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Senator George Allen.	<p>We sent him there to fix it.</p> <p>But somewhere along the way, something went horribly wrong.</p>	
Allen. Trillions in Debt.	George Allen voted for trillions in debt.	<p>As Senator, Allen voted to add \$3 trillion to the National Debt. PolitiFact Virginia wrote, “Under the budgets approved during Allen’s term, debt climbed by \$3.202 trillion. Congress sets budgets through a series of appropriations bills, and Allen supported all of the roughly four dozen bills to hit the Senate floor during his term. . . . Radtke said debt increased by \$3 trillion during Allen’s Senate term, a figure equal to \$16,000 per second. The actual figures were \$3.202 trillion, or \$16,896.68 per second.” [PolitiFact Virginia, 4/15/11]</p>
Allen Voted to Raise His Pay Four Times.	While voting to raise his pay four times.	<p>Allen voted to raise his own pay four times. [S. Amdt 1904, Senate vote 406, 10/23/03; HR 2989, Senate vote 410, 10/23/03; S. Amdt 4900, Senate vote 242, 11/13/02; S. Amdt 2349, Senate vote 360, 12/7/01]</p>

<p>Allen Voted for Special Tax Breaks for Oil and Gas Companies.</p>	<p>Then voted to keep special tax breaks for oil and gas companies.</p>	<p>Wash. Post: Allen “voted for tax breaks to oil and coal companies.” The Washington Post reported: “As senator, [Allen] voted for tax breaks to oil and coal companies and against fostering alternative sources, including solar and wind, because he said they were not dependable.” [Washington Post, 9/24/11]</p> <p>Allen voted against eliminating a \$2.4 billion oil industry tax credit. The tax break, allowing oil companies to expense costs associated with exploration and development, was estimated by the Joint Committee on Taxation to cost taxpayers \$2.4 billion over 5 years. [S2020, Senate Vote 332, 11/17/05; LCV 2005 National Environmental Scorecard]</p> <p>Allen voted for 2003 Bush energy bill that included \$13 Billion in tax breaks for oil, gas and coal companies. Allen voted for a motion to invoke cloture on the conference report on the bill that would implement a comprehensive national policy for energy conservation, research and development. The Associated Press reported that the bill included “Tax breaks of \$13 billion for oil, gas and coal industries.” [HR 6, Senate Vote 456, 11/21/03; Associated Press, 11/21/03]</p> <p>In 2004, Allen voted for the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 which included billions of dollars in tax credits for the oil and gas industry. [HR4520, Senate Vote 211, 10/11/04; LCV 2004 National Environmental Scorecard]</p> <p>Allen voted for 2005 Bush energy bill that contained \$6 billion in tax breaks for oil and gas companies. In June of 2005, Allen voted for the Energy Policy Act of 2005, a bill that included \$6 billion in subsidies for the oil and gas industry, according to Public Citizen. These subsidies included a provision that “Allows ‘geological and geophysical’ costs associated with oil exploration to be written off faster than present law, costing taxpayers over \$1.266 billion from 2007–2015,” and another that “Allows owners of oil refineries to expense 50% of the costs of equipment used to increase</p>
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Allen Took Over \$500,000 in Contributions from Oil and Gas Industry.	And took over half a million from them.	Allen has received \$585,447 from the oil and gas industry. [Center for Responsive Politics]
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<p>Allen Worked for Energy Companies.</p>	<p>Worse – Allen went to work for them.</p>	<p>Allen was paid \$20,000 to run project of oil–industry–funded group. The Washington Post reported of Allen: “These days, he says, he is focused on his consulting business, his book and the work of his think tank, which is a project of the oil–industry–funded Institute for Energy Research.” A separate Post article further noted: “In 2009, Allen launched the American Energy Freedom Center, a 501(c)(3) organization, to educate and influence the public about energy issues. The center was formed as a project of the Institute for Energy Research, a conservative group that advocates for free–market energy and environmental policy. Thomas Pyle, the institute’s president and a former oil industry lobbyist and aide to former House majority leader Tom DeLay (R–Texas), said he helped start the center because he knew Allen and the men agree on many energy issues. Institute records show that it gave the center nearly \$140,000 in seed money its first year and Pyle said it also provided in–kind services before the center spun off. ... Allen’s financial disclosures show that he received \$20,000 to be the center’s chairman between Jan. 1, 2010, and early last month.” Media Matters for America noted that “ExxonMobil Corp. has disclosed that it has provided funding for the [Institute for Energy Research],” and “the Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation -- the president of which is an executive vice president of Koch Industries, whose subsidiaries ‘have been in the petroleum business since 1940’ -- donated \$85,000 in grants to the institute between 1997 and 2005.” [Washington Post, 8/14/09; Washington Post, 9/24/11; Media Matters for America, 6/25/10]</p> <p>Allen earned \$347,000 running consulting firm that lists energy as a top priority. The Washington Post reported: “Allen earned nearly \$350,000 from his consulting business that lists energy as one of its top priorities, and was paid at least \$10,000 in consulting fees from a pair of the nation’s largest coal companies — Alpha Natural Resources and Peabody Energy. Allen’s financial disclosure form filed</p>
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