.” The rule was adopted 228 to 186. [H Res 631, [Vote #641](#), 11/29/17; CQ, [11/29/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring Forest Management Plans To Include Climate Change Mitigation And Reauthorizing Counties To Receive Timber Payments From The National Forest Service. In November 2017, Taylor voted against: “O’Halloran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would reauthorize, through 2020, the program that allows counties adjacent to National Forest Service lands to receive a percentage of the agency's

timber sales revenues equal to their average payment in previous years, and would also require any forest management plan to include strategies for climate change mitigation.” The motion was rejected 230-189. [HR 2936, [Vote #597](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Eliminating The Forest Management Dispute Arbitration Program. In November 2017, Taylor voted against: “Khanna, D-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the forest management dispute arbitration pilot program that would be established under the bill.” The amendment was rejected 232-189. [HR 2936, [Vote #594](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#)]

NCPA: The Underlying Bill Would Block The Public From Going To Court To Enforce Environmental Laws. “H.R. 2936 prevents the public from going to court to enforce environmental laws and hold the government accountable when it violates the law.” [NCPA, [10/31/17](#)]

YYY Voted For Requiring The Federal Government To Provide Advance Notice To The Public Before Entering Into Consent Decrees, Placing Onerous Restrictions On How The Government Settles Lawsuits When It Has Been Accused Of Violating The Law. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require the federal government to provide advance public notice when it plans to enter into discussions regarding consent decrees and would codify and expand certain disclosure practices with regard to the Treasury Department's Judgment Fund payments. It would also allow counsel for the House of Representatives to intervene or appear as amicus curiae in any federal, state or local court. It would establish a new reporting deadline for the attorney general to inform Congress whether the Justice Department will contest, or refrain from defending, the constitutionality of a provision of federal law in court.” The bill passed 234-187. [HR 469, [Vote #588](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Settlements Entered Into By Assistant Attorneys General From The Bill's Notification Requirements. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “Cartwright, D-Pa., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions that would require advance public notice for certain settlement agreements, settlement agreements entered into by the assistant attorney generals under the process, known as the Meese Policy, for assistant attorney generals to accept, recommend acceptance, or reject settlement offers.” The amendment failed 232-186. [HR 469, [Vote #587](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Settlement Agreements Related To Improving Air And Water Quality From The Bill's Notification Requirements. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “McEachin, D-Va., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions that would require advance public notice for certain settlement agreements, settlement agreements related to improvement or maintenance of air or water quality.” The amendment was rejected 226-187. [HR 469, [Vote #586](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Settlement Agreements Regarding Improving Access To Affordable High-Speed Broadband From The Bill's Notification Requirements. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “Johnson, D-Ga., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions that would require advance public notice for certain settlement agreements, settlement agreements pertaining to deadlines set by Congress related to improving access to affordable high-speed broadband in under-served markets.” The amendment was rejected 231-185. [HR 469, [Vote #585](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Requiring The Interior Department Convey Federal Land Within A National Wildlife Refuge To The State Of Alaska For A Road Between Two Towns. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the Interior Department to convey to the state of Alaska, if requested, 206 acres of federal land within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and Izembek Wilderness for the purpose of constructing a single-lane gravel road between the towns of King Cove and Cold Bay, Alaska.” The bill passed by a vote of 248-179. [H R 218, [Vote #406](#), 7/20/17; CQ, [7/20/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Amendment Prohibiting Implementation Of The King Cove Land Exchange Bill Until The State Of Alaska Repaid Federal Loans. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment

that would prohibit implementation of the bill's provisions until the state of Alaska has repaid \$20 million to the federal government in funds appropriated and loaned to the state of Alaska under the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999, for the purpose of construction of an unpaved road, a dock, and marine facilities and equipment on King Cove Corporation lands in King Cove, Alaska." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 167-260. [H R 218, [Vote #405](#), 7/20/17; CQ, [7/20/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Amendment To Include A Provision In The King Cove Land Exchange Bill That Would Require The Implementation Of Federal Mitigation Requirements. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: "Tsongas, D-Mass., amendment that would include in the bill's road requirements a provision that would require the implementation of previous federal mitigation requirements established by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, related to the movement of wildlife and tidal flows, for the purpose of constructing a single-lane gravel road between King Cove, Alaska, and Cold Bay, Alaska." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 190-234. [H R 218, [Vote #404](#), 7/20/17; CQ, [7/20/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For "Extend[ing] For Eight Years The Deadline For The EPA To Implement New National Ambient Air Quality Standards For Ground-Level Ozone." In July 2017, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would extend for eight years the deadline for the EPA to implement new National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ground-level ozone (the EPA issued such deadlines on Oct. 26, 2015). The bill would require the EPA to review the national ambient air quality standards for each pollutant every ten years, instead of every five, and would require the agency to evaluate possible adverse effects of standard changes, including effects related to public health, welfare and economics, prior to establishing or revising a national ambient air quality standard." The bill passed by a vote of 229-199. [H R 806, [Vote #391](#), 7/18/17; CQ, [7/18/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Motion To Prohibit Implementation Of New Air Quality Standards If Those Standards Could Pose Health Risks To Those Without Access To "Affordable, Comprehensive" Health Care. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: "Cartwright, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit implementation of the bill's provisions if the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Congressional Budget Office, finds such implementation could increase various health risks for individuals without access to "affordable, comprehensive" health insurance." According to the Democratic Leader's Office, "Democrats' Motion to Recommit would prohibit implementation of the underlying bill if the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee finds that application of the underlying bill could increase health risks to vulnerable populations including children, seniors, pregnant women, outdoor workers, and minority and low-income communities." Motion rejected by a vote of 191-235. [H R 806, [Vote #390](#), 7/18/17; CQ, [7/18/17](#); Democratic Leader's Office, Motion to Recommit, [7/18/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Striking A Provision From The NDAA Stating Climate Change Poses A Threat To National Security. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment that would eliminate the bill's provision that would express the sense of Congress that climate change is a direct threat to national security, and would eliminate the provision that would require the secretary of Defense to report to Congress on vulnerabilities to military installations and combatant commands resulting from climate change-related effects." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 185-234. [H R 2810, [Vote #368](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill That Prohibited The EPA From Regulating Certain Pesticides. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would prohibit the EPA and states from requiring permits for the point source use of a pesticide registered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. It would prohibit the EPA or states from requiring a Federal Water Pollution Control Act permit for the use of registered pesticides near navigable waters." The bill passed, 265-165. [HR 953, [Vote #282](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Preventing Special Interests From Undermining Public Health. In May 2017, Taylor voted against: "McGovern, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions a discharge of a pesticide if its manufacturer or distributor made a political contribution to the president

or to any federal official responsible for its registration, regulation or the approval of its use.” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “This amendment fights back against the corrupting influence of political contributions from pesticide companies. It would ensure that existing science-based protections for our families and our environment cannot be overturned by a well-timed contribution to President Trump or to those in his administration charged with implementing the law.” The motion failed, 230-183. [HR 953, [Vote #281](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#); Congressional Record, [5/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Protect Fisheries From Unregulated Pesticides. In May 2017, Taylor voted against: “Huffman, D-Calif., amendment that would clarify that none of the bill's provisions would prevent the EPA or a state from requiring a permit under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act for the use of a pesticide that would have a negative impact on fisheries.” According to the Congressional Record, the amendment “sought to protect commercial, recreational, and subsistence fisheries from the negative impacts of unregulated discharge.” The amendment was rejected, 230-189. [HR 953, [Vote #280](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#); Congressional Record, [5/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Ensure That Existing Clean Water Protections Apply To The Use Of Pesticides That Are Exempted From Regulations. In May 2017, Taylor voted against: “Esty, D-Conn., amendment that would require that the bill's provisions related to permit exemptions not apply to ingredients or chemicals in pesticides that contain certain toxic pollutants and hazardous substances previously established by federal law.” According to the Congressional Record, the amendment “sought to ensure that existing clean water protections apply to the release of these toxic chemicals into the environment.” The amendment was rejected, 229-191. [HR 953, [Vote #279](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#); Congressional Record, [5/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of a bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA's Science Advisory Board. The bill would require the board's members represent a variety of scientific and technical viewpoints. It would require board member nominees to disclose financial relationships that would be relevant to EPA advisory activities. It would require the board to generally avoid making policy determinations or recommendations to the EPA.” The bill was passed by a vote of 229-193. [HR 1431, [Vote #208](#), 3/30/17; CQ, [3/30/17](#)]

Bill Was Opposed By Clean Water Action, Earthjustice, League of Conservation Voters (LCV), Natural Resources Defense Council And Sierra Club. [Clean Water Action, Letter In Opposition, [3/29/17](#)]

HEADLINE: The Transparency Bills That Would Gut the EPA [The Atlantic, [3/15/17](#)]

NRDC Called The Bill A “Gift To The Chemical Industry” That Would Make It Much More Difficult To Hold Polluting Industries Accountable. “Another gift to the chemical industry is being wrapped with a bow by the Republican Congress. The EPA Science Advisory Board is meant to provide scientific advice to the EPA, such as reviewing its chemical hazard assessments. But this new Republican Science Advisory Board Act (SAB Act) would instead invite the chemical and regulated industries to help characterize the science of harm about their own hazardous products. This, ultimately, would make it much more difficult to hold polluting industries accountable.” [NRDC, [3/30/17](#)]

NRDC Said The Bill Would “Encourage Industry Conflicts In The Review Of Scientific Materials” And Hamper The Work And Effectiveness Of The Board, “Undermin[Ing] Important Public Health, Safety And Environmental Measures.” “In short, due to these and other provisions, the ‘EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017’ would alter the nature of the SAB, which has been largely successful in providing the EPA expert review of key scientific and technical questions, and would encourage industry conflicts in the review of scientific materials. It would also pile new and burdensome requirements on the Board, severely hampering its work and effectiveness. The result would be to further stall and undermine important public health, safety and environmental measures.” [NRDC, [3/30/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Prohibiting Any Member Of The EPA Science Advisory Board From Being Employed By Any Interests Before The Board During That Person's Term And For Three Years After. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Foster, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill the House Science, Space and Technology Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit, both during and for three years following a term on the board, Science Advisory Board members from being employed by any entity with interests before the board.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-233. [HR 1431, [Vote #207](#), 3/30/17; CQ, [3/30/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment (HONEST) Act, Prohibiting The EPA From Proposing A Rule Unless The Scientific Information Backing It Up Is Publicly Available. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would prohibit the EPA from proposing, finalizing or disseminating a rule, regulation or standard unless the scientific and technical information on which the EPA's decisions relied is publicly available for independent analysis. It would require any personally identifiable information, trade secrets or sensitive business information to be redacted prior to the publication of the scientific information.” The bill was passed by a vote of 228-194. [HR 1430, [Vote #206](#), 3/29/17, CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

The HONEST Act Would Bar Many Kinds Of Scientific Evidence From Consideration, Including Studies That Included Medical Records, Which Cannot Legally Be Released, And Greatly Increase Costs To Enforce. “For example, it would stop the EPA from crafting public health protections based on studies that use medical records, which are confidential and cannot be legally released. [...] The aides I spoke to denied that the process would be unmanageable, noting that every federal agency already redacts plenty of confidential information. But the Congressional Budget Office estimated that old iterations of the HONEST Act would take \$250 million a year to enforce, and the new version only allocates an extra \$1 million to the added burden of redaction—all while Trump is planning to cut the EPA's budget.” [The Atlantic, [3/15/17](#)]

HEADLINE: The E.P.A. Says It Wants Research Transparency. Scientists See an Attack on Science. [New York Times, [3/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Exempting EPA Actions Related To Public Health Threats From The Bill's Requirement That The Scientific Information Behind The EPA's Actions Must Be Publicly Available. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “McEachin, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Science, Space and Technology Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt EPA actions taken in response to a public health threat from the bill's requirement that the scientific information that influenced the EPA's actions must be publicly available.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1430, [Vote #205](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 233) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA's Science Advisory Board. The bill would require board member nominees to disclose financial relationships that would be relevant to EPA advisory activities.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 232-188. [HRes 233, [Vote #204](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To The Enforcement Of The Clean Air Act From The SCRUB Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Raskin, D-Md., amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions rules related to the enforcement of the Clean Air Act.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-231. [HR 998, [Vote #110](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill That Would Have Stopped The EPA's Rules Regulating Kiln Air Pollutants And Delayed Implementation Of Wood Heater Regulations. In March 2018, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would suspend the Environmental Protection Agency's rules issued Oct. 26, 2015 and Dec. 4, 2015 regarding emissions standards for hazardous air pollutants from kilns and other facilities that manufacture brick and structural clay products or clay ceramics until all judicial reviews of such rules are completed. It would also delay

implementation of an agency rule setting performance standards for new residential wood heaters until May 15, 2023.” The bill passed, 234-180. [HR 1917, [Vote #99](#), 3/7/18; CQ, [3/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Overturning A Rule Barring Alaska From Allowing Non-Subsistence Hunting On National Wildlife Reserves. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of an Interior Department rule that prohibits certain predator control methods on federal lands in Alaska. The rule prevents Alaska, which typically has the authority to manage hunting and trapping practices on federal lands within the state, from allowing certain non-subsistence hunting practices on national wildlife refuges. Under the rule, prohibited practices include using traps to hunt bears and the taking of wolves and coyotes during denning season.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 225-193. [HJRes 69, [Vote #98](#), 2/16/17; CQ, [2/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Authorizing \$1 Million For The Bureau Of Land Management To Survey The Boundary Along The Red River between Texas And Oklahoma. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would authorize \$1 million for the Bureau of Land Management to pay for a survey to identify the boundary, with respect to title and ownership, along the Red River on the border between Texas and Oklahoma. It would require the survey use the gradient boundary method of measurement established in the Supreme Court case *Oklahoma v. Texas* and that the survey be completed within two years of the bill's enactment.” The bill passed by a vote of 250-171. [HR 428, [Vote #92](#), 2/14/17; CQ, [2/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Nullifying A Bureau Of Land Management Rule Directing The Agency To Develop Management Plans For Public Lands And Include Public Opinion. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would that would disapprove and nullify a Bureau of Land Management rule that amends the agency's procedures for the development of resource management plans for public lands. The rule directs BLM to design management plans that address resource issues in a number of programs related to wildfire prevention, wildlife habitat protection and demands for renewable and nonrenewable energy. The rule also provides additional opportunities for the public to submit information and comments on a plan revision or amendment.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-186. [HJRes 44, [Vote #83](#), 2/7/17; CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For “Kill[ing] A Federal Rule That Gives Americans More Of A Voice In Large-Scale Planning For Projects Using Public Land. . In February 2017, Taylor voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 91) that would provide for House floor consideration of a joint resolution of (H J Res 44) that would nullify a Bureau of Land Management rule that modifies the BLM's process of assessing and planning the development of public lands by increasing public involvement.” According to the Denver Post, “The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday voted to kill a federal rule that gives Americans more of a voice in large-scale planning for projects using public land [...] [HJ Res 44] would nullify the Bureau of Land Management’s ‘Planning 2.0’ rule that took effect in December. That rule governs all planning for future uses of 250 million acres of federal public land that is concentrated in the West.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 233-186. [HJRes 44, [Vote #82](#), 2/7/17; Denver Post, [2/7/17](#); CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Nullifying The Stream Protection Rule Which Protects Streams From Contamination By Surface Coal Mining Operations. In February 2017, Taylor did not vote on “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify an Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement rule that requires surface coal mining operations, to the extent possible, to avoid disturbing streams and land within 100 feet of the streams. The rule also includes provisions related to data collection and restoration and requires native trees and plants to be used to replant reclaimed mine sites.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 228-194. [HJRes 41, [Vote #73](#), 2/1/17; CQ, [2/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To HR 5 Striking The Bill’s Requirement That The Forest Service And The Bureau Of Land Management Perform Regulatory Analyses. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would remove provisions of the bill that would require the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to conduct regulatory flexibility analyses, which describe the impact on small businesses, for land management plans.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 185-236. [HR 5, [Vote #43](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring New Rules To Include Reports On Environmental Impact And Impacts On Low-Income And Rural Communities. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would require agencies to include an accounting of greenhouse gas emission impacts associated with a rule in the report that would be required by the bill to be submitted to Congress. The report also would need to include an analysis of the rule's impacts on low-income and rural communities. If a rule would increase carbon equivalent emissions by 25,000 metric tons annually or possibly increase the risk of certain diseases to low-income or rural communities, then the rule would be considered a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 193-230. [HR 26, [Vote #13](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Resolution Allowing Congress To More Easily Sell Federal Lands Without Concern For Taxpayer Costs, Establish Fines For Using Cameras On The House Floor. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Adoption of the resolution that would establish the rules of the House for the 115th Congress. Many of the rules that were in effect at the end of the 114th Congress would carry over. Among the rules changes, it would set monetary fines for using electronic devices on the House floor to take photos or videos.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 234-193. [HRes 5, [Vote #6](#), 1/3/17; CQ, [1/3/17](#)]

HRes 5 Would “Make It Easier For Members Of The New Congress To Cede Federal Control Of Public Lands” Without Concern For Cost To U.S. Treasury. “House Republicans on Tuesday changed the way Congress calculates the cost of transferring federal lands to the states and other entities, a move that will make it easier for members of the new Congress to cede federal control of public lands. The provision, included as part as a larger rules package the House approved by a vote of 233 to 190 during its first day in session, highlights the extent to which some congressional Republicans hope to change longstanding rules now that the GOP will control the executive and the legislative branches starting Jan. 20. [...] Under current Congressional Budget Office accounting rules, any transfer of federal land that generates revenue for the U.S. Treasury — whether through energy extraction, logging, grazing or other activities — has a cost. If lawmakers wanted to give such land to a state, local government or tribe, they would have to account for that loss in expected cash flow. [...] The immediate impact of the rules change is that lawmakers cannot raise a budgetary point of order if a land transfer bill comes to the floor. Under existing House rules, any measure that costs the U.S. Treasury money must be offset by either budget cuts or a revenue-raising provision.” [Washington Post, [1/3/17](#)]

Ethics & Government Reform

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Protect Special Counsel Robert Mueller. In September 2018, Taylor voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 1084) that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill related to new-business tax deductions (HR 6756), a bill related to tax-favored retirement accounts (HR 6757), and a bill that would make many temporary aspects of the individual tax code permanent (HR 6760).” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Ranking Member Nadler's bill, the Special Counsel Independence Act. [...] Mr. Speaker, I am here to urge this House to defeat the previous question so that we can hear H.R. 5476, a bipartisan bill to protect the Special Counsel, Mr. Mueller.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of a bill protecting Special Counsel Robert Mueller. The motion was agreed to 227-189. [HR 6756/6757/6760, [Vote #409](#), 9/27/18; CQ, [9/27/18](#); Congressional Record, [9/27/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Requiring Each Federal Agency To Develop And Make Public A Comprehensive Inventory Of Its Data Assets, And Would Direct The Government Accountability Office To Establish A Public Online Catalogue Of This Data. In December 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Walker, R-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would require each federal agency to develop and make public a comprehensive inventory of its data assets, and would direct the Government Accountability Office to establish a public online catalogue of this data. It would require each agency to submit an annual policy plan to the Office of Management and Budget, including the agency's plans to develop evidence supporting its policymaking, and would create an interagency advisory committee on agency data use for evidence-building.” The

motion was agreed to by a vote of 356 – 17. [H.R. 4174, [Vote #484](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Making Certain Corrections In The Enrollment Of The Foundations For Evidence-Based Policymaking Act. In December 2018, Taylor not vote on “Mitchell, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution that would make certain corrections in the enrollment of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 362 – 12. [H. Con. Res. 149, [Vote #483](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Insisting That The Justice Department Fully Comply With The Document Requests And Subpoenas Issued By The Intelligence And Judiciary Committees. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the resolution that would that would insist that the Justice Department fully comply with the document requests and subpoenas issued by the Intelligence and Judiciary committees with regard to potential violations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) by Justice Department personnel and related matters, by Friday, July 6, 2018.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 226 – 183. [H. Res. 970, [Vote #306](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

The Resolution Was Spearheaded By Freedom Caucus Leaders To Pressure The Deputy Attorney General To Comply With Congressional Demands Related To FBI Investigations Of Hillary Clinton And Russian Election Interference. “The resolution, which was spearheaded by House Freedom Caucus leaders Mark Meadows and Jim Jordan, is the latest step by conservatives who have been ratcheting up the pressure on Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to comply with congressional demands related to the FBI’s Hillary Clinton and Russia investigations. The measure itself is effectively symbolic, but Republicans intend to send a message to the Justice Department that the full Congress is demanding compliance with their document requests -- or else.” [CNN, [6/26/18](#)]

Democratic Critics Said The Resolution Was An Attempt To Discredit The Mueller Investigation, And Give Trump An Excuse To Fire Rosenstein. “But Democratic critics say this is all a plot to discredit the Mueller investigation. They think Trump’s allies are trying to hit the Justice Department with impossible demands, so they’ll either have to turn over extremely sensitive information about an ongoing message, or look bad by withholding it. Some even think this is mainly about giving Trump an excuse to fire Rosenstein, who, again, is Mueller’s boss.” [Vox, [6/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering Resolution Insisting That The Justice Department Fully Comply With The Document Requests And Subpoenas Issued By The Intelligence And Judiciary Committees. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 971) that would provide for consideration of the resolution (H Res 970) that would insist that the Justice Department fully comply with the document requests and subpoenas issued by the Intelligence and Judiciary committees with regard to potential violations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) by Justice Department personnel and related matters, by Friday, July 6, 2018.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 224 – 184. [H. Res. 971, [Vote #305](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Ms. Eshoo’s bill H.R. 305. H.R. 305 would amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, as well as any candidate of a major political party for the office of the President, to submit their Federal income tax returns for the three most recent years. This bill would ensure more transparency in the political process and provide the American people with additional information about potential conflicts of interest of the President or a candidate for the office of the President.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 223-189. [H Res 879, [Vote #173](#), 5/9/18; CQ, [5/9/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/9/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Ensure That Senior Political Appointees Did Not Spend Federal Funds On Private Air Travel. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule...” According to Rep. Torres, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative Lieu’s H.R. 3876, the SWAMP

FLYERS Act. This legislation will ensure that senior political appointees are not using Federal funds for official travel on private aircraft.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 225-190. [H Res 839, [Vote #150](#), 4/25/18; CQ, [4/25/18](#); Congressional Record, H3518, [4/25/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require The Disclosure Of The President’s Tax Returns. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule...” According to Rep. Polis, defeating the previous question would “amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the disclosure of certain tax returns by Presidents and certain candidates for the office of the President, and for other purposes.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 226-189. [H Res 831, [Vote #143](#), 4/18/18; CQ, [4/18/18](#); Congressional Record, H 3409, [4/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials. In March 2018, Taylor voted against: “Connolly D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent changes in financial regulations in the bill from being made at the request of, or for the personal gain of, the president, a member of his family, or other senior Executive Branch official.” The motion to recommit failed 182-232. [HR 1116, [Vote #107](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Noted That The Bill Did Not Authorize Special Flight Accommodations For The EPA Administrator. In March 2018, Taylor voted against “Castor, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would clarify that nothing in the bill would authorize the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to charter a flight, or travel by any air accommodation above coach class, in order to make certain changes to rules and guidance documents for the purpose of implementing the bill’s provision regarding standards for residential wood heaters.” The motion was rejected, 186-227. [HR 1917, [Vote #98](#), 3/7/18; CQ, [3/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials. In March 2018, Taylor voted against “Clark, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit a federal financial regulator from including certain rules in its review under the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 if such rules were issued or made at the ‘request of and for the personal gain of’ the president, the president’s family members, or senior executive branch officials who are required to file annual financial disclosure forms.” According to Rep. Clark, the “amendment simply states that before taking any action to eliminate or change a regulation, regulators must disclose any communications from the White House or the President’s family advocating for the action and whether the President, his family, or any senior administration officials would benefit financially from such action.” The motion was rejected, 182-228. [HR 4607, [Vote #94](#), 3/6/18; CQ, [3/6/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Extending Whistleblower Protections Pertaining To Employees Who Disclose Information About Improper Use Of Aircrafts By Government Officials. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “O’Halloran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill would extend the whistleblower protections in the underlying bill pertaining to employees who disclose information about the improper use of aircraft by government officials.” The motion was rejected 232-190. [S 585, [Vote #567](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#), DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [11/13/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Trump Officials Caught Splurging On Luxury Travel.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Sec. Price Spent \$400,000 In Charter Flights, Over \$1 Million In Travel Cost Alone Before Resigning.

“Tom Price, Health and Human Services Secretary The flights: \$500,000 in military flights to Africa, Asia and Europe (which were approved by the White House) and more than \$400,000 in charter flights. Total cost: His travel has exceeded \$1 million, Politico reports, when accounting for both his overseas trips and the more than two dozen domestic trips he's taken on private planes since May.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Sec. Pruitt Took \$58,000 In Private Taxpayer-Funded Flights. “Scott Pruitt, Environmental Protection Agency administrator The flights: A June 7 military flight to Ohio then New York (\$36,068); a July 27 charter flight from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Guymon, Oklahoma (\$14,434); an August 4 charter flight from Denver, Colorado, to Durango, ColoradoA (\$5,719); an August 9 flight on the North Dakota governor's plane (\$2,144). Total cost: Pruitt took ‘non-commercial’ flights costing taxpayers more than \$58,000, according to CBS News.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Sec. Mnuchin Used Government Jets To Travel On His Honeymoon, And To View The Solar Eclipse.

