

Table 1
Summary Data on White House Forecasts and Votes in the 84th Congress

Bill Title	Bill #	White House Position	Prediction	Doubtfuls	Outcome (yeas-nays)	% Republicans Correctly Predicted	% Democrats Correctly Predicted	Proportional Reduction in Error (PRE) ^a
Farm Price Supports	HR 12	Oppose	199-221	14	206-201	97.9	90.5	87.8
Tax Cut	HR 4529	Support	230-200	4	205-210	95.0	95.0	88.9
Housing	S 2126	Oppose	217-196	21	217-188	87.2	93.5	77.9
Minimum Wage	HR 7214	Support [^]	153-247	34	362-54	18.0	77.8	-29.8
Sale of Government Rubber Facilities	HRes 170	Oppose*	70-321	43	132-283	98.9	76.1	24.3
Postal Pay	HR 4644	Support	219-185	30	120-302	42.8	84.7	22.1
Natural Gas Regulation	HR 6645	Support*	229-147	58	273-135	75.2	81.9	45.3
Reciprocal Trade	HR 1	Support	262-166	117	295-110	70.5	63.4	52.8

^a PRE was calculated by comparing the White House prediction of individual members' vote with the votes they cast; doubtfuls were excluded. The PRE is calculated as [% votes correctly predicted—% votes in modal category] / [100—% votes in model category]

[^] Eisenhower did not take a public position on this vote (as reported in the 1955 *Congressional Quarterly Almanac*) but he had previously called for an increase to .90¢/hour in his State of the Union Address.

* Eisenhower did not take a public position on these votes (as reported in the 1955 *Congressional Quarterly Almanac*). Positions were determined from White House memoranda.

Table 2
Mean Effects from Pooled Multinomial Logistic Regression Analysis of White House Voting Forecasts and Outcomes^a

Variable	<i>Outcome Category</i>				
	<i>Opposed</i> (Forecast Against – Voted Against)	<i>Conversion</i> (Forecast Against – Supported)	<i>Defection</i> (Forecast Support – Voted Against)	<i>Doubtful – Supported</i>	<i>Doubtful – Opposed</i>
Democrat x Ideological Placement	-.691***	.284***	.069***	<.001*	-.026***
Republican x Ideological Placement	-.222***	-.048***	-.021**	<-.001*	-.005
Member's Margin of Victory (%), 1954	.170***	-.035	-.013	<-.001	.002
Democratic Leader	-.047	-.006	-.023	<-.001	-.020
Democratic Committee Chair	-.019	-.005	-.005	<-.001	-.010
Republican Leader	-.035	-.018	-.012	<.001	-.042
Republican Ranking Committee Member	-.007	-.022	-.012	<-.001	-.011
H Res 170 [Sale of Government Rubber Facilities]	-.257***	-.079***	-.029	<-.001	-.004**
HR 6645 [Natural Gas/Federal Oversight]	-.186***	.006	-.013	<.001**	-.008*
HR 4644 [Postal Pay] x % District Median Income	-.057*	-.064*	.424***	<-.001	-.011
HR 12 [Flexible Price Supports] x % District Agricultural	.369***	-.080**	-.037**	<-.001	-.029*
HR 4529 [Tax Cuts] x Median District Income	-.001*	-.071***	-.046***	<-.001	-.033***
S 2126 [Omnibus Housing] x % District Urban	-.023*	-.055**	-.016	<-.001	-.021**
HR 7214 [Minimum Wage] x Median District Income	.501*	.030**	-.060	<.001	.025
HR 7214 [Minimum Wage] x % District Blue Collar Workers	-.414***	.049	.188	<-.001	-.038
HR 1 [Reciprocal Trade] x % District Unemployed	-.342***	.012	-.040*	<-.001	-.029***
HR 1 [Reciprocal Trade] x % District Blue Collar Workers	-.097	-.032	-.045	<.001***	.473***

*** p<.001 ** p<.01 * p<.05 (one-tailed)

^aThe coefficients and standard errors of the full model are in Appendix 1; the base category for the multinomial logistic regression analysis was the group of legislators forecast to support the White House position and did support that position on the roll-call vote in the 84th Congress.

