

The American Parents Committee Report on
Federal Legislation for Children

In 1977, Senator Brooke received a 100% rating from the APC and Paul received a 70% rating. The only issue where Paul and the APC differed was an amendment by Rep. Meeds to waive minimum wage requirements for children under age 12 who harvest crops in the summer months.

10. MINIMUM WAGE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12: An amendment offered by Rep. Meeds (D-Wash.) to waive minimum wage requirements for children under age 12 who manually harvest crops during the summer months. No provisions were included to limit the time a youngster can work in the fields nor to ban exposure to pesticides. The amendment was adopted 282-132, September 15, 1977. The APC opposed the amendment. A vote against the amendment is recorded as R (for Right) and a vote for the amendment ~~is recorded as W (for Wrong).~~

Paul supported the amendment. There was no similar issue on which the APC rated the Senators.

Two other votes considered by the APC which Paul did not vote on or was absent are:

6. DAY CARE DEDUCTIONS: Passage of a bill to allow a business tax credit for use of a residence in providing day care services. The bill contained a requirement that taxpayers claiming the business deduction satisfy State standards for licensing and approving day care facilities. Measure adopted under suspension of the rules 320-1, April 18, 1977. The APC supported final passage. A vote for the bill is recorded as R (for Right) and a vote against the bill is recorded as W (for Wrong).

2. CHILD ABUSE ACT: Passage of bill extending the Child Abuse Act for five years with increasing authorizations. The bill strengthens the protective and treatment services available to abused children. Measure adopted 375-12, September 26, 1977. The APC supported the bill. A vote for the measure is recorded as R (for Right) and a vote against the measure is recorded as W (for Wrong).