

VOTING RECORD

YOUR LEGISLATORS' VOTING RECORD ON SMALL BUSINESS ISSUES

2007-2008 SESSION: Roll call votes by your state legislators on the following key small business issues during the current session of the Indiana state Legislature are listed inside. Although this *Voting Record* does not reflect all elements considered by a lawmaker when voting, nor represents a complete profile of a legislator, it can be a guide in evaluating your legislator's attitude toward small business. Please remember that many issues on which small businesses are affected did not go to a roll call vote in either the House or Senate. Please thank those legislators who supported small business.

HOUSE VOTES:

1. HB 1047—Disclosure of Employer Healthcare Data: This legislation would have required employers to file an annual report of spending on healthcare benefits for their company's employees. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the House 51-46. Legislation died. (2007)

2. HB 1132—Notice of Plant Closing: This legislation would have required employers of 50 or more employees to provide written notice prior to plant closings or mass layoffs, and would place a tremendous burden on small employers. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the House 51-49. Legislation died. (2007)

3. HB 1678—Health Matters: This legislation provided a 50 percent tax credit to small qualified wellness programs and allowed small employers to join together to purchase health insurance. It increased the cigarette tax to pay for health programs and provided a \$50 per person tax credit to an employer who newly establishes a health insurance plan

for employees. **A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the House 70-29. Signed by the governor. (2007)

4. HB 1034—Age Discrimination: This legislation would have lowered the threshold from 20 or more employees (per the federal age discrimination law) to six or more employees. It would have transferred jurisdiction for age discrimination proceedings from the Labor Commissioners to the Civil Rights Commission. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the House 72-47. Legislation died. (2008)

5. HB 1269—Employee Classification: This legislation provided for investigations by the Indiana Department of Labor into the relationship between individuals and contractors. It provided that an individual performing services for a contractor is considered to be an employee of the contractor, but with certain exceptions. It also called for civil penalties. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the House 58-40. Legislation died. (2008)

6. SJR 1—Circuit Breakers and Other Property Tax Matters (Third Reading): This legislation proposed

that property taxes would be capped at 1 percent for homestead property, 2 percent for agricultural land and rental property, and 3 percent for commercial property. SJR 1, which passed, will create an unequal property tax system based on property use and a potential shift from homestead to business property. It also calls for an amendment to the Indiana Constitution. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the House 64-35. Legislation was signed by the governor. (2008)

SENATE VOTES:

1. HB 1678—Health Matters: This legislation provided a 50 percent tax credit to small qualified wellness programs and allowed small employers to join together to purchase health insurance. It also increased the cigarette tax to pay for health programs and provided a \$50 per person tax credit to an employer who newly establishes a health insurance plan for employees. **A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the Senate 31-13. Bill was signed by the governor. (2007)

2. SB 457—Employee Verification of Withholding Exemptions: This legislation would have placed an undue burden on small business owners. It would have required employers to verify that employees have the right to claim the number of exemptions reported on their W-4 forms. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** Failed to pass the Senate 23-26. Legislation died. (2007)

3. SB 166—Mandated Health Benefits Task Force: This legislation would

have amended the mandated health benefit task force to enable the insurance commissioner to require compliance with the task force's request for information. A **"Yes" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the Senate 40–0. Legislation died. (2008)

4. SJR 1—Circuit Breakers and Other Property Tax Matters (Third Reading): This legislation proposed that

property taxes would be capped at 1 percent for homestead property, 2 percent for agricultural land and rental property, and 3 percent for commercial property. SJR 1, which passed, will create an unequal property tax system based on property use and a potential tax shift from homestead to business property. It also calls for an amendment to the Indiana Constitution. A **"No" vote supports the NFIB position.**

Passed the Senate 41–7. Legislation was signed by the governor. (2008)

| Voting Key | |
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| Y | = Vote in support of proposed legislation |
| N | = Vote in opposition of proposed legislation |
| * | = Did not vote |
| % | = Percentage of votes favorable to NFIB position |
| N/A | = Not enough votes to calculate percentage |

