

VOTING RECORD

YOUR LEGISLATORS' VOTING RECORD ON SMALL BUSINESS ISSUES

2007 SESSION: With a surplus of more than \$500 million, state legislators in the 2007 North Dakota session were given the unusual tasks of spending that money, planning for future generations and providing tax relief to the citizens of the state. Also on the minds of legislators were the issues surrounding Workforce Safety and Insurance. In the end, WSI was fully funded and remained the same organizationally. Overall, WSI remains financially well-off with a surplus in reserves and some of the lowest workers' compensation rates in the nation. The primary issue continues to be who should oversee WSI. There are several options under review by the Legislative Interim Committee, which will make recommendations during the 2009 legislative session.

Because of the surplus, North Dakotans were granted nearly \$129 million in property tax relief for homeowners, businesses, farmers, ranchers and seniors. NFIB lobbied hard to be sure that the bill provided for commercial property tax relief at a level equal to the amount that residential and agricultural property owners were allowed.

The Legislature also passed a measure called the Rainy Day Reserve, which will come to a vote of the people. This measure, if passed, would provide that all oil and gas revenues deposited

into the general fund during a biennium that exceed \$100 million be transferred to a permanent oil tax trust fund. Interest on the fund would be transferred to the general fund. Keep your eyes out for this issue on the November ballot. When polled on the 2008 state ballot, 58 percent of North Dakota members supported the fund.

The Legislature approved a resolution, sponsored by NFIB members Rep. Dwight Wrangham, Rep. Dan Ruby and Sen. Dwight Cook, that will provide for a study of income tax benefits for employers aimed at encouraging expansion of job opportunities in North Dakota.

On other issues, NFIB strongly resisted efforts to increase the minimum wage, worked closely with professional employer organizations as they attempted to establish state licensing procedures for their industry, and supported a bill to bar nonprofits from competing with private enterprise.

Roll call votes by your state legislators on small business issues are listed below. While the *Voting Record* does not reflect all elements considered by a lawmaker when voting, it can be a guide in evaluating your legislators' attitudes toward small business. Please take the time to thank those who voted for NFIB positions in support of small business.

1. Income Tax Rates (HB 1170): Provided for a tax cut for individuals, estates and trusts. This was in anticipation of a large surplus in the 2008–2009 biennium similar to the one experienced in the 2006–2007 biennium. A **“Yes” vote supports the NFIB position.** Failed House on a 47–45 vote for lack of a constitutional majority of 48 votes.

2. Workforce Safety & Insurance Reorganization (HB 1323): Would shift operational responsibility from the WSI board to the governor and would convert the WSI board to an advisory body.

A “No” vote supports the NFIB position. Failed House 33–60.

3. WSI Board Appointments (SB 2257): Would shift responsibility for recommending WSI employer board appointments from the WSI board to a committee composed of the attorney general, agriculture commissioner and insurance commissioner. A **“No” vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed Senate on a 25–21 vote; failed House by 6–81.

4. Cost of Tax Collection (SB 2381): Reimburses retailers for expenses

incurred in the collection of sales and use taxes. A **“Yes” vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed Senate 46–0; passed House by 73–16.

5. Super Majority Vote (HCR 3011): Concurrent resolution to put a constitutional amendment before the voters to require 60 percent of all legislators to vote for any tax increase for it to pass. A **“Yes” vote supports the NFIB position.** Failed in the House by a 34–57 vote.

6. Establish a Permanent Oil Tax Trust Fund (HCR 3045): Concurrent

resolution for a constitutional amendment to be put before the people to establish a permanent oil tax trust fund with oil tax revenues that exceed \$100 million in any one biennium. Interest earnings from that fund would be deposited in the general fund. The principal of the oil tax trust fund

may not be spent unless three-fourths of both chambers of the Legislature vote to do so, and then only 20 percent of the principal could be expended in any biennium. A **“Yes” vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed Senate on a 24–21 vote; passed House by 79–12.