“Steve Mnuchin, Treasury Secretary The flights: Mnuchin requested a government jet earlier this year for his honeymoon, according to ABC News. He and his wife also used a government jet when traveling to Louisville and Fort Knox, Kentucky, which coincided with the eclipse. Total cost: An Air Force spokesman told ABC News that a government jet typically costs roughly \$25,000 per hour to operate.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Sec. Zinke And Aides Took “Several Flights” Including A \$12,000 Charter Flight, but Had Not Released The Total Number Or Cost Of Flights. “Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior The flights: Zinke and his aides have reportedly taken several flights on private or military aircraft, including a \$12,000 charter flight — which belongs to Nielson & Associates, a Wyoming-based oil-and-gas exploration firm — from Las Vegas to his hometown in Montana, and private flights between St. Croix and St. Thomas in U.S. Virgin Islands, per the Washington Post. Total cost: Unclear, as the total number of charter or military flights is unknown.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Sec. Shulkin Used Government Funds To Fly Himself And His Wife To Europe Where He Attended A Wimbledon Championship Tennis Match, Toured Westminster Abbey, And Cruised The Thames Amid Conducting Official Business. “David Shulkin, Secretary of Veterans Affairs The flights/luxury purchases: Although Shulkin flew commercial to Europe for meetings with Danish and British officials about veterans' health issues in July, he did use government funds to fly his wife out, stating that she was traveling on ‘approved invitational orders,’ per the Washington Post. The government also provided a stipend for her meals. They also attended a Wimbledon championship tennis match, toured Westminster Abbey, and took a cruise on the Thames. The VA's defense: All of Shulkin's activities on the trip, including Wimbledon visit, ‘were reviewed and approved by ethics counsel,’ VA press secretary Curt Cashour said in a statement.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In July 2017, Taylor voted for “motion to table (kill) the Cicilline, D-R.I., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Cicilline resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to 235-190. [Motion, [Vote #392](#), 7/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/17]

Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In June 2017, Taylor voted for “motion to table (kill) the Doggett, D-Texas., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Doggett resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to 227-188. [Motion, [Vote #311](#), 6/21/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/21/17]

Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In June 2017, Taylor voted for “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Capuano, D-Mass., motion to appeal the ruling of the

Chair that the Capuano resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-186. [Motion, [Vote #292](#), 6/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/17]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump's Tax Return. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 375).” According to The Democratic Leader's office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the president to submit their federal income tax returns for the three most recent years.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the release of tax returns. The previous question carried, 228-185. [H Res 375, [Vote #290](#), 6/7/17; CQ, [6/7/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump's Tax Return. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to table (kill) the Sanchez, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Sanchez resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's text returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed, 225-187. [Motion, [Vote #274](#), 5/17/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader's office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the president to submit their federal income tax returns for the three most recent years.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the release of tax returns. The motion passed 226-188. [H Res 324, [Vote #263](#), 5/18/17; CQ, [5/18/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/18/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump's Tax Return. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Rothfus, R-Pa., motion to table (kill) the Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pascrell resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 229-188. [Motion, [Vote #261](#), 5/17/17; CQ, [5/17/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Requiring Fannie Mae And Freddie Mac To Comply With FOIA While Under Conservatorship. In April 2017, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 280) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would require that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac comply with the agency requirements of the Freedom of Information Act while they are under the conservatorship of the federal government. It would waive, through the calendar day of April 29, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. It also would provide for consideration of measures under suspension of the rules through the calendar day of April 29, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 226-192. [HRes 280, [Vote #230](#), 2/27/17; CQ, [2/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Empowering The House Of Representatives To Investigate Trump's Potential Conflicts Of Interest. In April 2017, Taylor voted for “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H. Res. 286 which would direct certain officials of the Trump Administration to provide information to the House of Representatives that will enable the House to meet its constitutional responsibility to conduct oversight of the Trump Administration by investigating potential conflicts of interests of President Donald J. Trump.” **A vote yes was a vote against the Democrats' resolution.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-193. [HRes 280, [Vote #229](#), 4/27/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [4/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns. In April 2017, Taylor voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the President to submit their Federal

income tax returns for the three most recent years.” The previous question passed 231-191. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HR 305 (HRes 275), [Vote #224](#), 4/26/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [4/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In April 2017, Taylor voted for “Foxx, R-N.C., motion to table (kill) the Jeffries, D-N.Y., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Jeffries resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-184. [Motion, [Vote #219](#), 4/5/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/5/17]

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries “Offered A Resolution... To Delay Consideration Of Tax Reform Legislation Until After Lawmakers Review Trump’s Tax Returns.” “House Republicans on Wednesday blocked a Democratic effort to demand President Trump’s tax returns for the sixth time in as many weeks. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) offered a resolution directing the House to delay consideration of tax reform legislation until after lawmakers review Trump’s tax returns and conclude how he could benefit from changes to the tax code.” [The Hill, [4/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “Flores, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Lofgren, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Lofgren resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-190. [Motion, [Vote #201](#), 3/28/17; CQ Floor Votes, [3/28/17](#)]

Republicans Blocked Procedural Effort To Obtain Trump’s Tax Returns From The IRS. “House Republicans on Tuesday blocked more attempts by Democrats to obtain President Donald Trump's tax returns from the IRS. House Democrats tried for a third and a fourth time to use procedural votes to pry loose Trump's returns. Republicans blocked both efforts, one on the House floor and the other in the House Ways and Means Committee. The House voted 228-190 on a mostly party-line vote to block the Democrats' effort. The Ways and Means Committee voted 24-16 to oppose the effort.” [Associated Press, [3/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Requiring Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 230).” A vote in favor is a vote against requiring Trump to release his tax returns. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-184. [H Res 230, [Vote #199](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Vote Appealing A Ruling That Forcing Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns Is Not A House Privilege. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to table (kill) the Polis, D-Colo., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Polis resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-189. [Motion, [Vote #182](#), 3/22/17; CQ, [3/22/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Crowley, D-N.Y., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Crowley resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 223-183. [Motion, [Vote #161](#), 3/15/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/15/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump’s Tax Returns. “Crowley’s measure is similar to resolutions Democratic Reps. Bill Pascrell Jr. (N.J.) and Anna Eshoo (Calif.) offered on the House floor in recent weeks. It includes additional language that says the American public need to know more about Trump's business interests in order to ‘ensure that all policies put forward by the Trump Administration solely benefit the American public and not his corporate business partners.’ As was the case in past weeks, Crowley tried to offer the resolution as ‘privileged,’ meaning the House would have to act on it within two legislative days. But Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho), who was

presiding over the House, ruled that the measure was not privileged, and the vast majority of Republicans voted to table Crowley's appeal of that ruling, 223-183." [The Hill, [3/15/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Taylor voted for "McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Eshoo, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Eshoo resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House." The motion passed 227-186. [Motion, [Vote #128](#), 3/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/7/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump's Tax Returns. "House Democrats on Tuesday furthered their push to force Republicans to take tough votes on President Trump, offering a resolution on the House floor to request Trump's tax returns for the second time in a little over a week. The resolution was blocked on a procedural vote of 227-186. [...] Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) offered a resolution on Tuesday instructing the House to request 10 years of Trump's tax returns so that they can be considered by the House Ways and Means Committee in a closed session." [The Hill, [3/7/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Consideration Of An Amendment Prohibiting The President From Making Public Communications About Or Advocating For His Business Interests. In March 2017, Taylor did not vote on the "Jayapal, D-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit the president from making public communications that refer to a business in which the president has an equity interest and would prohibit the president from publically advocating on behalf of such business interests." The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1004, [Vote #125](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Recommitting The SCRUBS Act With An Amendment Exempting Rules Related To Conflict Of Interest And Bribery. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the "Raskin, D-Md., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions rules related to laws governing potential conflicts of interest and financial disclosures for executive branch employees, and would exempt rules related to bribery." The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 998, [Vote #113](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Whistleblower Protections From The SCRUB Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the "Cummings, D-Md., amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions rules related to whistleblower protections and rules related to penalties for retaliation against whistleblowers." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-231. [HR 998, [Vote #112](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns. In June 2016, Taylor voted for the "Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the President to submit their Federal income tax returns for the three most recent years." The previous question passed 224-191. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 150, [Vote #103](#), 2/28/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In February 2017, Taylor voted for "McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pascrell resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House." The motion passed 229-185. [Motion, [Vote #101](#), 2/27/17; CQ Floor Votes, 2/27/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President

Trump's Tax Returns. "A House Democratic lawmaker attempted Monday to force a House floor vote on a resolution to request President Trump's tax returns, but the effort failed on a party line vote, 229-185, with two Republicans voting 'present.' The move was the latest in a series of Democratic efforts to push Congress to request Trump's tax returns, and Democrats demanded a roll call vote to force Republicans to go on the record. [...] Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.) offered a resolution that would have directed the House to request 10 years of Trump's tax returns, have the House Ways and Means Committee review them in a closed session and then vote to send the information in the returns to the full House." [The Hill, [2/27/17](#)]

Democrats Offered Resolution To "Instruct The House To Request Trump's Tax Returns From The Last Decade So That The House Ways And Means Committee... Can Review Them In A Closed Session."

"Democrats have offered similar resolution three other times in the last four weeks, which all resulted in procedural votes. The resolutions would instruct the House to request Trump's tax returns from the last decade so that the House Ways and Means Committee, which has oversight of the Internal Revenue Service, could review them in a closed session. The chairmen of the House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Finance Committee and Joint Committee on Taxation have the power to request individual tax return information from the Treasury Department." [The Hill, [3/20/17](#)]

After Republican Presiding Officers Ruled Measure Did Not Qualify As "Privileged" Action Under House Rules, Democrats Forced Roll Call Vote To Appeal Ruling. "Three other Democrats in recent weeks offered similar resolutions as "privileged," which would require the House to act within two legislative days. The presiding officer in the House at those times ruled that the measure didn't qualify as "privileged" by affecting the chamber's dignity and integrity. Democrats demanded roll call votes to appeal those rulings." [The Hill, [3/20/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Presidential Tax Transparency Act. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the "Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, the Presidential Tax Transparency Act." The previous question passed 233-187. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 55, [Vote #62](#), 1/24/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Motion To Table A Resolution Condemning Representative Paul Gosar For Certain Actions Regarding Attendance At The State Of The Union Address. In February 2018, Taylor voted for a "motion to table (kill) a resolution related to comments made by Rep. Gosar, R-Ariz., on Jan. 30, 2018, and their compliance with the Code of Official Conduct for the House." The motion was adopted, 231-187. [H.Res.726, [Vote #53](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Address The Financial Conflicts Of Interest Of The President. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the "Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 371, to address financial conflicts of interest of the President and Vice President." The previous question passed 232-168. **A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered.** [H Res 40, [Vote #32](#), 1/11/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/11/17](#)]

FEMA & Disaster Relief

Taylor Did Not Vote On Extending The National Flood Insurance Program Through May 31, 2019. In December 2018, Taylor did not vote on "MacArthur, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend the authorization and authorities under the National Flood Insurance Program through May 31, 2019. The program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and offers federally-backed flood insurance to individuals and entities in communities that adopt certain flood plain management standards." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 315 – 48. [S. 3628, [Vote #500](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Correcting The Enrollment Of The National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act In The Senate Bill. In December 2018, Taylor did not vote on “MacArthur, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H Con Res 148), that would make a correction in the enrollment of the National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 344 - 25. [H. Con. Res. 148, [Vote #499](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Extending The Authorization Of The National Flood Insurance Program Through May 31, 2019 And Stating That FEMA May Not Restrict Organizations From Selling Private Flood Insurance. In December 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Walker, R-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend the authorization and authorities under the National Flood Insurance Program through May 31, 2019. The program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and offers federally-backed flood insurance to individuals and entities in communities that adopt certain flood plain management standards. It would also state that FEMA may not restrict organizations from selling private flood insurance as a condition of participating in program activities.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 148 – 226. [H. R. 7388, [Vote #497](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Phasing Out A Biodiesel Tax Credit And Providing Temporary Tax Relief For Victims Of Hurricanes And Wildfires. In December 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1180) that would provide consideration of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to a bill (HR 88) that is the expected legislative vehicle for a package of tax-related bills. HR 88 would extend and gradually phase out through 2024 a biodiesel tax credit, make permanent a railroad track maintenance credit at a reduced rate, and provide temporary tax relief for victims of hurricanes and wildfires. The rule would also provide for floor proceedings during the period between Dec. 24, 2018 and Jan. 3, 2019.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 207-170. [HR 88, [Vote #446](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Extending The Authorization Of The National Flood Insurance Program. In November 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Hensarling, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend the authorization and authorities under the National Flood Insurance Program for one week, through Dec. 7, 2018. The program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and offers federally-backed flood insurance to individuals and entities in communities that adopt certain flood plain management standards.” The motion was agreed to 350-46. [HR 7187, [Vote #424](#), 11/29/18; CQ, [11/29/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Blocking An Amendment To Require Direct Federal Assistance Cover 100 Percent Of Eligible Costs In Any State Or Territory Impacted By 2017 Extreme Weather Events. In April 2018, Taylor voted against: “Velazquez, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require that direct federal assistance cover 100 percent of eligible costs in any state or U.S. territory impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, or the wildfires in California.” The motion was rejected 182 to 223. [HR 4, [Vote #164](#), 4/27/18; CQ, [4/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For \$81 Billion In Supplemental Disaster Appropriations. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make further supplemental appropriations for fiscal 2018 for disaster assistance for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria and wildfires that occurred in calendar year 2017. The bill would authorize \$81 billion in aid for ongoing response and recovery from 2017 hurricanes and wildfires, and would authorize Puerto Rico to use surplus toll credits to cover the local share of federal highway emergency relief. The bill would remove a cap on federal highway assistance to U.S. territories for fiscal 2018 and 2019.” The bill passed 251 to 169. [HR 4667, [Vote #709](#), 12/21/17; CQ, [12/21/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program Without Risk-Reduction Programs Or Flood-Risk Mapping. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal 2022 and would make modifications to the program, including: raise annual surcharges and reserve fund assessments on federal flood insurance policyholders, raise rates on properties that incur multiple losses, establish an annual deductible for severe and extreme repetitive

loss properties and end the requirement that flood insurance be purchased for commercial and multifamily properties located in flood risk zones. It would also require that flood insurance provided by private sector carriers be accepted by Federal Emergency Management Agency and considered as meeting the National Flood Insurance Program's mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements, and would allow private insurers and any other interested party to review FEMA information regarding its assessments of flood risk." The bill passed 237-189. [HR 2874, [Vote #630](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "U.S. House Of Representatives Misses Mark In Reducing Nation's Flood Risk.

"Unfortunately, this bill falls short of significant improvements needed to bolster risk reduction and flood-risk mapping efforts under the National Flood Insurance Program," Murdock said. "The program has failed to achieve its intended goal of lessening our nation's flood risk. Congress needs to place more emphasis on reforms that mitigate risk and promote using the best-available science and technology in mapping processes. It is particularly important that reforms enable the restoration of functioning floodplains and disincentivize development in areas of high flood risk.'" [Nature Conservancy, [11/15/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring FEMA To Certify That Claims From Hurricane Sandy Were Resolved Before The National Flood Insurance Program Is Reauthorized. In November 2017, Taylor voted against: "Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent the bill's provisions from taking effect unless the Federal Emergency Management Agency certifies the resolution of all claims for losses resulting from Hurricane Sandy of 2012 that were covered under the National Flood Insurance Program." The motion was rejected 236-190. [HR 2874, [Vote #629](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 And Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 616) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (HR 2810) that would authorize \$692.1 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2018. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 2874) that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal 2022 and would modify several aspects of the program. The rule would require the House clerk to not transmit to the Senate a message that the House has adopted the conference report to accompany the Fiscal 2018 Defense Authorization (HR 2810) until the House receives a message from the Senate that the Senate has passed a bill (HR 4374), without amendment, that would authorize the Food and Drug Administration to expedite consideration of certain medical products at the Pentagon's request." The rule was adopted 233-187. [HRes 616, [Vote #627](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017, Allowing President To Declare Wildfire Disasters And Fund FEMA Relief As Well As Expedite Timber Salvage After Fires. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would allow for a presidential declaration of a major disaster with regard to wildfires, which would allow for the release of funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Relief Fund to fight major wildfires, and would modify the disaster cap under the Budget Control Act to account for expected wildfire funding needs. It would also exempt various forest management activities from filing environmental impact statements and would provide for expedited timber salvage operations and reforestation activities after catastrophic events. It would prohibit any court from issuing restraining orders or injunctions against salvage operations or reforestation activities undertaken in response to a large-scale catastrophic event." The bill passed 257-166. [HR 2936, [Vote #598](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#)]

National Parks Conservation Association: The Resilient Federal Forests Act Was "Extreme And... Puts Our Forests, Communities And Wildlife At Risk." "NPCA, along with partners, submitted the following position to the House of Representatives ahead of an expected floor vote the week of October 30, 2017. On behalf of our millions of our members and supporters, we urge you to OPPOSE the Resilient Federal Forest Act of 2017 (H.R. 2936). This bill is extreme and unfortunately, instead of protecting and restoring our public forests, H.R. 2936 puts our forests, communities and wildlife at risk." [NPCA, [10/31/17](#)]

NCPA: Wildfire Suppression Funding In The RFFA Was “Completely Inadequate, Leaving Unaddressed The Largest Part Of The Problem: The Growing Impact Of Wildfire Suppression On The Forest Service’s Annual Budget.” “The provisions offered in response to the wildfire funding crisis, even in this most recent version of the bill, are completely inadequate, leaving unaddressed the largest part of the problem: the growing impact of wildfire suppression on the Forest Service’s annual budget.” [NCPA, [10/31/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 595) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2936) that would allow for a presidential declaration of a major disaster with regard to wildfires, which would allow for the release of funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund to fight major wildfires, and would modify the disaster cap under the Budget Control Act to account for expected wildfire funding needs. It would also include various categorical exclusions from certain environmental reviews.” The resolution was adopted 232-184. [HRes 595, [Vote #593](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Making \$36.5 Billion In Emergency Supplemental Funding For Fiscal 2018 To Partially Cover Costs Of Natural Disasters. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H Res 569) that would provide that upon agreeing to the resolution, the House will have been considered to have concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 2266) with a House amendment that would make available \$36.5 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2018 to partially cover the costs of responding to multiple natural disasters, including hurricanes and wildfires. The measure would include \$18.7 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund - \$4.9 billion of which would be used for disaster relief loans to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would also cancel \$16 billion of the Treasury debt incurred by FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program, would release \$1.2 billion in contingency reserves from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for use in Puerto Rico would provide \$577 million in funding to fight wildfires.” The motion was agreed to 353-69. [HRes 569, [Vote #566](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To Exempt The National Interagency Fire Center From Any Provisions Of The Underlying Bill That Would Prevent Them From Having The Water Supply They Need To Fight Wildfires. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Carbajal, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt the National Interagency Fire Center from any of the bill’s provisions that would impair the center’s ability to ensure that there is an adequate supply of water to fight wildfires.” The motion was rejected, 230-189. [HR 23, [Vote #351](#), 7/12/17; CQ, [7/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Six Month Extension Of FAA Taxes Tied To Hurricane Relief And Flood Insurance Programs. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. The measure would also extend multiple health care programs and would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market. It would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, and would allow the federal government to reimburse the governments of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands for any disaster tax relief that those islands provide their citizens.” The bill passed by a vote of 264-155. [HR 3823, [Vote #542](#), 9/28/17; CQ, [9/28/17](#)]

The House Passed A Six-Month Extension To Fund The FAA – That Also Included Hurricane Relief Provisions That Were Later Stripped By The Senate – While Postponing Debate Over More Contentious FAA Reforms. “Congress approved a six-month extension Thursday of Federal Aviation Administration taxes to give lawmakers more time to debate contentious, long-term airline policies. The House voted 264-155 to extend taxes through March 31. The time will allow more debate on contentious FAA measures dealing with air-traffic control and pilot training in legislation expected to last four or more years. The Senate made a change before approving the legislation by unanimous consent, which removed a provision dealing with flood insurance from the legislation. The House then agreed by unanimous consent to accept the change. Approval of the legislation was crucial before Saturday for the FAA because the government would have been unable to

collect about \$40 million per day in aviation taxes. Airport construction projects that depend on federal grants would have halted and thousands of FAA workers would have been laid off.” [USA Today, [9/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring The Government Pay The U.S. Virgin Islands And Puerto Rico Amounts Equal To 400 Percent Of The Loss In Revenues From Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, And Maria. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the secretary of the Treasury to pay to the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico amounts equal to 400 percent of the loss in revenues from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria for the repair of infrastructure and the payment of health care costs on the islands. It would also modify corporate taxes and charitable contribution limitations in relation to disaster relief.” The motion failed by a vote of 188-277. [H R 3823, [Vote #541](#), 9/28/17; CQ, [9/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of Extending Expiring FAA Authorities, Establishing Development Of A Private Flood Insurance Market, And Modifying Tax Provisions For People Impacted By Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, And Maria. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 538) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3823) that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. The measure would also extend multiple health care programs, would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market, and would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. The rule would also provide for motions to suspend the rules on the legislative day of September 28, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 223-190. [H RES 538, [Vote #539](#), 9/27/17; CQ, [9/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passing FAA Authorities Tied To Private Flood Insurance Authorization And Hurricane Relief. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Curbelo, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. It would also extend multiple health care programs, would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market, and would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 245-171. [H R 3823, [Vote #530](#), 9/25/17; CQ, [9/25/17](#)]

Financial Protections & Wall Street

Taylor Voted For The Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act. In June 2018, Taylor voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would expand the types of transactions covered by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. to include critical infrastructure projects and land deals near sensitive government properties and facilities. The bill would authorize the Commerce Department to request disclosures of data about foreign persons or companies with a stake in companies that partner with U.S. firms in overseas joint ventures that apply for export licenses to allow for the transfer of sensitive technology. The bill would also authorize \$20 million annually for fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023 for operations of the committee.” The motion was agreed to, 400-2. [H.R. 5841, [Vote #295](#), 6/26/18; CQ, [6/26/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Establishing Penalties For “Unauthorized Disclosure Of Proprietary Information” Related To A Financial Institution By A Federal Banking Regulator Employee. In June 2018, Taylor did not vote on: “Hill, R-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish criminal penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of proprietary information related to a financial institution by an employee of a federal banking regulator.” The motion was agreed to, 392-2. [HR 4294, [Vote #293](#), 6/26/18; CQ, [6/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Providing “Legal Protection For A Bank” That Keeps A Customers Account Open At The “Written Request” Of A Law Enforcement Agency. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Hill, R-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would provide legal protection for a bank or financial institution that keeps open a customer account at the written request of a local, state or federal law enforcement agency..” The motion was agreed to, 379-4. [HR 5783, [Vote #290](#), 6/25/18; CQ, [6/25/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill That Would Apply The More Stringent Bank Regulation Provisions Of The 2010 Financial Overhaul To Banks With \$250 Billion In Assets. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would apply the more stringent bank regulation provisions of the 2010 financial overhaul to banks with \$250 billion in assets, instead of those with at least \$50 billion in assets. It would also allow banks with less than \$10 billion in assets to trade with depositors' money. The bill would lift the threshold for disclosure requirements to \$10 million for employee-owned securities and would allow venture capital funds to have up to 250 investors and be exempt from certain registering requirements. It would provide consumers with the right to request a ‘security freeze’ on their credit reports, which would prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information from the consumer's credit report without express authorization. It would define a ‘qualified mortgage’ as any residential mortgage loan held by a bank, removing the requirement that for a ‘qualified mortgage,’ a bank must determine that a mortgage recipient has the ability to repay.” The bill was passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 258-159. [S. 2155, [Vote #216](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#)]

Critics Said The Bill Created Loopholes That Larger Banks Would Exploit. “Rothfus made his claim after voting in favor of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, S. 2155, which supporters said will lessen the Dodd-Frank burden on community banking institutions — defined as those with less than \$10 billion in assets — and which critics argue creates wiggle room and loopholes that larger banks will exploit. The rollback was signed into law by President Donald Trump on May 24.” [PolitiFact, [5/31/18](#)]

The Bill Contained Policies Which Would Roll Back Or Eliminate Key Parts From The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform And Consumer Protection Act. “Late last year the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act, which was sponsored by Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, with nearly 20 co-sponsors on both sides of the aisle, was introduced in the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs [...] The bill contains policies which would roll back or eliminate key parts from the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.” [Housing Wire, [3/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Joint Resolution Nullifying A Consumer Financial Protection Bureau To Protect Borrowers From Discrimination In Auto Lending. In, Taylor voted for “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule that provides guidance to third parties that offer indirect financing for automobile loans. The rule states that such third party lenders are treated as creditors under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the lenders may not mark up the rate of an indirect loan in relation to a borrower's race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age or receipt of income from any public assistance program.” The vote passed 234-175. [S.J. Res. 57, [Vote #171](#), 5/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, [5/8/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Granting The Federal Reserve Sole Rulemaking Authority Over The Volcker Rule. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would grant the Federal Reserve sole rulemaking authority with respect to Section 619 of the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul, the so-called “Volcker Rule.” The rule restricts financial institutions that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation from using their own funds for proprietary trading. The bill would also exempt community banks from the rule, provided that the banks have less than \$10 billion in total consolidated assets and have trading and liability assets totaling less than five percent of total consolidated assets.” The bill passed by a vote of 300-104. [HR 4790, [Vote #139](#), 4/13/18; CQ, [4/13/18](#)]

Bill Streamlined Rule Restricting Speculative Transactions By Investors, Which Was Being Enforced By Five Separate Regulators. “The bill, which was approved by a vote of 300-104, would streamline the rule which is currently enforced by five separate regulators. The degree of bipartisan support for the measure suggests House lawmakers may try to include it in a broader bill easing bank rules that has already passed the Senate. [...] The Volcker rule, finalized three years after the Dodd-Frank financial reform law passed in the wake of the 2007-2009 financial crisis, restricts U.S. banks from making certain kinds of speculative transactions on their own account and from investing in hedge funds.” [Reuters, [4/13/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Reducing The Frequency Of The Federal Reserve’s Stress Testing Of Financial Institutions. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reduce certain conditions and the

frequency of the Federal Reserve's stress testing of financial institutions. It would also prohibit the Fed from objecting to a company's capital plan on the basis of qualitative deficiencies in the company's capital planning process when conducting a Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review test." The bill passed 245-174. [H R 4293, [Vote #137](#), 4/11/18; CQ, [4/11/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Requiring The Financial Stability Oversight Council To Meet With Financial Institutions Under Their Review. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would change the process that the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) would use to designate a nonbank financial institution as systemically important. It would require the FSOC to consider if other means of regulation would be sufficient before making its designation, and would require that the council be available to meet with the financial institution under review throughout the process." The bill passed 297-121. [H R 4061, [Vote #135](#), 4/11/18; CQ, [4/11/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Requiring Stringent Federal Reserve Oversight Of Banks With Histories Of Unsafe Banking Practices. In April 2018, Taylor voted against: "Waters, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require global systematically important banks that have engaged in a pattern of unsafe banking practices to adhere to more stringent and frequent oversight by the Federal Reserve." The motion was rejected by a vote of 188-231. [H R 4293, [Vote #136](#), 4/11/18; CQ, [4/11/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Alleviating Stress Test Burdens To Help Investors Act, Which Would Exempt Nonbank Financial Institutions That Have Been Designated As Systemically Important From Requirements That They Conduct Annual Financial Stress Tests. In March 2018, Taylor voted for passage of the bill that would exempt nonbank financial institutions that have not been designated as systemically important from requirements that they conduct annual financial stress tests. It would also allow the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to issue regulations for financial companies that have assets totaling more than \$10 billion. The bill passed, 395 to 19. [H.R. 4566, [Vote #119](#), 3/20/18; CQ, [3/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Creating An Office Of Independent Examination Review Within The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council. In March 2018, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would create an Office of Independent Examination Review within the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, which would hear appeals by financial institutions regarding reports by banking regulatory agencies. The bill would prohibit federal banking regulators from retaliating against a financial institution for exercising its appellate rights. It would also include nondepository institutions subject to supervision by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau under the law's definition of financial institutions, and would require the CFPB to establish its own independent intra-agency appellate process to consider appeals of its actions." The bill passed by a vote of 283-133. [HR 4545, [Vote #112](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#)]

CBO: The Office Would Investigate Complaints From Financial Institutions About Examinations And Regularly Review The Quality Of Examinations. "H.R. 4545 would establish the Office of Independent Examination Review within the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC). The new office would investigate complaints from financial institutions about examinations, regularly review the quality of examinations, and adjudicate appeals of determinations made within examinations." [CBO, [2/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Limiting The Appeals Process In The Bill To Banks And Credit Unions With Less Than \$10 Billion In Assets. In March 2018, Taylor voted against: "Waters, D-Calif., amendment that would limit the appeals process specified in the bill such that it would only apply to banks and credit unions with less than \$10 billion in assets." The motion was rejected by a vote of 184-233. [HR 4545, [Vote #111](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Increasing The Maximum Amount Of Securities A Company Could Offer Before Registering With The SEC Or State Regulatory Agencies. In March 2018, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would immediately increase, from \$50 million to \$75 million, the maximum amount of securities certain companies could offer in a 12-month period without full Securities and Exchange Commission registration or

without having to meet state registration and qualification requirements. The bill would also require that the maximum threshold be adjusted for inflation every two years, rounded to the nearest \$10,000.” The bill passed by a vote of 246-170. [HR 4263, [Vote #110](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Eliminating The Increase In The Maximum Amount Of Securities A Company Could Offer Before Registering With The SEC Or State Regulatory Agencies. In March 2018, Taylor voted against: “Beatty D-Ohio motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would eliminate the increase in the maximum amount of securities that a company that could offer in a 12-month period without registering with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The amendment would also require the SEC to review and revise regulations.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 182-235. [HR 4263, [Vote #109](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The TAILOR Act, Which Required Financial Regulators To Consider Business Models Of Financial Institutions When Writing Rules. In March 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require federal financial regulators to tailor their rules and regulations on covered institutions in a manner that would take into account the risk profile and business models of the different types and classes of financial institutions. It would also require a review of all regulations adopted during the seven years prior to the introduction date of this bill and would revise as appropriate any that do not meet the bill's requirements.” The bill passed by a vote of 247-169. [HR 1116, [Vote #108](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#)]

Americans For Financial Reform Opposed Bill, Stating It “Would Force Regulators To Prioritize The Costs Of Regulations To Financial Institutions Over The Offsetting Benefits To Consumers And The General Public.” “On behalf of Americans for Financial Reform, we are writing to urge you to vote in opposition to H.R. 1116, which is being considered on the House floor this week. This unnecessary and dangerous legislation would significantly reduce the capacity of Federal financial regulatory agencies, including the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, to effectively protect consumers and financial stability. [...] This sweeping mandate would force regulators to prioritize the costs of regulations to financial institutions over the offsetting benefits to consumers and the general public. The mandate implies that regulators would be unable to act to protect the public if such action led to any significant costs to Wall Street banks.” [Americans for Financial Reform, [3/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Comprehensive Regulatory Review Act To Require Federal Agencies To More Frequently Review The Impact Of Financial Regulations. In March 2018, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would modify the cycle for federal financial regulators to review rules under the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 from once every 10 years to once every seven years. It would require agencies conducting such reviews to seek to tailor existing regulations to limit regulatory compliance impacts, costs, liability risks and other burdens, and would expand the agencies' scope of rules under review to include those that impose requirements on individuals or companies that offer consumer financial products or services.” The bill passed, 264-143. [HR 4607, [Vote #95](#), 3/6/18; CQ, [3/6/18](#)]

Under The Legislation, Agencies Would Be Required To Reduce The Cost Of Compliance For Regulated Entities. “The legislation amends the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act to require the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council and each federal financial agency to conduct a regulatory review every seven years. The 1996 law only requires financial agencies to conduct regulatory reviews every 10 years and exempts agencies such as the independent Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and National Credit Union Administration from the required reviews. Under the new legislation, agencies would be required to tailor regulations in an effort to reduce burdens on covered entities, including the cost of regulatory compliance and liability risk.” [The Hill, [3/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill To Ease Operational Risk Capital Requirements Imposed On Certain Financial Institutions. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require federal banking regulators to base operational risk capital requirements imposed on certain financial institutions on the bank's current activities and businesses, as opposed to past experiences and losses. It would also allow for regulators to adjust capital risk

requirements based on other operational risk mitigation factors.” The bill passed by a vote of 245-169. [HR 4296, [Vote #89](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#)]

Americans For Financial Reform Opposed The Bill, Calling It “A Transparent Attempt To Pressure Regulators To Reduce Capital Protections At The Nation’s Largest Banks.” “On behalf of Americans for Financial Reform, we are writing to urge you to vote in opposition to H.R. 4296, which is being considered on the House floor today. This bill is a transparent effort to boost big bank profits by pressuring regulators to weaken public protections. If it were passed, major Wall Street banks could increase their borrowing and reduce the private capital they hold to protect the financial system and the public against the effects of a megabank failure. [...] H.R. 4296 is a transparent attempt to pressure regulators to reduce capital protections at the nation’s largest banks, and it should be rejected.” [Americans for Financial Reform, [2/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring Systemically Banks That Had Previously Engaged In Unsafe Banking Practices To Continue To Be Subjected To Requirements. In February 2018, Taylor voted against: “Waters, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt any global systemically important bank holding company or any subsidiary that has ‘engaged in a pattern or practice of unsafe or unsound banking practices’ from the bill’s provisions.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 185-228. [HR 4296, [Vote #88](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Lenders From Increasing The Maximum Rate Of Interest After The Loan Is Sold Or Reassigned. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would amend the Home Owners’ Loan Act, the Federal Credit Union Act, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to codify the ‘valid-when-made’ doctrine, which requires that the rate of interest of certain loans remain unchanged after sale, assignment or transfer of the loans.” The bill passed by a vote of 245-171. [HR 3299, [Vote #78](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill To Modify Financial Services Regulations, Including Exempting State Regulations When Securities Qualified For Trading In A Registered National Market System. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would modify regulations related to financial services, including exempting from state regulations all securities that qualify for trading in any registered national market system, the listing standards of which have been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission. It would also prohibit the SEC, unless it has issued a subpoena, from compelling a person to produce or furnish source code for automated trading to the agency, including algorithmic trading source code. It would exempt, for an additional five years, emerging growth companies from the requirement that an independent auditor attest to management’s assessment of the company’s internal controls over financial reporting. It would require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to consider the appropriateness of imposing heightened prudential standards as opposed to other forms of regulation to mitigate identified risks to the U.S. financial stability when determining whether to subject a U.S. or a foreign nonbank financial company to supervision by the Federal Reserve. In addition, the bill would modify the mortgage disclosure requirements that must be provided by a lender to borrowers by allowing the disclosure to include a discounted rate that a title insurance company may provide to borrowers if they were to simultaneously purchase both a lenders and owners title insurance policy.” The bill passed by a vote of 271-145. [HR 3978, [Vote #77](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#)]

