

# THE Gun Owners

29 YEARS OF NO COMPROMISE – 1975-2004

*As GOA Issues Candidate Scorecards...*

## Gun Owners Look to the Coming Elections

by Larry Pratt

Media attention, of course, is heavily focused on the presidential election at the moment. This race may be quite close, although as of this writing, the gap between the two major candidates is beginning to widen.

No doubt the memories of “hanging chads” in 2000 will incline most people who have any interest in politics at all to vote in this year’s presidential contest. We learned again in 2000 that every vote counts. (In Chicago and some other urban centers, it may even count more than once!)

I urge gun owners not to be so fixated on the presidential campaign’s fireworks that they are blinded to races where each voter, and each volunteer and donor, can have a proportionally much greater impact. Arguably, having a pro-gun Congress is — in both the short and long term — more important to gun rights than who sits in the Oval Office.

GOA has backed a number of staunch supporters of the Second Amendment in congressional primaries this year. A couple of the outcomes were decided by substantial margins. But others were exceedingly close.

For example, Greg Walcher won the GOP primary for Congress in Colorado’s third district by 273 votes out of nearly 49,000 cast. And some say, “My vote isn’t important!”

Pro-gun Kris Kobach won his primary with a slim margin of 207 votes out of nearly 89,000 cast in Kansas’ third congressional district.

And Patrick McHenry won his GOP primary, and probably a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, in the tenth

district of North Carolina by a mere 87 votes! This was out of nearly 48,000 ballots cast in a runoff election in the middle of August.

These are the races that will have the most impact on making sure that Sen. Dianne Feinstein and her socialist control-freak supporters in the U.S. Senate will be blocked from renewing the semi-auto ban in 2005. Feinstein has promised to keep on trying. (Would that freedom-loving, pro-gun politicians had her willingness to fight even in the face of negative odds!)

Back in March, we came close to having a Senate bill come over to the House with an amendment to renew the semi-auto ban. GOA believes that the best time to kill a snake is at the first opportunity. We did finally kill it in the Senate, but it was reassuring to know that if the snake had slithered into the House, we probably would have been able to kill it there because a fairly comfortable margin of pro-gun votes is available for defensive battles in that chamber.

Yet, since the Republicans are in control of Congress, I would like to see them behave in as feisty a way as Sen. Feinstein. It seems that the supposedly pro-Second Amendment Republicans still instinctively believe — from years of pro-Democrat media conditioning — that “guns kill.” Namely, the gun issue supposedly hurts Republicans — just ask the partisan media.

As a result, the Republican strategy has been one of containment; Republicans won’t bring up gun issues for a vote if the Democrats do not. This defensive strategy has allowed liberal Democrats to take the offensive — after



**Democrat presidential hopeful, John Kerry, joined forces with Sarah Brady on September 13 to lament the sunset of Clinton’s semi-auto ban. Kerry lashed out at Bush for “making the job of the terrorists easier” by not doing more to push the renewal of the ban in Congress. According to *Newsmax.com*, however, Kerry did not explain why the ban failed to protect America against the 9/11 attacks, which were executed with small knives. Nor did Kerry say how many terrorists had been arrested and charged with violations under the Clinton gun ban. (See related article on page 4.)**

having had their brains beaten out by voters in 1994 (loss of control of Congress) and in 2000 (loss by Al Gore of the presidency).

Feinstein and Company were able to claim once again, while pushing for votes against guns, that Republicans did not care about children or the police. Senators Kerry and Edwards made one of their rare appearances in the U.S. Senate to vote against the Second Amendment (supporting an extension of the semi-auto ban).

But on the campaign trail, Kerry has a shotgun in his hands half the time. He conned the United Mine Workers into telling their men that he is a gun

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# 2004 Candidate Rating Scorecard

Candidates who have established a voting record, either in the office for which they are running or in another elected office, are evaluated primarily on the basis of that voting record. However, sponsorship of pro or anti-gun legislation and other such factors can affect their grade.

If an incumbent or challenger has not established a voting record or demonstrated his or her position in some other way, that candidate is evaluated on the basis of his or her responses to the GOA 2004 Federal Candidate Questionnaire.

Every candidate, whether an incumbent or challenger, begins with an "A" and is then downgraded on the basis of each anti-gun position admitted to on the questionnaire or for each anti-gun vote.

**A+: Pro-Gun Leader.** Carries pro-gun bills, works with pro-gun groups and organizes against anti-gun legislation, speaks out for Second Amendment rights.

**A & A-: Pro-Gun Voter.** Philosophical sound. Always with pro-gun leadership but takes no leadership role.

**B & B-: Pro-Gun compromiser.** Generally leans our way but occasionally supports a particular anti-gun proposal.

**C & C-: Leans Our Way occasionally.** No philosophical commitment. Must be constantly pressured by the pro-gun movement or, if left alone, will vote against us.

**D & D-: Leans Anti-Gun.** Normally with the anti-gun movement, but strong pressure can sometimes move them into a non-vote (abstention) or an occasional

pro-gun vote, if they believe voting against us could cause their defeat.

