**Lists of important enactments, by Congress, 1947-1990.   (Table 4.1 from Divided We Govern, at pp. 52-73)**

**Coding:**

UNI – unified party control

DIV – divided party control

\* - law listed as a result of “Sweep One,” as discussed in chapter 3 of DWG

# - law listed as a result of “Sweep Two,” as discussed there

\*# - law listed as a result of both sweeps

CAPS – law indicated to be historically important (not just important) by Sweep One sources

NB:  A few of these laws were in fact parts of larger legislative measures.  For the particulars on these, click on two other files:  “Final passage votes on roll calls used,” and “Code guide to final-passage dataset.”

**1947-48 – Truman – Republican Congress – DIV**

#\**TAFT-HARTLEY LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT OF 1947*.  Major anti-union rollback of Wagner Act.  Enacted over Truman’s veto.

#\**Greece and Turkey aid (Truman Doctrine).*1947.

\**Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947.*  Warded off back-wages claims against employers for travel time, etc.

#\**National Security Act of 1947.*Military services unified under one Defense Secretary.  CIA established.

\**22nd Amendment:  Two-term limit for presidents.*  1947.

#*Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) of 1947.*Basic pesticides statute.

#\**MARSHALL PLAN (EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM).*1948.

#\**Income tax cut.*GOP-inspired.  Over Truman’s veto.  1948.

#*Water Pollution Control Act of 1948.*The ancestral law.

#*Hope-Aiken Agricultural Act of 1948.*90% of parity for basic crops for one more year, then shift to flexibles.

**1949-50 – Truman – Democratic Congress – UNI**

#\**HOUSING ACT OF 1949.*Basic post-New Deal charter for urban redevelopment, public housing.

#\**NATO TREATY RATIFIED.*1949.

#\**Minimum wage increase.*To 75 cents.  1949.

#\**Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949.*$l.3 billion in military aid to allies.

#\**Agricultural Act of 1949.*Replay of 1948 Hope-Aiken Act.

#\**Point Four foreign aid program.*Beginning of economic aid to underdeveloped countries.  1950.

#\**Social Security expansion.*Benefits up 70%; 10 million new beneficiaries.  1950.

#*National Science Foundation Act of 1950.*NSF established.

#\**McCarran Internal Security Act of 1950.*Communist and front groups to register.  Emergency detention powers.  Deport or exclude subversive aliens.  Over Truman’s veto.

#\**Defense Production Act of 1950.*Wartime economic control powers to president.

#\**Tax increase.*To finance Korean War.  1950.

#*Excess Profits Tax of 1950.*More war revenue.

**1951-52 – Truman – Democratic Congress – UNI**

#\**Mutual Security Act of 1951.*Coupled foreign economic and military aid in new agency.

#\**Reciprocal trade act extension.*For 2 years; tariff-cutting authority curbed.  1951.

#\**Tax increase.*For wartime defense buildup.  1951.

\**Social Security increase.*Benefits up modestly.  1952.

#\**McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.*National origins quotas reaffirmed.  Provisions to exclude subversives.  Enacted over Truman’s veto.

#*Japanese Peace Treaty ratified.*1952.

**1953-54 – Eisenhower – Republican Congress – UNI**

\**Tidelands oil act.*Turned submerged tidelands over to coastal states.  1953.

#\**Tax schedule revision.*Major overhaul.  1954.

\**Social Security expansion.*Benefits raised; 10 million new people covered.  1954.

\**St. Lawrence Seaway approved.*After 33-year effort.  1954.

\**Communist Control Act of 1954.* Communist party outlawed.  A Democratic party move.

#\**Atomic Energy Act of 1954.*Laid basis for private atomic energy industry, cooperation abroad.

#\**Agricultural Act of 1954.*Victory for flexible price supports between 82.5 and 90% of parity.

#*Housing Act of 1954.*Urban renewal; city plans required.

#*Food for Peace program.*To sell U.S. agricultural surpluses abroad.  1954.

**1955-56 – Eisenhower – Democratic Congress – DIV**

#\**Reciprocal trade act extended.*For 3 years with reformulated presidential authority.  1955.

#\**Minimum wage increase.*To 90 cents.  1955.

#\**Agricultural Act of 1956.*New soil bank plan.

#\**Disability insurance.*Added to Social Security.  1956.

#\**Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956.*$33 billion for 42,000 miles to be built over 13 years.  The basic instrument.