Americans For Financial Reform Opposed The Bill, Calling It A “Grab Bag Of Bad Legislative Ideas,” Including A Provision Limiting The SEC’s Ability To Investigate High Frequency Trading Strategies. “On behalf of Americans for Financial Reform, we are writing to urge you to vote in opposition to H.R. 3978, which is being considered on the House floor today. This legislation is a grab bag of bad legislative ideas that should never have advanced through the House Financial Services Committee. Especially notable given the recent wild swings in stock prices, Title II of this bill would sharply limit the ability of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to investigate high-frequency automated trading strategies that can disrupt markets. But that is hardly the only harmful bill in this package. There are several other provisions that would weaken consumer and investor protections. [...] The sections of H.R. 3978 discussed above are, individually, bad bills for consumers and investors rights and protections. Packaging them together only worsens the harm. We urge you to reject H.R. 3978.” [Americans for Financial Reform, [2/13/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Amending A Financial Services Bill To Allow Executive Compensation To Be Clawed Back If A Company Was Not Compliant With Reporting Requirements. In February 2018, Taylor voted against: “Capuano D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would extend the current policy requiring executive officer incentive-based compensation be clawed-back in a case where the issuer is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to noncompliance with any reporting requirements under securities laws.” The motion failed by a vote of 189-228. [HR 3978, [Vote #76](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#); Congressional Budget Office, [1/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of A Bill To Increase The Minimum Asset Threshold At Which Banks Were Subject To Risk-Based Capital Requirements. In February 2018, Taylor voted for passage of the Small Bank Holding Company Relief Act of 2012, a bill that “would require the Federal Reserve Board to increase, from \$1 billion to \$3 billion, the asset limit for banks and holding companies exempt from certain leverage and risk-based capital requirements and therefore allowed to have higher debt levels than larger institutions.” The bill was passed, 280-139. [H.R. 4771, [Vote #66](#), 2/8/18; CQ, [2/8/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill That Created An Exception To Rules Meant To Reduce Risky, High-Cost Mortgages. In February 2018, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would exclude insurance paid at closing into escrow, as well as fees paid for related services to lender-affiliated companies, from the three percent cap on points and fees imposed on qualified mortgages by modifying the definition of ‘points and fees.’” According to the Center for Responsible Lending, “the Mortgage Choice Act would allow many more risky, high-cost loans to qualify as Qualified Mortgage (QM) loans by creating exceptions to the points and fees threshold.” The bill passed, 280-131. [H.R. 1153, [Vote #64](#), 2/8/18; CQ, [2/8/18](#); Center for Responsible Lending, [11/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Exempting Certain Banks From Reporting And Record-Keeping Requirements If They Issued Below A Certain Number Of Mortgages Or Lines Of Credit. In January 2018, Taylor voted for formation on loans if a depository institution originated a limited number of closed-end mortgage loans or open-end lines of credit in in each of the two preceding calendar years.” The bill passed 243-184. [H.R. 2954, [Vote #32](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring Mortgage Lenders To Attest That They Are In Compliance With Fair Lending Laws And That Employees Have Taken Anti-Discrimination Training. In January 2018, Taylor voted against: “Ellison, D-Minn., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require a depository institution utilizing the bill's exemptions to annually attest that the institution is in compliance with all relevant federal fair lending laws and attest that its employees have completed anti-discrimination training.” The motion failed 191 to 236. [H.R. 2954, [Vote #31](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering Legislation To Exempt Some Depository Institutions From Certain Mortgage Records Disclosure Requirements And Authorize \$3.29 Billion For The United States' Contribution To The World Bank's International Development Association. In January 2018, Taylor voted for depository institutions from certain mortgage records disclosure requirements. It would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 3326) that would authorize \$3.29 billion for the United States' contribution to the World Bank's International Development Association for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2020, but would, for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2023, withhold up to 30 percent of authorized funding to the bank until the Treasury secretary reports to Congress that the World Bank is undertaking certain changes.” The rule was adopted 228-188. [H Res 693, [Vote #21](#), 1/17/18; CQ, [1/17/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Requiring Proxy Financial Advisory Firms To Register With The SEC. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require proxy advisory firms to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The bill would require such firms to disclose potential conflicts of interest, disclose whether they have a code of ethics, and make publicly available their methodologies for formulating proxy recommendations and analyses” The bill passed 238 to 182. [HR 4015, [Vote #702](#), 12/20/17; CQ, [12/20/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Eliminating Enhanced Supervision For Banks With Assets Totaling More Than \$50 Billion. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would modify the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul by eliminating the requirement for automatic enhanced supervision of bank holding companies with assets totaling more than \$50 billion in value, and would require that the Federal Reserve make such designations for enhanced supervision based on factors including the bank’s activities and relationships.” The bill passed 288 to 130. [HR 3312, [Vote #694](#), 12/19/17; CQ, [12/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of Bills Loosening Enhanced Supervision Bank Regulations And Presenting The Tax Overhaul Conference Report. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 667) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3312) that would modify the enhanced supervision requirement for certain bank holding companies, and provide for consideration of the conference report to accompany the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (HR 1).” The rule was adopted 233 to 193. [H Res 667, [Vote #689](#), 12/19/17; CQ, [12/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Allowing Financial Institutions To Stop Sending Annual Privacy Notices To Their Consumers. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would exempt vehicle financial companies that have not changed their privacy policies, including companies that share or sell information on consumers to unaffiliated third parties, from the requirement that such companies provide annual written privacy notices to consumers. In order to qualify for the exemption, the company’s privacy notice must be available online, and the consumer must be notified of the availability of online privacy notices by other means.” The bill passed 275 to 146. [HR 2396, [Vote #682](#), 12/14/17; CQ, [12/14/17](#)]

Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY): HR 2396 Was Too Broad, Especially Given The Lack Of Privacy Customers Had. “A bill opponent, Rep. Nydia Velazquez, D-N.Y., said the proposed exemption was far too broad given the power financial firms have to use their customers’ personal information.” [Concord Monitor, [12/17/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Requiring Proxy Financial Advisory Firms To Register With The SEC. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 657) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2396) that would exempt financial service companies from a requirement that they send customers annual written privacy notices, and would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 4015) that would require proxy financial advisory firms to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission.” The rule was adopted 240-184. [H Res 657, [Vote #679](#), 12/13/17; CQ, [12/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Allowing Certain Lenders To Forego Mortgage Escrow Requirements. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would exempt lenders with assets of \$10 billion or less from the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul requirement that such lenders establish escrow accounts for the first five years of so-called “high-priced” mortgage loans, if the lenders hold the loan on its own balance sheet for three years after the loan is made, and it would exempt companies that service up to 20,000 mortgage loans from current loan servicing and escrow account administration requirements.” The bill passed 294 to 129. [HR 3971, [Vote #675](#), 12/12/17; CQ, [12/12/17](#)]

Maxine Waters: HR 3971 Could “Set The Stage” For Another Financial Crisis. “A bill opponent, Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said dropping the regulations would ‘set the stage for a return of the harmful practices of the subprime meltdown and the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.’” [Concord Monitor, [12/17/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Exempting Home Manufacturing Companies From Mortgage-Related Regulatory Requirements And Increasing Threshold For “High Cost Mortgages.” In December 2017, Taylor did not vote on: “Passage of the bill that would change the definitions of ‘mortgage originator’ and ‘loan originator’ to exempt companies that manufacture homes and sell manufactured homes from various mortgage-related regulatory requirements. It would increase the maximum allowable rates and fees that may be applied to a manufactured home

loan before the loan is classified as a high-cost mortgage.” The bill passed 256 to 163. [HR 1699, [Vote #651](#), 12/1/17; CQ, [12/1/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Consideration Of Bills Increasing The Federal New Hire Probationary Period And Loosening Mortgage-Related Regulations. In November 2017, Taylor did not vote on: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 635) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 4182) that would change the probationary period for certain federal employees in new or promoted positions and provide for consideration of the bill (HR 1699) that would modify federal regulations regarding high-cost mortgages as they apply to manufactured housing.” The rule was adopted 226 to 186. [H Res 635, [Vote #645](#), 11/30/17; CQ, [11/30/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Allowing Startups To Sell Stock In Private Transactions Outside SEC’s Jurisdiction. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require an issuer of securities to meet a specific set of criteria in order for the issuer’s transactions to constitute a sale of ‘nonpublic’ securities that are exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission and from state regulation. It would require each purchaser to have a substantive pre-existing relationship with an officer or certain shareholders of the issuer, permit no more than 35 purchasers under the exemption over the preceding 12 months, and would cap, at \$500,000, the total aggregate amount of securities sold in the 12-month period preceding the transaction.” The bill passed 232-188. [HR 2201, [Vote #622](#), 11/9/17; CQ, [11/9/17](#)]

Voterama In Congress: HR 2201 Would Allow Startups To Sell Stock In Private Transactions Outside SEC’s Jurisdiction. “Deregulation of stock sales: The House on Nov. 9 voted, 232-188, to allow certain startups to sell relatively small sums of stock in private transactions free of Securities and Exchange Commission registration rules. Under the bill, firms would be exempt from registering securities if the aggregate amount of the private offering is less than \$500,000 over 12 months and there are 35 or fewer purchasers, each of whom has a pre-existing relationship with the issuer. A yes vote was to pass HR 2201 over arguments it could lead to fraudulent offerings.” [Voterama in Congress via GoErie.com, [11/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Allowing Startups To Sell Stock In Private Transactions Outside SEC’s Jurisdiction. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 609) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2201) that would require an issuer of securities to meet a specific set of criteria in order for the issuer’s transactions to constitute a sale of ‘nonpublic’ securities that are exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission and from state regulation.” The resolution was adopted 233-190. [H Res 609, [Vote #617](#), 11/8/17; CQ, [11/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of The Joint Resolution Nullifying The Consumer Financial Protection Rule Prohibiting Mandatory Arbitration Clauses. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule that prohibits mandatory arbitration clauses in consumer contracts related to financial services and products.” The joint resolution passed by a vote of 231-190. [H J RES 111, [Vote #412](#), 7/25/17; CQ, [7/25/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Moving Forward With Consideration Of A Joint Resolution Nullifying The Consumer Financial Protection Rule Prohibiting Mandatory Arbitration Clauses. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 468) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution (H J Res 111) that would nullify and disapprove of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule that prohibits mandatory arbitration clauses in certain consumer contracts.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 233-188. [H RES 468, [Vote #411](#), 7/25/17; CQ, [7/25/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For The CHOICE Act To “Overhaul Financial Industry Regulations And Repeal Many Provisions Of The 2010 Dodd-Frank Law.” In June 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency funded by annual appropriations and would modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission. It would repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading and would modify regulations governing the amount

of capital that banks are required to maintain. It would also nullify the Labor Department's April 2016 "fiduciary" rule regarding standards for individuals who provide retirement investment advice to act in the best interests of their clients." The bill passed 233-186. [HR 10, [Vote #299](#), 6/8/17; CQ Floor Votes, [6/8/17](#)]

HEADLINE: House passes Choice Act that would gut Dodd-Frank banking reforms [CNBC, [6/8/17](#)]

New York Times: CHOICE Act "To Erase A Number Of Core Financial Regulations," Including Limits On Risk Taking Enacted After The Financial Crash, And "Would Weaken The Powers Of The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau." "The House approved legislation on Thursday to erase a number of core financial regulations put in place by the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act, as Republicans moved a step closer to delivering on their promises to eliminate rules that they claim have strangled small businesses and stagnated the economy. [...] The Choice Act would exempt some financial institutions that meet capital and liquidity requirements from many of Dodd-Frank's restrictions that limit risk taking. It would also replace Dodd-Frank's method of dealing with large and failing financial institutions, known as the orderly liquidation authority — which critics say reinforces the idea that some banks are too big to fail — with a new bankruptcy code provision. In addition, the legislation would weaken the powers of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau." [New York Times, [6/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill That Would Repeal Many Provisions Of The Dodd-Frank Law. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 375) that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency, modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission, modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain, and repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading." The rule was adopted, 231-188. [H Res 375, [Vote #291](#), 6/7/17; CQ, [6/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Roll Back Regulations For Mutual Holding Companies. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: "Faso, R-N.Y., amendment that would modify federal regulations governing the valuation process for mutual holding companies in the event of a full conversion from mutual-form to stock-form of ownership." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Faso said that the amendment "restores the dividend waiver process to what it was prior to Dodd-Frank" for mutual holding companies." The amendment was adopted, 235-184. [HR 10, [Vote #297](#), 6/8/17; CQ, [6/8/17](#); Congressional Record, [6/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Allow Pooled Investment Funds With A Fixed Number Of Shares To Benefit From A Streamlined Registration Process That Bigger Companies Use. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: "Hollingsworth, R-Ind., amendment that would allow certain closed-end companies registered as investment companies to be considered 'well-known seasoned issuers' under federal regulations." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Hollingsworth said, this amendment would allow "companies that meet certain criteria to have the same equivalence as bigger companies that also have access to capital markets by making them available to those fast lanes that allow them to issue shares." The amendment was adopted, 231-180. [HR 10, [Vote #296](#), 6/8/17; CQ, [6/8/17](#); Congressional Record, [6/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Allowing Consideration Of A Bill That Would "Likely... Increase Industry Influence" Over The Copyright Office. In April 2017, Taylor voted for "Adoption of the rule (H Res 275) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would modify the process for selecting and appointing the U.S. Copyright Office's Register of Copyrights and would limit a Register of Copyrights' term to 10 years." The rule was adopted by a vote of 237-186. [HR 1695 (HRes 275), [Vote #225](#), 2/26/17; CQ, [2/26/17](#)]

Electronic Frontier Foundation: HR 1695 Would "Effectively Strip The Librarian Of Congress Of Oversight Over The Register, And Is Likely To Increase Industry Influence Over An Already Highly Politicized Office." "The U.S. House of Representatives today voted 378 to 48 to pass a controversial bill that would make the Register of Copyrights a presidential appointee. H.R. 1695, the Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017, will effectively strip the Librarian of Congress of oversight over the

Register, and is likely to increase industry influence over an already highly politicized office. The bill does nothing to improve the functioning of the Copyright Office, nor to fix any of the serious problems with copyright law, including its excessive and unpredictable penalties.” [EFF.org, [4/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Allowing Consideration Of A Bill To Permit More Investors To Join In On A Venture Capital Fund. In April 2017, Taylor voted for the “ adoption of the rule (H Res 242) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would increase from 100 to 250 the number of accredited investors who can form a venture capital fund to invest in small businesses.” The amendment passed 240 to 181. [HR 242, [Vote #218](#), 4/5/17; CQ, [4/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Allowing Consideration Of A Bill To Permit More Securities To Be Used For Employee Compensation Without Disclosing Some Information To Investors . In April 2017, Taylor voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 240) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to increase from \$5 million to \$10 million the annual amount of securities that privately-held companies can sell for employee compensation without needing to disclose certain information to investors.” The amendment passed 238 to 177. [HR 240, [Vote #214](#), 4/4/17; CQ, [4/4/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Changing Federal Rules Governing Civil Lawsuits To Require Federal Courts To Impose Sanctions On Parties That File Frivolous Lawsuits. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would change federal rules governing civil lawsuits to require federal courts to impose sanctions on parties that file frivolous civil lawsuits. The sanctions would need to include monetary payments to the other party to cover the other party's attorney fees and costs. The bill also would eliminate the so-called "safe harbor" clause by removing the ability of parties to withdraw or correct claims considered frivolous within 21 days of filing.” The bill passed by a vote of 230-188. [HR 720, [Vote #158](#), 3/10/17; CQ, [3/10/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Recommitting The Lawsuit Reduction Act With Instructions To Exempt Any Civil Action Related To The Constitution’s Foreign Emoluments Clause. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Lofgren, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions any civil action related to the foreign emoluments clause in the Constitution.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 186-232. [HR 720, [Vote #157](#), 3/10/17; CQ, [3/10/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Actions Related To Federal Whistleblower Or Anti-Retaliation Laws From The Lawsuit Reduction Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Jeffries, D-N.Y., amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions actions related to federal whistleblower or anti-retaliation laws.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by roll call vote, 189-229. [HR 720, [Vote #156](#), 3/10/17; CQ, [3/10/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Removing A Provision From The Lawsuit Reduction Act That Sanctions For Frivolous Lawsuits Cover The Other Party’s Legal Fees. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would remove the bill's provision that sanctions for frivolous lawsuits would need to include monetary payments to the other party to cover the other party's attorney fees and costs.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 185-225. [HR 720, [Vote #154](#), 3/10/17; CQ, [3/10/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Retaining And Modifying The “Safe Harbor” Clause, Which Allows Parties To Withdraw Or Correct Claims Considered Frivolous Within Fourteen Days Of Filing. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Soto, D-Fla., that would retain and modify the so-called ‘safe harbor’ clause related to frivolous civil lawsuits by allowing parties to withdraw or correct claims considered frivolous within 14 days of filing.” The clause was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 181-225. [HR 720, [Vote #153](#), 3/10/17; CQ, [3/10/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Recommitting HR 725, A Bill Seeking To Prevent Fraudulent Joinder, With An Amendment Exempting Civil Actions Related To Government Ethics. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Kuster, D-N.H., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back

immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions civil actions related to government ethics." The motion was rejected by a vote of 187-233. [HR 725, [Vote #151](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Cases In Which The Plaintiff Seeks Compensation Related To The Bad Faith Of An Insurer From HR 725, A Bill Seeking To Prevent Fraudulent Joinder. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the "Cartwright, D-Pa., amendment that would exempt cases in which the plaintiff seeks compensation related to the bad faith of an insurer." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 187-229. [HR 725, [Vote #150](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Amending Title 28, United States Code, To Prevent Fraudulent Joinder. In March 2017, Taylor voted for "passage of the bill that would - for purposes of determining whether certain lawsuits are sent back from federal to state courts - establish a new standard for determining whether a defendant has been fraudulently joined to a case. Under the measure, federal courts would have to deny motions to remand a case back to state court if the court finds that there was fraud in the jurisdictional claim, the plaintiff's claim against that defendant is not possible or plausible under state law, or the plaintiff did not make their claim in good faith." The bill passed by a vote of 224-194. [HR 725, [Vote #152](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Cases Which The Plaintiff Seeks Compensation For Public Health Risks From HR 725, A Bill Seeking To Prevent Fraudulent Joinder. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the "Soto, D-Fla., amendment that would exempt cases in which the plaintiff seeks compensation for public health risks, including byproducts from hydraulic fracturing or water contamination." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-233. [HR 725, [Vote #149](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Recommitting The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Exempting Civil Actions Related To Protection Of Public Drinking Water. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the "Kildee, D-Mich., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions civil actions related to the protection of public drinking water supplies." The motion was rejected by a vote of 188-234. [HR 985, [Vote #147](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Exempting Claimants Living In Public Housing From The Bill's Provisions Related To Asbestos Trusts. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the "Espaillat, D-N.Y., amendment that would exempt claimants living in public housing from the bill's provisions related to asbestos trusts." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 193-228. [HR 985, [Vote #146](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Requiring That Asbestos Trusts Provide Reports Available To The Public Regarding Demands Received And Payments Made. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the "Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would replace the bill's provisions related to asbestos trusts with a requirement that asbestos trusts to provide a report available to the public regarding demands received and payments made." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 193-229. [HR 985, [Vote #145](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Exempting Civil Rights Cases From The Bill's Provisions. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the "Conyers, D-Mich., amendment that would exempt cases related to civil actions alleging violations of civil rights from the bill's provisions related to class actions." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 191-230. [HR 985, [Vote #144](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Exempting Civil Action Cases Alleging Fraud From The Bill's Provisions. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the "Johnson, D-Ga., amendment that would exempt cases related to civil actions alleging fraud from the bill's provisions related to class actions." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-230. [HR 985, [Vote #143](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Permitting Discovery Proceedings To Continue While Various Legal Motions Are Pending. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Soto, D-Fla., amendment that would permit discovery proceedings to continue while various legal motions are pending before a court.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 192-230. [HR 985, [Vote #142](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Removing The Bill’s Requirement That Attorneys’ Fee Awards To Be Based On Equitable Relief. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Deutch, D-Fla., amendment that would remove the bill’s requirement that attorneys’ fee awards to be based on equitable relief.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-228. [HR 985, [Vote #141](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Ensuring That There Is No Conflict Of Interest Between The Counsel And Plaintiff. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Deutch, D-Fla., amendment that would remove the bill’s prohibition on the use of class counsel if the named plaintiff is a present or former client or has a contractual relationship with the counsel.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 182-227. [HR 985, [Vote #140](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/16](#)]

Taylor Voted For Allowing Consideration Of A Bill Requiring Federal Courts To Impose Sanctions On Parties That File Frivolous Lawsuits. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “adoption of the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 720) that would require federal courts to impose sanctions on parties that file frivolous civil lawsuits. The rule would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 985) that would prohibit federal courts from certifying proposed classes of individuals for a class-action lawsuit unless each member of the class has suffered the same type and degree of injury. Additionally, the bill would require asbestos trusts to issue quarterly reports on claims made against the trusts and payouts made by the trusts for asbestos-related injuries.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 233-184. [HRes 180, [Vote #139](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of HR 238, The Commodity End-User Relief Act, Reauthorizing Operations Of The Commodity Futures Trading Commission. In January 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would reauthorize operations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission through fiscal 2021 at \$250 million annually. It would amend the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial regulatory overhaul to modify and clarify how the commission is to regulate derivatives and swaps. For example, it would modify certain requirements for end users of derivatives, such as farmers and utilities that use derivatives to hedge risk, to ensure they are not subject to the same requirements as entities whose main business derives from swaps. The measure would require the commission to conduct cost-benefit analyses of its proposed rules. As amended, it would exempt all inter-affiliate transactions from being regulated as swaps.” The bill passed by a vote of 239-182. [HR 238, [Vote #54](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To HR 238, The Commodity End-User Relief Act, Removing Provisions That Designate How The Commodity Futures Trading Commission Is To Limit Excessive Speculation. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Conaway, R-Texas, amendment that would remove provisions in existing law that specifically designate how the Commodity Futures Trading Commission is to limit excessive speculation.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 236-191. [HR 238, [Vote #52](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act. In January 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission to conduct cost-benefit analyses of proposed regulations. It also would direct the commission to assess costs and benefits of alternatives, including the option of not regulating. It would require the SEC to, within two years of issuing rules with an annual cost more than \$100 million, review whether these rules have met their goals. It also would require the SEC to periodically review existing rules and modify or repeal those found ineffective or excessively burdensome.” The bill passed by a vote of 243-184. [HR 78, [Vote #51](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring The SEC To Consider Whether Market Participants Would Have Incentive To Relocate Outside The U.S. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Bustos, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission, in determining the costs and benefits of proposed regulations, to consider whether market participants would have incentive to relocate outside the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 195-232. [HR 78, [Vote #50](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act, Requiring The SEC Chairman And Commissioners Undergo Ethics Training. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Raskin, D-Md., amendment that would require the chairman and commissioners of the Securities and Exchange Commission undergo conduct and ethical standards training in relation to prior employment at financial institutions before the bill's requirements for cost-benefit analysis of new rules and review of existing rules could take effect.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 196-231. [HR 78, [Vote #49](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act, Requiring The SEC Chairman And His Or Her Family To Divest From Banks Regulated By The Commission. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “DeSaulnier, D-Calif., amendment that would require the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the individual's immediate family members divest securities in financial institutions regulated by the commission before the bill's requirements for cost-benefit analysis of new rules and review of existing rules could take effect.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-233. [HR 78, [Vote #48](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act, Exempting Regulations Issued To Maintain U.S. Financial Stability. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Green, D-Texas, amendment that would exempt regulations issued to maintain or support U.S. financial stability.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 191-232. [HR 78, [Vote #47](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act, Requiring The SEC To Address Potential Conflicts Of Interest Related To Its Rulemaking. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Green, D-Texas, for Waters, D-Calif., amendment that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission, before issuing a regulation, to identify former employers of commissioners and senior staff that would receive any benefit from a proposed regulation. The commission would need to determine whether the proposal should be amended to remedy a conflict of interest. It also would set similar requirements regarding conflicts of interest related to employers of certain former commissioners and senior staff.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 192-233. [HR 78, [Vote #46](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of HR 79, Which Amends The Securities Act of 1933 To Ensure That Start-Ups Do Not Inadvertently Violating SEC Regulations Governing General Solicitation Of Potential Investors. In January 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise regulations to exempt presentations made at certain events where businesses offer unregistered securities in the private market from a requirement that companies verify that individuals attending are accredited investors. The exemption from the verification requirement would apply to presentations made at events sponsored by: government entities, colleges, nonprofit groups, angel investor groups, venture capital associations, trade associations or any additional group that the SEC determines by regulation. Specific information related to the offering of securities could not be distributed at such events, other than information such as the type and amount of securities offered.” The bill passed by a vote of 344-73. [HR 79, [Vote #31](#), 1/10/17; CQ, [1/10/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To HR 79 Regulating The Fees Event Sponsors Could Collect. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Clay, D-Mo., for Waters, D-Calif., amendment that would prohibit sponsors of events from receiving compensation for either introducing investors attending the event to issuers or for

negotiating investments in order for the event to be exempt from the requirement that companies verify that individuals attending are accredited investors.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 163-253. [HR 79, [Vote #30](#), 1/10/17; CQ, [1/10/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment Allowing Securities Advertisers To Disclose Risks Rather Than Verifying Individuals As Accredited Investors. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Velazquez, D-N.Y., amendment that would require sponsors of events to provide attendees with a disclosure that would describe the event and the risks of investing in the advertised securities in order for the event to be exempt from the requirement that companies verify that individuals attending are accredited investors.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 167-249. [HR 79, [Vote #29](#), 1/10/17; CQ, [1/10/17](#)]

Foreign Policy

Taylor Did Not Vote On Modifying Programs Managed By The U.S. Agency For International Development Aimed At Women's Entrepreneurship And Economic Empowerment. In December 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would modify programs managed by the U.S. Agency for International Development aimed at women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 352 – 18. [S. 3247, [Vote #492](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Directing The President To Appoint The Head Of The Office To Monitor And Combat Anti-Semitism As A Special Envoy With The Rank Of Ambassador. In September 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the president to appoint the head of the Office to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism within the Department of State as a special envoy with the rank of ambassador, who would report directly to the secretary of State.’ The motion was agreed to 393-2. [HR 1911, [Vote #398](#), 9/13/18; CQ, [9/13/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Codifying 5 Years Of Sanctions On Individuals Whose Actions Contribute To The Ongoing Instability And Conflict In The Democratic Republic Of The Congo. In November 2018, Taylor voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would codify for five years sanctions imposed by 2006 and 2014 executive orders on individuals whose actions contribute to ongoing instability and conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, unless the President determines that the DRC has made significant progress towards holding free and fair elections and respecting civil liberties as described in a 2016 United Nations resolution. It would also require the president to determine whether additional DRC senior government officials should be sanctioned under these provisions, and would order a State Department report on DRC government and military complicity in human rights abuses and corruption.” The motion was agreed to 374-11. [HR 6207, [Vote #422](#), 11/27/18; CQ, [11/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Directing The Secretary Of State To Develop An Interagency Initiative To Prevent Violence And Stabilize Conflict-Affected Areas Around The World. In November 2018, Taylor voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would direct the secretary of State to develop an interagency initiative to prevent violence and stabilize conflict-affected areas worldwide, in coordination with relevant federal departments and agencies, including the U.S. Agency for International Development and Department of Defense. It would require the secretary to submit to Congress 10-year plans for stabilization and prevention in at least six regions within 180 days of enactment.” The motion passed 376-16. [HR 5273, [Vote #421](#), 11/27/18; CQ, [11/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Motion To Table An Attempt By Democrats To Criticize The Nunes Memo. In February 2018, Taylor voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Pelosi, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pelosi resolution related to a memo released by the House Intelligence Committee on Feb. 2, 2018, does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” According to CNN, “House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi attempted to bring up a ‘privileged resolution’ criticizing the Nunes memo release, but it was ruled out of order in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.” The motion passed 236-190. [Motion, [Vote #57](#), 2/6/18; CQ, 2/6/18; CNN, [2/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Authorizing \$3.29 Billion For The U.S. Contribution To The World Bank's International Development Association. In January 2018, Taylor voted for Association for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2020. It would require that, for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2023, 15 percent of funds authorized to the World Bank be withheld until it the Treasury secretary reports that the bank is prioritizing poverty reduction and capable project management. An additional 15 percent would be withheld, for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2023, until the Treasury secretary reports that the bank's policies emphasize support for secure property rights and due process of law, and that the bank is strengthening its projects' ability to undermine violent extremism." The bill passed 237-184. [H.R. 3326, [Vote #24](#), 1/17/18; CQ, [1/17/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill Requiring The Department Of The Treasury To Report All Assets Under The Control Of High-Ranking Iranian Officials. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would require the Department of the Treasury to report to Congress on assets held in U.S. and foreign financial institutions that are under direct or indirect control certain high ranking Iranian officials, and how sanctions may be used to prevent the funds from being used to contribute to the continued development of ballistic missile technology by Iran. The bill requires that such a report be submitted to congress within 270 days of enactment, and that it be updated by the Department annually for at least two years thereafter." The bill passed 289 to 135. [HR 1638, [Vote #680](#), 12/13/17; CQ, [12/13/17](#)]