**F: Anti-Gun Voter.** A philosophically committed anti-gunner. Does not carry anti-gun bills but can always be counted on to vote against us.

**F-: Anti-Gun Leader.** Outspoken anti-gun advocate who carries or cosponsors anti-gun legislation, plots and plans with anti-gun organizations to take away our Second Amendment rights.

**NR:** The candidate refused to answer his or her questionnaire.

### PLEASE NOTE

Due to space limitations, only Republicans and Democrats are listed. Grades of third party candidates are posted on the GOA website: [www.gunowners.org/votetb04.htm](http://www.gunowners.org/votetb04.htm)

## United States House of Representatives

### ALABAMA

01 BONNER (R)	A-
Belk (D)	C-
02 EVERETT (R)	A
James (D)	NR
03 ROGERS (R)	A
Fuller (D)	C
04 ADERHOLT (R)	A
Cole (D)	F
05 CRAMER (D)	B
Wallace (R)	A
06 BACHUS (R)	A-
07 DAVIS (D)	NR
Cameron (R)	C

### ALASKA

AL YOUNG (R)	B
Higgins (D)	B-

### ARIZONA

01 RENZI (R)	A+
Babbitt (D)	NR
02 FRANKS (R)	A
Camacho (D)	NR
03 SHADEGG (R)	A
04 PASTOR (D)	F-
Karg (R)	NR
05 HAYWORTH (R)	A-
Rogers (D)	F
06 FLAKE (R)	A
07 GRIJALVA (D)	F
Sweeney (R)	F
08 KOLBE (R)	C-
Bacal (D)	D

### ARKANSAS

01 BERRY (D)	F
Humphrey (R)	A
02 SNYDER (D)	F
Parks (R)	A
03 BOOZMAN (R)	A
Judy (D)	NR
04 ROSS (D)	B

### CALIFORNIA

01 THOMPSON (D)	F
Wiesner (R)	A
02 HERGER (R)	A-
Johnson (D)	A
03 Castillo (D)	NR
Lungren (R)	F
04 DOOLITTLE (R)	A
Winters (D)	NR
05 MATSUI (D)	F-
Dugas (R)	A
06 WOOLSEY (D)	F-
Erikson (R)	A
07 MILLER (D)	F-
Hargrave (R)	A
08 PELOSI (D)	F-
DePalma (R)	A-
09 LEE (D)	F-
Bermudez (R)	NR
10 TAUSCHER (D)	F-
Ketelson (R)	B
11 POMBO (R)	A
12 LANTOS (D)	F-
Garza (R)	NR
13 STARK (D)	F-
Bruno (R)	D
14 ESHOO (D)	F-
Haugen (R)	B-
15 HONDA (D)	F
Chukwu (R)	A
16 LOFGREN (D)	F-
McNea (R)	NR
17 FARR (D)	F-
Risley (R)	C
18 CARDOZA (D)	C
Pringle (R)	A-
19 RADANOVICH (R)	A-
Bufford (D)	F
20 Ashburn (R)	A
Costa (D)	F
21 NUNES (R)	NR
Davis (D)	F
22 THOMAS (R)	B-



**Rep. Rick Renzi (R-AZ) met with GOA's Larry Pratt shortly after being elected in 2002 with the support of GOA members in Arizona. Rep. Renzi (right) is the sponsor of one pro-gun piece of legislation, a cosponsor of all legislation that protects gun owners' rights, and is an original member of the Second Amendment Caucus in the U.S. House. Rep. Renzi narrowly won his seat in Congress and now faces Paul Babbitt, brother of former Clinton Administration Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt, in the November election.**

23 CAPPS (D)	F-	Vega (R)	D-
Regan (R)	C	32 SOLIS (D)	F
24 GALLEGLY (R)	C	33 WATSON (D)	F-
Wagner (D)	D	34 ROYBAL-ALLARD (D)	F-
25 MCKEON (R)	A-	Miller (R)	A
Willoughby (D)	F	35 WATERS (D)	F-
26 DREIER (R)	B-	Moen (R)	NR
Matthews (D)	D	36 HARMAN (D)	F-
27 SHERMAN (D)	F-	Whitehead (R)	A
Levy (R)	A	37 MILL-McDONALD (D)	F-
28 BERMAN (D)	F-	Van (R)	NR
Hernandez, Jr. (R)	B	38 NAPOLITANO (D)	F-
29 SCHIFF (D)	F-	39 SANCHEZ (D)	F
Scolinos (R)	D	Escobar (R)	A
30 WAXMAN (D)	F-	40 ROYCE (R)	B
Elizalde (R)	D	Williams (D)	NR
31 BECERRA (D)	F-	41 LEWIS (R)	A-

42 MILLER (R)	A-
Myers (D)	F
43 BACA (D)	C
Laning (R)	D
44 CALVERT (R)	A-
Vandenbergh (D)	NR
45 BONO (R)	D
Meyer (D)	NR
46 ROHRBACHER (R)	A
Brandt (D)	F
47 SANCHEZ (D)	F
Coronado (R)	A
48 COX (R)	B-
Graham (D)	F
49 ISSA (R)	A-
Bryon (D)	C
50 CUNNINGHAM (R)	A-
Busby (D)	F
51 FILNER (D)	F-
Giorgino (R)	B
52 HUNTER (R)	A-
Keliher (D)	F
53 DAVIS (D)	F
Hunzeker (R)	C