Appendix A
Full Multinomial Logit Model of White House Forecasts and Voting Outcomes

Variable	Outcome Category				
	<i>Opposed</i> (Forecast Against – Voted Against)	<i>Conversion</i> (Forecast Against – Supported)	<i>Defection</i> (Forecast Support – Voted Against)	<i>Doubtful – Supported</i>	<i>Doubtful – Opposed</i>
Democrat x Ideological Placement	-2.51*** (.293)	3.34*** (.488)	1.76*** (.560)	1.20* (.732)	-1.82*** (.516)
Republican x Ideological Placement	-1.71*** (.377)	-1.71*** (.487)	-1.14** (.574)	-1.44* (.804)	-.852 (.681)
Member's Margin of Victory (%), 1954	.742*** (.163)	-.330 (.243)	-.175 (.291)	-.459 (.420)	.293 (.302)
Democratic Leader	-.247 (.363)	-.174 (.678)	.471 (.673)	-.568 (1.12)	-1.47 (1.06)
Democratic Committee Chair	-.128 (.241)	-.140 (.371)	-.219 (.472)	-35.60 (32600000)	-.521 (.555)
Republican Leader	-.298 (.455)	-.490 (.604)	-.636 (.791)	-.023 (.869)	-38.56 (161000000)
Republican Ranking Committee Member	-.115 (.267)	-.481 (.378)	-.535 (.452)	-.871 (.766)	-.686 (.627)
H Res 170 [Sale of Government Rubber Facilities]	-1.78*** (.202)	-2.79*** (.507)	.133 (.351)	-37.63 (46300000)	-.661* (.336)
HR 6645 [Natural Gas/Federal Oversight]	-1.07*** (.193)	.194 (.284)	.044 (.372)	1.52** (.546)	-.631* (.357)
HR 4644 [Postal Pay] x District Median Income	.00001* (.00006)	-.0002* (.0001)	.0008**** (.0001)	-.00004 (.0003)	.00003 (.0002)
HR 12 [Flexible Price Supports] x % District Agricultural	7.11*** (2.32)	-28.00*** (7.82)	-18.19* (10.25)	-8.41 (13.21)	-22.46* (10.61)
HR 4529 [Tax Cuts] x Median District Income	-.00005 (.00005)	-.0005*** (.0001)	-.0009*** (.0002)	-.033 (17179)	-.0008*** (.0002)
S 2126 [Omnibus Housing] x % District Urban	-.266 (.256)	-1.50** (.537)	-.792 (.648)	-263.16 (8250000)	-1.54** (.630)
HR 7214 [Minimum Wage] x Median District Income	.0006* (.0002)	.0005** (.0002)	-.001 (.001)	.004 (136406)	.0005 (.0008)
HR 7214 [Minimum Wage] x % District Blue Collar Workers	-25.25*** (5.99)	.972 (3.20)	6.85 (19.68)	-645.22 (26400000)	-30.16 (19.76)
HR 1 [Reciprocal Trade] x % District Unemployed	-91.01*** (25.26)	-8.31 (22.64)	-117.93* (72.31)	-13.37 (21235)	-97.78*** (25.15)
HR 1 [Reciprocal Trade] x % District Blue Collar Workers	2.93 (3.34)	1.96 (3.41)	-7.94 (8.00)	17.97*** (3.69)	16.82*** (3.35)
Constant	-.193 (.180)	-.511* (.286)	-2.66*** (.360)	-2.66*** (.584)	-1.72*** (.352)
<i>Summary Statistics:</i> N = 3,068 Likelihood Ratio(85) = 1,946.03 *** McFadden's Adjusted R ² = .202 Adjusted Count R ² = .314					

*** p<.001 ** p<.01 * p<.05 (one-tailed) Standard errors are in parentheses.