Voting Key

- Y = Vote in support of proposed legislation
- N = Vote in opposition of proposed legislation
- = Absent or not voting
- % = Percentage of votes favorable to NFIB position
- N/A = Too few votes for NFIB percentage

NORTH DAKOTA HOUSE

ISSUE NUMBER 1 2 3 4 5 6 %
NFIB POSITION Y N N Y Y Y 100%

AARSVOLD, OLE, 20 N Y N Y N Y 50%

AMERMAN, BILL, 26 N Y N Y N Y 50%

BELLEW, LARRY, 38 Y N N Y Y Y 100%

BELTER, WESLEY, 22 Y N N Y Y Y 100%

BERG, RICK, 45 Y N N Y N Y 83%

BOE, TRACY, 9 N Y N N N Y 33%

BOEHNING, RANDY, 27 Y N N Y Y Y 100%

BOUCHER, MERLE, 9 N Y N Y N N 33%

BRANDENBURG, MICHAEL, 28 Y N N Y Y Y 100%

CARLISLE, RON, 30 Y N N Y Y Y 100%

CARLSON, AL, 41 Y N N N Y Y 83%

CHARGING, DAWN MARIE, 4 Y N - - N Y N/A

CLARK, DONALD, 44 Y N N N N Y 67%

CONRAD, KARI, 3 N Y Y Y N N 17%

DAHL, STACEY, 42 Y N N Y N Y 83%

DAMSCHEN, CHARLES, 10 N N N N N Y 50%

DEKREY, DUANE, 14 Y N N N Y - 80%

DELMORE, LOIS, 43 N Y N Y N Y 50%

DELZER, JEFF, 8 Y N N N Y Y 83%

DIETRICH, DONALD, 42 Y N N Y N Y 83%

DOSCH, MARK, 32 Y N N Y Y Y 100%

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ISSUE NUMBER 1 2 3 4 5 6 %
NFIB POSITION Y N N Y Y Y 100%

DROVDAL, DAVID, 39 Y N - Y N Y 80%

EKSTROM, MARY, 11 N Y N Y N N 33%

FROELICH, RODNEY, 31 N Y N Y N Y 50%

FROSETH, GLEN, 6 Y N N Y Y Y 100%

GLASSHEIM, ELIOT, 18 N Y N Y N N 33%

GRANDE, BETTE, 41 Y N N Y Y Y 100%

GRIFFIN, CHRIS, 19 N Y N Y N Y 50%

GRUCHALLA, EDMUND, 45 N Y Y Y N N 17%

GULLESON, PAM, 26 N Y N Y N Y 50%

HAAS, C.B., 26 N N N Y N Y 67%

HANSON, LYLE, 12 Y Y N Y N Y 67%

HATLESTAD, PATRICK, 1 Y N N Y N Y 83%

HAWKEN, KATHY, 46 N - N Y N Y 60%

HEADLAND, CRAIG, 29 Y N N Y Y Y 100%

HELLER, BRENDA, 33 Y N N Y Y Y 100%

HERBEL, GIL, 16 N N N Y Y Y 83%

HOFSTAD, CURT, 15 Y N N Y N Y 83%

HUNSKOR, BOB, 6 N Y N Y N Y 50%

JOHNSON, DENNIS, 15 Y N N Y N Y 83%

JOHNSON, NANCY, 37 N N N Y N Y 67%

KALDOR, LEE, 20 N Y N Y N N 33%

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NORTH DAKOTA HOUSE ISSUE NUMBER NFIB POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	%
	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
KARLS, KAREN, 35	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	83%
KASPER, JIM, 46	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	83%
KEISER, GEORGE, 47	Y	N	-	-	-	Y	N/A
KELSCH, RAEANN, 34	Y	N	-	-	N	Y	75%
KELSH, SCOT, 11	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	33%
KEMPENICH, KEITH, 39	Y	N	-	-	-	Y	N/A
KERZMAN, JAMES, 31	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	50%
KINGSBURY, JOYCE, 16	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	83%
KLEIN, MATTHEW, 40	Y	N	N	Y	Y	-	100%
KLEMIN, LAWRENCE, 47	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	83%
KOPPELMAN, KIM, 13	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
KREIDT, GARY, 33	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
KRETSCHMAR, WILLIAM, 28	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	67%
KROEBER, JOE, 12	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	50%
MARTINSON, BOB, 35	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	67%
MEIER, LISA, 32	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	83%
METCALF, RALPH, 24	N	Y	N	N	N	N	17%
MEYER, SHIRLEY, 36	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	50%
MONSON, DAVID, 10	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	83%
MUELLER, PHILLIP, 24	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	50%
MYXTER, LEE, 27	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	33%
NELSON, JON, 7	-	N	N	N	Y	Y	80%
NOTTESTAD, DARRELL, 43	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	67%
ONSTAD, KENTON, 4	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	33%
OWENS, MARK, 18	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	83%
PIETSCH, LAVONNE, 22	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%