### COLORADO

01 DeGETTE (D)	F
Chicas (R)	NR
02 UDALL (D)	F
Hackman (R)	NR
03 Salazar (R)	NR
Walcher (D)	A
04 MUSGRAVE (R)	A+
Matsunaka (D)	D-
05 HEFLEY (R)	A
Hardee (D)	NR
06 TANCREDO (R)	A-
Conti (D)	NR
07 BEAUPREZ (R)	B-
Thomas (D)	C-

### CONNECTICUT

01 LARSON (D)	F
Halstead (R)	NR

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02 SIMMONS (R)	B
Sullivan (D)	NR
03 DELAURO (D)	F-
Elser (R)	NR
04 SHAYS (R)	F-
Farrell (D)	NR
05 JOHNSON (R)	F-
Gerratana (D)	F

**DELAWARE**

AL CASTLE (R)	F-
Donnelly (D)	NR

**FLORIDA**

01 MILLER (R)	A
Coutu (D)	F
02 BOYD (D)	C
Kilmer (R)	A
03 BROWN (D)	F-
04 CRENSHAW (R)	A-
05 BROWN-WAITE (R)	NR
Whittel (D)	NR
06 STEARNS (R)	B-
Bruderly (D)	F
07 MICA (R)	B-
08 KELLER (R)	A
Murray (D)	F
09 BILIRAKIS (R)	B
10 YOUNG (R)	C-
Derry (D)	D
11 DAVIS (D)	F
12 PUTNAM (R)	A-
Hagenmaier (D)	F
13 HARRIS (R)	C
Schneider (D)	F
14 NEED (D)	A
Mack (R)	NR
15 WELDON (R)	B
Pristoop (D)	F
16 FOLEY (R)	C-
Fisher (D)	F
17 MEEK (R)	F-
18 ROS-LEHTINEN (R)	D
Sheldon (D)	F
19 WEXLER (D)	F-
Hostetter (R)	A
Schultz (D)	F
21 DIAZ-BALART, L (R)	F
Gonzales (L)	A
22 SHAW (R)	C-
Stork (D)	NR
23 HASTINGS (D)	F
24 FEENEY (R)	A
25 DIAZ-BALART, M (R)	NR

**GEORGIA**

01 KINGSTON (R)	A
02 BISHOP (D)	C
Eversman (R)	B
03 MARSHALL (D)	NR
Clay (R)	A
04 DAVIS (R)	NR
McKinney (D)	F
05 LEWIS (D)	F-
06 PRICE (R)	A
07 LINDER (R)	B-
08 DELAMAR (D)	NR
Westmoreland (R)	A
09 NORWOOD (R)	A
Ellis (D)	NR
10 DEAL (R)	A-
11 GINGREY (R)	A
Crawford (D)	A-
12 BURNS (R)	A
Barrow (D)	NR
13 SCOTT (R)	F

**HAWAII**

01 ABERCROMBIE (D)	F
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**Rep. Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO) is the founder and co-chairman of the Second Amendment Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives. Rep Musgrave, first elected in 2002 with the strong support of Gun Owners of America, is a staunch pro-gunner and not afraid to stand up to the leadership to defend the Second Amendment.**

Tanonaka (R)	NR
02 CASE (D)	NR
Gabbard (R)	A

**IDAHO**

01 OTTER (R)	A
Preston (D)	F
02 SIMPSON (R)	A-
Whitworth (D)	A

**ILLINOIS**

01 RUSH (D)	F-
Wardingley (R)	A
02 JACKSON (D)	F-
03 CHLADA (R)	NR
Lipinski (D)	NR
04 GUTIERREZ (D)	F-
Cisneros (R)	A
05 EMANUEL (D)	F-
Best (R)	A
06 HYDE (R)	C-
Cegelis (D)	F
07 DAVIS (D)	F-
Davis-Fairman (R)	NR
08 CRANE (R)	A
Bean (D)	F
09 SCHAKOWSKY (D)	F-
Eckhardt (R)	A-
10 KIRK (R)	F-
Goodman (D)	NR
11 WELLER (R)	C-
Renner (D)	F
12 COSTELLO (D)	C
Zweigart (R)	A
13 BIGGERT (R)	C-
Andersen (D)	F
14 HASTERT (R)	C-
Zamora (D)	F
15 JOHNSON (R)	B
Gill (D)	D
16 MANZULLO (R)	A
Kutsch (D)	F
17 EVANS (D)	F-
Zinga (R)	NR
18 LAHOOD (R)	B-
Waterworth (D)	F
19 SHIMKUS (R)	A-
Bagwell (D)	D

**INDIANA**

01 VISCLOSKEY (D)	F
Leyva (R)	B
02 CHOCOLA (R)	A
Donnelly (D)	NR
03 SOUDER (R)	B-
Parra (D)	D
04 BUYER (R)	A-

Sanders (D)	F
05 BURTON (R)	A
Carr (D)	NR
06 PENCE (R)	A
Fox (D)	D
07 CARSON (D)	F-
Horning (R)	A
08 HOSTETTLER (R)	A+
Jennings (D)	NR
09 HILL (D)	C
Sodrel (R)	A

