

REPRESENTATIVE BUCK MCKEON (R-CA)
Chairman, House Committee on Armed Services

Joined committee: 1997¹
Assumed leadership: 2009
Elected to Congress: 1992
Formed PAC: 1996

Prior to assuming the chairmanship, Rep. McKeon served as ranking member of the committee from 2009 to 2010. That election cycle, armed services industries drastically increased their contributions to Rep. McKeon. Additionally, during the 111th and 112th Congresses, he has voted favorably with the industries regulated by the Armed Services Committee. Over the past seven election cycles, as his seniority on the committee rose, contributions from armed services industries increased at a rate far outpacing his total contributions.

Campaign Contributions from the Armed Services Sector

	1998 Election Cycle	2010 Election Cycle	% Change
Industry Contributions	\$40,000	\$469,900	1075%
Total Contributions	\$511,714	\$2,026,660	296%

- During the 2010 election cycle – the first election cycle after Rep. McKeon assumed a leadership position on the committee – contributions from armed services industries to his campaign committee and PAC increased by 444% over the previous cycle, from \$86,450 to \$469,900. In contrast, total contributions increased by only 3% during the same time period, from \$1,961,134 to \$2,026,660.
- During the 2010 election cycle, armed services industries accounted for 23% of the \$2,026,660 in total contributions received by Rep. McKeon’s campaign committee and PAC.
- During the 1998 election cycle, armed services industries accounted for 8% of the \$511,714 in total contributions received by Rep. McKeon’s campaign committee and PAC.

¹ CREW reviewed the online editions of the Congressional Directory from the U.S. Government Printing Offices available from the 105th Congress (1997-1998) through the 111th Congress (2009-2010). Therefore, the Congress member has been a member of the committee since at least 1997 and possibly earlier.

Campaign Contribution highlights from industries regulated by the Committee²

- The 'Defense Aerospace' industry donated more than seven times more money to Rep. McKeon during the 2010 election cycle than during the 1998 election cycle, increasing its contributions from \$29,000 to \$217,000.
- The 'Defense Electronics' industry donated nearly ten times more money to Rep. McKeon during the 2010 election cycle than during the 1998 election cycle, increasing its contributions from \$11,000 to \$107,500.
- The 'Misc Defense' industry donated more than 32 times more money to Rep. McKeon during the 2010 election cycle than during the 2000 election cycle, increasing its contributions from \$4,500 to \$145,400.³

Votes on Armed Services Issues

- From 2007-2008, Rep. McKeon voted on average 25% in agreement with the industries regulated by the Armed Services Committee. The average Republican voted in agreement with the industry 26% of the time.
- From 2009-2010, Rep. McKeon voted on average 67% in agreement with the industries regulated by the Armed Services Committee. In contrast, the average Republican voted in agreement with the industry 55% of the time.
- Since January 2011, Rep. McKeon has voted on average 100% in agreement with the industries regulated by the Armed Services Committee. The average Republican has voted in agreement with the industry 88% of the time.

Voting history for specific industries regulated by the Committee⁴

- Rep. McKeon cast nine votes on issues relevant to the 'Foreign & Defense Policy' industry from 2009-2010. He voted in agreement with the industry 67% of the time. The average Republican cast nine votes on 'Foreign & Defense Policy' issues and voted in agreement with the industry 55% of the time.

² This section highlights committee industries that significantly increased their donations to the committee leader between the 1998 and 2010 election cycles.

³ Misc. Defense did not make any contributions in the 1998 election cycle.

⁴ This section highlights instances during the 110th-112th Congresses when the committee leader voted more favorably on industry issues than the average party member.