

Rep. Ed Royce, R-Fullerton, is the most conservative congressman in California and **Rep. John Campbell**

R-Irvine, is tied for second, according to a report card by Heritage Action for American, an offshoot of the conservative Heritage Foundation think tank.

The Heritage survey of 30 votes and five bill co-sponsorships this year focuses largely on small government and fiscal issues, but also singles out Planned Parenthood funding, offshore drilling and proposed patent law changes.

Scores for O.C. Congress members (click on name to see individual report cards):

Ed Royce, R-Fullerton ... 87%
John Campbell, R-Irvine ... 83%
Dana Rohrabacher, R-Costa Mesa ... 79%
Gary Miller, R-Diamond Bar ... 78%
Ken Calvert, R-Corona ... 57%
Loretta Sanchez, D-Santa Ana ... 7%

The highest House score went to Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-South Carolina, with 97 percent. He voted the Heritage way on all 30 votes, but fell short of a perfect score because of three Heritage dinged him for not co-sponsoring.

Just 27 of the 435 House members scored above 85 percent.

Royce took the non-Heritage position on three of the 30 bills: Two votes to raise the debt ceiling and one to approve a stop-gap spending bill.

Campbell also voted twice to raise the debt limit, did not vote on three of the 30 bills, and took the non-Heritage position on two others: voting for a measure to shift patent awards to favor the first applicant rather than the inventor, and voting against a measure to eliminate expansion of

federal flood insurance.

Clearly, Heritage has its own agenda guiding its selection of bills, but I'm not surprised to see **Campbell**, a longtime opponent of earmarks, and Royce rank high.

Perhaps the score comparison that will draw the most scrutiny will be between Royce and Miller, who are facing off to represent the new 39th Congressional District. As I noted yesterday, Miller said, "There are very little ideological differences between the Republican candidates."

Among the few differences uncovered by Heritage: Miller voted for the patent law change (which was backed by large corporations and passed the House 304-117); Miller voted against reducing 2011 spending to 2006 levels; and Miller voted for the stop-gap funding bill.