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## H.R. 3396 (104th): Defense of Marriage Act

Sep 10, 1996 at 2:42 p.m. ET. On Passage of the Bill in the Senate.

This was a vote to pass [H.R. 3396 \(104th\) \(/congress/bills/104/hr3396\)](/congress/bills/104/hr3396) in the Senate.

The **Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)** (Pub.L. 104–199, 110 Stat. 2419, enacted September 21, 1996, 1 U.S.C. § 7 and 28 U.S.C. § 1738C) was a United States federal law that, prior to being ruled unconstitutional, defined marriage for federal purposes as the union of one man and one woman, and allowed states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages granted under the laws of other states. Until Section 3 of the Act was struck down in 2013 (*United States v. Windsor*), DOMA, in conjunction with other statutes, had barred same-sex married couples from being recognized as "spouses" for purposes of federal laws, effectively barring them from receiving federal marriage benefits. DOMA's passage did not prevent individual states from recognizing same-sex marriage, but it imposed constraints on the benefits received by all legally married same-sex couples.

Initially introduced in May 1996, DOMA was passed by the House of Representatives by large vote, and

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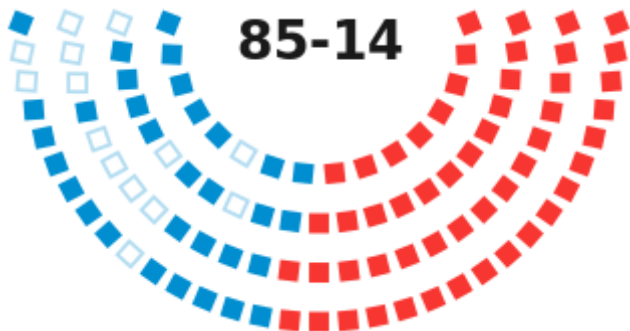
### Totals

	All Votes	R	D
Yea	86%	85	53
Nay	14%	14	0
Not Voting	1	0	1

Bill Passed. Simple Majority Required. Source: [senate.gov \(http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_lists/roll\\_call\\_vote\\_cfm.cfm?congress=104&session=2&vote=00280\)](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=104&session=2&vote=00280).

The Yea votes represented 75% of the country's population by apportioning each state's population to its voting senators.

# Ideology Vote Chart



Key: Republican - Yea Democrat - Yea

Democrat - Nay

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## Statistically Notable Votes

Vote	State	Party	Representative
Nay	CA	D	Feinstein, Dianne (/congress/members/dianne_feinstein/300043)
Nay	IL	D	Moseley Braun, Carol (/congress/members/carol_moseley_braun/407992)
Nay	NE	D	Kerrey, Robert (/congress/members/robert_kerrey/400561)
Nay	OR	D	Wyden, Ron (/congress/members/ron_wyden/300100)
Nay	VA	D	Robb, Charles (/congress/members/charles_robb/400564)
Nay	WI	D	Feingold, Russell (/congress/members/russell_feingold/300042)

Statistically notable votes are the votes that are most surprising, or least predictable, given how other members of each voter's party voted and other factors.

## All Votes

Vote	StateParty	Representative
<b>Alabama</b>		
Yea	AL D	Heflin, Howell (/congress/members/howell_heflin/405310)
Yea	AL R	Shelby, Richard (/congress/members/richard_shelby/300089)
<b>Alaska</b>		
Yea	AK R	Murkowski, Frank (/congress/members/frank_murkowski/300150)
Yea	AK R	Stevens, Ted (/congress/members/ted_stevens/300094)
<b>Arizona</b>		
Yea	AZ R	Kyl, Jon (/congress/members/jon_kyl/300062)
Yea	AZ R	McCain, John (/congress/members/john_mccain/300071)
<b>Arkansas</b>		
Yea	AR D	Bumpers, Dale (/congress/members/dale_bumpers/402004)
No Vote	AR D	Pryor, David (/congress/members/david_pryor/408939)
<b>California</b>		
Nay	CA D	Boxer, Barbara (/congress/members/barbara_boxer/300011)
Nay	CA D	Feinstein, Dianne (/congress/members/dianne_feinstein/300043)
<b>Colorado</b>		
Yea	CO R	Brown, Hank (/congress/members/george_brown/401874)
Yea	CO R	Campbell, Ben (/congress/members/ben_campbell/300017)
<b>Connecticut</b>		
Yea	CT D	Dodd, Christopher (/congress/members/christopher_dodd/300034)
Yea	CT D	Lieberman, Joseph (/congress/members/joseph_lieberman/300067)
<b>Delaware</b>		
Yea	DE D	Biden, Joseph (/congress/members/joseph_biden/300008)
Yea	DE R	Roth, William (/congress/members/william_roth/400565)
<b>Florida</b>		