Rep. Denny Heck (D-Wash): HR 1638 Would Divert Resources From Terrorism Investigations. "A bill opponent, Rep. Denny Heck, D-Wash., said the time and effort used by Treasury employees to track down the leaders' assets would take resources away from investigations into terrorist financing and money laundering." [Concord Monitor, [12/17/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of Bills Requiring The Treasury Department To Create Reports On Iranian Assets And Iranian Aircraft Purchases And Exports. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 658) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1638) that would require the Treasury Department to compile and submit to Congress a report concerning Iranian assets held in U.S and foreign institutions, and would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 4324) that would require the Treasury secretary to submit reports to Congress on transactions of financial institutions associated with the purchase and export of aircraft on behalf of Iran." The rule was adopted 238 to 182. [H Res 658, [Vote #677](#), 12/13/17; CQ, [12/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: "Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment)," According to a House floor speech by Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-NY: "If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative Swalwell and Representative Cummings' bill, which would create a bipartisan commission to investigate the Russian interference in the 2016 election." **A vote for the amendment was a vote to block the bipartisan commission to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 election.** The motion was agreed to 230-193. [HRes 600, [Vote #600](#), 11/2/17; CQ, [11/2/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Requiring The Treasury Department To Create Reports On Iranian Aircraft Purchases And Exports. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would require the secretary of the Treasury to report to Congress on any U.S. or foreign financial institutions that are involved in financing the purchase or export of aircraft on behalf of Iran, and to certify that such transactions pose no money-laundering or terrorism-financing risk." The bill passed 252 to 167. [HR 4324, [Vote #684](#), 12/14/17; CQ, [12/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Repeal Of The 2001 Authorization For Use Of Force. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: "Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 478) that would provide for further House floor consideration of the bill making certain appropriations for fiscal 2018 (HR 3219), would provide for consideration of amendments to the Defense division of the bill, and would provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules through July 28,

2017.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to make in order Rep. Barbara Lee’s amendment repealing the 2001 authorization for use of military force.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the repeal of the 2001 authorization for use of force.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-185. [H RES 478, [Vote #426](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In June 2017, Taylor voted for the Democratic Previous Question that “would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.” The previous question passed 228-185. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 375, [Vote #290](#), 6/7/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [6/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of A Nonpartisan Commission To Investigate Russia’s Interference In The 2016 Election. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 374).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Hastings was going to propose “consideration of the bill (H.R.356) to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the commission. The previous questions carried, 228-189. [H Res 374, [Vote #288](#), 6/7/17; CQ, [6/7/17](#); Congressional Record, [6/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of A Nonpartisan Commission To Investigate Russia’s Interference In The 2016 Election. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Hastings said, “if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up a bipartisan bill, H.R. 356, which would create a nonpartisan commission to investigate Russian interference in our 2016 election. This marks the seventh time we tried to bring this bill to the House floor. On the previous six occasions, the Republican majority regrettably refused the House to even debate this important legislation.” A vote *for the previous question* was a vote to block the commission. The previous question carried, 230-189. [H Res 323, [Vote #259](#), 5/17/17; CQ, [5/17/17](#); Congressional Record, [H4237](#), 5/17/17]

Taylor Voted Against Preventing The Underlying Bill From Applying To Any Individual Who Withheld Information From Congress Related To An Investigation Regarding Russian Influence Of The 2016 Presidential Election. In April 2017, Taylor voted against a “motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent the bill’s provisions from applying to any individual that withheld information from Congress related to an investigation regarding individuals influencing the outcome of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.” The motion was rejected 228-185. [HR 1343, [Vote #215](#), 4/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/4/17]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The Creation Of A Commission Investigating Foreign Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 233) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA’s Science Advisory Board.” A vote in favor is a vote to prevent investigation into Russia’s interference in the 2016 election. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-191. [HRes 233, [Vote #203](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Establishing An Investigation Into Foreign Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 229).” A vote in favor of the motion is a vote to block consideration of a bipartisan bill, The Presidential Tax Transparency Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-189. [HRes 229, [Vote #197](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Rule Establishing The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the

previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 156).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference II Election.” A vote yes was against establishing the commission. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-189. [HRes 156, [Vote #115](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [3/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 123)” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” A vote yes was against establishing the commission. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-190. [HRes 123, [Vote #93](#), 2/15/17; CQ, [2/15/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/15/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of A National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In February 2017, Taylor voted for the “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 116)” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” A vote yes was against establishing the commission. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-188. [HRes 116, [Vote #90](#), 2/14/17; CQ, [2/14/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Resolution Calling On The Department Of Defense And Foreign Governments To Continue Efforts To Investigate, Recover, And Identify All Unaccounted For U.S. Personnel From Past Wars. In February 2018, Taylor voted for a motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution “that would call upon the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and other elements of the Defense Department, as well as other federal agencies and all foreign governments, to intensify efforts to investigate, recover, identify and as fully as possible account for all missing and unaccounted-for U.S. personnel worldwide.” The motion was agreed to, 411-0. [H.Res. 129, [Vote #75](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Hamas Human Shields Prevention Act. In February 2018, Taylor voted for a “motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the president to impose sanctions, including freezing of bank accounts and property in the United States, and the revocation or denial of visas, against members of Hamas who are responsible for ordering or directing the use of human shields. The measure would also call on the president to direct the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations to secure support for a resolution that would impose multilateral sanctions against Hamas for the use of human shields to protect combatants and military objects from attack.” The motion was agreed to, 415-0. [H.R. 3542, [Vote #74](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill Which Would Take Actions To Help Ukraine Improve Its Cybersecurity And Support U.S.-Ukraine Cooperation On Cybersecurity. In February 2018, Taylor voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the State Department to report to Congress on US and NATO efforts to strengthen cybersecurity in Ukraine and on new areas for bilateral collaboration. It would also express the sense of Congress that the department should support Ukraine's efforts to improve its cybersecurity as well as its ability to respond to Russian supported disinformation and propaganda efforts through social media and other outlets.” The bill passed, 404-3. [H.R. 1997, [Vote #62](#), 2/8/18; CQ, [2/8/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill To Allow The State Department To Offer Awards For The Arrest Or Conviction Of Foreign Nationals Accused Of War Crimes. In February 2018, Taylor voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow the secretary of State to make additional individuals eligible for rewards under the department's War Crimes Rewards Program. Individuals would be eligible if they provide information that leads to the arrest or conviction of foreign nationals who have committed genocide or war crimes as defined by an international tribunal, U.S. law, or the laws of another nation.” The bill passed, 407-0. [H.R. 3851, [Vote #61](#), 2/7/18; CQ, [2/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Motion Prohibiting The CFTC From Considering Foreign Swaps Regulatory Requirements Of Governments Found To Have Engaged In Cyber-Attacks On U.S. Elections. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Langevin, D-R.I., motion to recommit the bill to the House Agriculture Committee with instructions to report back immediately.” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would prohibit the Commodity Futures Trading Commission from considering the swaps regulatory requirements of a foreign jurisdiction as comparable to United States swaps requirements, if the Director of National Intelligence has found that foreign jurisdiction engaged in cyber-attacks targeting any election in the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 238, [Vote #53](#), 1/12/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, [1/12/17](#); CQ, 1/12/17]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Establishing The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 33) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 79) that would exempt certain events from a Securities and Exchange Commission requirement that calls for verification that attendees are accredited investors, and a bill (HR 5) that would modify the federal rule-making process by codifying certain requirements, including a requirement that agencies estimate the cost of proposed regulations, and would subject rules likely to cost more than \$100 million or \$1 billion annually to additional procedural steps.” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” A vote yes was against establishing the commission. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 234-179. [HRes 33, [Vote #26](#), 1/10/17; CQ, [1/10/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [1/10/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Expressing The House’s Opposition To A U.N. Security Council Resolution Criticizing Expansion Of Israeli Settlements In Unoccupied Areas. In January, 2017, Taylor voted for “adoption of the resolution that would express the House’s opposition to a U.N. Security Council resolution that criticized continued expansion of Israeli settlements in occupied areas” on the grounds that the U.N. Security Council Resolution was an obstacle to Israel-Palestinian peace. A yes vote was a vote to block criticism of the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 342-80. [HRes 11, [Vote #11](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [1/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Express The House’s Support For A Two-State Solution To The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 22).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H. Res. 23, which would express the sense of the House and reaffirm the United States policy in support of a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.” A yes vote was a vote to block consideration of the resolution. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 235-188. [HR 22, [Vote #9](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [1/15/17](#)]

Guns

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes.. In March 2018, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Thompson’s (CA) bill H.R. 4240; Mr. Clyburn’s bill H.R. 3464; Mr. Carbajal’s bill H.R. 2598; and Ms. Murphy’s bill H.R. 1478. These four bills close the dangerous gun show, internet sale, and classified ad background check loopholes; prevent the sale of guns without a completed background check; ensure that people who are a danger to themselves or others can be prevented from purchasing or possessing a gun; and allow the government to sponsor scientific research on the causes of gun violence.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bills.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-182. [H Res 780, [Vote #113](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/15/18](#)]

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Taylor Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons. The bill would require a twice-annual certification by all federal agencies, federal courts and state governments, in coordination with the Department of Justice, to verify that all relevant data has been reported and uploaded to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System regarding individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms.” The bill passed 231 to 198. [HR 38, [Vote #663](#), 12/6/17; CQ, [12/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 645) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 38) that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons.” The rule was adopted 232 to 194. [H Res 645, [Vote #660](#), 12/6/17; CQ, [12/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of The Select Committee On Gun Violence Prevention. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. McGovern, D-Ma., said: “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H. Res. 367, which would establish the Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention.” **A vote for the amendment was a vote to block the Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention.** The bill motion was agreed to 233-182. [HRes 607, [Vote #610](#), 11/7/17; CQ, [11/7/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Establishment Of A Select Committee On Gun Violence Prevention. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 553).” According to Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to defeat the previous question so we can bring up the Thompson bill [...] resolution (H. Res. 367) to establish the Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the establishment of the Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention. The previous question carried, 231-189. [H Res 553, [Vote #551](#), 10/4/17; CQ, [10/4/17](#); Congressional Record, [10/4/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting A Veterans Affairs Department Determination That An Individual Is Mentally Incompetent From Preventing The Individual From Buying A Gun. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would prohibit a Veterans Affairs Department determination that an individual is mentally incompetent from being used as basis for that individual’s inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which would thereby prevent the individual from purchasing a gun. Under the measure, an individual could not be considered to be mentally defective without a judicial authority’s finding that the individual poses a danger to himself or herself or others.” The bill passed by a vote of 240-175. [HR 1181, [Vote #169](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Funding The Secure Our Schools Grant Program Through 2028, A Program Focused On Improving School Security And Training To Prevent Student Gun Violence. In March 2018, Taylor voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$75 million a year through

fiscal 2028 for the Secure Our Schools grant program and would revise it to more explicitly focus the program on preventing student violence. It would modify the program's mission to improve school security through evidence-based training and technical assistance to prevent violence. It would also expand the eligible uses for the grant to include help for state and local governments to provide training to prevent student violence, development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, and the development and operation of school threat assessment intervention teams.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 407-110. [HR 4990, [Vote #106](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Motion To Kill A Democratic Attempt To Consider Legislation On Gun Regulations. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Thompson, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Thompson resolution related to the consideration of legislation related to gun regulations does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-184. [Motion, [Vote #83](#), 2/26/18; CQ, [2/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The Social Security Administration From Sharing Information With The National Instant Criminal Background Check System On People With Mental Disorders In Order To Prevent Them From Purchasing Firearms. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Social Security Administration rule that outlines reporting of information by the agency for inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for gun purchases about certain non-elderly individuals with mental impairments who receive disability insurance or Supplemental Security Income benefits and use a “representative payee” because they cannot manage their benefit payments.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 235-180. [HJRes 40, [Vote #77](#), 2/2/17; CQ, [2/2/17](#)]

Health Care

Taylor Voted For Allowing Health Savings Accounts To Be Used To Purchase Catastrophic Health Plans. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would modify the 2010 health care overhaul law to allow anyone to purchase a ‘copper’ (catastrophic) plan through the law's insurance exchanges, and would extend the suspension of the annual tax on health insurers through 2021. It would also allow individuals on certain plans to use health savings accounts associated with their plans and would also increase the contribution limit for certain HSAs.” The bill passed, 242-176. [HR 6311, [Vote #376](#), 7/25/18; CQ, [7/25/18](#)]

Seattle Times: The Bill Would Allow HSA’s To Be Used To Purchase “Copper” Or Catastrophic Plans. “By a vote of 242 for and 176 against, the House on July 25 passed a bill (HR 6311) that would expand access to the Affordable Care Act’s catastrophic, or “copper,” health plans. [...] In part, the bill would allow Health Savings Accounts to be used to purchase copper plans, make the plans available to seniors on Medicare Part A and allow tax credits to be used to subsidize their premiums.” [Seattle Times, [7/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Repealing Provisions Of The Affordable Care Act That Limit Payments For Medications From Health Savings Accounts. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would make a number of changes to health savings accounts. It would permit certain plans to pay for initial medical services before the plan's deductible kicks in, and would allow an individual to have an HSA in addition even if they also have certain other types of health care coverage in addition to a high deductible plan. It would also permit an individual to contribute to an HSA even if their spouse has a flexible spending account, and would allow the use of HSAs to pay for over-the-counter medical products, as well as some sport and fitness expenses.” According to the Congressional Research Service “This bill repeals provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as added by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, that limit payments for medications from health savings accounts, medical savings accounts, health flexible spending arrangements, and health reimbursement arrangements to only prescription drugs or insulin (thus allowing distributions from such accounts for over-the-counter drugs). The bill also allows the accounts to be used for menstrual care products.” The bill passed, 277-142. [HR 6199, [Vote #377](#), 7/25/18; CQ, [7/25/18](#); Congress.gov, [7/19/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Expanding Medicare And Medicaid Coverage To Include Medication-Assisted Treatment For Substance Use Disorder. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “Walden, R-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to HR 6, with an amendment that would modify Medicare and Medicaid and a variety of other health programs in relation to opioid abuse. It would expand both Medicare and Medicaid to cover medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorder and would place new requirements on states regarding Medicaid drug review and utilization requirements. It would appropriate \$15 million annually, from fiscal 2019 through 2023, to support the establishment or operation of public health laboratories to detect synthetic opioids. As amended, the bill would allow Medicaid patients with opioid use or cocaine use disorders to stay up to 30 days per year in certain treatment facilities with more than 16 beds.” The motion was agreed to 393-8. [H Res 1099, [Vote #415](#), 9/28/18; CQ, [9/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Amending A Bill On Copper Health Care Plans To Delay Provisions Enactment Until Two Federal Health Insurance Funds Were Solvent. In July 2018, Taylor voted against “Frankel, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit enactment of the bill's provisions until the annual reports from the Board of the Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund indicate that such funds are solvent.” The motion was rejected 187-229. [HR 6311, [Vote #375](#), 7/25/18; CQ, [7/25/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of The Protect Medical Innovation Act, Which Repealed The Medical Device Tax. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would fully repeal the 2.3 percent excise tax on the sale of a medical device by the manufacturer, producer, or importer after Dec. 31, 2019.” The bill passed, 283-132. [HR 184, [Vote #372](#), 7/24/18; CQ, [7/24/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Funds Being Used To Enforce The Liability Provisions Of D.C.’s Individual Mandate. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “Rothfus, R-Pa., amendment no. 85, that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill from being used to seize property as a means of enforcing the liability provisions of the District of Columbia's individual mandate.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 231 – 184. [HR 6147, [Vote #361](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Funds Being Used For The Multi-State Plan Program Created By The Affordable Care Act. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “Meadows, R-N.C., amendment no. 84, that would prohibit any funds appropriated by the bill from being used for the multi-state plan program created by the 2010 health care overhaul.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 223-192. [HR 6147, [Vote #360](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting D.C. From Using Funds To Enforce Certain Health Insurance Requirements. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “Palmer, R-Ala., amendment no. 83, that would prohibit the District of Columbia from using funds appropriated by the bill to enforce certain health insurance requirements.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 226-189. [HR 6147, [Vote #359](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would modify Medicare and Medicaid and a variety of other health programs in relation to opioid abuse. It would expand both Medicare and Medicaid to cover medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorder, would require all state Medicaid programs, beginning Jan 1, 2020, to operate pharmacy programs that identify people at high risk of abusing controlled substance, and would place new requirements on states regarding Medicaid drug review and utilization requirements. It would appropriate \$15 million annually, from fiscal 2019 through 2023, to support the establishment or operation of public health laboratories to detect synthetic opioids.” The bill passed by a vote of 396-14. [HR 6, [Vote #288](#), 6/22/18; CQ, [6/22/18](#)]

HEADLINE: House passes comprehensive bill to combat growing opioid epidemic [ABC News, [6/22/18](#)]

HR 6 Was A “Catchall Bill” That Incorporated A Number Of Proposals To Curb Opioid Addiction Relating To Medicaid, Medicare, And Public Health. “The House on Friday passed, 396-14, a bill (HR 6) that will serve as the legislative vehicle for many of the 55 other House-passed bills designed to curb opioid addiction, ending two weeks of floor votes on opioids measures. The catchall bill would incorporate a number of proposals from the Energy and Commerce and the Ways and Means committees relating to Medicaid, Medicare, and public health.” [CQ, [6/22/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Amending An Opioid Bill To Appropriate \$995 Million, Over Three Years, For Opioid Grant Programs. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Tonko, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would appropriate \$995 million annually, for fiscal 2019 through 2021, for state opioid grant programs and would allow the Health and Human Services Department to increase the number of residency positions at hospitals that have established programs related to addiction.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 185-226. [HR 6, [Vote #287](#), 6/22/18; CQ, [6/22/18](#)]

Rep. Tonko: Motion Would Show States That Congress Was Making “Sustained, Meaningful Investments” In The Opioid Crisis. ““Secondly, this motion would allot an additional \$1 billion annually to States through 2021 so that we can continue to invest in locally designed prevention, treatment, and recovery solutions. It is clearly going to take more than 2 years to battle the epidemic, and we need to let providers in States know that we are making sustained, meaningful investments in this area. Finally, our motion to recommit includes a commonsense prescription drug policy which will reduce prescription drug prices for all Americans by reducing gaming by drug manufacturers to prevent generics from coming to market.” [Congressional Record, [6/22/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Additional Funds For State Grants To Combat The Opioid Crisis And Conduct Research On Addiction And Pain Related To Substance Misuse. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the 21st Century Cures Act to provide additional funds for state grants to address the opioid crisis. Further, the bill provides additional funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for state grants to conduct research on addiction and pain related to substance misuse.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 221-185. [H Res 949, [Vote #273](#), 6/20/18; CQ, [6/20/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Appropriation Of \$2.5 Billion In Additional State Grants To Combat The Opioid Epidemic. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the 21st Century Cures Act to appropriate \$2.5 billion to provide additional funds for state grants to help combat the opioids abuse health epidemic.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 230-183. [H Res 934, [Vote #261](#), 6/13/18; CQ, [6/13/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/13/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Right To Try Act, Allowing Dying Patients To Access Experimental Medications From Drug Manufactures Without FDA Approval. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow patients with life-threatening diseases or conditions who are not participating in clinical trials to seek access to experimental and investigational drugs directly from a drug manufacturer, without approval by the Food and Drug Administration. It would require that in order for the patient to be eligible, the patient must first try all approved treatment options and be unable to participate in a clinical trial. Only drugs that have completed phase 1 clinical trials, that have not been approved or licensed for any use, and that are currently under an active FDA application or are undergoing clinical trials would be eligible for use under the bill's provisions.” The bill passed 250 to 169. [S 204, [Vote #214](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Amending Bill To Require FDA And Drug Manufacturers To Produce Annual Summaries On Usage Of Experimental Drugs For Dying Patients. In May 2018, Taylor voted against:

“Schakowsky, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require both the Food and Drug Administration and the manufacturers of drugs eligible under the bill to produce annual summaries on the usage of such drugs.” The motion failed 187-231. [S 204, [Vote #213](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act, Allowing Medical Professionals To Access Substance Abuse Patients’ Abuse-Related Medical Files Without Their Consent. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow certain medical professionals to access patients' medical files related to substance abuse without their explicit consent if they are treating a patient for a substance abuse disorder. The bill would allow disclosure of such medical records to public health authorities if an individual's identifying information is not included. The bill would prohibit disclosure of such records as part of law enforcement activities.” The bill passed by a vote of 357-57. [H.R. 6082, [Vote #278](#), 6/20/18; CQ, [6/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Removing Provisions Allowing Medical Professionals To Access Patients’ Medical Files Related To Substance Abuse Without Their Consent. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would remove the bill's provisions that would allow certain medical professionals to access patients' medical files related to substance abuse without their explicit consent and would instead require the secretary of Health and Human Services to identify model programs for training health care providers in the appropriate use and disclosure of patient health records.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 175-240. [H.R. 6082, [Vote #277](#), 6/20/18; CQ, [6/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Allowing Medicaid Coverage Of Up To 30 Days Of Opioid Abuse Treatment At Inpatient Mental Health Facilities. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would temporarily allow, until 2023, the use of Medicaid funds to pay for substance use disorder treatment at certain inpatient mental health treatment facilities. It would require states, to be eligible for such funds, to include in their state Medicaid plan information on how the state will improve access to outpatient care, the process to be used for transitioning individuals to appropriate outpatient care, and how individuals will be screened and assessed. The bill would limit an individual to a maximum of 30 days of inpatient treatment in a 12-month period that could be covered by Medicaid.” According to CBS News, the bill “would allow state Medicaid programs to cover up to 30 days of care for eligible individuals which an opioid use disorder. The law currently bars federal Medicaid funds from being used to pay for treatment at larger inpatient mental health facilities, which has contributed to the shortage of treatment options.” The bill passed by a vote of 261-155. [H.R. 5797, [Vote #276](#), 6/20/18; CQ, [6/20/18](#); CBS News, [6/22/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Providing Federal Matching Funds For Medicaid Coverage Of Substance Abuse Treatment. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Castor, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would replace the bill's provisions with a program that would provide federal matching funds for the treatment for eligible individuals suffering from substance abuse disorders. It would require that states extend Medicaid eligibility to receive such federal funds.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-226. [H.R. 5797, [Vote #275](#), 6/20/18; CQ, [6/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Creating Sentencing Guidelines For Manufacturing Or Distributing Synthetic Opioids. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would create a new category of controlled substances, "schedule A," for drugs or substances that have similar chemical structures or effects as controlled substances in schedules I through V. It would immediately classify certain fentanyl analogues as schedule A drugs. The bill would establish maximum penalties for the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of schedule A drugs, though possession of such substances alone would not constitute a basis for criminal or civil penalties.” The bill passed, 239-142. [H.R. 2851, [Vote #268](#), 6/15/18; CQ, [6/15/18](#)]

Democrats Warned The Bill Would Impose Mandatory Minimum Sentences, Filling Prisons With Low-Level Drug Offenders. “The House on Friday passed Rep. John Katko's bill aimed at combating the opioid

epidemic by making it easier for the federal government to stop the importation and distribution of synthetic drugs. But Democrats who opposed the bill warned the law would also impose mandatory minimum sentences, filling up the nation's prisons with low-level drug offenders rather than expanding treatment options [...] House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer said before the vote that the bill could have unintended consequences. 'This legislation lacks clarity that could result in thousands of Americans being incarcerated, potentially for life sentences, thus exacerbating an already over-populated prison system,' Hoyer said. "'Those suffering from opioid addiction need treatment and proper medical care, not more laws that will simply put them behind bars.'" [Syracuse Post-Standard, [6/15/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Setting Guidelines For How Law Enforcement Would Determine If A Controlled Substance Analogue Was Intended For Human Consumption. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: "Thornberry, R-Texas, amendment that would set guidelines for how law enforcement should determine if a controlled substance analogue is intended for human consumption." The motion was adopted by a vote of 223-158. [HR 2851, [Vote #267](#), 6/15/18; CQ, [6/15/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Establishing A Pilot Program For Transitional Housing Programs Focused On Substance Use Disorders. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would establish a pilot program that would provide 10,000 Section 8 Housing Choice vouchers, or 0.5 percent of such available vouchers, whichever is less, to nonprofit entities to pay for individuals to live in supportive and transitional housing programs that provide treatment for opioid use disorders or other substance use disorders. Non-profit entities would be required to provide an evidence-based treatment program and a jobs skills training program, and meet various other standards to qualify for vouchers under the pilot program." The bill passed by a vote of 230-173. [HR 5735, [Vote #266](#), 6/14/18; CQ, [6/14/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Securing the International Mail Against Opioids Act, Requiring The U.S. Postal Service Obtain Electronic Tracking Data For Any Packages Entering The United States. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would require the U.S. Postal Service to obtain advance electronic tracking data, including the shipment's contents and intended recipients, for packages entering the United States. The bill would require the U.S. Postal Service to pass information about such packages to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and would authorize a customs fee of \$1 per piece of inbound express mail to cover the cost of screening international mail. The bill would require the U.S Customs and Border Protection to develop technology for the detection of controlled substances in mail." The bill passed by a vote of 353-52. [HR 5788, [Vote #265](#), 6/14/18; CQ, [6/14/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Funding Grants For Providers That Offer Treatment Services For People With Opioid Use Disorders. In June 2018, Taylor did not vote on: "Carter, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$10 million annually, for fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023, for Health and Human Services Department grants for to providers that offer treatment services for people with opioid use disorders. It would require that there be at least 10 grants awarded to qualified providers." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 383-13. [HR 5327, [Vote #258](#), 6/12/18; CQ, [6/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Right To Try Act of 2018. In March 2018, Taylor Voted For: "passage of the bill that would allow eligible patients to seek access to drugs, through drug manufacturers, that have not yet been cleared by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The measure specifies that, in order to be eligible, a patient must be diagnosed with a disease or condition from which they are likely to die within a matter of months, or one that causes significant irreversible morbidity likely to lead to a severely premature death. The bill specifies that any such drugs that patients could try would need to have completed phase-one clinical trials, not have been approved or licensed for any use, and would need to currently be under an active FDA application or undergoing clinical trials." The bill passed 267 to 149. [H.R. 5247, [Vote #121](#), 3/21/18; CQ, [3/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Blocking An Amendment To The Right To Try Act To Require The FDA To Issue Guidance On Products Under View, And Provide Liability Protections To Physicians And Hospitals. In March 2018, Taylor voted against "Pallone, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the

Food and Drug Administration to issue guidance on how to expand access to products currently under review. It would also provide liability protections for drug manufacturers, physicians, clinical investigators and hospitals when they are involved in offering a product under expanded access.” The motion failed, 182 to 233. [H.R. 5247, [Vote #120](#), 3/21/18; CQ, [3/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Invest In Prevention And Treatment Of Opioid Addiction. In February 2018, Taylor voted for “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Ms. Kuster’s bill H.R. 4938 – Respond NOW Act. H.R. 4938 invests in the prevention and treatment of opioid addiction, including funding for education and awareness, research, health care workforce development and community-based interventions.” The motion was adopted, 231-188. [H. Res. 725, [Vote #54](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Authorizing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Improve Oral Health Education And Services. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$14 million annually, through fiscal 2022 for the Health Resources and Services Administration's dental health grant program and would allow funds to be used to provide comprehensive dental care to the elderly, children and individuals with disabilities. It would also authorize \$18 million annually, through fiscal 2022, for existing water fluoridation and school tooth sealant programs and a new Centers for Disease Control program to improve oral health education.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 387-13. [HR 2422, [Vote #82](#), 2/26/18; CQ, [2/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Authorizing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Conduct And Report On Research Regarding Congenital Heart Disease. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$4 million annually, through fiscal 2022, for the Health and Human Services Department to conduct a national study of congenital heart diseases and to increase awareness of congenital heart diseases.” The motion was agree to by a vote of 394-7. [HR 1222, [Vote #81](#), 2/26/18; CQ, [2/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Permanently Funding CHIP. In January 2018, Taylor voted for Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative McEachin's bill, H.R. 4820, the Advancing Seniors and Kids Act. [...] It permanently reauthorizes CHIP; it reauthorizes community health centers for 2 years; and it includes other vital healthcare programs that provide relief to pregnant women, seniors, and many more.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote against considering permanently reauthorizing CHIP. The motion was agreed to 229-190. [H.R. 4712, [Vote #29](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#); Congressional Record, [1/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Permanently Funding CHIP. In January 2018, Taylor voted forl Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative McEachin's bill, H.R. 4820, the Advancing Seniors and Kids Act. [...] It permanently reauthorizes CHIP, saving us \$6 billion. It reauthorizes the community health centers for 2 years and includes other vital healthcare programs that provide relief to pregnant women, seniors, and so many more.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote against considering permanently reauthorizing CHIP. The motion was agreed to 229-191. [HR 195, [Vote #27](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#); Congressional Record, [1/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The CHAMPION Act, Extending Funding For CHIP By Gutting Health Care Programs Resulting In People Losing Health Care Coverage Under The ACA. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would extend funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal 2022, and would increase funding from \$21.5 billion in fiscal 2018 to \$25.9 billion in fiscal 2022. It would also provide \$3.6 billion annually for community health centers through fiscal 2019, and would extend funding for a number of other public health programs through fiscal 2019. It would provide for up to \$1 billion in additional Medicaid funding to Puerto Rico and would eliminate, through fiscal 2019, scheduled cuts in Medicaid funding to hospitals that serve large numbers of uninsured and low-income patients. It would reduce spending from the