**IOWA**

01 NUSSLE (R)	C
Gluba (D)	D
02 LEACH (R)	F
Franker (D)	D
03 BOSWELL (D)	C-
Thompson (R)	A
04 LATHAM (R)	C
Johnson (D)	D
05 KING (R)	A
Schulte (D)	NR

**KANSAS**

01 MORAN (R)	B
02 RYUN (R)	A
Boyda (D)	NR
03 MOORE (D)	F
Kobach (R)	A
04 TIAHRT (R)	A
Kinard (D)	NR

**KENTUCKY**

01 WHITFIELD (R)	A-
Cartwright (D)	A-
02 LEWIS (R)	A
Smith (D)	A
03 NORTHUP (R)	C-
Miller (D)	NR
04 CLOONEY (D)	NR
Davis (R)	A
05 ROGERS (R)	B-
06 CHANDLER (D)	NR
Buford (R)	A

**LOUISIANA**

01 JINDAL (R)	NR
02 JEFFERSON (R)	F
03 BALDONE (D)	NR
Caccioppi (D)	NR
Melancon (D)	A
Romero (R)	A
Tauzin (R)	NR
04 MCCRERY (R)	B-
05 ALEXANDER (R)	A
06 BAKER (R)	A-
07 BOUSTANY (R)	NR
Doucet (D)	NR
Cravins (D)	NR
Mount (D)	NR
Thibodaux (R)	NR

**MAINE**

01 ALLEN (D)	F
Summers (R)	NR
02 MICHAUD (D)	B
Hamel (R)	C

**MARYLAND**

01 GILCHRIST (R)	F
Alexakis (D)	NR
02 RUPPERSBURGER (D)	NR
Brooks (R)	A
03 CARDIN (D)	F-
Duckworth (R)	C
04 WYNN (D)	F-
McKinnis, II (R)	NR
05 HOYER (D)	F
Jewitt (R)	A
06 BARTLETT (R)	A+
Bosley (D)	NR
07 CUMMINGS (D)	F-
Salazar (R)	A

08 VAN HOLLEN (D)	F
Floyd (R)	A-

**MASSACHUSETTS**

01 OLVER (D)	F-
Adam (R)	F
02 NEAL (D)	F-
03 MCGOVERN (D)	F-
Crews (R)	A
04 FRANK (D)	F-
05 MEEHAN (D)	F-
Tierney (R)	B
06 TIERNEY (D)	F-
O'Malley (R)	NR
07 MARKEY (D)	F-
Chase (R)	NR
08 CAPUANO (D)	F
09 LYNCH (D)	F
10 DELAHUNT (D)	F-



**Kris Kobach won a highly contested primary in Kansas' 3rd Congressional District. He will now face anti-gun extremist and "F" rated Rep. Dennis Moore in the November election. Mr. Kobach, who is a law professor, Constitutional scholar and avid outdoorsman himself, believes and teaches that the Second Amendment is an individual right.**

**MICHIGAN**

01 STUPAK (D)	F-
Hooper (R)	A
02 HOEKSTRA (R)	B-
Kotos (D)	NR
03 EHLERS (R)	D-
Hickey (D)	B
04 CAMP (R)	B-
Huckleberry (D)	NR
05 KILDEE (D)	F
Kirkwood (R)	A
06 UPTON (R)	D
Elliott (D)	NR
07 Renier (D)	A
Schwarz (R)	B
08 ROGERS (R)	A-
Alexander (D)	NR
09 KNOLLENBERG (R)	A-
Reifman (D)	NR
10 MILLER (R)	A
Casey (D)	NR
11 McCOTTER (R)	A
Truran (D)	NR
12 LEVIN (D)	F
Shaffer (R)	A-
13 KILPATRICK (D)	F-
Cassell (R)	B
14 CONYERS (D)	F-
Pedraza (R)	NR
15 DINGELL (D)	D
Reamer (R)	F

**MINNESOTA**

01 GUTKNECHT (R)	B-
Pomeroy (D)	NR

02 KLINE (R)	A
Daly (D)	NR
03 RAMSTAD (R)	F
Watts (D)	NR
04 MCCOLLUM (D)	F-
Bataglia (R)	NR
05 SABO (D)	F-
Mathias (R)	B
06 KENNEDY (R)	A-
Wetterling (D)	NR
07 PETERSON (D)	A
Sturrock (R)	NR
08 OBERSTAR (D)	D
Groettum (R)	NR

**MISSISSIPPI**

01 WICKER (R)	A-
02 THOMPSON (D)	F-
LaSueur (R)	C
03 PICKERING (R)	A-
04 TAYLOR (D)	A-
Lott (R)	A

**MISSOURI**

01 CLAY (D)	F-
Farr (R)	A-
02 AKIN (R)	A
Weber (D)	C-
03 Carnahan (D)	F
Federer (R)	A
04 SKELTON (D)	C
Noland (R)	B
05 Cleaver (D)	NR
Patterson (R)	NR
06 GRAVES (R)	A-
Broomfield (D)	NR
07 BLUNT (R)	A-
Newberry (D)	NR
08 EMERSON (R)	B
Henderson (D)	B
09 HULSHOF (R)	A-
Jacobsen (D)	NR