#\**Upper Colorado River Project authorized.*Four-state, $760 million river-harnessing plan.  1956.

**1957-58 – Eisenhower – Democratic Congress – DIV**

#\**CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1957.*First since 1870s.  Federal injunctive powers on voting rights.  Civil Rights Commission established.

#*Price-Anderson nuclear industry indemnity act.*Insurance against damage claims for accidents.  1957.

\**Alaska statehood.*1958.

#\**National Aeronautics and Space Administration Act of 1958.*NASA established.

#\**National Defense Education Act (NDEA) of 1958.*After Sputnik.  Loans to college students, grants to schools.

#\**Reciprocal trade act extended.*For 4 years.  1958.

#\**Defense Department reorganized.*Strengthened Defense Secretary vs. the services.  Eisenhower’s plan.  1958.

#\**Agricultural Act of 1958.*GOP victory.  Corn, cotton, and rice supports might fall to 65% of parity.

#\**Social Security increase.*Benefits up 7%.  1958.

#*Transportation Act of 1958.*Help for the railroads.

#*Food Additives Amendments of 1958.*Flat ban on additives that cause cancer in laboratory rats.  (Delaney clause.)

**1959-60 – Eisenhower – Democratic Congress – DIV**

#\**Landrum-Griffin Labor Reform Act of 1959.*Curbs on union violence, corruption, power abuses.

\**Housing Act of 1959.*Modest compromise measure after two Eisenhower vetoes.

\**Hawaii statehood.*1959.

#\**Civil Rights Act of 1960.*Voting rights protection, criminal penalties for bombings.

#*Kerr-Mills aid for the medically needy aged.*AMA-backed grant program to ward off looming Medicare.  1960.

**1961-62 – Kennedy – Democratic Congress – UNI**

#\**Housing Act of 1961.*Urban open spaces, middle-income housing, community facilities.

#\**Minimum wage increase.*To $1.25.  Coverage for 3.6 million new workers.  1961.

\**Social Security increase.*Benefits raised.  1961.

#\**Area Redevelopment Act of 1961.*Grants and loans for economically depressed areas.

#\**Peace Corps established.*1961.

#\**Agricultural Act of 1961.*New acreage retirement programs for wheat and feed grains.

#\**Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) created.*1961.

#*Alliance for Progress.*Aid to Latin America.  1961.

#*Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.*Emphasis shifted to loans for underdeveloped countries.  AID established.

#\**TRADE EXPANSION ACT OF 1962.*Gave president unprecedented tariff-cutting powers.  5-year authorization.

#\**Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962.*To retrain workers with obsolete or inadequate skills.

#\**Communications Satellite Act of 1962.*Authorized private corporation to develop and run system.

#\**Drug regulation.*Post-thalidomide.  Tightened regulation of medical products for safety and effectiveness.  1962.

#*Revenue Act of 1962.*Investment tax credits for business.

#*Public Welfare Amendments of 1962.*Beefed up federal support for state assistance programs.

**1963-64 – Kennedy/Johnson – Democratic Congress – UNI**

#\**NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY RATIFIED.*1963.

#\**Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963.*Funds to build college classrooms, libraries, etc.

#\**Aid for mentally ill and retarded.*For research and treatment centers.  1963.

#\**Aid to medical schools.*Student loans, buildings.  1963.

#*Clean Air Act of 1963.*Expanded federal role.

#*Equal Pay Act of 1963.*Outlawed gender discrimination.

#\**CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.*Banned discrimination in public accommodations, employment, publicly owned facilities, federally funded programs.

#\**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 1964.*Johnson’s anti-poverty program.  Job Corps, community action programs, VISTA.

#\**TAX CUT.*Kennedy’s (delayed) Keynesian-inspired cut to promote economic growth.  1964.

#\**Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964.*Federal grants.

#\**Wilderness Act of 1964.*Set up a national Wilderness System of lands free from intrusion.

#\**Food Stamp Act of 1964.*Program made permanent.  Result of Johnson logroll with cotton and wheat interests.

#\**Cotton-wheat commodity program.*Logroll result.  1964.

**1965-66 – Johnson – Democratic Congress – UNI**

#\**MEDICAL CARE FOR THE AGED.*Medicare for the aged via Social Security.  Medicaid for the medically indigent.  1965.

#\**VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965.*The major statute:  federal registrars to police southern elections.

#\**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA) OF 1965.*For the first time, broad federal aid to schools.

#\**Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) established.*1965.