Vote	State	Party	Representative
Yea	FL	D	Graham, Bob (/congress/members/bob_graham/300046)
Yea	FL	R	Mack, Connie (/congress/members/connie_mack/400562)
<b>Georgia</b>			
Yea	GA	R	Coverdell, Paul (/congress/members/paul_coverdell/400558)
Yea	GA	D	Nunn, Samuel (/congress/members/samuel_nunn/408252)
<b>Hawaii</b>			
Nay	HI	D	Akaka, Daniel (/congress/members/daniel_akaka/300001)
Nay	HI	D	Inouye, Daniel (/congress/members/daniel_inouye/300056)
<b>Idaho</b>			
Yea	ID	R	Craig, Larry (/congress/members/larry_craig/300029)
Yea	ID	R	Kempthorne, Dirk (/congress/members/dirk_kempthorne/406256)
<b>Illinois</b>			
Nay	IL	D	Moseley Braun, Carol (/congress/members/carol_moseley_braun/407992)
Nay	IL	D	Simon, Paul (/congress/members/paul_simon/409917)
<b>Indiana</b>			
Yea	IN	R	Coats, Daniel (/congress/members/daniel_coats/402675)
Yea	IN	R	Lugar, Richard (/congress/members/richard_lugar/300070)
<b>Iowa</b>			
Yea	IA	R	Grassley, Chuck (/congress/members/charles_grassley/300048)
Yea	IA	D	Harkin, Tom (/congress/members/thomas_harkin/300051)
<b>Kansas</b>			
Yea	KS	R	Frahm, Sheila (/congress/members/sheila_frahm/404281)
Yea	KS	R	Kassebaum, Nancy (/congress/members/nancy_kassebaum/406188)
<b>Kentucky</b>			
Yea	KY	D	Ford, Wendell (/congress/members/wendell_ford/404219)
Vote	State	Party	Representative
Yea	KY	R	McConnell, Mitch (/congress/members/mitch_mcconnell/300072)
<b>Louisiana</b>			

Vote	State	Party	Representative
Yea	LA	D	Breaux, John (/congress/members/john_breaux/300012)
Yea	LA	D	Johnston, John Bennett (/congress/members/john_johnston/406084)
<b>Maine</b>			
Yea	ME	R	Cohen, William Sebastian (/congress/members/william_cohen/402727)
Yea	ME	R	Snowe, Olympia (/congress/members/olympia_snowe/300091)
<b>Maryland</b>			
Yea	MD	D	Mikulski, Barbara (/congress/members/barbara_mikulski/300073)
Yea	MD	D	Sarbanes, Paul (/congress/members/paul_sarbanes/300086)
<b>Massachusetts</b>			
Nay	MA	D	Kennedy, Ted (/congress/members/edward_kennedy/300059)
Nay	MA	D	Kerry, John (/congress/members/john_kerry/300060)
<b>Michigan</b>			
Yea	MI	R	Abraham, Spencer (/congress/members/spencer_abraham/400555)
Yea	MI	D	Levin, Carl (/congress/members/carl_levin/300066)
<b>Minnesota</b>			
Yea	MN	R	Grams, Rod (/congress/members/rod_grams/400560)
Yea	MN	D	Wellstone, Paul (/congress/members/paul_wellstone/400566)
<b>Mississippi</b>			
Yea	MS	R	Cochran, Thad (/congress/members/thad_cochran/300023)
Yea	MS	R	Lott, Trent (/congress/members/trent_lott/300069)
<b>Missouri</b>			
Yea	MO	R	Ashcroft, John (/congress/members/john_ashcroft/400556)
Yea	MO	R	Bond, Kit (/congress/members/christopher_bond/300010)
<b>Montana</b>			
Yea	MT	D	Baucus, Max (/congress/members/max_baucus/300005)
Yea	MT	R	Burns, Conrad (/congress/members/conrad_burns/300015)
<b>Nebraska</b>			
Yea	NE	D	Exon, James (/congress/members/james_exon/403962)