**MONTANA**

AL REHBERG (R)	A-
Velazquez (D)	NR

**NEBRASKA**

01 Connealy (D)	F
Fortenberry (R)	NR
02 TERRY (R)	A-
Thompson (D)	D-
03 OSBORNE (R)	C
Anderson (D)	F

**NEVADA**

01 BERKLEY (D)	F
Mickelson (R)	NR
02 GIBBONS (R)	B
Cochran (D)	NR
03 PORTER (R)	A
Gallagher (D)	NR

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

01 BRADLEY (R)	A
Nadeau (D)	NR
02 BASS (R)	C
Hodes (D)	NR

**NEW JERSEY**

01 ANDREWS (D)	F-
Hutchison (R)	NR
02 LOBIONDO (R)	D
Robb (D)	A-
03 SAXTON (R)	D
Conaway (D)	F
04 SMITH (R)	F
Vasquez (D)	F
05 GARRETT (R)	A
Wolfe (D)	F
06 PALLONE (D)	F-
Fernandez (R)	F

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# The Semi-Auto Ban Sunsets! – Now let's get rid of the other gun control laws, too

by *Erich Pratt*

A teacher is hauled out of her classroom and arrested in front of her students in Virginia.

A state legislator in Alaska is dragged into court by government agents, simply because the legislator — a former Vietnam veteran — is engaging in politically incorrect activity.

Another military veteran moves from Florida to California, and later finds that he must surrender one of his firearms in the new state or risk becoming a criminal.

What do all of these scenarios have in common? They were all law-abiding citizens. None of them had committed a violent crime. None of them had even threatened another person.

All were found, however, to be in violation of gun control laws that quite often punish decent Americans for the mere POSSESSION of a gun, even when no real crime has been committed.

Which is why this past September was so significant.

One of the most hated gun bans ever signed into law has now sunset. Enacted by President Bill Clinton on September 13, 1994, the ban which outlawed more than 180 types of semi-automatic firearms and magazines expired on its ten-year anniversary.

Let's be clear. These are semi-automatic firearms. Although they are frequently referred to as "assault weapons," they are not. These guns fire one bullet for every pull of the trigger, and as such, are not used by any military on earth.

In fact, the average shotgun has more firepower than the semi-automatic firearms banned by President Clinton in 1994.

So Americans should be celebrating the fact that this law contained a sunset provision which caused the ban to expire in September. Why? Because gun bans don't stop criminals from getting guns.

Criminals don't obey the laws. (OK, this is not a novel concept. Everyone

knows that criminals can easily get their hands on firearms, no matter how draconian the restrictions may be.)

But what may be a novel idea for many, is that gun laws frequently punish decent Americans for committing mere technical violations. Consider the examples mentioned above.

The Virginia teacher was arrested for violating the state's gun-free school zones law in 1992. She was complying with one part of the state law which allows law-abiding citizens to keep a self-defense firearm in open view in their cars.

Unbeknownst to her, she was in violation of another part of the code which prohibited guns on school grounds. Never mind the fact that she had never committed a crime nor had she ever threatened anyone with that gun, she was arrested for a "gun crime."

Alaska Representative Rich Foster was dragged into court when he tried to have a replica machine gun built for display in his gun shop. Even though the "federal gun cops" at the BATF had OK'd the construction of the inoperable gun, they later used the information to try and put Foster in jail for 50 years and fine him up to \$1.25 million.

Fortunately, the jury saw through this outrage, and they acquitted Rep. Foster of all wrong-doing.

And then there was William Doss, the Air Force veteran who was forced to surrender his SKS Sporter rifle in 1998 when he found himself in violation of California's semi-auto ban.

He was initially told that his firearm was legal to bring into the state when he moved there in 1995. But three years later, state officials reversed themselves, and administratively declared a whole new class of guns as contraband under the state's semi-auto ban.

Mr. Doss received a letter in the mail telling him to surrender his firearm and that it must be "relinquished to a local police station or sheriff's department."

Don't you feel safer? Now that we've disarmed this Air Force veteran, do we really think this country is

## Thanks for the ... Assault Weapon?



**Sen. John Kerry (D) was presented with a Remington shotgun as a gift in September, while campaigning in West Virginia. The problem is, that gun would have been banned as an "assault weapon" if a bill he had cosponsored (S. 1431) became law. The bill that Kerry cosponsored banned any semi-auto shotgun that also contained a pistol grip, which the bill defined as "a grip, a thumb-hole stock, or any other characteristic that can function as a grip." According to that definition, just about any semi-automatic shotgun would be banned. As for the gift itself, keeping the shotgun could easily result in Kerry's breaking of several federal laws that penalize the receipt of a firearm out of state.**

better off?

No wonder the National Institute of Justice was forced to admit the obvious recently, when a spokesman for the institute stated, "We cannot clearly credit the [semi-auto] ban with any of the nation's recent drop in gun violence."

