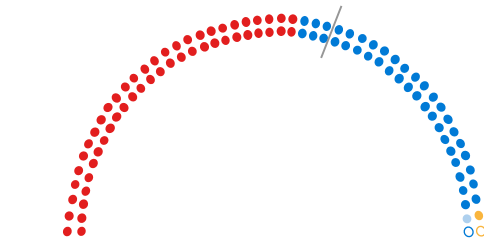


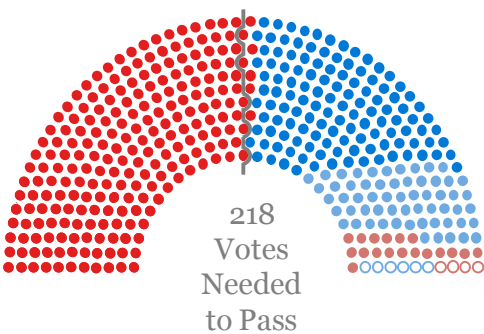
# Congress overrides President Obama’s veto of JASTA, allowing U.S. families to sue Saudi Arabia over 9/11

## How Congress voted on overriding President Obama’s veto of JASTA

Justice Against Terrorism Act



	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Republicans	54	0	0
Democrats	42	1	1
Independents	1	0	1
Total	97	1	2



	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Republicans	225	18	4
Democrats	123	59	6
Total	348	77	10

### Why was the bill vetoed?

- This bill would amend the US judicial code and narrow the scope of foreign sovereign immunity offered under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act
- President Obama vetoed the bill because he believed other countries could retaliate and pass similar laws allowing their citizens to sue U.S. troops or corporations for activities in their countries
- This is the first time Congress has overrode President Obama’s veto

Source: [Congres.gov](#), “Senate roll call vote 148”, September 28, 2016; [Congress.gov](#), “House roll call vote 564”, September 28, 2016; Ted Barrett, “Congress overrides Obama’s veto of 9/11 bill,” CNN Money, September 28, 2016; Jennifer Steinhauer et al, “Congress votes to override Obama veto on 9/11 bill,” The New York Times, September 28, 2016.