Prevention and Public Health Fund through fiscal 2026, would require high-income individuals enrolled in Medicare parts B and D to pay the entirety of their premiums for these services and would shorten the grace period for certain missed payments on federally subsidized health insurance plans purchased through state exchanges to offset the cost of the measure's funding for CHIP, community health centers and other health programs." The bill passed 242-174. [HR 3922, [Vote #606](#), 11/3/17; CQ, [11/3/17](#)]

The CHAMPION Act Would Cut “Billions In Funding” For An ACA Health Fund And Raise Medicare Premiums On The Wealthy. “A five-year reauthorization bill passed the U.S. House on Friday by a 242-174 vote, but some have voiced worries that obstacles remain in the more-evenly divided Senate due to disagreements between Republicans and Democrats over how to pay for it. Only three House Republicans voted against the bill, while just 15 Democrats voted in support of it. Many Democrats have criticized the bill, called the CHAMPION Act, for paying for the reauthorization by cutting billions in funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund established by the Affordable Care Act, reducing the grace period for people who miss premium payments on health plans bought on the federal exchange and raising Medicare premiums for wealthy recipients.” [Deseret News, [11/5/17](#)]

Deseret News: “The CHAMPION Act Would Save The Federal Government \$4.9 Billion From 2018 Through 2027 ‘As A Result’ Of More People Losing Their Coverage On The Federal Exchange.” “A Congressional Budget Office report estimated last month that the CHAMPION Act would save the federal government \$4.9 billion from 2018 through 2027 ‘as a result’ of more people losing their coverage on the federal exchange because of stricter grace period guidelines.” [Deseret News, [11/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Modifying The Medicare Advantage Payment System To Offset The Cuts In The CHAMPION Act. In November 2017, Taylor voted against: “Clyburn, D-S.C., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would modify the Medicare Advantage payment system to offset the funding in the measure.” The motion was rejected 231-187. [HR 3922, [Vote #605](#), 11/3/17; CQ, [11/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of The CHAMPION Act, Extending Funding For CHIP By Gutting Health Care Programs Resulting In People Losing Health Care Coverage Under The ACA. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 601) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3922) that would extend funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program for five years, community health centers for two years and other public health programs for two years. It would also provide for up to \$1 billion in additional Medicaid funding to Puerto Rico.” The resolution was adopted 231-192. [HRes 601, [Vote #603](#), 11/2/17; CQ, [11/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Authorizing \$400 Million A Year For The Maternal, Infant, And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize, through fiscal 2022, \$400 million a year for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program created under the 2010 health care overhaul. The bill would require entities that receive grants under the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program to continue to demonstrate improvements in applicable benchmarks and guidelines.” The bill passed by a vote of 214-209. [H R 2824, [Vote #537](#), 9/26/17; CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Eliminating Requirements For Grantees Of The Maternal, Infant And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program To Demonstrate Improvements In Applicable Benchmarks. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “DelBene, D-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provisions that would require entities that receive grants under the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program to continue to demonstrate improvements in applicable benchmarks and guidelines.” The motion failed by a vote of 191-232. [H R 2824, [Vote #536](#), 9/26/17; CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Remove A Requirement That States Track Whether The Home Visit Program Increases Employment And Earnings. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Pascarell,

D-N.J., amendment that would remove the bill's provision that would require states or other eligible entities to track whether the home visit program increases employment and earnings as a measure of the program goals." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-231. [H R 2824, [Vote #535](#), 9/26/17; CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Adopting The Rule That Would Provide For House Floor Consideration Of Authorization For The Maternal, Infant And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 533) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2824), that would authorize, through fiscal 2022, \$400 million a year for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program created under the 2010 health care overhaul, and for consideration of the bill (HR 2792), that would prohibit, beginning in 2021, the payment of social security benefits to an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for committing a felony or for violating a condition of parole or probation. The rule would also provide for the text of the Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act (HR 2792), as passed by the House, if passed by the House, to be incorporated into the text of the Increasing Opportunity through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act (HR 2824) during the engrossment of HR 2824." The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-190. [H RES 533, [Vote #533](#), 9/26/17; CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment To The Underlying Legislation That Would Prohibit Restrictions On Medical Malpractice Lawsuits For "Grossly Negligent" Prescription Of Opioids. In June 2017, Taylor voted against: "Kuster, D-N.H., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would modify the bill's definition of 'health care lawsuits' to not include a claim or action related to the 'grossly negligent' prescription of opioids." The motion was rejected, 235-191. [HR 1215, [Vote #336](#), 6/28/17; CQ, [6/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill To Allow People Who Get Their Health Insurance Through COBRA To Use Tax Credits To Subsidize Their Payments Under The AHCA. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would modify the definition of a "qualified health plan" to allow, beginning in 2020, for new tax credits proposed by the American Health Care Act (HR 1628) to be used by individuals or families to pay for continued group health coverage under COBRA, provided that the AHCA is enacted into law. The measure would also apply to continuation coverage as part of church-based group health plans, but the tax credit could not be utilized for a health flex spending account under the bill's provisions." The bill passed 267-144. [HR 2579, [Vote #308](#), 6/15/17; CQ, [6/15/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill Prohibiting The Advance Payment Of Health Insurance Premium Tax Credits To Applicants Until HHS Confirms Applicants Are Citizens. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would prohibit the advance payment of health insurance premium tax credits to individuals that apply for the credits unless the Treasury Department receives confirmation from the Health and Human Services Department that such an individual's status as a citizens or lawfully present alien has been verified. If the American Health Care Act (HR 1628) is enacted, the bill (HR 2581) would make verification of an individual's status mandatory in order to receive advance payment of the new health insurance premium tax credit created by the American Health Care Act, and would also provide an exemption from the American Health Care Act's continuous coverage requirements for individuals who experience delays in coverage as a result of the verification process." The bill passed, 238-184. [HR 2581, [Vote #306](#), 6/13/17; CQ, [6/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Making An Exception In Delaying The Advance Payment Of Health Insurance Premium Tax Credits For Babies Under The Age Of 1. In June 2017, Taylor voted against: "Sanchez, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt individuals under 1-year-old from the bill's prohibition on the advance payment of health insurance premium tax credits unless the Treasury Department has received confirmation of the individuals' status as a citizen or lawfully present alien has been verified." The motion failed, 231-193. [HR 2581, [Vote #305](#), 6/13/17; CQ, [6/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill. In May 2017, Taylor voted for "Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by

effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the current system. It would, in 2020, convert Medicaid into a capped entitlement that would provide fixed federal payments to states and end additional federal funding for the 2010 law's joint federal-state Medicaid expansion. It would prohibit federal funding to any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortions and receives more than \$350 million a year in Medicaid funds. As amended, it would give states the option of receiving federal Medicaid funding as a block grant with greater state flexibility in how the funds are used, and would require states to establish their own essential health benefits standards. It would allow states to receive waivers to exempt insurers from having to provide certain minimum benefits, would provide \$8 billion over five years for individuals with pre-existing conditions whose insurance premiums increased because the state was granted a waiver to raise premiums based on an individual's health status, and would create a \$15 billion federal risk sharing program to cover some of the costs of high medical claims." The bill was passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, [Vote #256](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Repealing The Republican Provision Exempting Members Of Congress From The Republican Health Care Bill. In May 2017, Taylor voted for "Passage of the bill would repeal, if the health care overhaul measure (HR 1628) is enacted, an exemption for members of Congress and staff from provisions of the health care overhaul measure that would allow state waivers of certain health insurance minimum benefit and patient protection requirements under the 2010 health care overhaul." The bill was passed by a vote of 429-0. [HR 2192, [Vote #255](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment That Would Protect Health Care Coverage For Pre-Existing Conditions, Ban Lifetime Insurance Limits, Protect Medicare, Block Tax Increases On The Middle Class, And Would Require A CBO Estimate Prior To Consideration Of Any Health Care Reform Bill. In May 2017, Taylor voted for "Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 308) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2192) that would repeal, if the health care marketplace overhaul measure (HR 1628) is enacted" Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer an amendment that "The amendment would restrict consideration of legislative provisions relating to health care that would result in: (1) the denial of health insurance on the basis of a preexisting condition or a requirement for individuals with a preexisting condition to pay more for coverage; (2) the elimination of the prohibition on life-time limits on dollar value of health insurance benefits; (3) the termination of the ability of individuals 26 years of age to be included on their parent's employer or individual health insurance; (4) the reduction in the number of individuals receiving health insurance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; (5) an increased cost to seniors for prescription drugs due to any changes pertaining to closing the Medicare prescription drug 'donut hole'; (6) the requirement that individuals pay for preventive services such as mammography, health screening, and contraceptive services; (7) reduction of Medicare solvency or any changes to the Medicare guarantee; or (8) the reduction of Federal taxes on the 1% of the population with the highest income or an increase on the 80% of the population with the lowest income. Additionally, the amendment would restrict consideration of legislation relating to health care unless an easily searchable electronic estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office is made available on a publicly available website of the House." **A vote yes was a vote to block the amendment.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 235-193. [H.Res 308, [Vote #252](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment That Would Protect Health Care Coverage For Pre-Existing Conditions, Ban Lifetime Insurance Limits, Protect Medicare, Block Tax Increases On The Middle Class, And Would Require A CBO Estimate Prior To Consideration Of Any Health Care Reform Bill. In May 2017, Taylor voted for "Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 305) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill." Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer an amendment to the bill that would, "restrict consideration of legislative provisions relating to health care that would result in: (1) the denial of health insurance on the basis of a preexisting condition or a requirement for individuals with a preexisting condition to pay more for coverage; (2) the elimination of the prohibition on life-time limits on dollar value of health insurance benefits; (3) the termination of the ability of individuals 26 years of age to be included on their parent's employer or individual health insurance; (4) the reduction in the number of individuals receiving health insurance under the Patient Protection and

Affordable Care Act; (5) an increased cost to seniors for prescription drugs due to any changes pertaining to closing the Medicare prescription drug ‘donut hole’; (6) the requirement that individuals pay for preventive services such as mammography, health screening, and contraceptive services; (7) reduction of Medicare solvency or any changes to the Medicare guarantee; or (8) the reduction of Federal taxes on the 1% of the population with the highest income or an increase on the 80% of the population with the lowest income. Additionally, the amendment would restrict consideration of legislation relating to health care unless an easily searchable electronic estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office is made available on a publicly available website of the House.” **A vote yes was a vote to block the amendment.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-192. [H.Res 305, [Vote #246](#), 5/3/17; CQ, [5/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Eliminating “Stop-Loss” Insurance As Federally Recognized Health Care Insurance. In April 2017, Taylor voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 241) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish that ‘stop-loss’ insurance, coverage that protects businesses from certain large financial risks associated with providing insurance, would not be considered health care insurance under federal law.” The amendment passed 234 to 184. [HR 241, [Vote #212](#), 4/4/17; CQ, [4/4/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Exempting Health Care Plans Sponsored By Trade And Business Associations From Most State Laws And Regulations. In March 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would exempt health care plans sponsored by trade and business associations from most state laws and regulations. The bill would allow an association sponsoring a health care plan to have full discretion to choose the health benefits included in the plan, as long as the plan would still meet certain statutory minimums. The sponsored health care plans could not make membership, payment or coverage conditional on factors related to the health of a member company's employees.” The bill passed by a vote of 236-175. [HR 1101, [Vote #186](#), 3/22/17; CQ, [3/22/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring Association Health Plans To Provide Coverage For Substance Abuse Disorder Treatments. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Shea-Porter, D-N.H., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require association health plans to provide coverage for substance abuse disorder treatments.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 179-233. [HR 1101, [Vote #185](#), 3/22/17; CQ, [3/22/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Providing Consideration For A Bill Exempting Health Care Plans Sponsored By Trade And Business Associations From Most State Laws And Regulations. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 210) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would exempt health care plans sponsored by trade and business associations from most state laws and regulations. The bill would allow the association sponsoring a health care plan to have full discretion to choose the health benefits included in the plan, as long as the plan would still meet certain statutory minimums.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 233-186. [HRes 210, [Vote #180](#), 3/21/17; CQ, [3/21/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Requirement That A CBO Cost Estimate Be Made Publicly Available Before Considering Any Legislation To Repeal Or Replace The Affordable Care Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 210) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would exempt health care plans sponsored by trade and business associations from most state laws and regulations.” Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO) described the vote in a floor speech, saying, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule that would require a CBO cost estimate that analyzes the impact of any legislation amending or repealing the Affordable Care Act, as well as the impact of any manager's amendment to that legislation, to be made publicly available before the bill may be considered on the House floor.” A vote against is a vote to allow the Democratic minority to offer an alternative plan. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-186. [H.Res 210, [Vote #179](#), 3/21/17; Congressional Record, Pages H2260-H2267, [3/21/17](#); CQ, [3/21/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Require A CBO Score For Any Legislation Or Amendments Repealing The Affordable Care Act Before The Legislation Could Be Considered. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of

amendment) on the rule (H Res 209) that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill that would eliminate most of the federal antitrust exemptions for health insurance providers that are subject to regulation at the state level.” According to Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO), “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule that would require a CBO cost estimate that analyzes the impact of any legislation amending or repealing the Affordable Care Act, as well as the impact of any manager's amendment to that legislation to be made publicly available before the bill may be considered on the House floor.” A yes vote was a vote to block the amendment. The motion was agreed to be a vote of 231-185. [H.Res 209, [Vote #176](#), 3/21/17; Congressional Record, H2255, 3/21/17; CQ, [3/21/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [3/21/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting From The Bill Any Rule Prohibiting Insurance From Eliminating Health Coverage For Dependents Younger Than 26. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Murphy, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill any rule prohibiting an insurance issuer from eliminating health coverage for dependents younger than 26 years old.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 26, [Vote #22](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

The Purpose Of HR 26 Is To Increase Accountability For And Transparency In The Federal Regulatory Process By Requiring Congress To Approve All New Major Regulations. “This bill states that its purpose is to increase accountability for and transparency in the federal regulatory process by requiring Congress to approve all new major regulations. The bill revises provisions relating to congressional review of agency rulemaking to require federal agencies promulgating rules to: (1) identify and repeal or amend existing rules to completely offset any annual costs of new rules to the U.S. economy...” [HR 26, Summary, [1/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Pertaining To Workplace Health And Safety From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Scott, D-Va., amendment that would exclude from the bill's provisions rules made by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration or the Mine Safety and Health Administration related to the prevention of traumatic injury, cancer or irreversible lung disease.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 193-232. [HR 26, [Vote #20](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

A “Major Rule” Is Any Rule The OMB Has Found Could Result In A Cost To The Economy Of \$100 Million Or More, A Major Increase In Costs Or “Adverse Effects On Competition, Employment, Investment,” And Other Economic Functions. “A ‘major rule’ is any rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds has resulted in or is likely to result in: (1) an annual cost on the economy of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation); (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.” [HR 26, Summary, [1/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Related To Public Health Or Safety From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” “In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Cicilline, D-R.I., amendment that would exclude rules related to the protection of public health or safety from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 186-232. [HR 26, [Vote #15](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

A “Major Rule” Is Any Rule The OMB Has Found Could Result In A Cost To The Economy Of \$100 Million Or More, A Major Increase In Costs Or “Adverse Effects On Competition, Employment, Investment,” And Other Economic Functions. “A ‘major rule’ is any rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds has resulted in or is likely to result in: (1) an annual cost on the economy of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation); (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.” [HR 26, Summary, [1/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Excluding Any Rule That Results In Reduced Incidence Of Diseases In Children From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Castor, D-Fla., amendment that would exclude rules that would result in reduced incidence of cancer, early death, asthma attacks or respiratory disease in children from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-233. [HR 26, [Vote #14](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

A “Major Rule” Is Any Rule The OMB Has Found Could Result In A Cost To The Economy Of \$100 Million Or More, A Major Increase In Costs Or “Adverse Effects On Competition, Employment, Investment,” And Other Economic Functions. “A ‘major rule’ is any rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds has resulted in or is likely to result in: (1) an annual cost on the economy of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation); (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.” [HR 26, Summary, [1/5/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Motion To Protect Individuals From Discrimination In The Health Insurance Marketplace Based On Gender Or Pre-Existing Conditions, Protect Seniors From Higher Premiums And Out-Of-Pocket Costs Under Medicare Part D. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Castor, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would add an exemption to the bill for rules that prohibit health insurance companies from discriminating against individuals based on gender or preexisting conditions. The amendment also would exempt from the measure rules that prohibit higher premiums or out-of-pocket costs for seniors for medication under the Medicare Part D prescription drug program.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 183-236. [HR 21, [Vote #7](#), 1/4/17; CQ, [1/4/17](#)]

House Administration

Taylor Did Not Vote On Considering A Rule The Same Day It Is Reported From The Rules Committee. In December 2018, Taylor did not vote on: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1181) that would waive the requirement of a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee, through Dec. 24, and would provide for House consideration of measures under suspension of the rules through Dec. 23, 2018.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 350-30. [H Res 1181, [Vote #447](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would “Appropriate \$2.5 Million” For The Office Of Technology Assessment And “Decrease Funding” For Architect Of The Capitol Projects. In June 2018, Taylor voted against “Takano, D-Calif., amendment that would appropriate \$2.5 million for the Office of Technology Assessment and would decrease funding for the Architect of the Capitol's capital construction and operations projects by \$3.5 million.” The vote failed 195-217. [HR 5895, [Vote #255](#), 6/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, [6/8/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriating Funds To Enforce The Repeal Of GAO’s Ability To Perform Semiannual Financial Reviews Of Expenditures From The Independent Counsel Permanent Indefinite Appropriation. In June 2018, Taylor voted for “Meadows, R-N.C., amendment that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to enforce the repeal of the Government Accountability Office's ability to perform semiannual financial reviews of expenditures from the Independent Counsel permanent indefinite appropriation.” The vote was adopted 207-201. [HR 5895, [Vote #254](#), 6/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, [6/8/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Motion To Kill A Crowley Resolution To Investigate The House Chaplain’s Resignation. In, Taylor voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Crowley, D-N.Y., resolution that would establish a select committee to investigate the resignation of Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Patrick J. Conroy.” The vote passed 223-182. [H. Res. 878, [Vote #172](#), 5/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, [5/8/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Present On A Motion To Table A Resolution To Investigate Father Patrick Conroy’s Resignation As House Chaplain. In April 2018, Taylor voted present on “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table

(kill) a resolution that would establish a House select committee to investigate the resignation of the Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Patrick J. Conroy.” The motion was agreed to, 215-171. [H.Res. 856, [Vote #166](#), 4/27/18; CQ, [4/27/18](#)]

Paul Ryan Had Asked Father Conroy To Resign. “Speaker Paul Ryan has ousted the chaplain of the House of Representatives, according to the religious leader's resignation letter — a move that's outraged members of both parties who have come to the defense of the Jesuit priest. [...] Conroy has been blunt in some of his remarks, including a prayer about the GOP tax bill that he offered on the House floor on Nov. 6, 2017, before the legislation was passed and signed into law by President Donald Trump.” [NBC News, [4/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Electing Paul Ryan Speaker Of The House. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the Nomination of Paul D. Ryan, D-Wis., and Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., for Speaker of House of Representatives for the 115th Congress.” Ryan was elected by a vote of 239-189. [[Vote 2](#), 1/3/17; CQ, [1/3/17](#)]

Immigration

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 953) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6136) that would appropriate \$23.4 billion for various border security activities.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Ranking Member Nadler's bill, H.R. 6135, the Keep Families Together Act, which I am proud to cosponsor. This thoughtful proposal would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from separating children from their parents, of course, except in extraordinary circumstances, and limit the criminal prosecution of asylum seekers.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill prohibiting immigrant family separations. The motion was agreed to 233-191. [HR 6136, [Vote #285](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); Congressional Record, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering Legislation To Fund The Department Of Defense And A Resolution Stating That Allowing “Illegal Immigrants” To Vote Diminishes The Voting Power Of U.S. Citizens. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1077) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the Defense and Labor-HHS-Education and continuing appropriations package (HR 6157), providing for a resolution (H Res 1071) related to voting by ‘illegal immigrants,’ and providing for motions to suspend the rules.” The resolution was adopted 230-188. [H Res 1077, [Vote #403](#), 9/26/18; CQ, [9/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Resolution Expressing The House’s Continued Support For ICE And Denouncing Calls To Abolish ICE. In July 2018, Taylor voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would express the House of Representative's continued support for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and all government entities tasked with law enforcement duties on or near the nation's borders. It would also denounce calls to abolish ICE.” The motion was agreed to, 244-35. [H Res 990, [Vote #337](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Require The Trump Administration To Reunify Immigrant Children With Their Family. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Rep. Bass of California’s bill H.R. 6236. Due to the Trump Administration’s manufactured crisis at our southern border, caused by its cruel policy of separating young children from their parents, Ms. Bass’ bill would require federal agencies to reunify children who were forcibly separated from their family.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 231-188. [H Res 964, [Vote #298](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2018, Which Would Appropriate Funds To Build A Border Wall With Mexico, Renew DACA For 6 Years, End The Diversity Visa Program And Require That Undocumented Immigrants Be Detained With Their Children. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$23.4 billion for various border security activities. Included would be \$16.6 billion for a ‘border wall system,’ which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2027, and \$6.8 billion for border security investments, which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023. It would provide those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status a six-year renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status and would allow them to apply for a green card after five years, providing a path to citizenship. It would modify legal immigration by ending the diversity visa program and reallocating those visas to other classifications. The bill would require that undocumented immigrants who are charged with a misdemeanor offense for improper entry into the United States be detained with their minor children.” The bill failed 121-301. [HR 6136, [Vote #297](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill, Known As “Goodlatte 2,” Was Republicans Attempt At An Immigration Compromise. “House Republicans’ legislative attempt to find consensus within their own party on the divisive issue of immigration failed on the floor Wednesday, with the chamber overwhelmingly rejecting their so-called compromise bill, 121-301.” [Roll Call, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill Would Have Allowed Dreamers To Apply For A “Merit-Based” Visa With A Path To Citizenship. “It would have provided DACA recipients the opportunity to obtain an indefinitely renewable three-year non-immigrant legal status. Goodlatte 2 included the same provision but made it last for six years and expanded its eligibility beyond current DACA recipients to those who would qualify but had not applied. Under the compromise bill, Dreamers could also apply for a new merit-based visa and eventually citizenship, something some conservatives felt amounted to amnesty.” [Roll Call, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill Added Restrictions To DACA Eligibility; The Bill Would Likely Provide A Pathway To Citizenship To Only 18 Percent Of Dreamers. “These restrictions were also in DACA, but the new bill would go even further to restrict eligibility. [...] In the best case scenario, the House GOP plan would likely provide a pathway to citizenship to fewer than 630,000 Dreamers—barely a third of the president’s promise in January and just 18 percent of the entire Dreamer population. Moreover, only an estimated 421,000 immigrants are likely to become citizens.” [CATO Institute, [6/19/18](#)]

The Bill Would Have Required Families Who Illegally Crossed The Border To Be Housed Together, Rather Than In Criminal Custody, But Eliminated The 20 Day Cap On Administrative Custody For Accompanied Children. “The compromise bill also included language intended to prevent children from being separated from their parents when detained at the border. It would have required the Department of Homeland Security to house families together while the parents are going through criminal proceedings for the misdemeanor of first-time illegal border crossing, instead of in criminal custody, and would have eliminated the 20-day cap on administrative custody for accompanied children.” [Roll Call, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill Granted \$25 Billion In Funds For A Southern Border Wall. “The bill also called for granting \$25 billion in funds for a southern border wall, making it more difficult for migrants to seek asylum, and allowing families to be detained indefinitely at the border in response to the Trump administration’s ‘zero-tolerance’ family separation policy. It also included provisions that would have significantly cut legal immigration levels.” [Vox, [6/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Amending The Border Security And Immigration Reform Act Of 2018 To Prohibit Law Enforcement From Detaining, Separately From Their Child, Any Individual Accused Of Entering The U.S. Illegally. In June 2018, Taylor voted against “Espaillat, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit law enforcement from detaining, separately from their child, any individual accused of illegally entering the United States with a child, in cases in which the child is under the age of 18.” The motion failed, 190-230. [H.R. 6136, [Vote #296](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Moving To A Floor Vote On The “Compromise” Immigration Bill. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 953) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6136) that would appropriate \$23.4 billion for various border security activities. Included would be \$16.6 billion for a ‘border wall system,’ which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2027, and \$6.8 billion for border security investments, which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023. It would provide those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status a six-year renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status and would allow them to apply for a green card after five years thereby providing a path to citizenship.” The rule was adopted, 227-195. [H. Res. 953, [Vote #286](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For The Securing America’s Future Act, Which Wouldn’t Offer DREAMers Pathway To Citizenship While Cracking Down On Asylum Seekers And Funding Trump’s Border Wall. In June 2018, Taylor voted for “bill that would authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including \$9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. It would modify legal immigration by ending the diversity visa program and restricting most family-based immigration to allow only spouses and minor children of legal permanent residents to receive green cards. It would increase enforcement of immigration laws within the United States, including by requiring all employers to verify the immigration status and eligibility of individuals seeking jobs in the United States.” The bill failed 193 to 231. [HR 4760, [Vote #282](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “The Conservative Alternative: No Chance For Citizenship For Legalized Immigrants, Deeper Cuts To Legal Immigration” [Vox, [6/18/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Offered Only Limited Protections For Current DACA Recipients, And Put DREAMers Who Did Not Apply Before Trump Ended The Program At Risk. “[T]he Securing America’s Future Act provides only a potentially renewable three-year reprieve from deportation to current DACA recipients. [...] Rep. Goodlatte’s bill offers only a tenuous second-class status to a small subset of people. Left out of the measure, for example, are people such as the 120,000 young Dreamers who never had the opportunity to apply for protection because of the Trump administration’s decision to end the initiative. For these individuals—and for hundreds of thousands of other Dreamers—the Goodlatte bill offers the same peril it offers to all other undocumented immigrants: the threat of criminal prosecution, imprisonment, and deportation.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Would “Make It Easier To Deport Asylum Seekers, Including Unaccompanied Children.” Securing America’s Future Act would “make it easier to deport asylum seekers, including unaccompanied children, without providing basic due process protections. [...] Instead of recognizing the unique vulnerability of people fleeing violence and persecution, the bill would make it far more likely that asylum seekers and unaccompanied children will be quickly deported back to their countries of origin, potentially being returned to harm or even death.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Would Criminalize All Undocumented Immigrants. “Under long-standing immigration law, being in the country without status is a civil—not criminal—violation. The Goodlatte bill would change the law and make unlawful presence a crime, turning the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country today into criminals overnight.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Provided \$9.3 Billion For Trump’s Border Wall. The Securing America’s Future Act would “authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including \$9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers” [CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Replacing The Text Of The Goodlatte Bill With The Text Of The DREAM Act. In June 2018, Taylor voted against “Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would replace the bill’s

provisions with a system that would provide a pathway to citizenship for recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, the motion “would strike the text in the underlying bill and replace it with the text of Rep. Roybal-Allard’s bill H.R. 3440 – Dream Act of 2017.” The motion failed 191 to 234. [HR 4760, [Vote #281](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Bringing The Securing America’s Future Act Of 2018 To The Floor For A Vote. In June 2018, Taylor voted for : “Adoption of the rule (H Res 954) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 4760) that would authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. Adoption of the rule would provide for the automatic adoption of an amendment that would modify funds authorized for border activities under the bill; authorizing \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022, instead of authorizing \$24.8 billion annually for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022. ” The resolution passed 226 to 195. [H Res 954, [Vote #280](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Moderate Republicans Agreed To Process To Vote On Republican-Only Immigration Bills, Even Though It “Would Effectively Kill Their Discharge Petition” To Bring Bipartisan Immigration Fix To The Floor. “They agreed to a process that night that would effectively kill their discharge petition. With no agreement in sight, Ryan proposed two immigration votes: One on a conservative DACA bill, the other on ‘compromise’ legislation they’d continue trying to negotiate. Sensing the wind was against them, moderates reluctantly agreed.” [Politico, [6/27/17](#)]