#\**Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.*$1 billion for 12-state region.

\**Regional medical centers for heart disease, cancer, and stroke.*Federal grants.  1965.

#\**Highway Beautification Act of 1965.*Lady Bird Johnson’s project.  Ban on billboards.

#\**Immigration reform.*Ended national origins quotas.  1965.

#\**National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities established.*1965.

#\**Higher Education Act of 1965.*Scholarships and insured loans for college students.

#\**Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965.*Omnibus measure featuring rent supplements.

#\**Excise Tax Reduction Act of 1965.*

#*Motor Vehicle Air Pollution Control Act of 1965.*HEW to set emissions standards for new cars.

#*Water Quality Act of 1965.*States to impose standards.

#*Food and Agriculture Act of 1965.*4-year subsidy plan.

#\**Department of Transportation established.*1966.

#\**Clean Waters Restoration Act of 1966.*Subsidies to locales to control water pollution.

\**Air Pollution control.*Aid to states and locales.

#\**Traffic Safety Act of 1966.*New Nader-inspired standards.

\**Fair Packaging and Labeling Act of 1966.*Truth-in-packaging standards for labels.

#\**Minimum wage increase.*To $1.60, with 9.1 million new workers covered.  1966.

#\**Demonstration cities program.*For coordinated attack on blight in selected “model cities.”  1966.

**1967-68 – Johnson – Democratic Congress – UNI**

#\**Social Security increase.*13% hike; new work-requirement (WIN) curb on welfare.  1967.

\**Public Broadcasting Act of 1967.*Set up corporation to aid educational TV and radio.

\**Air Quality Act of 1967.*Stepped-up pollution regulation.

#\**Wholesome Meat Act of 1967.*Improved meat inspection.

#*Outer space treaty ratified.*To promote peaceful exploration, rule out nuclear weapons.  1967.

#*Age Discrimination Act of 1967.*Banned in employment.

#\**OPEN HOUSING ACT OF 1968.*Ban on discrimination in sale or rent of housing.  First such act in the 20th century.

#\**Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.*To provide 1.7 million new or rehab units for low-income families.

\**Gun Control Act of 1968.*Ban on mail sales of long guns.

#\**Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.*Law-enforcement aid to states and locales.

#\**Income tax surcharge.*Johnson anti-inflation move.  1968.

#\**Central Arizona Project authorized.*$1.3 billion; largest reclamation project ever authorized in one bill.  1968.

\**National scenic trails system established.*1968.

\**National Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968.*Set standards.

#\**Wholesome Poultry Products Act of 1968.*More inspection.

\**Truth-in-Lending Act of 1968.*Required disclosure of information to consumers in credit transactions.

**1969-70 – Nixon – Democratic Congress – DIV**

#\**Coal mine safety act.*New standards.  Compensation for black lung disease.  1969.

#\**Social Security increase.*15% hike.  1969.

\**Draft lottery system.*1969.

#\**Tax Reform Act of 1969.*Said to be most comprehensive revision of tax schedule in U.S. history.

#*Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty ratified.*1969.

#*National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.*The source of “environmental impact statements.”

\**Organized Crime Control Act of 1970.*Unprecedented federal authority (including RICO powers) vs. mobsters.

#\**Postal Reorganization Act of 1970.*Set up U.S. Postal Service as independent agency.

#\**Voting Rights Act extension.*For 5 years.  Coverage beyond the South.  Gave suffrage to 18 year-olds (upheld by courts only for federal elections).  1970.

#\**Clean Air Act of 1970.*Uniquely ambitious.  Set specific deadlines for reduction of auto emissions.

\**Water Quality Improvement Act of 1970.*Aimed at oil spills, sewage.

\**Ban on cigarette advertising on radio and TV.*Also strengthened warning label on packages.  1970.

#\**Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1970.*New on-the-job standards plus enforcement mechanism.

#\**Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970.*Set up Amtrak.

\**Omnibus Crime Control Act of 1970.*$3.5 billion for LEAA to aid state and local programs.

\**Narcotics control act.*Revised penalties, stiffened enforcement, expanded treatment.  1970.

#*Agricultural Act of 1970.*Subsidy programs continued.  “Set aside” plan to cut production.

#*Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970.*Trust fund.

#*Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1970.*Federal funding greatly expanded.  $12 billion plan.

#*Economic Stabilization Act of 1970.*Nixon given unwanted power to impose wage-price controls; he used it in 1971.

#*Food stamps program expanded*.  National standards.  Multiplied funding.  1970.

