

All Four Gun Proposals Fail in the Senate

4 Failed Gun Proposals: Senators That Crossed Party Lines

Universal Background Checks

Sen. Chris Murphy's (D-CT) proposal requires background checks for all private gun purchases, including online and gun show sales.

X failed: 44 for, 56 against

Dems against:

Heidi Heitkamp (ND)
Joe Manchin (WV)
Jon Tester (MT)

GOP for:

Mark Kirk (IL)

Changes to Background Check System

Chuck Grassley's (R-IA) proposal would encourage states to submit mental health records to the criminal background check system, and would provide a process for challenging a mental-health-based ban.

X failed: 53 for, 47 against

Dems for:

Joe Donnelly (IN)

GOP against:

Cory Gardner (CO)
Mark Kirk (IL)

Gun Ban For People on Terrorist Watch Lists

Sen. Dianne Feinstein's (D-CA) proposal would allow the Justice Department to ban a gun sale without a court order if there is a "reasonable belief" that the buyer is likely to engage in terrorism.

X failed: 47 for, 53 against

Dems against:

Heidi Heitkamp (ND)

GOP for:

Mark Kirk (IL)
Kelly Ayotte (NH)

Require Court Order To Bar Gun Sales

John Cornyn's (R-TX) proposal would give the Justice Department 72 hours to prove in court that there is "probable cause" that a buyer will commit an act of terrorism, as justification for denying a gun sale.

X failed: 53 for, 47 against

Dems for:

Joe Manchin (WV)
Joe Donnelly (IN)

GOP against:

Susan Collins (ME)
Jeff Flake (AZ)
Mark Kirk (IL)

*60 votes required to pass

Sources: Fawn Johnson, *The Coming Week: Gun Votes on Tap, but Changes Unlikely*, Morning Consult, June 17, 2016; Jeff Stein and Dara Lind, "Here Are the 4 Gun Control Proposals the Senate is Voting on Today," Vox, June 20, 2016; National Journal Research, 2016.