Vote	State	Party	Representative
Nay	NE	D	Kerrey, Robert (/congress/members/robert_kerrey/400561)
<b>Nevada</b>			
Yea	NV	D	Bryan, Richard (/congress/members/richard_bryan/400557)
Yea	NV	D	Reid, Harry (/congress/members/harry_reid/300082)
<b>New Hampshire</b>			
Yea	NH	R	Gregg, Judd (/congress/members/judd_gregg/300049)
Yea	NH	R	Smith, Bob (/congress/members/robert_smith/300155)
<b>New Jersey</b>			
Yea	NJ	D	Bradley, Bill (/congress/members/william_bradley/401709)
Yea	NJ	D	Lautenberg, Frank (/congress/members/frank_lautenberg/300064)
<b>New Mexico</b>			
Yea	NM	D	Bingaman, Jeff (/congress/members/jeff_bingaman/300009)
Yea	NM	R	Domenici, Pete (/congress/members/pete_domenici/300036)
<b>New York</b>			
Yea	NY	R	D'Amato, Alfonse (/congress/members/alfonse_damato/403142)
Nay	NY	D	Moynihan, Daniel (/congress/members/daniel_moynihan/400563)
<b>North Carolina</b>			
Yea	NC	R	Faircloth, Lauch (/congress/members/duncan_faircloth/403968)
Yea	NC	R	Helms, Jesse (/congress/members/jesse_helms/300154)
<b>North Dakota</b>			
Vote	State	Party	Representative
Yea	ND	D	Conrad, Kent (/congress/members/kent_conrad/300026)
Yea	ND	D	Dorgan, Byron (/congress/members/byron_dorgan/300037)
<b>Ohio</b>			
Yea	OH	R	DeWine, Mike (/congress/members/michael_dewine/300033)
Yea	OH	D	Glenn, John (/congress/members/john_glenn/404598)
<b>Oklahoma</b>			
Yea	OK	R	Inhofe, Jim (/congress/members/james_inhofe/300055)

Vote	State	Party	Representative
Yea	OK	R	Nickles, Don (/congress/members/don_nickles/300079)
<b>Oregon</b>			
Yea	OR	R	Hatfield, Mark (/congress/members/mark_hatfield/405212)
Nay	OR	D	Wyden, Ron (/congress/members/ron_wyden/300100)
<b>Pennsylvania</b>			
Yea	PA	R	Santorum, Rick (/congress/members/richard_santorum/300085)
Yea	PA	R	Specter, Arlen (/congress/members/arlen_specter/300092)
<b>Rhode Island</b>			
Yea	RI	R	Chafee, John (/congress/members/john_chafee/402412)
Nay	RI	D	Pell, Claiborne (/congress/members/claiborne_pell/408597)
<b>South Carolina</b>			
Yea	SC	D	Hollings, Fritz (/congress/members/ernest_hollings/300053)
Yea	SC	R	Thurmond, Strom (/congress/members/strom_thurmond/300157)
<b>South Dakota</b>			
Yea	SD	D	Daschle, Tom (/congress/members/thomas_daschle/300031)
Yea	SD	R	Pressler, Larry (/congress/members/larry_pressler/408898)
<b>Tennessee</b>			
Yea	TN	R	Frist, Bill (/congress/members/william_frist/300045)
Yea	TN	R	Thompson, Fred (/congress/members/fred_thompson/300158)
<b>Texas</b>			
Yea	TX	R	Gramm, Phil (/congress/members/phil_gramm/300159)
Yea	TX	R	Hutchison, Kay (/congress/members/kay_hutchison/300054)
<b>Utah</b>			
Yea	UT	R	Bennett, Robert (/congress/members/robert_bennett/300007)
Yea	UT	R	Hatch, Orrin (/congress/members/orrin_hatch/300052)
<b>Vermont</b>			
Yea	VT	R	Jeffords, Jim (/congress/members/james_jeffords/300057)
Yea	VT	D	Leahy, Patrick (/congress/members/patrick_leahy/300065)

Vote	State	Party	Representative
<b>Virginia</b>			
Nay	VA	D	Robb, Charles (/congress/members/charles_robb/400564)
Yea	VA	R	Warner, John (/congress/members/john_warner/300099)
<b>Washington</b>			
Yea	WA	R	Gorton, Slade (/congress/members/slade_gorton/400559)
Yea	WA	D	Murray, Patty (/congress/members/patty_murray/300076)
<b>West Virginia</b>			
Yea	WV	D	Byrd, Robert (/congress/members/robert_byrd/300016)
Yea	WV	D	Rockefeller, Jay (/congress/members/john_rockefeller/300084)
<b>Wisconsin</b>			
Nay	WI	D	Feingold, Russell (/congress/members/russell_feingold/300042)
Yea	WI	D	Kohl, Herb (/congress/members/herbert_kohl/300061)
<b>Wyoming</b>			
Yea	WY	R	Simpson, Alan (/congress/members/alan_simpson/409923)
Yea	WY	R	Thomas, Craig (/congress/members/craig_thomas/300097)

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