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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 last two sessions of the North Carolina General Assembly are listed inside. Although this *Voting Record* does not reflect every element considered by a lawmaker when voting, nor does it represent a complete profile of a legislator, it can be a guide in evaluating your legislators' attitudes toward small business. NFIB did not calculate a *Voting Record* percentage this cycle because many anti-small business bills were defeated in committee. Several issues that affect small business did not go to a roll call vote in either the House or Senate. For more information on important small business issues that were debated in committees, please visit www.NFIB.com/NC. Please thank those legislators who supported small business.

1. Mental Health/Equitable Coverage (HB 973—Primary sponsor: M. Alexander): Otherwise known as mental health parity, this legislation mandated that group health benefit plans provide mental health coverage to all businesses carrying health insurance on their employees. The burden of this additional health mandate would fall on the backs of all employers paying a healthcare premium. North Carolina ranks near the top in terms of the number of healthcare insurance mandates in the nation, resulting in higher insurance costs to employers and employees. **A “Yes” vote supports the NFIB position** for the 2007 Thomas Amendment on second reading of the House Vote only, which was 60-56. **A “No” vote supports the NFIB position** on the second reading of the Senate, which passed 36-12.

2. Modify Appropriations Act of 2007 (HB 2436—Primary sponsor: Michaux): While the annual budget bill is not usually used as a *Voting Record* bill, this year the budget conference report included the Small Business Protection Act. This provision was crucial to the small business community because it stopped a tax on services for interior designers, bakers, cabinet door makers, tree removal services and many other “service businesses.” In addition, it repealed the gift tax, allowing small business owners to pass their business to a family member without being penalized by a state gift tax. It also provided directives to the Department of

Revenue to work with and give small businesses assistance with tax issues and problems. **A “Yes” vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the House 97-20 and the Senate 46-32 (2008, conference report—House and Senate.)

3. Small Business Contractor Act (HB 1181—Primary sponsor: Frye): The purpose of this legislation was to foster economic development and the creation of jobs by providing financial assistance to financially responsible small businesses that are unable to obtain adequate financing and bonding assistance in connection with contracts. Small businesses would benefit from the passage of this legislation through assistance with contracts, financing and bonding. **A “Yes” vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the House 119-0 and the Senate 46-3 (2007, second reading—House and Senate).

4. Promote Renewable Energy/Baseload Generation (SB 3—Primary sponsor: Albertson): A comprehensive bill on the use of renewable energy included a phase-out of the tax on the sale of energy to farmers and manufacturers, resulting in a large savings to farming and manufacturing businesses. **A “Yes” vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the House 107-9 and the Senate 46-2 (2007, third reading—House and Senate).

5. Prohibit Smoking in Public and Work Places (HB 259—Primary sponsor:

Holliman): Because of continual mandates and regulations being placed on the small business community, NFIB opposes this type of legislation. This particular bill would have prohibited smoking in food and lodging establishments and state government buildings, and it would have allowed local governments to prohibit smoking in public places and places of employment. The bill failed in the House on a 55-61 vote, not because of the debate over public health, but because of additional mandates and regulations that were placed on the business community. Each business owner has the right and authority to decide whether to make their place of business a “smoke-free” establishment or not. The free market will determine issues like this one and others. **A “No” vote supports the NFIB position.** The House vote was 55-61 (2007, second reading).

6. Firefighter/EMS Payroll Deductions (SB 1271—Primary sponsor: Snow): This bill would have allowed for automatic payroll deductions for employees' associations (union dues.) In North Carolina (a right-to-work state), unions are working to get into all areas of the business community. Passage of bills like this one would have ultimately led to collective bargaining and increased union activity regardless of the size of the business. NFIB, along with all other business associations, closely monitored all union-sponsored or union-backed legislation during the past session and will continue to do the same in the upcoming 2009 session. **A “No” vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the Senate 33-17 (2007, second reading).