#*Unemployment compensation expanded.*Extended benefits, 4.8 million more potential beneficiaries.  1970.

**1971-72 – Nixon – Democratic Congress – DIV**

#\**Social Security increase.*10% hike.  1971.

#\**Tax reduction.*To spur the economy.  Included $1 checkoff for campaign finance.  1971.

#\**National Cancer Act of 1971.*$1.6 billion.

#\**Emergency Employment Act of 1971.*$2.25 billion for public-service jobs.  First such plan since the New Deal.

\**18-year-old voting age as constitutional amendment.*Soon ratified by the states.  1971.

#\**Federal Election Campaign Act of 1972.*Ceilings on radio and TV spending for ads; rigorous disclosure rules.

#\**Water pollution control act.*Uniquely comprehensive and expensive.  New standards; $24 billion to build sewage treatment plants, etc.  Over Nixon’s veto.  1972.

#\**State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.*Nixon’s general revenue sharing plan.  $30 billion for 5 years.

#\**Social Security increase.*Major 20% hike, plus automatic tie of future hikes to cost-of-living index.  1972.

\**Equal rights amendment to the constitution (ERA).*Against gender discrimination.  1972.  Not ratified by states.

#\**Pesticide Control Act of 1972.*Comprehensive program.

#\**ABM treaty ratified.*Limit on U.S. and Soviet anti-ballistic missile systems.  1972.

#\**Consumer Product Safety Act of 1972.*New commission to set and enforce safety standards for consumer products.

#*Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972.*Added enforcement powers to 1964 Civil Rights Act, extended coverage to state and local governments.

#*Supplementary Security Income (SSI) program approved.*New income floor for the aged, blind, disabled.  1972.

#*Higher Education Act of 1972.*$25 billion package; new Pell grants as aid floor for lower-income students.

**1973-74 – Nixon/Ford – Democratic Congress – DIV**

#\**WAR POWERS ACT OF 1973.*Limited president’s authority to commit U.S. troops in combat.  Enacted over Nixon’s veto.

#\**Federal Aid Highway Act of 1973.*Opened up Highway Trust Fund to mass-transit projects.

#\**Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973.*Shift to “target price” formula to subsidize commodity growers.

#\**Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) of 1973.*Reorganized manpower programs via Nixonian block grants.  Continued public-service employment as CETA jobs.

\**Social Security increase.*Two-step 11% hike.  1973.

\**District of Columbia Home Rule.*Mayor and council.  1973.

#\**Trans-Alaskan pipeline authorized.*1973.

#*Foreign Assistance Act of 1973.*Major shift in direction.  Aid to go to poorest populations in poorest countries.

#*Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973.*Bankrupt northeastern-quadrant railroads consolidated into Conrail.

#*Aid for development of Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs).*Also defined their form and activities.  1973.

#*Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act of 1973.*Called for a mandatory allocation program for oil and oil products.

#\**Trade Act of 1974.*Major rewrite.  For 5 years.  Free Jewish immigration to be a bargaining point with USSR.

#\**Employment Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974.*Landmark guarantee of pension rights in private systems.

#\**Federal Election Campaign Act of 1974.*The basic law:  limits on contributions and spending, full disclosure, public funding of presidential elections, the FEC.

#\**Minimum wage increase.*To $2.30 in 3 stages, plus coverage of 7 million new workers.  1974.

#\**Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974.*New congressional budget system, curbs on impoundment.

\**Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1974.*Beefed up earlier act to insure public access to government records—e.g., FBI files.  Enacted over Ford’s veto.

#*Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Energy Research & Development Administration (ERDA) created.*AEC killed.  1974.

#*Magnuson-Moss product warranty act.*Gave FTC power to set industry-wide rules vs. unfair business practices.  1974.

#*National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974.*New national network of local planning agencies.

#*National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974.*$11 billion.  Funds for operating costs, for first time.

#*Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.*Switch to block grants, direct rent subsidies.

**1975-76 – Ford – Democratic Congress – DIV**

#\**Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975.*Oil price control now, but phased decontrol later.

#\**Voting Rights Act extension.*For 7 years; language minorities added to coverage.  1975.

#\**New York City bailout.*$2.3 billion in federal loans to stave off default.  1975.

\**Repeal of fair-trade laws.*That is, 40-year-old state laws allowing manufacturer-dealer price fixing.  1975.

#*Tax Reduction Act of 1975.*Anti-recession move.  Repealed the oil depletion allowance (for large firms).