| INDIANA HOUSE ISSUE NUMBER NFIB POSITION | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | % |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Terri Jo Austin (#36) Anderson | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Dennis T. Avery (#75) Evansville | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 17% |
| Jeb Bardon (#25) Indianapolis | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| John Bartlett (#95) Indianapolis | * | * | * | Y | Y | Y | N/A |
| Kreg Battles (#64) Vincennes | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 0% |
| B. Patrick Bauer (#6) South Bend | Y | Y | Y | * | Y | * | N/A |
| Robert W. Behning (#91) Indianapolis | N | N | Y | * | N | Y | 80% |
| Matt Bell (#83) Avilla | * | N | Y | * | N | N | N/A |
| Robert J. Bischoff (#68) Greendale | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 0% |
| Sandra Blanton (#62) Indianapolis | * | * | * | Y | Y | Y | N/A |
| Bruce Borders (#45) Jasonville | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 33% |
| Randy L. Borror (#84) Fort Wayne | N | N | Y | N | N | N | 100% |
| Brian Bosma (#88) Indianapolis | N | N | Y | Y | N | N | 83% |
| Charlie Brown (#3) Gary | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Tim Brown (#41) Crawfordsville | N | N | Y | N | N | N | 100% |
| Jim Buck (#38) Kokomo | N | N | N | N | N | N | 83% |
| Lawrence Lee Buell (#89) Indianapolis | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Woody Burton (#58) Whiteland | N | N | Y | N | N | N | 100% |
| David Cheatham (#69) North Vernon | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 0% |
| Robert Cherry (#53) Greenfield | N | N | Y | N | N | N | 100% |
| William C. Cochran (#72) New Albany | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| William A. Crawford (#98) Indianapolis | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Dave Crooks (#63) Washington | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 33% |
| Suzanne Crouch (#78) Evansville | N | N | Y | Y | N | N | 83% |
| Bill Davis (#33) Portland | N | N | N | N | N | Y | 67% |
| John Day (#100) Indianapolis | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Nancy Dembowski (#17) Knox | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Jerry Denbo (#62) French Lick | Y | Y | N | * | * | * | N/A |
| Tom Dermody (#20) LaPorte | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Mae Dickinson (#95) Indianapolis | Y | Y | Y | * | * | * | N/A |
| Chester F. Dobis (#13) Merrillville | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Richard "Dick" Dodge (#51) Pleasant Lake | N | N | Y | Y | N | N | 83% |
| Cleo Duncan (#67) Greensburg | * | N | Y | Y | N | Y | 60% |
| Ryan Dvorak (#8) South Bend | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Sean Eberhart (#57) Shelbyville | N | N | Y | * | N | N | 100% |
| Jon Elrod (#97) Indianapolis | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | 67% |
| Jeffrey K. Espich (#82) Uniondale | N | N | N | N | N | Y | 67% |
| Ralph M. Foley (#47) Martinsville | * | N | Y | N | N | N | 100% |
| William C. Friend (#23) Macy | N | N | Y | Y | N | N | 83% |
| David Nason Frizzell (#93) Indianapolis | N | N | Y | Y | N | N | 83% |
| Craig R. Fry (#5) Mishawaka | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | 17% |
| Phil GiaQuinta (#80) Fort Wayne | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Terry A. Goodin (#66) Justin | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 0% |
| F. Dale Grubb (#42) Covington | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| | N | N | Y | N | N | N | 100% |
| Eric A. Gutwein (#16) Rensselaer | N | N | Y | N | N | N | 100% |
| Earl L. Harris (#2) East Chicago | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Timothy Harris (#31) Marion | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | 50% |
| Ron Herrell (#30) Kokomo | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 0% |
| Phillip D. Hinkle (#92) Indianapolis | N | N | N | N | N | N | 83% |
| George Philip Hoy (#77) Evansville | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 33% |
| Clyde Kersey (#43) Terre Haute | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Sheila Klinker (#27) Lafayette | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Thomas D. Knollman (#55) Liberty | N | N | N | N | N | Y | 67% |
| Eric Koch (#65) Bedford | N | N | N | N | N | N | 83% |
| Robert Kuzman (#4) Crown Point | Y | Y | Y | * | * | * | N/A |
| Linda Lawson (#1) Hammond | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Don Lehe (#15) Brookston | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Daniel Leonard (#50) Huntington | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | 50% |
| L. Jack Lutz (#35) Anderson | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | 67% |
| Carolene Mays (#94) Indianapolis | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Richard W. McClain (#24) Logansport | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | 83% |
| Joe Micon (#26) Lafayette | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Winfield C. Moses Jr. (#81) Fort Wayne | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Michael B. Murphy (#90) Indianapolis | N | N | * | N | N | Y | 80% |
| Tim Neese (#48) Elkhart | N | N | Y | Y | N | N | 83% |
| David L. Niezgodski (#7) South Bend | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 0% |
| Cindy Noe (#87) Indianapolis | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | 83% |
| David Orentlicher (#86) Indianapolis | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Dennie Oxley II (#73) English | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 0% |
| Scott Pelath (#9) Michigan City | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 33% |
| Phillip Pflum (#56) Milton | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Matt Pierce (#61) Bloomington | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 33% |
| Phyllis J. Pond (#85) New Haven | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | 83% |
| Gregory W. Porter (#96) Indianapolis | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| | N | N | Y | N | N | N | 100% |
| Mara Candelaria Reardon (#12) Munster | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Scott Reske (#37) Pendleton | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Kathy Kreag Richardson (#29) | N | N | Y | N | N | N | 100% |
| Michael Allen Ripley (#79) Monroe | N | N | Y | Y | N | N | 83% |
| Paul J. Robertson (#70) Depauw | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 0% |
| William J. Ruppel (#22) North Manchester | N | N | N | * | * | Y | N/A |
| Thomas E. Saunders (#54) Lewisville | N | N | N | Y | N | N | 67% |
| Greg Simms (#10) Valparaiso | * | * | * | Y | Y | Y | N/A |
| Milo Smith (#59) Columbus | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | 67% |
| Vernon G. Smith (#14) Gary | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Edmond Soliday (#4) Valparaiso | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | 50% |
| Steven R. Stemler (#71) Jeffersonville | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Greg Steuerwald (#40) Danville | * | * | * | Y | N | N | N/A |
| Dan C. Stevenson (#11) Highland | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Russell L. Stilwell (#74) Boonville | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 0% |
| Marlin Stutzman (#52) Howe | N | N | N | N | N | N | 83% |
| Vanessa Summers (#99) Indianapolis | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Amos Thomas (#44) Brazil | N | N | Y | * | * | N | N/A |
| Jeffrey Thompson (#28) Lizton | N | N | N | N | N | N | 83% |
| Vern Tincher (#46) Terre Haute | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | 0% |
| Jerry Torr (#39) Carmel | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | 83% |
| P. Eric Turner (#32) Cicero | N | N | N | N | N | N | 83% |
| Dennis Tyler (#34) Muncie | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| John Ulmer (#49) Goshen | N | N | Y | Y | N | N | 83% |
| Shelli VanDenburgh (#19) Indianapolis | * | * | * | Y | Y | Y | N/A |
| Trent Van Haften (#76) Mount Vernon | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 33% |
| Jacqueline Walorski (#21) Lakeville | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 33% |
| Peggy Welch (#60) Bloomington | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 17% |
| Matt Whetstone (#40) Brownsburg | N | N | Y | * | * | * | N/A |
| David Alan Wolkins (#18) Winona Lake | N | N | N | N | N | N | 83% |

