# VOTINGRECORD 2007–2010 ALABAMA

## YOUR LEGISLATORS' VOTING RECORD ON SMALL BUSINESS ISSUES

**2007–2010 REGULAR AND SPECIAL SESSIONS:** Roll-call votes by your state legislators on the following key small business issues during this quadrennial of the Alabama Legislature are listed inside. Although this Voting Record does not reflect all elements considered by a lawmaker when voting, nor does it represent a complete profile of a legislator, it may be used as a guide in evaluating your legislator's attitude toward small business. A vote tally of this type cannot indicate which legislators represented small business interests in committees. Remember, many issues that would have affected small business did not go to a roll call vote in either the House or the Senate. Please thank those legislators who supported small business.

1 **Repeal of the Federal Income Tax Deduction (HB 1):** Repeals the federal income tax deduction, costing Alabama taxpayers approximately $420 million annually. **A "No" vote in the House supported the NFIB position.** Failed in the House on procedural vote of the Budget Isolation Resolution; three-fifths of those voting are required for passage. Failed 54–42–1.

2 **Corporate tax increase (HB 350):** Increases taxes on businesses by approximately $96 million annually and includes a first-time tax on management and administrative fees. **A "No" vote in the House supported the NFIB position.** Failed in the House on procedural vote of the Budget Isolation Resolution; three-fifths of those voting are required for passage. Failed 54–39–1.

3 **Unemployment Compensation Modernization Funds (SJR86):** Authorizes and requires that Alabama apply for federal stimulus funds, changing state unemployment laws to accept one-time unemployment benefit dollars. When the federal dollars expire, Alabama businesses would experience an increase in unemployment taxes of approximately $99.5 million annually. **A "No" vote in the Senate and the House supported the NFIB position.** Passed the Senate 15–14. Passed the House 55–42. Governor vetoed resolution.

4 **State Unemployment Tax Act (SB 147):** Continues conformity of state law to federal law, while saving Alabama businesses an increase in annual state unemployment taxes of approximately $700 million annually. **A "Yes" vote in the Senate and House supported the NFIB position.** Passed the Senate 27–0. Passed the House 101–0.

5 **Political activities of public employees (HB 787):** Permits legislators to continue the practice of "double dipping" by serving in an elected position and working in a K–12, two- or four-year state education institution. **A "No" vote in the House supported the NFIB position.** Passed in the House 57–36.

6 **Bonus Depreciation (HB 56):** Decouples the Alabama state tax code from the federal tax code that allows a one-time bonus depreciation of 50 percent on purchases of new equipment by business owners, e.g., tools, machinery or vehicles. To business owners, the bill was worth $59 million in one-time deductions. **A "Yes" vote in the Senate and a "No" vote in the House supported the NFIB position.** Passed in the Senate 16–14. Passed in the House 53–41.

7 **Health Insurance Deduction (HB 61):** Allows a 150 percent state income tax deduction for the payment of health insurance premiums for both the employer and employee for businesses with 25 or fewer employees. **A "Yes" vote in the Senate and the House supported the NFIB position.** Passed in the Senate 32–0. Passed in the House 103–0.

8 **Regulatory Flexibility (HB 84):** Requires state agencies to perform an economic impact analysis before they implement new rules or regulations on small business. **A "No" vote in the Senate and a "Yes" vote in the House supported the NFIB position.** Failed in the Senate 15–12. Passed in the House 99–0.

9 **Truck Weight Exemption (HB 432):** Exempts commercial vehicles

weighing 13 tons or less from federal regulations for intrastate use only. **A "Yes" vote in the Senate and House supported the NFIB position.** Passed in the Senate 32–0. Passed in the House 101–2.

**10 Prohibits mandatory participation in healthcare system (SB 233):** Prohibits mandatory participation in any healthcare system. **A "Yes" vote in the Senate supported the NFIB position.** Passed in the Senate 23–8.

**11 Change unemployment laws, requirement to accept federal funding (SB 460):** Changes eligibility for unemployment, extending benefits to part-time employees and increases weekly benefits, costing employers approximately $99 million annually. **A "No" vote in the Senate supported the NFIB position.** Passed in the Senate 17–13.

**12 Eliminate the state income tax deduction, increase individual income tax standard deductions and personal exemptions (SB 431):** Increases taxes to Alabamians of $320 annually. **A "No" vote in the Senate supported the NFIB position.** Failed in the Senate on the Budget Isolation Resolution procedural vote 16–11–4.

## VOTING KEY

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| Y | = | Voted Yes |
| N | = | Voted No |
| P | = | Present, not voting |
| A | = | Abstained from voting |
| * | = | Vacated position during term |
| # | = | Elected mid-term |
| N/A | = | Minimum of five votes required for percentage |

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| ISSUE NUMBER | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NFIB/AL POSITION | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Allen, Gerald | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Baker, Alan | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Baker, Locy | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Ball, Mike | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | P | 100% |
| Bandy, George | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 38% |
| Barton, Jim | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Beasley, Billy | Y | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Beck, Warren[1] | – | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Beech, Elaine | Y | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | N/A |
| Bentley, Robert | N | Y | N | Y | P | N | Y | Y | Y | 88% |
| Black, Marcel | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Boothe, Alan | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Boyd, Barbara | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Bridges, DuWayne | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Brown, K. L. | N | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | N/A |
| Buskey, James | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Canfield, Greg | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Clouse, Steve | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |

1– Reps. Warren Beck and Lea Fite passed away.