For those who can think rationally, this should come as no surprise.

Thank goodness this gun ban has finally expired. We should now start working to sunset all the other laws that disarm decent Americans.

But for now, say goodbye to the Clinton gun ban.

It's a beautiful sunset.■

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07 FERGUSON (R)	F
Brozak (D)	NR
08 PASCRELL (D)	F-
Ajjan (R)	F
09 RÖTHMAN (D)	F-
Trawinski (R)	NR
10 PAYNE (D)	F-
11 FRELINGHUYSEN (R)	F
Buell (D)	F
12 HOLT (D)	F-
Spadea (R)	A
13 MENENDEZ (D)	F-
Piatkowski (R)	NR

## NEW MEXICO

01 WILSON (R)	B-
Romero (D)	F
02 PEARCE (R)	A-
King (D)	NR
03 UDALL (D)	F-
Tucker (R)	NR

## NEW YORK

01 BISHOP (D)	F
Manger (R)	NR
02 ISRAEL (D)	F-
Hoffman (R)	F
03 KING (R)	D-
Mathies (D)	NR
04 McCARTHY (D)	F-
Garner (R)	NR
05 ACKERMAN (D)	F-
06 MEEKS (D)	F-
07 CROWLEY (D)	F-
08 NADLER (D)	F-
09 WEINER (D)	F-
10 TOWNS (D)	F-
11 OWENS (D)	F-
12 VELAZQUEZ (D)	F-
13 FOSSELLA (R)	C
14 MALONEY (D)	F-
15 RANGEL (D)	F-
16 SERRANO (D)	F-
17 ENGEL (D)	F-
18 LOWEY (D)	F-
19 KELLY (R)	C
20 SWEENEY (R)	A-
21 MCNULTY (D)	F
22 HINCHEY (D)	F
23 MCHUGH (R)	B
24 BOEHLERT (R)	F
25 WALSH (R)	D
26 REYNOLDS (R)	B-
27 OPEN	
28 SLAUGHTER (D)	F-
Barend (D)	NR
29 KUHL (R)	A

## NORTH CAROLINA

01 Butterfield (D)	D
Dority (R)	NR
02 ETHERIDGE (D)	F
Creech (R)	A
03 JONES (R)	A
Eaton (D)	F
04 PRICE (D)	F
Batchelor (R)	B
05 FOX (R)	A
Harrell (D)	NR
06 COBLE (R)	A
Jordan (D)	NR
07 McINTYRE (D)	C
Plonk (R)	A
08 HAYES (R)	A-
Troutman (D)	NR
09 MYRICK (R)	C-
Flynn (D)	NR
10 McHenry (R)	A
Fischer (D)	F

11 TAYLOR (R)	A
Keever (D)	NR
12 WATT (D)	F
Fisher (R)	B
13 MILLER (D)	F
Johnson (R)	NR

## NORTH DAKOTA

AL POMEROY (D)	F
Sand (R)	A

## OHIO

01 CHABOT (R)	A-
Harris (D)	F
02 PORTMAN (R)	C
Sanders (D)	NR
03 TURNER (R)	C
Mitakides (D)	F
04 OXLEY (R)	C
Konop (D)	A
05 GILLMOR (R)	C
Weirauch (D)	F
06 STRICKLAND (D)	B
07 HOBSON (R)	C
Anastasio (D)	D-
08 BOEHNER (R)	B
Hardenbrook (D)	NR
09 KAPTUR (D)	
Kaczala (R)	A
10 KUCINICH (D)	F-
Herman (R)	A-
11 JONES (D)	F-
12 TIBERI (R)	A
Brown (D)	NR
13 BROWN (D)	F
Lucas (R)	A
14 LATOURETTE (R)	C
Cafaro (D)	D-
15 PRYCE (R)	B
Brown (D)	NR
16 REGULA (R)	C
Seemann (D)	D-
17 RYAN (D)	NR
Cusimano (R)	NR
18 NEY (R)	A
Thomas (D)	B

## OKLAHOMA

01 SULLIVAN (R)	A
Dodd (D)	NR
02 Boren (D)	NR
Smalley (R)	A
03 LUCAS (R)	A
04 COLE (R)	B
05 ISTOOK (R)	A
Smith (D)	NR

## OREGON

01 WU (D)	F-
Ameri (R)	NR
02 WALDEN (R)	B
McColgan (D)	F
03 BLUMENAUER (D)	F-
Mars (R)	C
04 DEFAZIO (D)	F
Feldkamp (R)	A
05 HOOLEY (D)	F
Zupancic (R)	A

## PENNSYLVANIA

01 BRADY (D)	F-
Williams (R)	F
02 FATTAH (D)	F-
Bolno (R)	B
03 ENGLISH (R)	C
Porter (D)	F
04 HART (R)	B
Drobac (D)	B-
05 PETERSON (R)	A-
06 GERLACH (R)	B
Murphy (D)	NR
07 WELDON (R)	D
Scoles (D)	F
08 Fitzpatrick (R)	NR