NORTH DAKOTA HOUSE ISSUE NUMBER NFIB POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	%
	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
PINKERTON, LOUIS, 5	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	50%
POLLERT, CHET, 29	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
PORTER, TODD, 34	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
POTTER, LOUISE, 17	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	50%
PRICE, CLARA SUE, 40	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	67%
RUBY, DAN, 38	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
SCHMIDT, ARLO, 7	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	50%
SCHNEIDER, JASPER, 21	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	33%
SKARPHOL, ROBERT, 2	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	83%
SOLBERG, DORVAN, 2	N	Y	-	-	-	N	N/A
SUKUT, GARY, 1	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	83%
SVEDJAN, KEN, 17	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	83%
THORESON, BLAIR, 44	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	83%
THORPE, ELWOOD, 5	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	33%
UGLEN, GERRY, 19	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	67%
VIG, BENJAMIN, 23	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	33%
VIGESAA, DON, 23	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	83%
WALD, FRANCIS, 37	-	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
WALL, JOHN, 25	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	67%
WEILER, DAVE, 30	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
WEISZ, ROBIN, 14	N	N	N	N	Y	-	60%
WIELAND, ALON, 13	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
WILLIAMS, CLARK, 25	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	50%
WOLF, LISA, 3	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	17%
WRANGHAM, DWIGHT, 8	Y	N	-	N	Y	Y	80%
ZAISER, STEVEN, 21	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	50%

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ISSUE NUMBER	3	4	6	ISSUE NUMBER	3	4	6	ISSUE NUMBER	3	4	6
NFIB POSITION	N	Y	Y	NFIB POSITION	N	Y	Y	NFIB POSITION	N	Y	Y
ANDERSON, ARDEN, 25	N	Y	Y	HEITKAMP, JOEL, 26	N	Y	N	OEHLKE, DAVE, 15	Y	Y	Y
ANDRIST, JOHN, 2	-	-	Y	HOLMBERG, RAY, 17	Y	Y	Y	OLAFSON, CURTIS, 10	Y	Y	Y
BAKKE, JONELL, 43	N	Y	N	HORNE, ROBERT, 3	N	Y	N	POMEROY, JAMES, 27	N	Y	N
BEHM, ARTHUR, 19	N	Y	N	KILZER, RALPH, 47	Y	Y	Y	POTTER, TRACY, 35	Y	Y	N
BOWMAN, BILL, 39	Y	Y	Y	KLEIN, JERRY, 14	Y	Y	Y	ROBINSON, LARRY, 24	N	Y	N
CHRISTMANN, RANDEL, 33	Y	Y	Y	KRAUTER, AARON, 31	N	Y	N	SEYMOUR, TOM, 5	N	Y	N
COOK, DWIGHT, 34	Y	Y	Y	KREBSBACH, KAREN, 40	Y	Y	N	STENEHJEM, BOB, 30	Y	Y	Y
DEVER, RICHARD, 32	Y	Y	Y	LEE, GARY, 22	Y	Y	Y	TALLACKSON, HARVEY, 16	N	Y	N
ERBELE, ROBERT, 28	Y	Y	Y	LEE, JUDY, 13	Y	Y	N	TAYLOR, RYAN, 7	N	Y	N
FIEBIGER, THOMAS, 45	N	Y	N	LINDAAS, ELROY, 20	N	Y	N	TOLLEFSON, BEN, 38	Y	Y	Y
FISCHER, TOM, 46	Y	Y	Y	LYSON, STANLEY, 1	Y	Y	Y	TRIPLETT, CONSTANCE, 18	N	Y	Y
FLAKOLL, TIM, 44	Y	Y	Y	MARCELLAIS, RICHARD, 9	N	Y	-	URLACHER, HERBERT, 36	Y	Y	Y
FREBORG, LAYTON, 8	Y	Y	Y	MATHERN, TIM, 11	N	Y	N	WANZEK, TERRY, 29	Y	Y	Y
GRINDBERG, TONY, 41	Y	Y	N	NELSON, CAROLYN, 21	N	Y	N	WARDNER, RICH, 37	Y	Y	Y
HACKER, NICHOLAS, 42	Y	Y	Y	NETHING, DAVE, 12	N	Y	N	WARNER, JOHN, 4	N	Y	N
HECKAMAN, JOAN, 23	N	Y	-	O'CONNELL, DAVID, 6	N	Y	N				