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VOTING RECORD 2011 NEVADA

YOUR LEGISLATORS' VOTING RECORD ON SMALL BUSINESS ISSUES

2011 SESSION: Floor votes by your state legislators on key small business issues are listed inside. The Voting Record does not reflect all elements considered by a lawmaker when voting, nor does it represent a complete profile of a legislator, but it can be a guide in evaluating a legislator's attitude toward small business. Many issues affecting small business are decided in committees and never make it to the floor of the Assembly or Senate. Please thank those legislators who supported small business and continue to work with those who have fallen short.

VOTING KEY

Y	=	Voted "Yes" for the NFIB position
N	=	Voted "No" for the NFIB position
	=	Legislator was absent during the time of vote

1 State Business License Fee (AB 78): This bill would have mandated any home-based business that is an LLC or other corporate structure to pay the annual state registration fee of $200. Any registered business that earns under $27,000 in Nevada has been exempt from paying this fee. This bill removed that exemption for owners who chose to form a corporation, but allowed the exemption to apply to sole proprietors. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** The bill passed the Assembly on April 26, by 24–18. It passed the Senate 11–10 on May 30. The governor returned it to the Senate on June 6, where it died.

2 Deceptive Trade Practices (AB 352): This bill allows people to bring a civil action for damages against a business that was deceptive to consumers, such as using false advertising. It imposes stricter fines on businesses that "knowingly" take advantage of people, and allows for the courts to take actions that help the deceived party. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** The bill passed the Assembly on April 25, by a 26–16 vote. It passed the Senate on May 11, 20–1. It was approved by the governor on May 19.

3 Construction Defects (AB 401): This bill would have expanded the types of contractors that could be pulled into a lawsuit, such as landscapers. It also made it easier for trial lawyers to collect automatic fees. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** It passed the Assembly on June 5, 26–16. It failed in the Senate on June 6 by a vote of 9–12.

4 Tax Extensions (AB 561): This was the final budget bill that extended various tax increases for two more years. These were the taxes created in the 2009 session that were set to expire in July 2011. While the bill eliminates the payroll tax on the first $250,000 of a business' payroll until July 2013, it keeps in place increases in sales tax, the business license fee, car rental tax, and the payroll or modified business tax. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** The bill passed the Assembly on June 5, 36–6. It passed the Senate on June 6 by 15–6. The governor signed it on June 16.

5 Independent Contractors (SB 207): This bill would have imposed fines on any employer who misclassified an employee, willfully or not, as an independent contractor. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** The bill passed the Senate on May 29, 11–10. It passed the Assembly on June 4 by 25–13. The governor vetoed it on June 13.

6 Independent Contractors (SB 208): This bill would have created the Task Force on Employee Misclassification, with the goal of further limiting the definition of who could be an independent contractor, and limiting a company's ability to hire independent contractors. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** The bill passed the Senate on May 29, 11–10. It passed the Assembly on June 4 by 26–15. The governor vetoed it on June 14.

7 Sunset Commission (SB 251): This bill creates a Sunset Commission to evaluate government programs and services and make recommendations on ways to consolidate or eliminate some of the over 100 boards and commissions. **A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position.** The bill passed both houses unanimously and was signed by the governor on June 16.

8 Spending Reforms (AB 553): This bill offers reforms to the state's public health benefits program by not allowing employees hired after July 1, 2012, to be eligible for a health insurance subsidy upon retirement, and reduces the subsidy for some employees who are retired now. **A "Yes" voted supports the NFIB position.** The bill passed the Assembly on June 6, 38–4. It passed the Senate June 6, 21–0. The governor signed it on June 17.

ASSEMBLY ISSUE NUMBER NFIB/NV POSITION	1 N	2 N	3 N	4 N	5 N	6 N	7 Y	8 Y	% 100%
Aizley (D - Clark 41)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Anderson (D - Clark 15)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Atkinson (D - Clark 17)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Benitez-Thompson (D - Washoe 27)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Bobzien (D - Washoe 24)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Brooks (D - Clark 19)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
Bustamante-Adams (D - Clark 42)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Carlton (D - Clark 14)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Carrillo (D - Clark 18)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Conklin (D - Clark 37)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Daly (D - Washoe 31)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Diaz (D - Clark 11)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Dondero-Loop (D - Clark 5)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Ellison (R - Elko 33)	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	100%

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Flores (D - Clark 28)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Frierson (D - Clark 8)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Goedhart (R - Rural 36)	N	N	N	N		N	Y	N	86%
Goicoechea (R - Rural 35)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	88%
Grady (R - Rural 38)	N	N	N	Y		N		Y	83%
Hambrick (R - Clark 2)	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	88%
Hammond (R - Clark 13)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	88%
Hansen (R - Washoe 32)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	88%
Hardy (R - Clark 20)	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	100%
Hickey (R - Washoe 25)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	88%
Hogan (D - Clark 10)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Horne (D - Clark 34)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Kirkpatrick (D - Clark 1)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Kirner (R - Washoe 26)	N	N	N	Y			Y	Y	83%
Kite (R - Douglas 39)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	88%
Livermore (R - Carson 40)	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	88%
Mastroluca (D - Clark 29)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
McArthur (R - Clark 4)	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	88%
Munford (D - Clark 6)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Neal (D - Clark 7)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Oceguera (D - Clark 16)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Ohrenschall (D - Clark 12)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
Pierce (D - Clark 3)	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	29%
Segerblom (D - Clark 9)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Sherwood (R - Clark 21)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	88%
Smith (D - Washoe 30)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%

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Stewart (R - Clark 22)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	88%
Woodbury (R - Clark 23)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	88%

SENATE ISSUE NUMBER NFIB/NV POSITION	1 N	2 N	3 N	4 N	5 N	6 N	7 Y	8 Y	% 100%
Breeden (D - Clark 5)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Brower (R - Washoe 3)	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	88%
Cegavske (R - Clark 8)	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	88%
Copening (D - Clark 6)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
Denis (D - Clark 2)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Gustavson (R - Washoe 2)	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	88%
Halseth (R - Clark 9)	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	88%
Hardy (R - Clark 12)	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	75%
Horsford (D - Clark 4)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Kieckhefer (R - Washoe 4)	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	75%
Kihuen (D - Clark 10)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Lee (D - Clark 1)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Leslie (D - Washoe 1)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Manendo (D - Clark 7)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
McGinness (R - Central NV)	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	75%
Parks (D - Clark 7)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
Rhoads (R - Rural NV)	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	75%
Roberson (R - Clark 5)	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	88%
Schneider (D - Clark 11)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
Settelmeyer (R - Capital Dist)	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	100%
Wiener (D - Clark 3)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%