#*Securities Act Amendments of 1975.*Broad reform of securities regulation; some deregulation.

#\**Unemployment compensation overhaul.*Revised finances; coverage for 8.5 million new workers.  1976.

#\**Copyright law revision.*Major rewrite, to cover photocopying, cable-TV royalties, etc.  1976.

#\**Toxic substances control act.*Required chemical firms to test risky products.  Banned PCBs.  1976.

#\**Tax Reform Act of 1976.*  Concerted rewrite of schedule.

#*Railroad Vitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976.*New subsidies and a move toward deregulation.

#*National Forest Management Act of 1976 (NFMA).*Commitment to strenuous planning.  Rules about clear-cutting.

#*Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976.*Gave Bureau of Land Management permanent authority to manage public lands.  A cause of Sagebrush Rebellion.

#*Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976.*Cradle-to-grave EPA regulation of hazardous wastes.

**1977-78 – Carter – Democratic Congress – UNI**

#\**Social Security tax increase.*To raise additional $227 billion over 10 years.  1977.

#\**Tax cut.*3-year stimulus package.  1977.

#\**Minimum wage hike.*To $3.35 in 4 stages.  1977.

#\**Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.*New standards for strip mining.

#\**Food and Agriculture Act of 1977.*Higher commodity subsidies; revised and expanded food stamp program.

#*Clean Water Act of 1977.*Standards relaxed.  $24.5 billion more for sewage treatment construction.

#*Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977.*Standards relaxed.

#\**Tax revision.*Cut corporate, capital-gains taxes.  1978.

#\**Comprehensive energy package.*Conservation provisions; phased decontrol of natural gas prices.  A shadow of Carter’s April 1977 omnibus plan.  1978.

\**Panama Canal treaties ratified.*U.S. control to end.  1978.

#\**Civil Service Reform Act of 1978.*Extensive revamping.  Carter plan to inject merit into pay system.

#\**Airline deregulation.*Decontrol of routes, fares.  1978.

**1979-80 – Carter – Democratic Congress – UNI**

\**Chrysler Corporation bailout.*$3.5 billion aid package to ward off bankruptcy.  1979.

#\**Foreign trade act extension.*Approved Tokyo Round non-tariff barrier reductions.  1979.

\**Department of Education established.*1979.

#\**Depository Institutions and Monetary Control Act of 1980.*Banking deregulation.  Removed most distinctions between commercial banks and savings-and-loans units.

#\**Trucking deregulation.*Greater pricing freedom, end of some antitrust immunities.  1980.

#\**Staggers Rail Act of 1980.*More deregulation.

#\**Windfall profits tax on oil.*Carter’s plan; to bring in $227 billion over a decade.  1980.

#\**Synthetic fuels program.*Carter’s $88 billion plan to spur development of a private industry.  1980.

#\**Alaska lands preservation.*Curbed future development of over 100 million acres of federal holdings.  1980.

#\**Toxic wastes Superfund.*$1.6 billion fund, largely from levies on industry, to clean up chemical dumps.  1980.

**1981-82 – Reagan – Republican Senate, Democratic House – DIV**

#\**ECONOMIC RECOVERY TAX ACT OF 1981.*Reagan’s plan.  Largest tax cut in U.S. history; $749 billion over 5 years.  Individual income tax cuts of 5%, 10%, and 10% percent over three years; indexing of tax brackets to offset inflation; cuts in corporate taxes.

#\**OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1981 (OBRA; GRAMM-LATTA II).*

Stockman plan to slash domestic spending, permanently, by revising authorization blueprints.  Cuts for fiscal 1982 to total $35.2 billion.  To affect disability benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, AFDC payments, subsidized housing, health programs, food stamps, unemployment insurance, CETA jobs, student loans, medical education, sewer grants, postal subsidies, trade adjustment assistance, small business loans, mass transit systems, highway funds, Conrail, Amtrak, and more.

#*Agriculture and Food Act of 1982.*4-year subsidy plan.

#\**Transportation Assistance Act of 1982.*$71 billion for highway construction, road repairs, mass transit.  Raised the gasoline tax.

#\**Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982.*3-year deficit-reducing plan to raise taxes by $98.3 billion, cut welfare and entitlements spending by $17.5 billion.

#\**Voting Rights Act extension.*For 25 years.  1982.

\**Nuclear waste repository act.*Underground dumps.  1982.