Schrader (D)	F
09 SHUSTER (R)	A
Politis (D)	F
10 SHERWOOD (R)	A-
11 KANJORSKI (D)	C
12 MURTHA (D)	C-
13 Brown (R)	NR
Schwartz (D)	F
14 DOYLE (D)	F
Dishart (R)	A
15 Dent (R)	C
Driscoll (D)	F
16 PITTS (R)	A-
Herr (D)	F
17 HOLDEN (D)	C
Paterno (R)	A
18 MURPHY (R)	A
Boles (D)	F
19 PLATTS (R)	C

## RHODE ISLAND

01 KENNEDY (D)	F-
Rogers (R)	NR
02 LENGEVIN (D)	F-
Barton (R)	NR

## SOUTH CAROLINA

01 BROWN (R)	A-
02 WILSON (R)	A+
Ellisor (D)	B
03 BARRETT (R)	A
04 Brown (D)	NR
Inglis (R)	B
05 SPRATT (D)	F
Spencer (R)	A
06 CLYBURN (D)	F-
McLeod (R)	NR

## SOUTH DAKOTA

AL HERSETH (D)	NR
Diedrich (R)	B

## TENNESSEE

01 JENKINS (R)	A-
Leonard (D)	NR
02 DUNCAN (R)	A
Greene (D)	NR
03 WAMP (R)	C
Wolfe (D)	NR
04 DAVIS (D)	A
Bowling (R)	A
05 COOPER (D)	C
Knapp (R)	NR
06 GORDON (D)	B
Demas (R)	B
07 BLACKBURN (R)	A
08 TANNER (D)	B
Hart (R)	NR
09 FORD (D)	F
Fort (R)	NR

## TEXAS

01 SANDLIN (D)	C
Gohmert (R)	A
02 LAMPSON (D)	C
Poe (R)	A
03 JOHNSON (R)	A-
04 HALL (R)	A
Nickerson (D)	NR
05 HENSARLING (R)	A-
Bernstein (D)	D
06 BARTON (R)	A
Meyer (D)	NR
07 CULBERSON (R)	A
Martinez (D)	C
08 BRADY (R)	C
Wright (D)	A
09 Green (D)	NR
Molina (R)	D
10 McCaul (R)	A
11 Conaway (R)	B
Raasch (D)	NR
12 GRANGER (R)	A-
Alvarado (D)	D

13 THORNBERRY (R)	B
14 PAUL (R)	A+
15 HINOJOSA (D)	F-
Thamm (R)	NR
16 REYES (D)	F
Brigham (R)	A-
17 EDWARDS (D)	F
Wohlgemuth (R)	A
18 JACKSON LEE (D)	F-
19 NEUGEBAUER (R)	A
STENHOLM (D)	C
20 GONZALEZ (D)	F-
Scott (R)	B
21 SMITH, L (R)	A-
Smith, R (D)	NR
22 DeLay (R)	A
Morrison (D)	NR
23 BONILLA (R)	A
Sullivan (D)	A
24 Page (D)	NR
Marchant (R)	A-
25 DOGGETT (D)	F
Klein (R)	NR
26 BURGESS (R)	B
Reyes (D)	NR
27 ORTIZ (D)	C
Vaden (R)	A-
28 Cuellar (D)	NR
Hopson (R)	A
29 GREEN (D)	C
30 JOHNSON (D)	F-
31 CARTER (R)	A
Porter (D)	F
32 SESSIONS (R)	A
FROST (D)	F

## UTAH

01 BISHOP (R)	A
Thompson (D)	NR
02 MATHESON (D)	C
Swallow (R)	A
03 CANNON (R)	A
Babka (D)	NR

## VERMONT

01 SANDERS (I)	F
Parke (R)	A

## VIRGINIA

01 DAVIS, J (R)	A-
02 Drake (R)	B-
Ashe (D)	NR
03 SCOTT (D)	F-
Sears (R)	NR
04 FORBES (R)	A-
Menefee (D)	F
05 GOODE (R)	A+
Weed (D)	D
06 GOODLATTE (R)	A-
07 CANTOR (R)	B-
08 MORAN (D)	F-
Cheney (R)	NR
09 BOUCHER (D)	B
Triplett (R)	A
10 WOLF (R)	D
Socas (D)	NR
11 DAVIS, T (R)	D
Longmeyer (D)	NR

## WASHINGTON

01 INSLEE (D)	F
Eastwood (R)	D

02 LARSEN (D)	D
Klepinger (R)	F
03 BAIRD (D)	D
Crowson (R)	A
04 HASTINGS (R)	A-
Matheson (D)	NR
05 Barbieri (D)	NR
McMorris (R)	A
06 DICKS (D)	F-
Cloud (R)	F
07 McDERMOTT (D)	F
Cassady (R)	A
08 Reichert (R)	NR
Ross (D)	NR
09 SMITH (D)	C
Lord (R)	A

## WEST VIRGINIA

01 MOLLOHAN (D)	A-
Parks (R)	A
02 CAPITO (R)	B
Wells (D)	NR
03 RAHALL (D)	A-
Snuffer (R)	A

## WISCONSIN

01 RYAN (R)	B-
Thomas (D)	NR
02 BALDWIN (D)	F
Magnum (R)	NR
03 KIND (D)	D
Schultz (R)	B
04 Boyle (R)	NR
Moore (D)	F
05 SENSENBRENNER (R)	A
Kennedy (D)	B
06 PETRI (R)	B
Hall (D)	NR
07 OBEY (D)	D
08 GREEN (R)	B-
LeClair (D)	NR

## WYOMING

01 CUBIN (R)	A
Ladd (D)	NR



Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC) is the sponsor of the Citizens Self Defense Act, a bill designed to protect the rights of gun owners who use a firearm to protect themselves. Rep. Wilson also sponsored a bill to expedite the arming of commercial airline pilots.