Voting Key

Y	=	Vote in support of proposed legislation
N	=	Vote in opposition of proposed legislation
N/V	=	Not voting
E	=	Excused absence
N/A	=	Legislator replaced another, not in office when vote taken
%	=	Percentage of votes favorable to NFIB position

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ISSUE NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	ISSUE NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5
NFIB POSITION	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NFIB POSITION	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Adams, Alma (Guilford)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Dollar, Nelson (Wake)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alexander, Kelly* (Mecklenburg)	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	Earle, Beverly (Mecklenburg)	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Alexander, Martha (Mecklenburg)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	England, Bob (Rutherford)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Allen, Lucy (Franklin)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Faison, Bill (Orange)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Allred, Cary (Alamance)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Farmer-Butterfield, Jean (Wilson)	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Avila, Marilyn (Wake)	Y	N	Y	N	N	Fisher, Susan (Buncombe)	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Barnhart, Jeff (Cabarrus)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Folwell, Dale (Forsyth)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Bell, Larry (Sampson)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Frye, Phillip (Mitchell)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Blackwood, Curtis (Union)	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Furr, Ken* (Stanly)	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	N/A
Blue, Dan (Wake)	N/V	Y	Y	Y	Y	Gibson, Pryor (Anson)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Blust, John (Guilford)	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Gillespie, Mitch (McDowell)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Bordsen, Alice (Alamance)	N	Y	Y	E	Y	Glazier, Rick (Cumberland)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Boylan, Joe (Moore)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Goforth, Bruce (Buncombe)	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Braxton, Van (Lenoir)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Goodwin, Melanie (Richmond)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brisson, William (Bladen)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Grady, Robert (Onslow)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Brown, Larry (Forsyth)	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Gulley, Jim (Mecklenburg)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Brubaker, Harold (Randolph)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Hackney, Joe (Orange)**	N/V	N/V	N/V	N/V	N/V
Bryant, Angela* (Nash)	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Haire, Phillip (Jackson)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carney, Becky (Mecklenburg)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Hall, Larry (Durham)	N	N/V	Y	Y	Y
Church, Walter (Burke)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Harrell, Jim (Surry)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Clary, Debbie (Cleveland)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Harrell, Ty (Wake)	N	Y	Y	Y	E
Cleveland, George (Onslow)	Y	N	Y	N	N	Harrison, Mary Price Taylor (Guilford)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Coates, Lorene (Rowan)	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Hill, Dewey (Columbus)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Cole, Nelson (Rockingham)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Hilton, Mark (Catawba)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Coleman, Linda (Wake)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Holliman, Hugh (Davidson)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cotham, Tricia* (Mecklenburg)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Holloway, Bryan (Stokes)	Y	N	Y	N	N
Crawford, Jim (Granville)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Holmes, George (Yadkin)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Current, William (Gaston)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Howard, Julia (Davie)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Daughtridge, Bill (Nash)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Hughes, Sandra Spaulding* (New Hanover)	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A
Daughtry, Leo (Johnston)	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Hurley, Pat (Randolph)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dickson, Margaret (Cumberland)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Insko, Verla (Orange)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dockham, Jerry (Davidson)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Jeffus, Maggie (Guilford)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y

NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE ISSUE NUMBER NFIB POSITION	1 Y	2 Y	3 Y	4 Y	5 N
Johnson, Linda (Cabarrus)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Jones, Earl (Guilford)	E	Y	Y	Y	N
Justice, Carolyn (Pender)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Justus, Carolyn (Henderson)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Killian, Ric (Mecklenburg)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Kiser, Joe (Lincoln)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Langdon, Jr., James (Johnston)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Lewis, David (Harnett)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Love Sr., Jimmy (Lee)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lucas, Marvin (Cumberland)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Luebke, Paul (Durham)	N	Y	Y	N	E
Martin, Grier (Wake)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
McAllister, Mary (Cumberland)	NV	Y	Y	Y	N
McComas, Daniel (New Hanover)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
McElraft, Pat (Carteret)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
McGee, William (Forsyth)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
McLawhorn, Marian (Pitt)	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Michaux Jr., Mickey (Durham)	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Mobley, Annie* (Hertford)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Moore, Tim (Cleveland)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Neumann, Wil (Gaston)	Y	Y	Y	Y	E
Owens, Bill (Pasquotank)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Parmon, Earline (Forsyth)	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Pate Jr., Louis (Wayne)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Pierce, Garland (Scotland)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rapp, Ray (Madison)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ray, Karen (Iredell)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Ross, Deborah (Wake)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Samuelson, Ruth (Mecklenburg)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Saunders, Drew (Mecklenburg)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Setzer, Mitchell (Catawba)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Spears, Timothy (Chowan)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE ISSUE NUMBER NFIB POSITION	1 Y	2 Y	3 Y	4 Y	5 N
Stam, Paul (Wake)	Y	E	Y	Y	N
Starnes, Edgar (Caldwell)	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Steen, Fred (Rowan)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stiller, Bonner (Brunswick)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sutton, Ronnie (Robeson)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tarleton, Cullie (Watauga)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thomas, Charles (Buncombe)	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Tillis, Thom (Mecklenburg)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Tolson, Joe (Edgecombe)	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Tucker, Russell (Duplin)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Underhill, Alice Graham (Craven)	N	Y	Y	E	Y
Wainwright, William (Craven)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Walend, Trudi (Transylvania)	N	N	Y	Y	N
Walker, Tracy (Wilkes)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Warren, Edith (Pitt)	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Warren, Ray (Alexander)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Weiss, Jennifer (Wake)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
West, Roger (Cherokee)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Wiley, Laura (Guilford)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Wilkins, W.A. "Winkie" (Person)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Williams, Arthur (Beaufort)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Womble, Larry (Forsyth)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wray, Michael (Northampton)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Yongue, Douglas (Scotland)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y