#*Garn-St. Germain Depository Institutions Act of 1982.*Part deregulation, part support of savings and loans.

#*Job Training Partnership Act of 1982.*Dan Quayle’s bill.

**1983-84 – Reagan – Republican Senate, Democratic House – DIV**

\**Martin Luther King’s birthday declared a legal holiday.*1983.

#\**Social Security Act Amendments of 1983.*$170 billion bipartisan package of tax increases and benefit cuts to stave off system insolvency.

\**Anti-recession jobs measure.*$4.6 billion.  1983.

#\**Anti-crime package.*Criminal code revision addressing insanity defense, sentencing procedures, pretrial detention, computer tampering, credit card fraud, etc.  1984.

#\**Deficit reduction measure.*Spending cuts of $13 billion, new taxes worth $50 billion, through fiscal 1987.  1984.

#*Trade and Tariff Act of 1984.*Extension of authority.

#*Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984.*Rearrangement of cable-TV regulation.

**1985-86 – Reagan – Republican Senate, Democratic House – DIV**

#\**Gramm-Rudman-Hollings anti-deficit act.*Move to balance the budtet by 1990 through automatic spending cuts.  1985.

\**Food Security Act of 1985.*Record commodity subsidies--$52 billion over 3 years.

#\**TAX REFORM ACT OF 1986.*Sweeping revision.  14 tax brackets collapsed into 2; many breaks eliminated; rates sharply cut; shift from individual to corporate taxes.

#\**Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA).*Hiring of illegal aliens outlawed.  Amnesty offered to illegals in U.S. since 1982.

\**South Africa sanctions.*Banned all new U.S. investment there, some key imports.  Over Reagan’s veto.  1986.

\**Anti-narcotics measure.*$1.7 billion for enforcement, education, treatment.  Stiffer penalties.  1986.

\**Cleanup of toxic waste dumps*.  Major expansion of Superfund.  New standards, new taxes, $9.6 billion.  1986.

\**Omnibus water projects act.*First such act since 1976.  $16.3 billion, 262 projects, users to share costs.  1986.

#\**Goldwater-Nichols Reorganization Act of 1986 (Defense Department).*Authority shifted from the services to coordinators—e.g., chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

**1987-88 – Reagan – Democratic Congress – DIV**

\**Water Quality Act of 1987.*$18 billion to sewage treatment plants, etc.  Over Reagan’s veto.

\**Surface Transportation Act of 1987.*$88 billion for highways, mass transit.  Over Reagan’s veto.

\**Deficit reduction measure.*2-year $40 billion package of spending cuts, tax increases, sales of assets.  1987.

\**Housing and community development act.*First housing authorization since 1980.  $30 billion.  1987.

\**McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987.*$443 million for shelter, health, food, etc.

\**Catastrophic health insurance for the aged.*Major costs to be paid for by insurance premiums.  1988.

\**Family Support Act of 1988.*Welfare reform.  Aimed to ease taking jobs, support families of those who do.

\**Omnibus foreign trade measure.*5-year authority.  1988.

\**Anti-drug-abuse act.*Funds for policing and treatment; new drug czar; death penalty for drug kingpins.  1988.

\**Grove City civil rights measure.*Overturned 1984 court decision;  reasserted that civil rights laws reach whole institutions receiving federal aid, not just particular programs.  Enacted over Reagan’s veto. 1988.

\**Intermediate-Range Nuclear-Force (INF) treaty ratified.*1988.

\**Japanese-American reparations.*$1.25 billion to those interned during World War II.  1988.

**1989-90 – Bush – Democratic Congress – DIV**

**\****Minimum wage hike*.  To $4.25 in 1991.  New training wage for teenagers.  1989.

\**Savings-and-loan bailout.*$50 billion to sell off or close down insolvent banks.  1989.

\**DEFICIT REDUCTION PACKAGE.*Bipartisan deal; $490 billion in tax hikes and spending cuts over 5 years.  Fall 1990.

\**Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.*To guarantee job rights and access to public facilities.

\**Clean Air Act of 1990.*To curb acid rain, airborne toxics, urban smog.

\**Child care package.*$22.5 billion; tax credits and state grants for children of working parents.  1990.

\**Immigration Act of 1990.*40% increase in annual intake; new emphasis on occupational skills.

\**National Affordable Housing Act of 1990.*New block grants to expand stock; new HOPE program to sell off public housing projects to tenants.

\**Agriculture act.*15% cut in subsidized acreage.  1990.