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| NFIB/AL POSITION | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Coleman, Merika | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Collier, Spencer | Y | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 78% |
| Curtis, Mike | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Davis, Randy | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| DeMarco, Paul | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | N | 89% |
| Drake, Owen | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Dukes, Bill | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Dunn, Patricia[2] | * | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| England, Chris | Y | Y | P | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | 57% |
| Faust, Joe | P | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Fields, James | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | # | # | 43% |
| Fincher, Chad | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | P | Y | 100% |
| Fite, Lea[1] | * | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Ford, Craig | P | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 57% |
| Galliher, Blaine | N | Y | P | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | 71% |
| Gaston, Victor | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Gipson, Mac | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Gordon, James | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |

2– Patricia Dunn and Marc Keahey were elected mid-term to the State Senate.

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| NFIB/AL POSITION | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Graham, Betty Carol | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Grantland, Ron | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Greeson, Todd | N | Y | N | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | 75% |
| Grimes, David | N | N | P | Y | P | P | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Guin, Ken | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | 38% |
| Hall, Laura | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | 38% |
| Hammett, Seth | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Hammon, Micky | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Harper, Alan | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Hill, Mike | N | N | N | Y | P | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Hilliard, Earl, Jr. | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Hinshaw, Randy | P | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | 57% |
| Holmes, Alvin | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Howard, Ralph | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | P | 38% |
| Hubbard, Mike | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Hurst, Steve | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Irons, Tammy | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Ison, Jamie | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Jackson, Thomas | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Johnson, Ron | N | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 89% |
| Keahey, Marc[2] | * | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Kennedy, Yvonne | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Knight, John | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Laird, Richard | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 78% |
| Letson, Jody | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Lewis, Benjamin | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Lindsey, Richard | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Love, Jay | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Martin, Jimmy | A | N | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | 71% |
| Mask, Barry | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| McAdory, Lawrence | Y | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | N/A |
| McCampbell, A. J. | Y | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| McClammy, Thad | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | 43% |
| McClendon, Jim | N | N | N | Y | P | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| McClurkin, Mary Sue | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| McCutcheon, Mac | N | N | N | Y | P | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |

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| NFIB/AL POSITION | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| McDaniel, Frank | Y | Y | P | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 75% |
| McLaughlin, Jeff | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| McMillan, Steve | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | P | Y | 100% |
| Millican, Mike | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Mitchell, Joseph | Y | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | Y | N/A |
| Moore, Mary | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Moore, Pat | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Morrow, Johnny Mack | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Newton, Charles | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | 56% |
| Newton, Demetrius | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Oden, Jeremy | N | P | N | P | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Page, Jack | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Payne, Arthur | N | P | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | N | 88% |
| Robinson, John | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Robinson, Oliver | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | 57% |
| Rogers, John | Y | P | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 43% |
| Salaam, Yusuf | Y | P | P | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | 67% |
| Sanderford, Howard | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Scott, Rod | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Sherer, Tommy | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Shiver, Harry | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Spicer, Terry | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Taylor, Butch | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Thigpen, William | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | 67% |
| Thomas, Elwyn | N | Y | N | Y | P | P | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Thomas, James | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | 43% |
| Todd, Patricia | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Treadaway, Allen | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 89% |
| Vance, Lesley | P | N | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | 71% |
| Ward, Cam | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Warren, Pebblin | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| White, Henry | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Williams, Jack | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Williams, Phil | N | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | # | N/A |
| Wood, Randy | N | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Wren, Greg | N | N | N | Y | N | P | Y | Y | Y | 100% |

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| SENATE<br>ISSUE NUMBER<br>NFIB/AL POSITION | 3<br>N | 4<br>Y | 6<br>Y | 7<br>Y | 8<br>N | 9<br>Y | 10<br>Y | 11<br>N | 12<br>N | %<br>100% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barron, Lowell | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Beason, Scott | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | 100% |
| Bedford, Roger | Y | Y | P | P | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | 33% |
| Benefield, Kim | Y | Y | P | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | 57% |
| Bishop, Charles | P | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | P | N | N | 100% |
| Brooks, Ben | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | 100% |
| Butler, Tom | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | A | 88% |
| Coleman, Linda | Y | Y | P | Y | P | P | N | Y | Y | 33% |
| Denton, Bobby | Y | Y | P | P | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 43% |
| Dixon, Larry | N | P | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | P | P | 100% |
| Dunn, Priscilla | # | # | # | # | # | # | N | # | # | N/A |
| Erwin, Hank | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | P | N | N | 100% |
| Figures, Vivian | Y | P | N | Y | P | Y | N | Y | Y | 29% |
| French, Steve | N | Y | P | P | N | P | Y | N | N | 100% |
| Glover, Rusty | N | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | N | N | 100% |
| Holley, Jimmy | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | 100% |
| Keahey, Marc | # | # | # | # | # | # | Y | # | # | N/A |
| Little, Ted | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Little, Zeb | Y | P | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | P | 43% |
| Marsh, Del | N | P | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | 100% |
| Means, Larry | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | A | 63% |
| Mitchell, Wendell | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 44% |
| Mitchem, Hinton | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | 56% |
| Orr, Arthur | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | A | 100% |
| Penn, Myron | P | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | P | 43% |
| Pittman, Trip | N | P | Y | Y | # | # | Y | N | N | 100% |
| Poole, Phil | P | Y | N | Y | N | Y | P | Y | Y | 57% |
| Preuitt, Jim | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | P | A | 86% |
| Ross, Quinton | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 33% |
| Sanders, Hank | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 33% |
| Sanford, Paul | # | # | # | # | # | # | Y | # | # | N/A |
| Singleton, Bobby | Y | P | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | P | 29% |
| Smith, Harri Anne | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | 100% |
| Smitherman, Rodger | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 33% |
| Waggoner, Jabo | N | P | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | N | N | 100% |