New York Magazine: “The Only Real Purpose Of This Exercise Was To Preempt A Discharge Petition” That Would Have Brought A Bipartisan Immigration Bill To The Floor. “Indeed, the only real purpose of this exercise was to preempt a discharge petition that House Democrats and some politically vulnerable House Republicans had signed that might have brought a Democratic immigration bill — indeed, the original DREAM Act — to the floor under conditions where it might have actually passed. So for all the endless and interminable and redundant House GOP talk about wanting to take action on immigration, when votes were finally held it was really about preventing action on immigration.” [New York Magazine, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Amending The Rule To Bring Up Four Bills – Two Republican Bills, The DREAM Act, And A Bipartisan Bill – Under A Queen Of The Hill Rule. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would would [sic] provide for consideration of H.R. 4760 – Securing America’s Future Act, and will make in order four substitute amendments to that bill, drafted at the discretion of the authors so long as they are germane to the underlying bill. H.Res. 774 allows for the amendment that receives the most votes (and at least a simple majority) to pass the House under a rule known as “queen-of-the-hill.” The four amendments that H.Res. 774 allows for are: an amendment offered by Rep. Goodlatte, which could be similar to H.R. 4760, an amendment offered by Rep. Roybal-Allard, which could be similar to a clean DREAM Act an amendment offered by Speaker Ryan an amendment offered by Rep. Denham, which could be similar to the bipartisan bill H.R. 4796 – USA Act. If the underlying Rule passes, it will turn off the discharge petition, and allow the House GOP to bring up anti-immigrant legislation that does not solve the DACA crisis.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to 232-190. [H Res 954, [Vote #279](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/21/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In March 2018, Taylor voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-186. [H Res 796, [Vote #123](#), 3/22/18; CQ, [3/22/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/22/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In March 2018, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-181. [H Res 787, [Vote #117](#), 3/20/18; CQ, [3/20/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Taylor voted for “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 773).” According to Rep. Polis, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act.* The previous question carried, 234-187. [H Res 773, [Vote #104](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/14/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Taylor voted for “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 762).” According to Rep. Hastings, “Democrats have offered to bring the Dream Act to the floor now 24 times. We are going to give them one more chance. We have done it 23, and every single time this effort has been blocked by the majority. To address my friend who correctly cited that we were bringing this up: [...] We on this side of the aisle clearly want to fix this problem. So let's do it now. Mr. Speaker, I urge a ‘no’ vote on the rule, on the previous question, and on the underlying bills.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act.* The previous question carried, 229-183. [H Res 762, [Vote #96](#), 3/7/18; CQ, [3/7/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 228-184. [H.Res.748, [Vote #84](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Taylor voted for a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 228-187. [H.Res. 736, [Vote #72](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/14/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Taylor voted for a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 224-186. [H.Res. 734, [Vote #67](#), 2/9/18; CQ, [2/9/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/9/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Taylor voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440,

which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 235-189. [H. Res. 727, [Vote #58](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Taylor voted for “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” A vote for the motion was a vote to block Democrats from bringing the DREAM Act to a vote, according to a floor speech by Democratic Rep. Jim McGovern: “This is the 19th time that we have attempted to bring the bipartisan bill, H.R. 3440, the Dream Act, for a vote on the House floor, and, if we defeat the previous question, we will bring that bill up.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion agreed to by a vote of 232-187. [H.R. 695, [Vote #47](#), 1/30/18; Congressional Record, page H694, [1/30/18](#); CQ, [1/30/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Taylor voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 234 to 181. [H Res 681, [Vote #9](#), 1/10/18; CQ, [1/10/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [1/10/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Taylor voted for Leader, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote against considering a bill to protect DREAMers. The motion was agreed to 230-187. [HR 2954, [Vote #20](#), 1/17/18; CQ, [1/17/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, archived, accessed [1/17/19](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 234-189. [HR 2874, [Vote #626](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#); Congressional Record, [11/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Tom Emmer (D-MN) said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way, except on paper.” *A vote for the amendment was a vote to block the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 224-190. [HRes 609, [Vote #616](#), 11/8/17; CQ, [11/8/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/8/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 232-184. [HR 2936, [Vote #592](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#); Congressional Record, [11/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440,

which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” **A vote for the amendment was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** The motion passed 228-189. [HRes 577, [Vote #572](#), 11/9/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [11/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 562).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Polis was going to offer an amendment for “consideration of the bill (H.R.3440) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440. The previous question carried, 227-190. [H Res 562, [Vote #560](#), 10/11/17; CQ, [10/11/17](#); Congress.gov, [10/11/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 548).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prohibited “consideration of the bill (H.R. 3440) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440. The previous question carried, 233-184. [HR 36, [Vote #546](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [10/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 538).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 223-187. [H RES 538, [Vote #538](#), 9/27/17; CQ, [9/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 533).” According to Democratic Rep. Alcee Hastings, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-189. [H RES 533, [Vote #532](#), 9/26/17; Congressional Record, H7503, [9/26/17](#); CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Motion To Eliminate Funding For The Border Wall From A Spending Bill. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would increase funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Predisaster Mitigation Fund by \$2.4 billion, would eliminate \$1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border, and would decrease funding for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations by \$849.5 million.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 186-223. [H R 3354, [Vote #527](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Foreign Gang Members From Entering The United States And Denying Foreign Gang Members Immigration Benefits. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would define a criminal gang as a group of five or more persons that has the primary purpose of the commission of one or more certain criminal offenses and would prohibit individuals defined as foreign criminal gang members from entering the United States. It would prohibit a criminal gang member, who is not a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, from being eligible for certain immigration benefits such as asylum, special immigrant juvenile status, and temporary protected status.” The bill passed by a vote of 233-175. [H R 3697, [Vote #517](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

The House Passed Legislation That Would Allow Officials To Take Action Against Suspected Gang Members, Regardless Of Whether They've Been Convicted Of A Crime. “The House on Thursday passed a bill introduced by Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-Va.) that would expand the authority of the federal government to deport or detain non-citizen immigrants who are gang members or suspected of gang activity. The legislation, offered as a response to an increase in killings perpetuated by the resurgent MS-13 gang in the Washington region and nationally, would allow officials to take action against suspected gang members, regardless of whether they've been convicted of a crime.” [Washington Post, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibit The Bills Provisions From Being Used To Deport Someone For An Action Done On Behalf Of A Religious Organization For Humanitarian Reasons. In September 2017, Taylor voted against: “Beyer, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would that would prohibit the bill's provisions from being used to authorize the deportation of an alien for action taken on behalf of a religious organization with the primary purpose of providing humanitarian aid.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 184-220. [H R 3697, [Vote #516](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Changing The Definition Of A Criminal Gang And Prohibiting Foreign Criminal Gang Members From Entering The United States. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 513) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3697) that would define a criminal gang as a group of five or more persons that has the primary purpose of the commission of one or more certain criminal offenses and would prohibit individuals defined as foreign criminal gang members from entering the United States.” The resolution passed by a vote of 222-186. [H R 513, [Vote #487](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 504) that would provide for further House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 Interior-Environment appropriations bill (HR 3354), which is the legislative vehicle for an omnibus appropriations package which would include: eight of the 12 fiscal 2018 appropriations measures and the text of the minibus appropriations package (HR 3219) passed on July 27, 2017.” According to the Democratic Leader's website “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.RE.3440, which would permanently protect dreamers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-186. **A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** [H RES 504, [Vote #457](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [9/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Taylor voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 500) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 Interior-Environment appropriations bill (HR 3354), which is the legislative vehicle for an omnibus appropriations package which would include: eight of the 12 fiscal 2018 appropriations measures and the text of the minibus appropriations package (HR 3219) passed on July 27, 2017.” According to the Democratic Leader's Website “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.RE.3440, which would permanently protect dreamers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-187. [H RES 500, [Vote #442](#), 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17; DemocraticLeader.Gov, [9/6/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For The “Security Minibus” Which Included \$1.6 Billion In Funding For A Southern Border Wall. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide \$788 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2018 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$658.1 billion in funding for Defense programs; \$88.8 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; \$37.6 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for the Energy Department, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and related agencies; and \$3.6 billion in funding fiscal 2018 for

operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. The bill would provide \$1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” Passed by a vote of 235-192. [H R 3219, [Vote #435](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Motion To Eliminate Border Wall Funding From The Security Minibus. In [MONTH] 2017, Taylor voted against: “Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision related to providing funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would strike the division of the underlying bill that appropriates \$1.6 billion in taxpayer funds to begin construction of President Trump’s border wall along the U.S. – Mexico border.” Motion rejected by a vote of 193-234. [H R 3219, [Vote #434](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#); Democratic Leader’s Office, motion to recommit, [7/27/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Adding A Requirement That All Iron And Steel Products Used In The Construction Of The Border Wall Be From The United States. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “O’Halloran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require, as a condition of issuing a certificate of crossing, that all iron and steel products used in the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of a border-crossing facility would be produced in the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add a requirement to the underlying bill that all iron and steel products used in construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of the border-crossing facility be produced in the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-232. [H R 2883, [Vote #397](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [7/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Defense Authorization From Being Used To Plan, Develop, Or Constrict A Border Wall. In July 2017, Taylor voted against: “Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Armed Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit funds authorized by the bill from being used to plan, develop, or construct any barriers, including walls or fences, along “the international border of the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would prohibit any funds authorized to be appropriated in the underlying bill from being used to plan, develop, or construct any barriers, including walls or fences, along the international border of the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [H R 2810, [Vote #377](#), 7/14/17; CQ, [7/14/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [7/14/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For ‘Kate’s Law’ – A Bill To “Establish Specific Possible Fines And Prison Sentences For Undocumented Immigrants Convicted Of Certain Criminal Offenses.” In June 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would establish specific possible fines and prison sentences for undocumented immigrants convicted of certain criminal offenses and who illegally return to the United States despite having been previously deported or otherwise excluded from the country. The bill would establish maximum sentences for such individuals with varying criminal histories, including a 10-year maximum sentence for illegal immigrants who reattempt to enter the country after three or more deportations, even if such individuals have not been convicted of any other crimes.” The bill Passed by a vote of 257-167. [H R 3004, [Vote #344](#), 6/29/17; CQ, [6/29/17](#)]

Washington Post: ‘Kate’s Law’ “Would Enhance Penalties For Convicted And Deported Criminals Who Reenter The United States Illegally. “On Thursday, just two days before the second-year anniversary of Steinle’s shooting, the House of Representatives passed a bill known as “Kate’s Law,” which would enhance penalties for convicted and deported criminals who reenter the United States illegally. It was first introduced in 2015, but it failed to advance in the Senate.” [Washington Post, [6/29/17](#)]

Washington Post: “Civil Rights Groups... Strongly Opposed Kate’s Law,” Described It As “Shortsighted And Ill-Conceived.” “Civil rights groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union, have strongly

opposed Kate's Law, calling it a 'shortsighted and ill-conceived response'" to the young woman's slaying. They argue that it is blanket legislation that would penalize even those who come to the United States to escape persecution. Opponents also say that the bill perpetuates the false notion that undocumented immigrants are inherently criminals." [Washington Post, [6/29/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Motion To Exempt From Kate's Law "Victims Of Sex Trafficking That Voluntarily Present Themselves At A Port Of Entry And Request Protection." In June 2017, Taylor voted against: "motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions victims of sex trafficking that voluntarily present themselves at a port of entry and request protection." According to the Democratic Leader's website, "Democrats' Motion to Recommit would add an exemption to the underlying bill to allow a victim of sex-trafficking to voluntarily present herself or himself at a port of entry to request protection without fear of violating the law." The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-232. [H R 3004, [Vote #343](#), 6/29/17; CQ, [6/29/17](#); Democratic Leader's office, motion to recommit, [6/29/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: "Passage of the bill that would prohibit federal, state and local governments from restricting any federal, state, or local government entity or official from complying with immigration laws or from assisting federal law enforcement entities or officials in their enforcement of such laws. The bill would allow the Homeland Security Department to issue detainers for arrests of individuals in violation of "any criminal or motor vehicle law" in cases where there is probable cause to believe such individual is an "inadmissible or deportable alien," and would revoke eligibility for certain federal law enforcement grants for states and cities found not to be in compliance with the bill's provisions." The bill passed 228-195. [HR 3003, [Vote #342](#), 6/29/17; CQ, [6/29/17](#)]

New York Times: The No Sanctuary For Criminals Act "Broadens The Pool Of Money That Cities Could Lose For Not Cooperating With Federal Immigration Officials." "One of the House bills, known as the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act, potentially broadens the pool of money that cities could lose for not cooperating with federal immigration officials. It also seeks to indemnify local law enforcement officials who detain immigrants on behalf of the federal authorities from lawsuits, making the federal government the defendant in such cases. The bill passed 228 to 195." [New York Times, [6/29/17](#)]

The National Fraternal Order Of Police Opposed The No Sanctuary For Criminals Act. "Some law enforcement officials have also expressed concerns with the legislation. The National Fraternal Order of Police came out against the sanctuary cities bill this week. In a letter to House leadership, the group's national president, Chuck Canterbury, said, 'Law enforcement officers do not get to pick and choose which laws to enforce, and must carry out lawful orders at the direction of their commanders and the civilian government that employs them.'" [New York Times, [6/29/17](#)]

ACLU: HR 3003 Would Violate 4th Amendment Protections Against Detention Without Due Process Or Probable Cause. "And the American Civil Liberties Union said the sanctuary cities bill violates the Fourth Amendment by requiring local law enforcement to hold people without due process or probable cause when requested by immigration agents." [New York Times, [6/29/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. In June 2017, Taylor voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 414) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3003) that would prohibit federal, state and local governments from restricting any federal, state, or local government entity or official from complying with immigration laws or from assisting federal law enforcement in its enforcement of such laws." The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3003, [Vote #332](#), 6/28/17; CQ, [6/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Act Nullifying Trump's Immigration Executive Order. In February 2017, Taylor voted for the "Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 74)." According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi's office, "The Democratic Previous Question would bring up HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act, offered by

Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, which would give the Republican Congress a second chance in as many days to defund and rescind President Trump’s unconstitutional and dangerous ban.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-188. [HRes 74, [Vote #74](#), 2/2/17; CQ, [2/2/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/2/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Blocking Consideration Of An Act To Nullify Trump’s Immigration Executive Order. In February 2017, Taylor did not vote on the “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 71).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act of 2017, which provides that President Trump’s Immigration Executive Order shall have no force or effect.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-191. [HRes 71, [Vote #70](#), 2/1/17; CQ, [2/1/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Act Nullifying Trump’s Immigration Executive Order. In January 2017, Taylor voted for the “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 70).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act of 2017, which provides that President Trump’s Immigration Executive Order shall have no force or effect.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 236-183. [HRes 70, [Vote #68](#), 1/30/17; CQ, [1/30/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [1/30/17](#)]

Labor & Working Families

Taylor Voted For To Protect Union Negotiating Power. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Cartwright of Pennsylvania’s bill, H.R. 6238. Following the Supreme Court’s decision yesterday in Janus vs. AFSCME to overturn decades of legal precedent that protect the rights of unions to collect fair share fees to cover collective bargaining rights, H.R. 6238 would protect the ability of these unions to negotiate for decent pay and reinforce their important role in assuring fair workplaces that benefit all.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 224-186. [H Res 954, [Vote #304](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/28/18](#)]

The Public Service Freedom To Negotiate Act Would Give State And Local Government Employees Similar Protections To Private Sector Workers To Voluntarily Have Union Dues Deducted From Their Paychecks. “On Thursday, Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) and Rep. Matthew Cartwright (D-Pa.) introduced a bill, dubbed the Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act, to protect the ability of public employees to form, join or assist labor organizations without fear of reprisal. The federal legislation would give all state and local government employees protections similar to those that private-sector workers enjoy, including the right to voluntarily have union dues deducted from their paychecks. A number of states prohibit automatic payroll deductions for public employees, claiming government resources should not be used to underwrite union agendas.” [Washington Post, [6/28/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Protect Union Negotiating Power. In June 2018, Taylor did not vote on: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Following the Supreme Court’s decision yesterday in Janus vs. AFSCME to overturn decades of legal precedent that protect the rights of unions to collect fair share fees to cover collective bargaining rights, H.R. 6238 would protect the ability of these unions to negotiate for decent pay and reinforce their important role in assuring fair workplaces that benefit all.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 219-172. [H Res 961, [Vote #291](#), 6/26/18; CQ, [6/26/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/26/18](#)]

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Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Funding To Implement Or Enforce Davis-Bacon Act Protections. In April 2018, Taylor voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit any funds authorized by the bill to be used to implement or enforce the prevailing wage rate requirements established by the Davis-Bacon Act.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 172-243. [H.Amdt.557 to HR 4, [Vote #157](#), 4/26/18; CQ, [4/26/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Increasing The Probationary Period For Newly Hired Federal Employees To Two Years. In November 2017, Taylor did not vote on: “Passage of the bill that would increase to two years the probationary period for newly hired federal employees, for any individuals promoted to a supervisory or managerial role, and for any individual appointed to the Senior Executive Service. It would also establish a system in which supervisors would be notified near the end of an employee's probationary period.” The bill passed 213 to 204. [HR 4182, [Vote #648](#), 11/30/17; CQ, [11/30/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Delaying The Federal New Hire Probationary Period Increase Until After A Study Of Its Potential Effects Was Conducted. In November 2017, Taylor did not vote on: “Connolly, D-Va., amendment that would strike the provisions of the bill and require that a study be conducted on the effects of an increase in employment probationary periods within federal agencies” The amendment failed 193 to 223. [HR 4182, [Vote #647](#), 11/30/17; CQ, [11/30/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Exempting Individuals Who Have Participated In Programs Like AmeriCorps Or PeaceCorps From The Federal New Hire Probationary Period. In November 2017, Taylor did not vote on: “Hastings, D-Fla., amendment that would exempt an individual who has completed a term of service for a program under the Corporation for National and Community Service, such as PeaceCorps and AmeriCorps, from the bill's required increase in probationary period length.” The amendment failed 195 to 221. [HR 4182, [Vote #646](#), 11/30/17; CQ, [11/30/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Overturning An Obama-Era National Labor Relations Board Ruling That Made Companies Liable For Labor Law Violations Of Subcontractors. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would define a joint employer as an entity with actual, direct and immediate control over employees, with significant control over essential terms of employment such as hiring, determining pay and benefits, day-to-day supervision of employees, and assigning individual work schedules.” The bill passed 242-181. [HR 3441, [Vote #614](#), 11/7/17; CQ, [11/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “House Passes Bill To Overturn Controversial Joint-Employer Ruling.” [The Hill, [11/7/17](#)]

The Hill: Bill Overturned NLRB “Ruling That Made Companies Potentially Liable For Labor Law Violations Committed By Their Subcontractors.” “The House on Tuesday evening passed a bill that would overturn an Obama-era National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) ruling that made companies potentially liable for labor law violations committed by their subcontractors. [...] The bill, which passed the House Monday, would change that definition under the National Labor Relations Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act to state a company is only considered a joint employer if it ‘directly, actually and immediately’ has control over essential terms and conditions of employment.” [The Hill, [11/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Requiring A Franchisor To Be Treated As A Joint Employer if The Franchisee Violates Labor Laws. In November 2017, Taylor voted against: “Bonamici, D-Ore., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require a franchisor to be treated as a joint employer if a franchisee violates labor laws at the direction of the franchisor.” The motion was rejected 235-186. [HR 3441, [Vote #613](#), 11/7/17; CQ, [11/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering A Bill To Overturn Obama-era NLRB Rule That Made Companies Liable For Labor Law Violations Of Subcontractors. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 607) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3043) that would specify a variety of timeframes and procedures for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to follow in carrying out required permitting and licensing activities for non-federal hydropower projects. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 3441) that would modify the statutory definition of joint employer to clarify that an employer must have actual, direct and immediate control over employees to be considered a joint employer.” The resolution was adopted 233-182. [HRes 607, [Vote #611](#), 11/7/17; CQ, [11/7/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of HR 2933, The Leveraging Effective To Rebuild National Skills Act. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 468) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution (H J Res 111) that would nullify and disapprove of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule that prohibits mandatory arbitration clauses in certain consumer contracts.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website “the Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 2933, the leveraging effective apprenticeships to rebuild national skills act, which would promote effective apprenticeships that give students and workers the skills they need to find well-paying jobs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the leveraging effective apprenticeships to rebuild national skills act.* The motion was adopted by a vote of 229-184. [H RES 468, [Vote #410](#), 7/25/17; CQ, [7/25/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [7/25/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Block A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour In Seven Years. In June 2017, Taylor voted for a motion to order the previous question. A yes vote would block consideration of “H.R. 15, The Raise The Wage Act., which would give workers the raise they deserve, and increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour within 7 years.” The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3003, [Vote #331](#), 6/28/17; CQ, [6/28/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [9/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Allow Americans To Earn Paid Sick Leave. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the previous question would allow for “consideration of the bill (H.R. 1516) to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the amendment for paid sick leave. The previous question carried, 231-188. [H Res 352, [Vote #275](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Allowing Private-Sector Employees To Swap Overtime Pay For ‘Comp Time.’ In May 2017, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. To be eligible, employees would be required to have worked at least 1,000 hours in a 12-month period. Employees would be limited to 160 hours of compensatory time and employers would be required to provide monetary compensation by Jan. 31, for any unused compensatory time accrued during the preceding year. The bill’s provisions would sunset five years after enactment.” The bill was passed by a vote of 229-197. [HR 1180, [Vote #244](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

NBC News: Democrats Opposed The Bill, Saying It Weakened Worker Protections And Could Allow Employers, Who Would Have Final Say On Scheduled Comp Time, To “Kick The Can Down The Road On Money You Earned Putting In Extra Hours.” “The House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday that would allow employees to swap overtime pay for “comp time,” a rules change congressional Republicans have tried to push through for more than two decades. [...] Where do the Democrats stand? They really don’t like this

bill. Many progressives in the House argue that the proposal would chip away at protections for hardworking Americans and undermine the Fair Labor Standards Act. The measure, among other rules, would give employers the final say on when comp time can be used. In other words, House Dems fear, your boss could conceivably kick the can down the road on money you earned putting in extra hours. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a fierce advocate for workers' rights, blasted the bill as a 'disgrace.'" [NBC News, [5/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Blocking Protections From The Bill For Employees Who Receive Seven Or More Sick Days From Their Employers, Which Can Be Used To Seek Care For Pre-Existing Medical Conditions. In May 2017, Taylor voted against "Scott, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions employees who receive seven or more sick days from their employer." The motion was rejected by a vote of 192-234. [HR 1180, [Vote #243](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Waive Certain Rules Making It Easier For The House To Pass A Bill To Allow Employees To Trade Overtime Pay For Comp Time. In May 2017, Taylor voted for "Adoption of the rule (H Res 299) that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. It would waive, through the legislative day of May 5, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. It also would provide for consideration of measures under suspension of the rules on the legislative days of May 4 and May 5, 2017." The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-193. [HR 1180 (HRes 299), [Vote #241](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Labor Rule That Extends The Period Of Time In Which The Occupational Safety And Health Administration Can Issue Citations To Employers Who Do Not Maintain Workplace Injuries. In March 2017, Taylor voted for "passage of a joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of an Occupational Safety and Health Administration rule that extends, from six months to five years, the period in which OSHA can issue citations to employers who do not maintain workplace injury or illness records." The resolution was passed by a vote of 231-191. [HJRes 83, [Vote #121](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Nullifying A Labor Department Rule Limiting The Occupations For Which States Can Require Drug Tests For People Applying For Unemployment Benefits. In February 2017, Taylor voted for "passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Labor Department rule that limits the occupations for which states can require drug tests for individuals applying for unemployment benefits. Under the rule, an individual can be required to be tested for drugs if an individual's typical employment is an occupation for which state or federal laws require an employee to be tested for controlled substances." The resolution was passed by a vote of 236-189. [HJRes 42, [Vote #97](#), 2/15/17; CQ, [2/15/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Labor Rule Exempting Certain Government-Administered State Retirement Savings Plans From Select Federal Regulations And Providing Guidance On ERISA Preemption. In February 2017, Taylor voted for "passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Labor Department rule that exempts certain state-administered retirement savings plans from select federal regulations governing pension plans if the state programs meet certain standards. Under the rule, the savings program must be established and administered by the state, and the savings plans must be voluntary for the employee for the program to qualify for the exemption." The resolution was passed by a vote of 231-193. [HJRes 66, [Vote #96](#), 2/15/17; CQ, [2/15/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Labor Rule Exempting Certain Government-Administered State Retirement Savings Plans From Select Federal Regulations. In February 2017, Taylor voted for "Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Labor Department rule that exempts certain local government-administered retirement savings plans for non-government employees from select federal regulations governing pension plans. Under the rule, a city or county must have a population at least as large as the least populated state in the nation, and must administer a retirement plan for its own employees for the program to qualify for the exemption." The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-191. [HJRes 67, [Vote #95](#), 2/15/17; CQ, [2/15/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Nullifying An Obama-Administration Rule Requiring Contractors To Disclose Labor Law Violations Within The Past Three Years. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Defense Department, General Services Administration and NASA rule that requires companies that bid for federal contracts of more than \$500,000 to disclose whether they have been determined in the previous three years to have violated certain federal labor laws and equivalent state laws.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 236-187. [HJRes, 37, [Vote #76](#), 2/2/17; CQ, [2/2/17](#)]

National Security & Terrorism

Taylor Voted For Agreeing To The Conference Report For The National Defense Authorization Act FY 2019. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize \$708.1 billion for defense-related programs, with \$639.1 billion for the Defense Department’s base budget, and \$69 billion for overseas contingency operations. Specifically, it would authorize \$65 million for the development of low-yield nuclear weapons. It would also authorize \$18.8 billion for Navy aircraft procurement, \$16.5 billion for Air Force aircraft, and 24.1 billion for Navy shipbuilding. It would prohibit any U.S. government agency from using technology produced by the Chinese companies ZTE or Huawei, but would not reimpose a ban on U.S. exports to ZTE.” The report was agreed to, 359-54. [HR 5515, [Vote #379](#), 7/26/18; CQ, [7/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill FY 2018 And FY 2019 Funding For 16 U.S. Intelligence Communities And Requiring The Publishing Of Reports On Threats To U.S. Cybersecurity. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would authorize classified amounts in fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2019 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. government, which would cover general intelligence operations, clandestine human intelligence programs and analysis, and covert action programs. The bill would authorize \$547 million in fiscal 2018 and \$515 million in fiscal 2019 for the Intelligence Community Management account. The bill would require several reports on foreign malign influencers, including Russia, North Korea and Iran, and activities related to funding or carrying out a cyber or terrorist attack. The bill would also require the Director of National Intelligence to electronically publish an unclassified report on foreign counterintelligence and cybersecurity threats to U.S. election campaigns for federal offices.” The bill passed, 363-54. [HR 6237, [Vote #326](#), 7/12/18; CQ, [7/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering A Bill Authorizing Intelligence Appropriations For FY 2018 And FY 2019. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 989) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6237) that would authorize classified amounts in fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2019 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. government, which would cover general intelligence operations, clandestine human intelligence programs and analysis, and covert action programs.” The resolution was adopted, 235-178. [HR 6237, [Vote #323](#), 5/16/18; CQ, [7/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702, Which Conducts Surveillance On Foreign Targets’ Communications. In January 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize for six years, through 2023, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which governs electronic surveillance of foreign terrorism suspects. The bill would reauthorize Section 702 surveillance authorities on foreign targets, and would require the development of procedures for searching the Section 702 database that would protect the Fourth Amendment rights of U.S. citizens. The bill would prohibit the FBI from accessing information without an order from the secret FISA court in certain cases. The measure would increase penalties for the unauthorized removal of classified documents or information.” The bill passed 256 to 164. [S 139, [Vote #16](#), 1/11/18; CQ, [1/11/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “House Extends Surveillance Law, Rejecting New Privacy Safeguards.” [New York Times, [1/11/18](#)]

New York Times: Title VII Permitted The Government To Conduct Warrantless Surveillance On Communications Of Foreigners Abroad, “Even When They Are Talking To Americans.” “A yearslong

debate over National Security Agency surveillance and protections for Americans' privacy rights will reach a climactic moment on Thursday as the House of Representatives takes up legislation to extend a program of warrantless spying on internet and phone networks that traces back to the Sept. 11 attacks. There is little doubt that Congress will extend an expiring statute, known as Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act, that permits the government to collect without a warrant from American firms, like Google and AT&T, the emails and other communications of foreigners abroad — even when they are talking to Americans.” [New York Times, [1/10/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Including Additional Requirements To Obtaining Warrants For Surveillance Through FISA. In January 2018, Taylor voted against: “Himes D-Conn., motion to recommit the bill to the House Intelligence Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would include additional requirements related to obtaining warrants in order to query information incidentally collected on U.S. citizens.” The motion failed 189 to 227. [S 139, [Vote #15](#), 1/11/18; CQ, [1/11/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The Government To Obtain A Warrant Before Searching Surveillance Data Collected Through Section 702. In January 2018, Taylor voted against: “Amash R-Mich., amendment that would end NSA collection of communications data that is neither to nor from an approved foreign target, but rather communications "about" a foreign target entirely between American citizens. It would prohibit the FBI and intelligence agencies from searching the Section 702 database for information on U.S. citizens without first obtaining a warrant, except in certain circumstances. The amendment would end the so-called ‘reverse targeting’ practice, in which an American communicating with a foreign target is also subject to surveillance, and would modify oversight of and appointments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.” The amendment failed 183 to 233. [S 139, [Vote #14](#), 1/11/18; CQ, [1/11/18](#)]

Detroit News: The Amendment Would Have “Required Officials To Get Warrants In Most Cases Before Intercepting And Reading Emails And More Of U.S. Citizens.” “Before approving a six-year extension of the law, the House voted 233 to 183 to kill an amendment designed to protect Americans civil liberties. This amendment would have required officials to get warrants in most cases before intercepting and reading emails and more of U.S. citizens. This amendment was proposed by Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich). The vote was a victory for Republican establishment. House Speaker Paul D. Ryan had blocked the House from considering a compromise bill.” [Forbes, [1/11/18](#)]

