

Climate-Change Votes in 115th Congress by California Reps Whose Districts Were Ravaged by Wildfires in November 2018



DOUG LAMALFA, R-1, voted against climate measures. He represents Butte County, where at least 79 died in the Camp fire.



JULIA BROWNLEY, D-26, whose district was in the path of the Woolsey fire, which killed at least two, voted to address climate change.



BRAD SHERMAN, D-30, voted for measures to combat climate change. The Woolsey and Hill fires struck in or near his district.



TED LIEU, D-33, who represents fire-ravaged areas near Los Angeles, voted for legislation to deal with climate change.

GOP-Led Congress Rebuffs Climate Measures in 2017-2018 Voting

The House has conducted at least 10 roll calls during the 115th Congress that dealt with climate change, with the Republican stand against legislative action prevailing each time.

Three of those votes offer an especially clear look at the red-blue divide over what policies, if any, the government should pursue to counter or respond to the growing frequency of extreme weather -- including increasingly destructive hurricanes and wildfires -- that scientists say is the result of a warming planet.

This report spotlights votes on those roll calls by four California representatives whose districts endured major wildfires in November 2018.

1. CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATIONAL SECURITY: **Doug LaMalfa, R-1**, voted for and **Julia Brownley, D-26, Brad Sherman, D-30**, and **Ted Lieu, D-33**, voted against an amendment to remove from the fiscal 2018 military budget a requirement for Department of Defense reports on the impact of climate change on U.S. military installations and combat readiness. The amendment was adopted. (Vote #368; 07/13/2017; HR 2810)
2. SOCIAL COST OF CARBON: **LaMalfa** voted for and **Brownley, Sherman** and **Lieu** voted against an amendment that would prohibit any funds in a pending energy and water appropriations bill (HR 5895) from being spent on programs that would regulate or provide guidance on the social cost of carbon. The amendment was adopted. (Vote #253; 06/08/2018; HR 5895)
3. GOP OPPOSITION TO CARBON TAX: **LaMalfa** voted for and **Brownley, Sherman** and **Lieu** voted against a nonbinding GOP-sponsored statement of opposition to placing any new tax on the carbon content of coal, natural gas or petroleum products in order to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases including carbon dioxide. The measure was approved. (Vote #363; 07/19/2018; H Con Res 119)

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