**Go online to see how your Rep. voted**

You can see how your federal legislators voted this Congress by going to <http://www.gunowners.org/cgv.htm>.

## United States Senate

<b>ALABAMA</b> SHELBY (R) Sowell (D)	C B-
<b>ALASKA</b> MURKOWSKI (R) Knowles (D)	C NR
<b>ARIZONA</b> McCAIN (R) Starky (D)	F- C
<b>ARKANSAS</b> LINCOLN (D) Holt (R)	F A
<b>CALIFORNIA</b> BOXER (D) Jones (R)	F- NR
<b>COLORADO</b> Coors (R) Salazar (D)	A- NR
<b>CONNECTICUT</b> DODD (D) Orchulli (R)	F- NR
<b>FLORIDA</b> Castor (D) Martinez (R)	NR B
<b>GEORGIA</b> Isakson (R) Majette (D)	B F
<b>HAWAII</b> INOUE (D) Cavasso (R)	F NR
<b>IDAHO</b> CRAPO (R)	B
<b>ILLINOIS</b> Keyes (R) Obama (D)	A F



Republican Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky, who is here pictured with GOA's John Velleco, fought tenaciously during this Congress to arm commercial airline pilots. When cargo pilots were denied access to the armed pilots program, Sen. Bunning sponsored – and got passed into law – an amendment that makes these pilots eligible. He also has sponsored legislation to force the bureaucrats at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to implement the program the way the Congress intended. Sen. Bunning has worked tirelessly out of the spotlight to make our skies safer.

<b>INDIANA</b> BAYH (D) Scott (R)	F A	<b>LOUISIANA</b> John (D) Kennedy (D) Vitter (R)	C NR A
<b>IOWA</b> GRASSLEY (R) Small (D)	C F	<b>MARYLAND</b> MIKULSKI (D) Pipkin (R)	F A
<b>KANSAS</b> BROWNBACK (R) Jones (D)	B NR	<b>MISSOURI</b> BOND (R) Farmer (D)	C F
<b>KENTUCKY</b> BUNNING (R) Mongiardo (D)	A- NR	<b>NEVADA</b> REID (D) Ziser (R)	F A

<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b> GREGG (R) Haddock (D)	D- NR
<b>NEW YORK</b> SCHUMER (D) Mills (R)	F- A
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b> Bowles (D) Burr (R)	F A
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b> DORGAN (D) Liffrig (R)	F A
<b>OHIO</b> VOINOVICH (R) Fingerhut (D)	D F
<b>OKLAHOMA</b> Carson (D) Coburn (R)	B A+
<b>OREGON</b> WYDEN (D) King (R)	F A
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b> SPECTER (R) Hoeffel (D)	C- F-
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b> DeMint (R) Tenenbaum (D)	A NR
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b> DASCHLE (D) Thune (R)	F B
<b>UTAH</b> BENNETT (R) Van Dam (D)	D NR
<b>VERMONT</b> LEAHY (D)	F-
<b>WASHINGTON STATE</b> MURRAY (D) Nethercutt (R)	F A-

<b>WISCONSIN</b> FEINGOLD (D) Michels (R)	F NR
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Tom Coburn is a former U.S. House member now running for U.S. Senate in Oklahoma. Dr. Coburn handily fended off two opponents in a Republican primary and will face Democrat Brad Carson in November. As a House member, Dr. Coburn fought relentlessly for the rights of gun owners. In 2002, he did what few politicians do; he honored a self-imposed term limit and stepped down. He is also the author of a recent book entitled *Breach of Trust: How Washington Turns Outsiders Into Insiders*.

## Coming Elections

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rights supporter. (To see just how sorry Kerry's record is on the Second Amendment, check out his Senate votes on the GOA website at [www.gunowners.org/cgv.htm](http://www.gunowners.org/cgv.htm).)

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We hope you will use this Candidate Scorecard in behalf of freedom and vote on Election Day. Please share these ratings with as many as you possibly can. ■

*Note: Space limitations preclude the inclusion of third party candidates in this guide. However, all identifiable candidates,*

*regardless of party, were surveyed by GOA this year. The online version of these ratings, found at [www.gunowners.org/votetb04.htm](http://www.gunowners.org/votetb04.htm) (where space is not an issue), includes grades for all third party candidates.*

*Although no party has EVER had all of its candidates for Congress receive an "A" from GOA, certain minor parties do tend to field a greater percentage of pro-gun candidates than Republicans or Democrats.*

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Thank you very much.