New York Times: The Amendment Would Have Provided “A Series Of New Safeguards” On Officials That Conduct Surveillance On Foreign Communications. “Before voting to extend the law, known as Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act, the House rejected an amendment that would have imposed a series of new safeguards. That proposal included a requirement that officials obtain warrants in most cases before hunting for, and reading, emails and other messages of Americans that were swept up under the surveillance.” [New York Times, [1/11/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702. In January 2018, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 682) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (S 139) that would reauthorize Title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act through Dec. 31, 2023, and would require the development of procedures for searching the Section 702 database that protect the Fourth Amendment rights of U.S. citizens.” [H Res 682, [Vote #8](#), 1/8/18; CQ, [1/10/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Moving Forward To Consideration Of The FY 2018 Funding For The Intelligence Agencies And Waiving The Two-Thirds Vote Requirement To Consider Legislation The Same Day It Is Reported From The House Rules Committee. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 481) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3180) that would authorize classified amounts of funding through fiscal 2018 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities, including the Office of the National Intelligence Director, the CIA and the National Security Agency. The rule would waive, through the legislative day of August 1, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same

day it is reported from the House Rules Committee.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 224-186. [H RES 481, [Vote #436](#), 7/28/17; CQ, [7/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Suspending The Rules And Passing A Bill That Would Authorize FY 2018 Funding For US Intelligence Agencies And Intelligence Related Activities. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Nunes, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize classified amounts of funding through fiscal 2018 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities, including the Office of the National Intelligence Director, the CIA and the National Security Agency. The bill would authorize \$527 million in fiscal 2018 in funding to the Intelligence Community Management Account and would authorize \$514 million through fiscal 2018 in funding to the CIA Retirement and Disability Fund. The bill would require the director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress multiple reports regarding Russia’s campaigns directed at foreign elections and its efforts related to cyber influence, including an analytical assessment of the most significant Russian influence campaigns, if any, conducted during the three years prior to the bill’s enactment.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 241-163. [H R 3180, [Vote #407](#), 7/24/17; CQ, [7/24/17](#)]

2017: Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit Members Of The Administration Whose Primary Function Is Political From Being Appointed To The National Security Council. In February 2017, Taylor voted for: the “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 99).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the National Security Act of 1947 to prohibit any individual whose primary responsibility is political in nature from being designated a member of the Council. Further, the bill expresses the sense of Congress that the Director of National Intelligence or the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff should not be prevented from attending Principals Committee meetings.” A yes vote was a vote to block the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 225-189. [H.Res 99, [Vote #88](#), 2/14/17; CQ, [2/14/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/14/17](#)]

January 2017: President Trump Designated Political Advisor Steve Bannon To A Full Seat On The “Principals Committee” Of The National Security Council, Elevating His Informal Rank To The Equivalent Of A Cabinet-Level Secretary. “The whirlwind first week of Donald J. Trump’s presidency had all the bravura hallmarks of a Stephen K. Bannon production. [...] But the defining moment for Mr. Bannon came Saturday night in the form of an executive order giving the rumpled right-wing agitator a full seat on the “principals committee” of the National Security Council — while downgrading the roles of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the director of national intelligence, who will now attend only when the council is considering issues in their direct areas of responsibilities. It is a startling elevation of a political adviser, to a status alongside the secretaries of state and defense, and over the president’s top military and intelligence advisers. In theory, the move put Mr. Bannon, a former Navy surface warfare officer, admiral’s aide, investment banker, Hollywood producer and Breitbart News firebrand, on the same level as his friend, Michael T. Flynn, the national security adviser, a former Pentagon intelligence chief who was Mr. Trump’s top adviser on national security issues before a series of missteps reduced his influence.” [New York Times, [1/29/17](#)]

Native American Issues

Taylor Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Office Of Navajo And Hopi Indian Relocation. In July 2018, Taylor voted against: “O’Halleran, D-Ariz., amendment no. 27, that would increase funding for the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation by \$3 million, and would decrease funding for Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians by an equal amount.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 217-196. [H R 6147, [Vote #343](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Allowing Native American Tribes To Use Settlement Funds On Rural Water Systems, And Exempting Tribes From Being Defined As Employers Under The National Labor Relations Act. In January 2018, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to specify that settlement funds may be used for the planning, design, and construction of the tribe’s rural water system. In addition, the bill would also amend the National Labor Relations Act to exclude

Native American tribes and any institutions or enterprises owned or operated by a Native American tribe from being defined as employers under the NLRA. The bill further includes provisions that would aid specific tribes with development and land issues.” The bill passed 239 to 173. [H Res 681, [Vote #11](#), 1/10/18; CQ, [1/10/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Bill } } Allowing Native American Tribes To Use Settlement Funds On Rural Water Systems, And Exempting Tribes From Being Defined As Employers Under The National Labor Relations Act. In January 2018, Taylor voted for: Adoption of the rule (H Res 681) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (S 140) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund.” The motion passed 227 to 181. [H Res 681, [Vote #10](#), 1/10/18; CQ, [1/10/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Federal Obligations To Tribal Governments And Tribal Sovereignty From The SCRUB Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the “Moore, D-Wis., amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions rules related to federal obligations to tribal governments and rules related to supporting tribal sovereignty.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 197-229. [HR 998, [Vote #111](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Science & Technology

Taylor Did Not Vote On Authorizing And Renaming The Office Of Electronic Government As The Office Of The Federal Chief Information Officer. In November 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Comer, R-Ky., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill as amended, that would formally authorize and rename the Office of Electronic Government within the Office of Management and Budget as the Office of the Federal Chief Information Officer. The bill would formally codify the position and duties of the Federal CIO and another presidential appointee reporting to the CIO. It would also direct OMB to develop, for all federal agencies, an information technology expenditure reporting system.” The motion was agreed to 391-0. [HR 6901, [Vote #425](#), 11/30/18; CQ, [11/30/18](#)]

Seniors

Taylor Voted For Blocking Legislation That Would Prevent The House From Cutting Social Security, Medicare, Or Medicaid. In May 2017, Taylor voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment.)” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion blocked legislation to “restrict consideration of any bill, joint resolution, motion, amendment, or conference report that: (1) cuts social security benefits, (2) raises the retirement age for social security, (3) privatizes social security, (4) cuts guaranteed medicare benefits, or (5) results in cuts to state medicaid plan benefits or eligibility.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the legislation prohibiting the House from cutting these programs. The previous question carried, 229-191. [H Res 348, [Vote #271](#), 5/23/17; CQ, [5/23/17](#); [DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/23/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Demings, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would exempt regulations that significantly lower seniors' out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D. It would remove the bill's provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency's interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-233. [HR 5, [Vote #44](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Taxes

Taylor Voted For The Republican Tax Extenders Package. In December 2018, Taylor voted for “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to a bill (HR 88), with a further House amendment, comprised of a package of tax-related bills. The bill would extend and gradually phase out through 2024 a biodiesel tax credit, make permanent a railroad track maintenance credit at a reduced rate, and provide temporary tax relief for victims

of hurricanes and wildfires. It would delay or repeal certain health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 healthcare overhaul. The bill also contains a number of provisions related to tax-favored retirement savings plans and operations of the Internal Revenue Service.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220 – 183. [H.R. 88, [Vote #470](#), 12/20/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/18](#)]

Tax Extenders Package Included Expansion Of 529 Education Savings Accounts For Home-Schooling Expenses And Repeal Of The So-Called Johnson Amendment, Which Prohibited Churches And Charities From Making Political Endorsements. “At the same time, Brady added a host of measures favored by Republicans, including rollbacks of several health care-related taxes, a fix to last year’s tax law for the recreational vehicle industry and add-ons favored by conservatives, such as an expansion of 529 education savings accounts for home-schooling expenses and repeal of the so-called Johnson Amendment, which prohibits churches and charities from making political endorsements or risk losing their nonprofit status.” [Roll Call, [12/11/18](#)]

Tax Extenders Delayed ACA Excise Tax On Medical Device Manufacturers, Suspended The Health Insurer Fee For Two Years, And Delayed The Cadillac Tax From Taking Effect For One Additional Year. “Meanwhile, Brady would further delay the onset of several of the 2010 health care law’s taxes that Congress has already repeatedly pushed back, namely the excise tax on medical device manufacturers, a fee applied to health insurers and the so-called Cadillac tax on high-cost employer-sponsored health plans. Brady’s revised bill would extend the medical device tax suspension for five years, through 2024; suspend the health insurer fee for two years through 2021; and delay the Cadillac tax from taking effect for one additional year, through 2022.” [Roll Call, [12/11/18](#)]

Tax Extenders Extended Biodiesel Tax Credit And The Alternative Fuels Tax Credit. “The generally popular tax extenders package was dominated by a seven-year extension and phase-out of the biodiesel tax credit, scored at a \$16.9 billion cost, and a one-year extension of the alternative fuels tax credit, scored at a cost of \$7.1 billion.” [Roll Call, [12/11/18](#)]

Tax Extenders Included Temporary Tax Breaks For Residents In Areas Hit By Hurricanes Michael And Florence And Retirement Savings Provisions. “Brady repeated his hopes of Democratic support because of sections of the bill that would overhaul the IRS, which the House passed as a stand-alone bill by a vote of 414-0 earlier this year; temporary tax breaks for residents in areas hit by hurricanes Michael and Florence, among other natural disasters; and retirement savings provisions that have garnered support from Democrats.” [Roll Call, [12/11/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Establishing An Independent Appeals Office Within The IRS And Updating IRS Systems And Cybersecurity Measures. In December 2018, Taylor voted for: “Rice, R-S.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill which contains a number of provisions related to Internal Revenue Service operations and modernization. It would establish an independent office of appeals within the agency to resolve taxpayer controversies and make several modifications or clarifications related to IRS operations, services, and authorities. It also includes provisions to update IRS information technology systems, other electronic systems, and cybersecurity measures.” The motion as agreed to by a vote of 378-11. [HR 7227, [Vote #455](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Making Several Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent. In September 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would make permanent a number of tax provisions that would otherwise expire in 2025. The provisions from the 2017 tax overhaul (PL 115-97) that would become permanent include: reduced tax rates and modified tax bracket breakpoints for the seven tax brackets, the standard deduction amount, the elimination of personal exemptions for each taxpayer and dependent, and the increased child tax credit.” The bill passed 220-19. [HR 6760, [Vote #414](#), 9/28/18; CQ, [9/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Amending A Bill Making Several Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent Until It Included A Provision That Actuaries Certify That The Bill Would Not Cause Financial Harm. In September 2018, Taylor voted against “Recommit Larson, D-Conn., motion to recommit the bill to the

House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent enactment of the bill's provisions until actuaries from the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Old-Age and Survivor Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds certify that the measure would not cause financial harm to such trust funds." The motion was rejected 184-226. [HR 6760, [Vote #413](#), 9/28/18; CQ, [9/28/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Allowing Individual Taxpayers to Deduct Up To \$20,000 In The Year They Start A Business If The Expenses Are Related To A Business Start-Up. In September 2018, Taylor voted for "Passage of the bill that would allow individual taxpayers, beginning in tax year 2019, to deduct up to \$20,000 during a year in which they start a new business for expenses related to business start-up. It would allow up to \$120,000 of such expenses to be amortized over 15 years. It would allow the thresholds to be adjusted for inflation annually, beginning in 2020." The bill passed 260-156. [HR 6756, [Vote #412](#), 9/27/18; CQ, [9/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Modifying Tax-Favored Retirement Accounts, Including Allowing Pooled Retirement Plans By Unrelated Small Businesses And Allowing Individuals To Continue Making IRA Contributions After Reaching 70 Years And Six Months Of Age. In September 2018, Taylor voted for "Passage of the bill that would make various modifications related to tax-favored retirement accounts. It would provide for the establishment of "pooled" retirement plans by unrelated small businesses that are not in the same trade or industry. It would allow individuals to continue making contributions to a regular IRA after reaching the age of 70 years and six months, exempt individuals who have less than \$50,000 in their retirement accounts from having to take required minimum distributions from those accounts after reaching age of 70 years and six months. It would also allow individuals to withdraw up to \$7,500 from their retirement plans, without penalty, to help pay for the expenses of a new baby or adopted child. It would establish tax-favored Universal Savings Accounts that could be used by individuals and families for any purpose." The bill passed 240-177. [HR 6757, [Vote #411](#), 9/27/18; CQ, [9/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering Legislation Related To New-Business Tax Deductions, Tax-Favored Retirement Accounts, And Making Temporary Aspects Of Individual Tax Code Permanent. In September 2018, Taylor voted for "Adoption of the rule (H Res 1084) that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill related to new-business tax deductions (HR 6756), a bill related to tax-favored retirement accounts (HR 6757), and a bill that would make many temporary aspects of the individual tax code permanent (HR 6760)." The resolution was adopted 266-189. [H Res 1084, [Vote #410](#), 9/27/18; CQ, [9/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Funding The Payments In Lieu Of Taxes Program That Provides Federal Payments To Local Governments That Have Land That Cannot Be Locally Taxed. In September 2018, Taylor voted against "McCollum, D-Minn., motion to instruct the conferees on the part of the House to agree to the Senate amendment to the bill in relation to provisions that would fund the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program that provides federal payments to local governments that have large tracts of federal land that cannot be locally taxed." The motion was rejected 187-218. [HR 6147, [Vote #388](#), 9/6/18; CQ, [9/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment. In December 2017, Taylor voted for "Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling." The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, [Vote #699](#), 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/17](#)]

House Was Forced To Vote For A Second Time On The Final Bill After Small Changes Were Made To Comply With Senate Budget Rules. “The House, forced to vote a second time on the \$1.5 trillion tax bill, moved swiftly to pass the final version on Wednesday, clearing the way for President Trump to sign into law the most sweeping tax overhaul in decades. House lawmakers approved the tax bill 224 to 201 on Wednesday, after being forced to vote on the bill again after last-minute revisions were made to it in the Senate, which passed the measure 51 to 48 early Wednesday morning. The final House vote was essentially a formality, as the changes, which were made to comply with Senate budget rules, did not significantly alter the overall bill.” [New York Times, [12/20/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Adopting The Conference Report Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In December 2017, Taylor voted for “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for “pass-through” business income through 2025.” The conference report was adopted 227-203. [HR 1, [Vote #692](#), 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Sending The Tax Bill Back To Conference And Instructing Conferees To Oppose Repeal Of The Individual Mandate And To Disagree With Provisions Related To The SALT Deduction. In December 2017, Taylor voted against “Neal, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the Committee of Conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House that they disagree with provisions related to state and local tax deductions, and related to the bill’s language that would effectively repeal the individual health care mandate established by the 2010 health care overhaul.” The motion to recommit the conference report failed 191-236. [HR 1, [Vote #691](#), 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/19/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Instructing Conferees On The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Oppose Repeal Of The Individual Mandate And To Recede From The House Bill’s Provisions To Eliminate The SALT Deduction. In December 2017, Taylor voted against “Neal, D-Mass., motion to instruct conferees to disagree with the Senate amendment that would repeal the individual health insurance mandate, and to recede from the section House bill that would eliminate the deduction for state and local income taxes through 2025.” The motion to instruct conferees failed 186-233. [HR 1, [Vote #654](#), 12/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/4/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Moving The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Conference Committee. In December 2017, Taylor voted for “Brady, R-Texas, motion that the House disagree with the Senate amendment and request a conference with the Senate on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering individual and corporate tax rates, repealing various deductions through 2025.” The motion to go to conference passed 222-192. [HR 1, [Vote #653](#), 12/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/4/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Passage Of The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would eliminate personal exemptions and would nearly double the standard deduction. It would raise the child tax credit through 2022, repeal the alternative minimum tax, repeal the estate tax in 2025 and reduce the gift tax rate in 2025. It would establish a new top tax rate for pass-through business income and would modify tax credits related to energy production.” The bill passed 227-205. [HR 1, [Vote #637](#), 11/16/17; CQ Floor Votes, [11/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 619) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1) that would revise the

federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries.” The rule was adopted 235-191. [HRes 619, [Vote #633](#), 11/15/17; CQ, [11/15/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit Repeal Of The State And Local Tax Deduction. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL) said, “if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment that will prohibit any legislation from limiting or repealing the State and local tax deduction, which prevents millions of families from being taxed twice on the same income.” **A vote *for* the amendment is a vote to block protecting the state and local tax deduction.** The motion was agreed to 234-193. [HRes 619, [Vote #632](#), 11/15/17; CQ, [11/15/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/15/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill That Would Prevent The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act From Being Brought For A Vote Before The CBO Analysis Had Been Made Available. In November 2017, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “So if we can defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule that will prevent this massive tax cut bill from coming to the House floor unless nonpartisan analysis from the experts at the Congressional Budget Office has been available for at least 2 days.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of a bill preventing the TCJA from being brought for a vote before the CBO analysis was available for 2 days. The motion was agreed to 230-190. [HR 3922, [Vote #602](#), 11/2/17; CQ, [11/2/17](#); Congressional Record, [11/2/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Democratic Motion To Protect The State And Local Tax Deduction From Repeal Or Limitation. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader, “The Democratic previous question would create a point of order in the House and Senate that prohibits any legislation from limiting or repealing the state and local tax deduction.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote against protecting the state and local tax deduction. The motion was agreed to 229-188. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #582](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [1/5/18](#)]

Trade

Taylor Voted For A Motion To Suspend The Rules And Pass The Bill To Extend, Through December, 31, 2010, The Generalized System Of Preferences Program, Managed By The U.S. Trade Representative. In February 2018, Taylor voted for a “motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend, through Dec. 31, 2020, the Generalized System of Preferences program, managed by the U.S. Trade Representative. The bill would also make the preferences retroactive to the program's 2017 expiration date.” The motion was agreed to, 400-2. [H.R. 4979, [Vote #71](#), 2/13/18; CQ, [2/13/18](#)]

Transportation & Infrastructure

Taylor Voted For A Bill That Would Allow The Bureau Of Reclamation To Transfer Water Infrastructure To Non-Federal Entities Without Congressional Approval. In July 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would permit the Bureau of Reclamation to transfer ownership of certain federal water infrastructure facilities to certain nonfederal entities without the need for Congress to enact project-specific legislation, provided that the entity to which ownership would be transferred has a water service contract with BOR. The bill would require that, for a transfer to take place, the agency must notify Congress in writing of the proposed conveyance and the reason for the conveyance at least 90 days before it would occur, and Congress must not pass a joint resolution disapproving the conveyance before that date. The bill would require BOR to establish criteria for determining which facilities are eligible for such title transfers, including that a proposed transfer would not have an ‘unmitigated significant effect on the environment,’ and that the receiving entity would need to intend to use the property for substantially the same purposes as it had been used for prior to the transfer. The bill would also

prohibit any conveyance that would adversely impact power rates or repayment obligations.” The bill passed, 233-184. [HR 3281, [Vote #325](#), 7/12/18; CQ, [7/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment That Would Prevent Infrastructure Transfers To Companies That Recently Employed Interior Department Officials As Registered Lobbyists. In May 2018, Taylor voted against “Huffman, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit a conveyance under the bill's provisions if the qualifying entity to which the facility would be conveyed had employed the secretary or deputy secretary of the Interior Department as federally registered lobbyist in the last three years.” The amendment failed, 187-230. [HR 3281, [Vote #324](#), 7/12/18; CQ, [7/12/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Resolution Encouraging Investment In Roads, Bridges, And Clean Energy Infrastructure. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question calls on Congress to create millions of new jobs through investing in roads, bridges, and 21st century clean energy infrastructure projects that will benefit all Americans and not just billionaires.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution.* The motion was agreed to 224-176. [H Res 918, [Vote #234](#), 6/6/18; CQ, [6/6/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/6/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Airport Noise Restrictions From The SCRUB Act. In February 2017, Taylor voted against the “Krishnamoorthi, D-Ill., amendment that would exempt rules related to airport noise restrictions.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 192-230. [HR 998, [Vote #108](#), 2/28/17; CQ, [2/28/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Airspace Safety From The SCRUB Act. In February 2017, Taylor voted against the “Krishnamoorthi, D-Ill., amendment that would exempt rules related to the safety of the national airspace system.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-234. [HR 998, [Vote #107](#), 2/28/17; CQ, [2/28/17](#)]

Veterans

Taylor Did Not Vote On Adopting The Conference Report For FY 2019 Three-Bill Spending Package That Would Provide Billions In Funding For Energy, Interior, Legislative, And Veterans Affairs. In September 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Adoption of the conference report to accompany the fiscal 2019 three-bill spending package: Energy-Water, Legislative Branch, Military Construction-VA that would provide \$147.5 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$35.7 billion for the Energy Department, \$7 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers, and \$1.6 billion for the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation. It would provide \$98.1 billion for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities, and \$4.8 billion for operations of the House, Senate, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office.” The amendment was adopted 377-20. [HR 5895, [Vote #399](#), 9/13/18; CQ, [9/13/18](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Considering Replacing The 30-Hour Threshold Full-Time Employees Under The Affordable Care Act With A 40-Hour Threshold And The Conference Report For FY19 Energy, VA, And Other Appropriations. In September 2018, Taylor did not vote on “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1059) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3798) that would modify a number of aspects of the 2010 health care law related to employer provided health care, and would provide for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (HR 5895) the Fiscal 2019 Energy-Water, Legislative Branch, Military Construction-VA Appropriations package.” The amendment was adopted 222-171. [H Res 1059, [Vote #397](#), 9/13/18; CQ, [9/13/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Supporting Amendment To Cover Contraceptives For TRICARE Beneficiaries. In June 2018, Taylor voted against: “Carbajal, D-Calif., motion to instruct conferees on the part of the House to agree

to section 703 of the Senate bill, which is the provision related to contraception coverage parity under the TRICARE Program.” The motion failed by a vote of 188-231. [HR 5515, [Vote #300](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Authorizing Retroactive Payments To Vietnam Veterans Exposed To Pesticides And Eliminating Fees Members Of The National Guard And Reserve Paid On Home Loans. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Roe, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow veterans who served off the shore of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, to be eligible for a presumption of exposure to certain herbicides, including Agent Orange, for the purpose of VA disability compensation and would authorize retroactive payments to veterans who have previously been denied a claim for a eligible condition caused by presumed exposure to Agent Orange. The bill would eliminate the use of the Freddie Mac conforming loan limit with regard to the VA home loan program, would eliminate the additional fee that members of the National Guard and Reserve pay on home loans, and would impose a fee on certain veteran borrowers who have service-connected disabilities.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 382-0. [HR 299, [Vote #289](#), 6/25/18; CQ, [6/25/18](#)]

Taylor Voted Against A Motion To Recommit With An Amendment Decreasing Funding For VA Administration And Increasing Funding For Medical Funding At The Veterans Health Administration. In June 2018, Taylor voted against “Kuster, D-N.H., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report back it back immediately with an amendment that would decrease funding for VA administration by \$10.2 million and would increase funding for medical funding at the Veterans Health Administration by \$10 million, to be available on Oct 1, 2018.” The vote failed 187-225. [HR 5895, [Vote #256](#), 6/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, [6/8/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Budget Change To Make Funding For VA MISSION Act Mandatory, Rather Than Subject To Discretionary Spending Caps. In June 2018, Taylor voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make the budgeting change necessary to implement the VA MISSION Act without subjecting its funding to the Budget Control Act’s current discretionary spending cap, thereby protecting other non-defense programs that benefit veterans. The amendment would also include the additional funds that are being self-executed in H.R. 5698 to fund non-VA community care and family caregiver programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to 227-185. [H Res 923, [Vote #240](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/7/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill That Would Consolidate Privatized Medical Care Programs For Veterans Into The Veterans Community Care Program. In May 2018, Taylor voted for “Passage of the bill that would consolidate programs that allow veterans to seek medical care outside of the VA into a new singular entity, the Veterans Community Care Program. The bill would continue the current VA Choice Program for one year, and would authorize an additional \$5.2 billion for the costs of providing non-VA medical care through the old program and for transitioning to the new program. It would also authorize the VA to enter into Veterans Care Agreements that would include care standards for providers and private facilities, and would allow veterans to access care at federally-qualified health centers walk-in clinics. The bill would also create a commission to review VA modernization proposals and includes other provisions related to the recruitment of health care professionals. The bill would also require the Interior Department to provide an outer burial receptacle for new graves in open cemeteries that are controlled by the National Park Service, and would require the Department to reimburse veterans' survivors who had purchased one on their own.” The bill passed, 347-70. [S 2372, [Vote #189](#), 5/16/18; CQ, [5/16/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Budget Change To Make Funding For VA MISSION Act Mandatory, Rather Than Subject To Discretionary Spending Caps. In May 2018, Taylor voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make a budgeting change necessary to implement the VA MISSION Act without subjecting its funding to the Budget Control Act’s current discretionary spending cap, thereby protecting other non-defense programs that benefit veterans.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block*

consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to 230-184. [H Res 891, [Vote #185](#), 5/16/18; CQ, [5/16/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/16/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Guaranteeing Pay And Death Benefits For The Military.

In January 2018, Taylor voted for the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 4871, the Pay Our Military Act, to guarantee pay and death benefits for our military.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote against considering guaranteeing pay and death benefits for the military. The motion was agreed to 224-180. [H Res 708, [Vote #41](#), 1/20/18; CQ, [1/20/18](#); CQ, [1/20/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A Senate Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 562) that would set specific penalties for federal supervisors who retaliate against an employee who discloses waste, fraud or abuse. It would also require the VA to develop a plan to protect the medical records of employees and would prohibit VA employees from accessing medical files for demographic information when another non-medical database is available. The rule would also provide for motions to suspend the rules on the legislative days of Oct. 12 and 13, 2017.” The rule was adopted, 234-185. [H Res 562, [Vote #561](#), 10/11/17; CQ, [10/11/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For A Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would set specific penalties for federal supervisors who retaliate against an employee who discloses waste, fraud or abuse. It would require a supervisor to be suspended for at least three days for an initial offense, and would require a supervisor to be fired for a second offense. It would also require the VA to develop a plan to protect the medical records of employees and would prohibit VA employees from accessing medical files for demographic information when another non-medical database is available.” The bill passed, 420-0. [S 585, [Vote #568](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For An Amendment That Would Extend The VA Whistleblower Protection Bill Provisions To Apply To Any Federal Employee Disclosure Regarding The Violation Of Any Law Or Regulation Related To Travel. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “O’Halloran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would extend the bill’s provisions to apply to any federal employee disclosure regarding the violation of any law or regulation related to travel by the head of an agency or a political appointee.” The motion was rejected, 232-190. [S 585, [Vote #567](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Suspending The Rules And Passing A Bill That Would Make More Funds Available For The Veterans Choice Fund. In July 2017, Taylor voted for: “Roe, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would make available an additional \$2 billion in funding for the Veterans Choice Fund, without fiscal year limitation. The bill would extend until Dec. 31, 2027, the current cap on per-month payment of VA pensions to certain veterans residing at VA nursing care facilities, as well as the VA’s authority to collect fees for VA housing loans and the VA’s authority to obtain and use income information from the Social Security Administration and the IRS to validate an application for VA benefits.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 219-186. [S 114, [Vote #408](#), 7/24/17; CQ, [7/24/17](#)]

Taylor Did Not Vote On Blocking Legislation To Prohibit A Hiring Freeze At The Department Of Veterans Affairs. In June 2017, Taylor did not vote on: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 378).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Hasting said, “if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up

Representative Schrader's bill, H.R. 696, which would prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting the Department of Veterans Affairs." A vote for the previous question was a vote to block a prohibition of a hiring freeze at the VA. The previous question carried, 229-189." [H Res 378, [Vote #302](#), 6/13/17; CQ, [6/13/17](#); Congressional Record [6/13/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Updating VA Guidelines On The Employee Hiring And Evaluation Process. In March 2017, Taylor voted for "passage of the bill that would require the Veterans Affairs Inspector General to determine non-clinical VA health care positions that should be eligible for expedited hiring, require annual performance reviews for all political appointees at the VA, and would require the VA to establish a database with information on qualified individuals who previously applied for a position at the VA. The measure would require that the information from the database be used to fill positions that have been vacant for an extended period of time. As amended, it would prohibit the secretary of the VA from appointing former political appointees to non-political positions one grade higher than their last position at the VA without having to go through a competitive selection process." The bill passed by a vote of 412-0. [HR 1367, [Vote #171](#), 3/17/17; CQ, [3/17/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Expanding The Veteran Affairs Department's Ability To Fire, Demote, Or Suspend Employees For Misconduct. In March 2017, Taylor voted for "passage of the bill that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department's ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct or poor performance. The measure would authorize the VA to recoup any bonus paid to a VA employee if the VA deems it appropriate, and it would require that the employee be given advance notice and the right to appeal the decision. As amended, the measure would require that annual performance reviews for supervisors at the VA include evaluations on the supervisor's ability to address poor performance among their employees and would require the VA to provide supervisors with periodic training related to whistleblower rights and effective management techniques." The bill passed by a vote of 237-178. [HR 1259, [Vote #168](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Extending Whistleblower Protections In The VA. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the "Kihuen, D-Nev., motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would extend the bill's whistleblower protections to individuals that make disclosures to the central whistleblower office, including those who do so anonymously. It would also exempt veterans and whistleblowers from the bill's provisions that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department's ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct or poor performance." The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-229. [HR 1259, [Vote #167](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Replacing The Proposed VA Employee Removal Process For A Process That Provides For The Removal Of VA Employees For Misconduct Related To Public Health And Safety In The VA Accountability First Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the "Takano, D-Calif., amendment that would replace the bill's proposed VA employee removal process with an alternative process that would provide for the suspension and removal of Veterans Affairs Department employees for misconduct that is a threat to public health and safety. Suspended employees would be entitled to a written statement of the charges, a hearing and a review of their case. It would also provide for back pay for suspended whistleblowers." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 183-232. [HR 1259, [Vote #166](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Removing The Expansion Of The Veteran Affairs Department's Ability To Fire Or Demote Employees For Misconduct From The VA Accountability First Act. In March 2017, Taylor voted against the "Walz, D-Minn., amendment that would remove the bill's provisions that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department's ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct, and would alternatively expand the VA's authority to suspend or demote senior executives. It would allow for the removal of non-executives for performance issues occurring only within a preceding two-year period." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-223. [HR 1259, [Vote #165](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Providing For Consideration Of A Bill Creating New VA Staffing And Retention Programs And A Bill Prohibiting A VA Determination That A Veteran Is Mentally Incompetent From Automatically Preventing A Veteran From Being Able To Buy A Gun. In March 2017, Taylor voted for