* Legislator who has replaced another:

- * Rep. Kelly Alexander appointed 5-30-08 to fill unexpired term of Rep. Pete Cunningham, who resigned 12-31-07.
- * Rep. Angela Bryant appointed 1-23-07 to fill unexpired term of Rep. Ed Jones, who was appointed to the Senate.
- * Rep. Tricia Cotham appointed 3-22-07 to fill unexpired term of Rep. Jim Black, who resigned 2-14-07.
- * Rep. Ken Furr appointed 8-14-07 to fill unexpired term of Rep. David Almond, who resigned 7-12-07.
- * Rep. Sandra Spaulding Hughes appointed 4-8-08 to fill unexpired term of Rep. Thomas Wright, expelled 3-20-08
- * Rep. Annie Mobley appointed 1-23-07 to fill unexpired term of Rep. Howard Hunter, deceased 1-7-07.

**Speaker of the House

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NORTH CAROLINA SENATE ISSUE NUMBER NFIB POSITION	1 N	2 Y	3 Y	4 Y	6 N
Albertson, Charles (Duplin)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Allran, Austin (Catawba)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Apodaca, Tom (Henderson)	N	N/V	Y	Y	N
Atwater, Robert (Chatham)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Basnight, Marc	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Berger, Doug (Franklin)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Berger, Philip (Rockingham)	N	N	Y	Y	N
Bingham, Stan (Davidson)	Y	E	Y	Y	Y
Blake, Harris (Moore)	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Boseman, Julia (New Hanover)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brock, Andrew (Davie)	N	N	N	Y	N
Brown, Harry (Onslow)	N	N	Y	Y	N
Brunstetter, Pete (Forsyth)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Clodfelter, Daniel (Mecklenburg)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cowell, Janet (Wake)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Dalton, Walter (Rutherford)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dannelly, Charlie (Mecklenburg)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dorsett, Katie (Guilford)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
East, Don (Surry)	N	N	Y	Y	N
Foriest, Tony (Alamance)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Forrester, Jim (Gaston)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Garrou, Linda (Forsyth)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Goodall, Eddie (Union)	N	N/V	Y	Y	N
Goss, Steve (Watauga)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Graham, Malcolm (Mecklenburg)	E	Y	Y	E	Y
Hagan, Kay (Guilford)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hartsell, Fletcher (Cabarrus)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

NORTH CAROLINA SENATE ISSUE NUMBER NFIB POSITION	1 N	2 Y	3 Y	4 Y	6 N
Hoyle, David (Gaston)	E	E	Y	E	Y
Hunt, Neal (Wake)	N	N	N	Y	N
Jacumin, Jim (Burke)	N	N	Y	Y	N
Jenkins, Clark (Edgecombe)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jones, Ed* (Halifax)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kerr, John (Wayne)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kinnaird, Ellie (Orange)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Malone, Vernon (Wake)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
McKissick Jr., Floyd* (Durham)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nesbitt, Martin (Buncombe)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Preston, Jean (Carteret)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Purcell, William (Scotland)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Queen, Joe Sam (Haywood)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rand, Tony (Cumberland)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rucho, Bob* (Mecklenburg)	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	N/A
Shaw, Larry (Cumberland)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smith, Fred (Johnston)	N	N	E	Y	N
Snow, John (Cherokee)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Soles, R.C. (Columbus)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stevens, Richard (Wake)	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Swindell, A.B. (Nash)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tillman, Jerry (Randolph)	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Weinstein, David (Robeson)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

* Legislator who has replaced another:
 * Rep. Ed Jones appointed 1-24-07 to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Robert Holloman, deceased 1-8-07.
 * Floyd McKissick Jr. appointed 4-17-07 to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Jeanne Lucas, deceased 3-9-07.
 * Bob Rucho appointed 6-9-08 to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Robert Pittenger, who resigned 5-27-08.