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- The American Rescue Plan passed through Congress on a partisan basis. “The American Rescue plan made it through Congress with only Democratic support, making it stand out from the bipartisan COVID relief plans Congress passed over the last year.” (Savannah Behrmann, “Takeaways from the COVID-19 stimulus bill passing Congress: Weeks of partisan fighting comes to an end with a win for Biden,” [USA Today](#), 3/10/21)
 - Democrat Jared Golden of Maine was the sole Democrat to oppose the nearly \$2 trillion American Rescue Plan. “Democratic Rep. Jared Golden of Maine, who also voted against the original House version, was the sole member to break ranks. Golden argued in late February that many of the provisions in the nearly \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief package were not directly related to the pandemic or should be addressed in stand-alone bills.” (Jennifer Shutt, “House sends massive coronavirus relief bill to Biden,” [Roll Call](#), 3/10/21)

As a part of the American Rescue Plan, the IRS issued “nearly a billion dollars” in stimulus checks to inmates, including Dylann Roof and a terrorist - the Boston Marathon Bomber:

- The Washington Examiner obtained IRS reports that showed they had issued “nearly a billion dollars in stimulus payments” to inmates – such as Dylan Roof. “The federal government doled out nearly a billion dollars in stimulus payments to prison inmates in 2021 under President Joe Biden’s American Rescue Plan, according to IRS records obtained by the Washington Examiner. The third-round stimulus payments to prisoners totaled **\$924.3 million**, which was much greater than previously reported... Cotton railed against Democrats for voting to provide stimulus payments to criminals such as Dylann Roof, who was convicted of murder after he killed nine black people at a church in Charleston, South Carolina.” (Jerry Dunleavy, Andrew Kerr, “Nearly \$1 billion in stimulus funds sent to prisoners in 2021, ‘terrorists and perverts’ got \$1,400 checks,” [Washington Examiner](#), 2/11/22)
- Senator Rick Scott also noted that the payments will go to “terrorists and perverts,” including one of the Boston Marathon Bombers. “In one of the most inexplicable votes in Senate history, Senate Democrats sent terrorists and perverts \$1,400 checks paid for by U.S. tax dollars. It is a vote that should tick off every American,’ National Republican Senatorial Committee Chairman Rick Scott, a senator from Florida, said in January. ‘The Boston Marathon bomber and Larry Nassar are in prison for their evil deeds killing Americans and molesting children. They do not deserve our money.’” (Jerry Dunleavy, Andrew Kerr, “Nearly \$1 billion in stimulus funds sent to prisoners in 2021, ‘terrorists and perverts’ got \$1,400 checks,” [Washington Examiner](#), 2/11/22)