“adoption of rule that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill (HR 1259) that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department's ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct; a bill (HR 1367) that would establish various new staffing, recruitment and retention programs at the VA; and a bill (HR 1181) that would prohibit a VA determination that a veteran is mentally incompetent from automatically preventing the veteran from being able to purchase a gun.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 229-187. [HRes 198, [Vote #163](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Blocking A Bill To Exempt The VA From The Trump Administration's Hiring Freeze. In March 2017, Taylor voted for the “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill (HR 1259).” According to Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL), a vote for the motion was a vote to block “an amendment to the rule to bring up HR 696, Representative Schrader's bill to exempt the Department of Veterans Affairs from Donald John Trump's hiring freeze. As we have already discussed, my amendment to allow the VA Secretary to fill vacant positions, regardless of whether they were vacated before or after the hiring freeze, was blocked last night in the Rules Committee. There are nearly 47,000 vacant positions within the VA, and we should not be limiting the VA's authority to fill these positions, especially as we continue to work towards reducing patient wait times.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-185. [HRes 198, [Vote #162](#), 3/16/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [3/16/17](#); Congressional Record, H2099, [3/16/17](#); CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Women & Gender Issues

Taylor Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Reauthorize The Violence Against Women Act. In September 2018, Taylor voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “We must oppose this rule and defeat the previous question. The reason for such is not because we do not support the troops or our children but because defeating the previous question will enable this House to consider and pass H.R. 6545, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2018.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. The motion was agreed to 230-188. [HR 6157; [Vote #402](#); 9/26/18; CQ, [9/26/18](#); Congressional Record, [9/26/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Requiring Medical Practitioners To Care For Babies Born Alive During Abortions. In January 2018, Taylor voted for equivalent to the care they would provide to any other infant born at the same gestational age. It would impose criminal fines, and penalties of up to five years in prison, for failure to do so, and would provide for a patient in such circumstances to file a lawsuit against the health care provider for certain monetary and punitive damages. The bill would require hospital and clinic practitioners and employees to report any knowledge of failures to provide such care to the appropriate state or federal law enforcement agency, and would permit prosecution of individuals who fail to do so.” The bill passed 241-183. [H.R. 4712, [Vote #36](#), 1/19/18; CQ, [1/19/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For Considering Legislation To Require Medical Practitioners To Care For Babies Born Alive During Abortions. In January 2018, Taylor voted for practitioners to give the same level of care to an infant born alive during an abortion procedure as they would give to any other infant born at the same gestational age, and would set criminal fines and penalties for not doing so.” The rule was adopted 228-189. [H Res 694, [Vote #30](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Taylor Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban Imposing Criminal Penalties On Doctors, With Exceptions For Rape And Incest Only If It Had Been Reported To Law Enforcement. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban. It would provide exceptions for cases in which the woman's life is in danger as well as for pregnancies that are a result of rape for pregnancies that are a result of rape against an adult woman, if the woman received counseling or medical treatment for the rape at least 48 hours prior to the abortion. An exception would be provided for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest against a minor if the rape or incest had been previously reported to law enforcement or another government agency authorized to act on reports of child abuse. The bill would require a second doctor trained in neonatal resuscitation to be present

for abortions where the fetus has the ‘potential’ to survive outside the womb.” The bill passed, 237-189. [HR 36, [Vote #549](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against An Amendment To The 20-Week Abortion Ban Allowing For An Exception For An Abortion Necessary To Save The Health Of A Pregnant Woman. In October 2017, Taylor voted against: “Brownley, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would add an exception to the 20-week abortion ban for abortions necessary to save the health of the pregnant woman.” The motion was rejected, 238-187. [HR 36, [Vote #548](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Consideration Of A 20-Week Abortion Ban. In October 2017, Taylor voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 548) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 36) that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban, with certain exceptions.” The rule was adopted, 233-187. [HR 36, [Vote #547](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Nullifying A Rule Preventing States From Restricting Federal Family Planning Funding To A Health Provider That Provides Abortion. In February 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Health and Human Services Department rule that prevents states from restricting federal family planning funding to a health provider, such as denying funds to a center that provides abortions, for any basis other than its ability to provide health services. Under the rule, HHS can withhold family planning grants to any state that restricts the participation of a health provider in the family planning services grant program.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 230-188. [HJRes 43, [Vote #99](#), 2/16/17; CQ, [2/16/17](#)]

Vote Reversed Obama Rule Preventing States From Withholding Grants From Planned Parenthood.

“The House voted Thursday to overturn an Obama-era rule banning states from denying federal funds to Planned Parenthood and other health care providers that perform abortions. The rule was designed to prohibit states from withholding family planning funding from providers for reasons other than their ability to offer family-planning services. The Republican-led House voted 230-188 largely along party lines to dismiss the rule under the Congressional Review Act, which allows Congress to overturn recently enacted regulations.” [USA Today, [2/16/17](#)]

Taylor Voted For Prohibiting Federal Funds Including Individual And Small Business Tax Credits Under The ACA From Being Used To Pay For Abortion Services Or Health Insurance Plans That Include Abortion Coverage And Would Ban Multistate Health Plans The Provide Abortion Coverage From State Exchanges. In January 2017, Taylor voted for “passage of the bill that would permanently prohibit federal funds from being used to pay for abortion services or health insurance plans that include abortion coverage. It also would prohibit the District of Columbia from using its own local funds to provide or pay for abortions. Individuals and small businesses also could not receive tax credits under the 2010 health care law related to purchases of health insurance plans that include abortion coverage. The bill would require the Office of Personnel Management to ensure that, starting in 2018, no multistate qualified health plan offered in a state insurance exchange provides coverage that includes abortion. The provisions would not apply to pregnancies resulting from rape or incest, or to situations where the woman would die unless an abortion is performed.” The bill passed by a vote of 238-183. [HR 7, [Vote #65](#), 1/24/17; CQ, [1/24/17](#)]

Taylor Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment That Prevents Insurance Plans From Charging Women Higher Premiums Than Men. In January 2017, Taylor voted against the “Schakowsky, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would state that the bill could not be interpreted to allow health insurance plans to charge women higher premiums than they charge men.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 187-235. [HR 7, [Vote #64](#), 1/24/17; CQ, [1/24/17](#)]

Appendix XI – State Legislative Record

Note: Please see here for information on Taylor's voting record in the Virginia House: [2014](#), [2015](#), [2016](#), [2017](#). Please see here Taylor's sponsored bills in the Virginia House: [2014 Part I](#), [2014 Part 2](#), [2015](#), [2016](#). Important bills sponsored by Taylor in the Virginia House have been integrated into their relevant issue sections.

Interest Group Ratings

2014-2017: House Of Delegates

Group	Year			Lifetime Average
	2014	2015	2016	
NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia	0%	0%	N/A	0%
American Conservative Union	91%	86%	65%	81%
Family Foundation of Virginia	100%	100%	N/A	100%
Virginia Citizens Defense League	100%	100%	97%	99%
Virginia Chamber of Commerce	94%	98%	97%	96%
Virginia Chapter Sierra Club	71%	50%	50%	57%
Virginia Education Association	50%	40%	50%	47%
Virginia Free	88%	92%	91%	90%
Virginia League of Conservation Voters	60%	67%	33%	53%
Virginia Tea Party Patriots Federation	75%	88%	45%	69%

Appendix XII – Petition Scandal News

TV/VIDEO

- [WTKR](#): Judge Denied Signatures Citing Forgery And Fraud
- [WTKR](#): Judge Says Signatures Should be Removed
- [WAVY](#): 2nd District Ballot Battle
- [WVEC](#): Inside Judge's 2nd District Ballot Decision
- [WVEC](#): Judge: Shaun Brown Won't Be On the Ballot
- [WTKR](#): Democrats Filed Lawsuit Claiming Signatures Collected By Scott Taylor's Staff Were Bogus.
- [WVBT](#); [WVEC](#): Taylor Announced He Would Not Participate In WHRO Debate
- [MSNBC](#): Special Prosecutor Was Appointed To Investigate If Aides Forged Petition Signatures To Gin Up Support For A Third Party Challenger
- [WVBT](#): Judge Ordered A Special Prosecutor
- [WAVY](#); [WVEC](#): Judge Ordered A Special Prosecutor – Featuring Interviews With Victims Of The Forgery
- [WVEC](#): Signatures To Get Brown On The Ballot Questioned
- [WTKR](#): Widow Wants To Know How Her Dead Husband's Signature Got On A Petition
- [WTKR](#): Taylor Trying To Explain Why His Campaign Helped Brown – Admitted Political Calculations Were Taken Into Account
- [WVEC](#): Reports Show Taylor's Staff Helped Brown Get On The Ballot
- [Facebook Video](#): Taylor Claims He Would Fire People On His Staff If He Found Out They Were Involved; Also Claimed Campaign Was Not Involved In Forgery.
- Other video can be found [here](#).

Headlines

Headline: New York Times: "Scandal Shakes A Virginia House Republican, Adding To Electoral Tremors."
[New York Times, [9/23/18](#)]

Headline: Richmond Times-Dispatch: "Schapiro: Taylor, Like Trump, Has A Collusion Problem."
[Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/18/18](#)]

Headline: WHRO: "People On Shaun Brown Petition Say They Never Signed." [WHRO, [8/6/18](#)]

Headline: Daily Press: "Dead Man's Name On Brown Petitions Taylor Staff Filed." [Daily Press, [8/6/18](#)]

Headline: Richmond Times-Dispatch: "Names Of Dead Man And Voter Who Moved Show Up On Petition Rep. Scott Taylor's Staff Gathered For Independent Candidate." [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [8/6/18](#)]

Headline: "Taylor Proves, With His Deceitful Support For An Independent, He's Scared Of Luria." [Virginia Pilot, Roger Chesley, [8/6/18](#)]

Headline: WTKR: "Special Prosecutor Appointed To Investigate Petition Issue In Virginia Beach Congressional Race." [WTKR, [8/7/18](#)]

Headline: WTVR CBS News: "Va. Congressman Under Investigation, Accused Of Meddling In Election"
[WTVR, [8/8/18](#)]

Headline: Virginian-Pilot: “Rep. Taylor Drops Out Of Debate As Democrats File Suit To Block Shaun Brown From Ballot.” [Virginian-Pilot, [8/13/18](#)]

Headline: TPM: “Rep. Called Constituent In Effort To Bury First Allegation Of Signature Forgery.” [TPM, [8/29/18](#)]

Headline: Washington Post: A Republican Congressman Helped A Rival Collect Signatures To Get On The Ballot. Some Of Those Signatures Were Fake. [Washington Post, [9/4/18](#)]

Headline: Richmond Times-Dispatch: “Richmond Judge Finds 'Out-And-Out Fraud' In Effort By Rep. Scott Taylor Staff To Get Independent On Ballot.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/5/18](#)]

Headline: Washington Post: “Judge Orders Independent Candidate Off The Ballot In Va. Congressional Race, Citing ‘Out And Out Fraud.’” [Washington Post, [9/5/18](#)]

Headline: Washington Post: “A Virginia Republican’s Election Trickery Was Sleazy — Maybe Even Illegal.” [Washington Post, Editorial Board, [9/7/18](#)]

Campaign Collecting Signatures For Brown

Four Of Taylor’s Campaign Staff Collected Signatures For Brown. “Now comes a new development in this story. Following an anonymous tip, WHRV’s Paul Bibeau contacted four people whose names and addresses appear on the petition documents collected by Taylor’s workers, and they said they never signed them. A fifth says she has no memory of signing. Another who appears on the petition is deceased. His widow will discuss the matter on HearSay with Cathy Lewis. Four workers on Taylor’s campaign collected the signatures in the last days before Virginia’s primary election.” [WHRO, [8/6/18](#)]

WHRO: “The Payments Made To Them Were Described As ‘Payroll’ Or ‘Campaign Consulting – Staff’ In FEC Records.” “The payments made to them were described as ‘payroll’ or ‘campaign consulting – staff’ in FEC records. Shaun Brown has said she had no knowledge of the effort. A Taylor spokesman acknowledged the Congressman knew his team gathered these signatures, but he did not comment on these latest developments after being contacted.” [WHRO, [8/6/18](#)]

Daily Press: “Taylor’s Staffers Gathered More Than 570 Signatures In A Two-Day Blitz Shortly Before The June 12 Deadline To File.” “They went out to gather signatures two months after Brown decided to drop her bid for the Democratic nomination, saying she planned to run as an independent. Taylor’s staffers gathered more than 570 signatures in a two-day blitz shortly before the June 12 deadline to file. Independent candidates for Congress need 1,000 valid signatures to be on the ballot. Brown supporters gathered about 1,350 by the deadline, including about 1,100 before the Taylor staffers hit the streets.” [Daily Press, [8/6/18](#)]

Special Prosecutor

WTKR: “Special Prosecutor Has Been Appointed To Investigate Whether A Petition To Get A Local Congressional Candidate On The Ballot Violated Election Or Forgery Laws.” “Commonwealth’s Attorney Colin Stolle says a special prosecutor has been appointed to investigate whether a petition to get a local congressional candidate on the ballot violated election or forgery laws. Donald Caldwell, the Commonwealth’s Attorney in Roanoke, has been appointed to investigate, and if necessary, prosecute any potential charges. The order was signed by Circuit Court Judge Glenn Croshaw.” [WTKR, [8/7/18](#)]

Taylor Responses

Taylor Knew About The Effort To Help

Taylor Said He Was Aware That His Staff Was Collecting Petitions For Shaun Brown. “Fredericks: Ok, so, I get back to this question. Why would you have four of your staffers spending three days of their time rather than working on promoting – Taylor: [interrupting] John, I know you want to hear all about this, but it's -- it's not appropriate for me to go into detail. I'm sorry. Fredericks: Ok, can I just ask you this: were you aware of this strategy? Taylor: Yeah, I -- I'm already on the record that I was aware of it. Of course I was never aware of anything that would be illegal, nor would I approve of that, ever. Like I said, getting signatures is so easy not to screw up, so it makes no -- I'm baffled by the whole thing, quite frankly. But, I'm on the record saying I was aware, yeah.” [YouTube, VA0RawFootage, John Fredericks Show, [8/27/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Taylor Spox: “Yep, Of Course He Knew” His Staff Was Collecting Petitions For Brown. “Brown was still pushing hard on deadline day to nail down enough signatures — she herself gathered more than 50 that day, the elections department records show. Federal Election Commission records, meanwhile, show that Taylor’s four staff members — Lauren Creekmore, Roberta Marciano, Nicholas Hornung and Heather Guillot — were each paid more than \$1,200 the week after turning in the signatures. Asked if Taylor was aware of what the four were doing, spokesman Scott Weldon replied: ‘Yep, of course he knew.’” [Daily Press, [8/1/18](#)]

Taylor Said He Was Aware Of His Staffs Efforts But Did Not Direct The Effort. “Brown later dropped out of the primary to run as an independent. She is currently awaiting a second trial in federal court on charges that she bilked the government out of public funds by inflating the number of meals her nonprofit served children in 2012, after a mistrial last week. Taylor said he was aware his staff was collecting signatures for Brown, but that he did not direct the effort. ‘I’m not dumb,’ the congressman said in an interview.” [Washington Post, [8/7/18](#)]

Taylor Said His Staff Did Nothing Wrong

Richmond Times-Dispatch: “Taylor Said He's Investigated And Found That His Staff Did Nothing Inappropriate.” “A Hampton Roads widow said she's hurt and confused about how her late husband's signature ended up on a ballot petition that staff for Rep. Scott Taylor, R-2nd, gathered for another candidate. Another woman said she moved from Virginia Beach to Nevada, where she's been registered to vote since 2014, and has no idea how her name ended up on a petition a Taylor staffer gathered. Taylor said he's investigated and found that his staff did nothing inappropriate. He said he's not sure how signatures of someone who is deceased or moved could have shown up on a petition his staff gathered. ‘You have no idea when you’re collecting signatures who's signing,’ he said. ‘So who knows?’” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [8/6/18](#)]

Taylor Denied His Staff Forged Any Signatures And Claimed The Handwriting Was Different. “In an interview on Monday, Taylor denied his staff forged any signatures. ‘Of course she didn't forge it,’ Taylor said. ‘You can look at the handwriting. It's all different.’ Taylor says this is all a Democratic effort to make him look bad and says his team has done nothing wrong. ‘I don't know who signed the thing,’ he said. ‘It's up to the state board of elections to say this is bad or this is good in terms of signatures.’” [WTKR, [8/6/18](#)]

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Taylor Called The Allegations Of Fraudulent Signatures A “Nothing Burger.” “They include Del. Glenn Davis (R-Virginia Beach) and his wife, as well as Elizabeth ‘Bet’ Cake, the widow of R. Stuart Cake, a longtime civil servant for the Navy, who died in April, before the date on which he is purported to have signed the petition. On Monday, the day before the special prosecutor was appointed, Taylor called the allegations of fraudulent signatures a ‘nothing burger’ and accused the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee of disenfranchising

Brown by endorsing Luria over her and other Democrats who were seeking the nomination.” [Washington Post, [8/7/18](#)]

Taylor Said His Staff Volunteered To Get Brown On The Ballot After Democrats “Disenfranchised An African-American Woman,” And Said “That’s Cool, Man. That’s Democracy.” “Asked about that, Taylor said the effort for Brown was something the four decided to do on their own. Taylor’s spokesman previously told the Daily Press the congressman was aware of the staff’s actions. Taylor said the four felt the Democratic establishment had ‘disenfranchised an African-American woman’ when the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee took the unusual step of endorsing a primary candidate, shortly after Brown was indicted on federal corruption charges. ‘They wanted to volunteer to get Shaun on the ballot, and that’s cool, man. That’s democracy,’ he said.” [Daily Press, [8/6/18](#)]

Taylor Said His Staff Did Nothing Wrong And “Anyone Who’s Ever Gathered Signatures Knows About 20 Percent Aren’t Going To Be Good.” “Taylor said he is satisfied that his staff did nothing wrong in gathering the signatures. They went out to gather signatures two months after Brown decided to drop her bid for the Democratic nomination, saying she planned to run as an independent. [...] The fact that some names on a petition don’t check out is fairly common, Taylor said. ‘Anyone who’s ever gathered signatures knows about 20 percent aren’t going to be good, you’ll get some people signing Mickey Mouse or something ... that’s why you gather more signatures than you need,’ he said. ‘Shaun Brown had plenty of signatures on her own.’” [Daily Press, [8/6/18](#)]

Taylor Said Political Calculations Were Taken Into Consideration

Taylor Spox Said Political Calculations Were Taken Into Place When The Decided To Help Brown. “In response to further questions, Taylor’s campaign spokesman told News 3 those political calculations were taken into consideration. ‘Sure it was,’ Scott Weldon texted a reporter. ‘People saw that Washington insiders were trying to force in a candidate who voted for Scott Taylor twice and squeeze out the former second district nominee.’ Taylor defeated Brown by about 70,000 votes in 2016.” [WTKR, [8/3/18](#)]

Taylor: If Brown Gets “On The Ballot It’s Probably Worse For Elaine Than It Is For Me. So What? They Shouldn’t Have Disenfranchised Her.” “If [Brown gets] on the ballot it’s probably worse for Elaine than it is for me. So what? They shouldn’t have disenfranchised her.” [Washington Post, [8/7/18](#)]

Taylor Fired Manager

Taylor Said He “Recently” Became Aware Of The Voter Petition Process Errors And It Underscored His Decision To Fire His Manager Weeks Earlier And He Fired A Consultant. “My campaign has a zero-tolerance policy for inappropriate activities. Recently we became aware of the inconsistencies in a voter petition process along with everyone else. Previously, our team terminated the relationship with our campaign manager for separate issues, however, current knowledge underscores that decision and prompted me to sever ties with my campaign consultant. This will not, at all, effect my ability to run our office in the efficient, effective, and impactful way we have been. While we cooperate fully, these irregularities have no bearing on Shaun Brown’s right to be on the ballot. National Democrats are engaged in a systematic effort to disenfranchise 2nd District voters by marginalizing a qualified African American candidate, for the second time, from being on the ballot.” [WTKR, [8/7/18](#)]

Taylor Tried To Intimidate A Constituent

TPM: Taylor “Personally Called A Constituent Who Had Accused His Reelection Campaign Of Forging Voters’ Signatures And Pressured Her To Withdraw The Accusation.” “Rep. Scott Taylor (R-VA), a wellknown Republican congressman and former Navy SEAL, personally called a constituent who had accused his reelection campaign of forging voters’ signatures and pressured her to withdraw the accusation, four people with knowledge of the call described to TPM.” [TPM, [8/29/18](#)]

Constituent Said She Felt Like Taylor Was Trying To Intimidate Her. “Taylor, according to Terry, said that Guillot ‘should’ and ‘probably will’ take legal action against her. Terry said Taylor was ‘trying to play the good guy,’ telling her that he didn’t ‘want to see any lawsuits happening,’ while also insinuating ‘that she was going to sue me — threatening a lawsuit on her behalf, in that sense. He was insinuating that I should take it down,’ she said. ‘I told him I wouldn’t. I told him I’d re-word it and, basically, take out me saying that she’d forged it. I did compromise with him on that.’ ‘It’s an intimidation factor to try and make me back down on it’ Terry said, adding separately: ‘I felt like he was trying to intimidate.’” [TPM, [8/29/18](#)]

Taylor’s Staff Was Subpoenaed And Took The 5th

Five Taylor Associates Have Invoked Their Fifth Amendment Rights Against Self-Incrimination. “Four Taylor staffers and a former campaign consultant signed affidavits invoking their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination in response to a series of questions about what happened.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/5/18](#)]

AP: “Taylor’s Campaign Staffers And His Former Campaign Consultant Signed Affidavits Saying They Planned To Invoke Their Fifth Amendment Right.” “During Wednesday’s hearing, Jeffrey Breit, an attorney for the Democratic Party of Virginia, said that several of Taylor’s campaign staffers and his former campaign consultant had signed affidavits saying they planned to invoke their Fifth Amendment right against selfincrimination if called to testify about forged signatures.” [Associated Press, [9/5/18](#)]

Taylor Was Subpoenaed And Refused To Testify, Citing Congressional Duties

Taylor’s “Attorney Persuaded The Judge That State Law Protects Him From” Appearing In Court “While The House Of Representatives Is In Session.” “The Democrats subpoenaed the congressman to testify Wednesday, but his attorney persuaded the judge that state law protects him from such demands while the House of Representatives is in session.” [Virginian-Pilot, [9/5/18](#)].

Taylor’s Lawyer Argued That The Subpoena Should Be Quashed. “Earlier in the day, Judge Rupe ruled Rep. Scott Taylor did not have to testify in a lawsuit that accuses members of his campaign staff of forging signatures to help Brown get on the ballot. Rupe quashed the subpoena after agreeing with Taylor’s lawyer that under state law, he is exempt from the subpoena while the House of Representatives is in session.” [13 News Now, [9/6/18](#)]

Judge Found Taylor’s Campaign Committed “Out And Out Fraud” With “The Intent To Defraud The Commonwealth And Its Election Officials”

Judge Rupe Said There Was No Doubt That “There Are Instances Of Forgery...And Out-And-Out Fraud.” “I’m buying almost all of what you all are selling,” Rupe said, looking at attorneys Jeffrey Breit and Aria Branch. “There’s no doubt in my mind that there are instances of forgery ... perjury and out-and-out fraud.” [Virginian-Pilot, [9/5/18](#)]

Richmond Circuit Court Judge Found “Out And Out Fraud” In The Effort By Taylor’s Campaign. “A Richmond Circuit Court judge on Wednesday ruled that independent Shaun Brown should be removed from the 2nd District congressional ballot, finding ‘out and out fraud’ in the effort to gather her signatures. At least four staffers for the re-election campaign of Rep. Scott Taylor, R-2nd, helped gather signatures to get Brown on the ballot as an independent.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/5/18](#)]

WTKR: “Rupe Wrote That Each Petition Circulated By The Staffers ‘Was Done So With The Intent To Defraud The Commonwealth And Its Election Officials.’” “Taylor’s staffers collected 600 signatures to help get Brown on the ballot, according to the written opinion. Rupe wrote that each petition circulated by the staffers ‘was done so with the intent to defraud the Commonwealth and its election officials.’ Separately from the lawsuit, a special prosecutor is investigating whether Taylor’s staff did anything illegal.” [WTKR, [9/6/18](#)]

Opinions

Daily Press: “Stephen Farnsworth, A Political Scientist At The University Of Mary Washington, Said The Effort By Taylor’s Campaign Is More Likely An Effort To Split The Vote Against Him.” “Stephen Farnsworth, a political scientist at the University of Mary Washington, said the effort by Taylor’s campaign is more likely an effort to split the vote against him. ‘The first rule of politics is to figure out a way to divide your opposition,’ Farnsworth said. ‘It’s one of the oldest tricks in the book ... it’s right out of John F. Kennedy’s (1946) congressional playbook. And he wasn’t the first to do it.’ [Daily Press, [8/1/18](#)]

Chesley: “Taylor Didn’t Support Brown’s Bid In Some Act Of Political Munificence. His Move Was Cowardly. He Had But One Goal: Drain Votes That Might Go To Luria, A Businesswoman Who Won Her Party Primary In June.” “Taylor didn’t support Brown’s bid in some act of political munificence. His move was cowardly. He had but one goal: Drain votes that might go to Luria, a businesswoman who won her party primary in June. Taylor, by the way, trounced Brown in 2016, when she was the Democratic standard-bearer for an open seat. So you know he isn’t worried about her in 2018. I’ve heard of candidates backing independents to muck things for up another opponent. Or offering public or private support. But this is beyond the pale. It means Taylor is feeling rising pressure from Luria’s bid.” [Virginia Pilot, Roger Chesley, [8/6/18](#)]

Virginia Pilot Editorial Board: “Taylor’s Campaign Should Never Have Gotten Involved In Helping To Place Brown On The Ballot, Which Was An Underhanded Move To Hurt Luria And Tilt The Election More In The Republican’s Favor.” “Taylor initially said his campaign staff did nothing wrong, and he dismissed concerns about possible fraudulent signatures. He has since said that his campaign has zero tolerance for inappropriate activities and that it will cooperate with the investigation. But Taylor’s campaign should never have gotten involved in helping to place Brown on the ballot, which was an underhanded move to hurt Luria and tilt the election more in the Republican’s favor. And once Brown learned of the Taylor campaign’s involvement, she should have realized that she was part of a crass ploy to undercut a rival and distanced herself from the lists immediately.” [Virginia-Pilot, Editorial Board, [8/9/18](#)]

Virginia Pilot Editorial Board: “The Notion That His Campaign Supporters Would, On Their Own, Rescue A Struggling Opponent In An Unselfish Defense Of Democracy Does More Than Strain Credulity.” “The notion that his campaign supporters would, on their own, rescue a struggling opponent in an unselfish defense of democracy does more than strain credulity. The fact that they were subsequently paid by the Taylor campaign provides a better clue as to their motives.” [Virginia-Pilot, Editorial Board, [8/9/18](#)]

Virginian-Pilot Editorial Board: The People In VA-02 “deserved better in a competitive election and from those who seek to represent them in Washington.” “What was expected to be a challenging contest for first-year incumbent Republican Scott Taylor now seems far more difficult, thanks to allegations of fraud surrounding the candidate and his staff. [...] So even as the candidates try to stay focused on the issues facing the district, the commonwealth and the nation, the case promises to have some influence in the race. That’s certainly a shame for the people of this region, who deserved better in a competitive election and from those who seek to represent them in Washington.” [Virginian-Pilot, Editorial Board, [9/9/18](#)]

Taylor Dropped Out Of A Debate

Taylor Withdrew From A WHRO-Sponsored Oct. 23 Debate With Democratic Candidate Elaine Luria Because He Is Upset With The Station’s News Coverage On The Petition Scandal. “U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor withdrew from a WHRO-sponsored Oct. 23 debate with Democratic candidate Elaine Luria because he is upset with the station’s news coverage of a controversy involving his campaign staff helping an independent candidate get on the ballot, WHRO president Bert Schmidt said Monday.” [Virginian-Pilot, [8/13/18](#)]

Virginia Beach Sheriff's Assisted Taylor's Campaign

Richmond Times-Dispatch: "Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office Assisted Rep. Scott Taylor With A Coordinated Signature Effort To Get An Independent Spoiler Candidate On The Nov. 6 Ballot In His Congressional Race." "The Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office assisted Rep. Scott Taylor with a coordinated signature effort to get an independent spoiler candidate on the Nov. 6 ballot in his congressional race. At least 50 deputies and civilian employees of the sheriff's office, headed by Sheriff Ken Stolle, a Republican, signed petition forms at work in June as Taylor's campaign scrambled to help collect the 1,000 signatures that independent candidate Shaun Brown would need to be listed on the ballot. Stolle is an ally of Taylor, R-2nd." [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [8/15/18](#)]

Sheriff Said He Didn't Realize Taylor Had Engaged In An Effort To Help Place Brown On The Ballot Until News Stories Published In Early August. "Sheriff Stolle, a former state senator, downplayed the role of his office in helping the Taylor campaign gather signatures. [...] Stolle said he didn't realize Taylor had engaged in an effort to help place Brown on the ballot until news stories published in early August." [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [8/15/18](#)]