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| INDIANA SENATE ISSUE NUMBER NFIB POSITION | 1 Y | 2 N | 3 Y | 4 N | INDIANA SENATE ISSUE NUMBER NFIB POSITION | 1 Y | 2 N | 3 Y | 4 N |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Ron Alting (#22) Lafayette | Y | N | Y | Y | David C. Long (#16) Fort Wayne | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Jim Arnold (#8) La Porte | Y | * | Y | Y | Teresa S. Lubbers (#30) Indianapolis | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Vaneta Becker (#50) Evansville | Y | Y | Y | Y | Robert L. Meeks (#13) LaGrange | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Phil Boots (#23) Crawfordsville | N | Y | Y | Y | James W. Merritt Jr. (#31) Indianapolis | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Richard D. Bray (#37) Martinsville | Y | Y | Y | Y | Patricia L. Miller (#32) Indianapolis | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Jean Breaux (#34) Indianapolis | Y | N | Y | N | Ryan D. Mishler (#9) Bremen | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| John E. Broden (#10) South Bend | Y | Y | Y | N | Frank Mrvan Jr. (#1) Hammond | Y | N | Y | Y |
| Edward E. Charbonneau (#5) Valparaiso | * | * | Y | Y | Johnny Nugent (#43) Lawrenceburg | N | N | Y | Y |
| Robert J. Deig (#49) Indianapolis | Y | N | Y | N | Allen E. Paul (#27) Richmond | N | Y | Y | Y |
| Mike Delph (#29) Carmel | N | N | Y | Y | Marvin D. Riegsecker (#12) Goshen | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Gary Dillon (#17) Indianapolis | Y | Y | Y | Y | Earline S. Rogers (#3) Gary | Y | N | Y | Y |
| Jeff Drozda (#21) Westfield | N | N | Y | Y | Vi Simpson (#40) Bloomington | Y | N | Y | N |
| Sue Errington (#26) Muncie | Y | N | Y | Y | Connie W. Sipes (#46) New Albany | Y | N | Y | Y |
| David Ford (#19) Hartford City | Y | Y | * | * | Timothy D. Skinner (#38) Terre Haute | Y | N | Y | N |
| Beverly J. Gard (#28) Greenfield | Y | Y | Y | Y | Samuel Smith (#2) East Chicago | Y | N | Y | Y |
| Victor Heinold (#5) Valparaiso | Y | Y | * | * | Brent Steele (#44) Bedford | Y | N | Y | Y |
| Brandt Hershman (#7) Monticello | Y | Y | Y | Y | Karen Tallian (#4) Portage | Y | N | Y | N |
| Glenn L. Howard (#33) Indianapolis | Y | N | * | * | Greg Walker (#41) Columbus | N | N | Y | Y |
| Lindel O. Hume (#48) Princeton | Y | N | Y | N | Brent Waltz (#36) Greenwood | N | N | Y | Y |
| Robert N. Jackman, D.V.M (#42) Milroy | Y | N | Y | Y | John M. Waterman (#39) Shelburn | N | N | Y | Y |
| Howard "Luke" Kenley (#20) Noblesville | N | Y | Y | Y | Thomas K. Weatherwax (#18) Logansport | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Dennis K. Kruse (#14) Auburn | N | N | Y | Y | Thomas J. Wyss (#15) Fort Wayne | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Tim Lanane (#25) Anderson | Y | N | Y | Y | Michael Young (#35) Indianapolis | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sue Landske (#6) Cedar Lake | Y | Y | Y | Y | Richard D. Young (#47) Milltown | Y | N | Y | Y |
| Connie Lawson (#24) Danville | Y | Y | Y | Y | Joseph C. Zakas (#11) Granger | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| James A. Lewis (#45) Charlestown | N | N | Y | Y | | | | | |