

# VOTING RECORD

YOUR LEGISLATORS' VOTING RECORD ON SMALL BUSINESS ISSUES

**2007-2008 SESSION:** Roll call votes by state legislators on those issues where NFIB had an official position, and where a Key Vote card was used to alert lawmakers that the issue was important to small business, are listed below. The *Voting Record* is only one measure of a legislator's performance. A vote tally does not indicate which legislators represented small business interests in committees or behind the scenes. However, the record does indicate their positions when asked to vote on key issues on the floor of the House or the Senate. Please take the time to thank those legislators who supported legislation important to small business.

**1.** Health Savings Accounts (AB 47): Conforms Wisconsin law to federal law as it relates to the establishment of health savings accounts, extending the federal tax advantages of an HSA to the state tax system. **A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed Assembly 60-35.

**2.** Disclosure of Payment Information (AB 872): Disclosure of price information by healthcare providers, insurers and governmental self-insured plans; requiring acceptance by a healthcare provider of a payment amount in certain circumstances. **A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed Assembly 66-29.

**3.** Right to Contract for Healthcare (AJR 106): Provides individuals the right to contract privately for healthcare services and healthcare coverage and prohibits requiring a person to participate in a

state-sponsored healthcare system or plan. **A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed Assembly 52-45.

**4.** Professional Employer Organizations (AB 760): Provides for the registration of professional employer organizations with the Department of Regulation and Licensing. **A "Yes" or concurrence vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed Senate 31-2. Concurrence in the Assembly with voice vote.

**5.** Minimum Wage (SB 130): Would increase and index the state minimum wage rate. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed Senate 19-13.

**6.** Medical Malpractice Cases (SB 138): Relates to claims for loss of society and companionship in medical malpractice cases. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.**

Passed Senate 18-15.

**7.** Wisconsin's Fair Employment Act (SB 165): Creates compensatory and punitive damages, and expands liability for claims relating to Wisconsin's Fair Employment Act. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed Senate 18-14. Assembly refused to suspend rules to withdraw from committee, 47-50.

**8.** Health Insurance Mandate (SB 178): Mandates insurance coverage for treatment of autism. **A "No" vote in the Senate and a "Yes" vote in the Assembly supports the NFIB position.** Passed Senate 25-8. Assembly voted 50-45 to lay on table.

**9.** Illegal Aliens (SB 404): Relates to penalties for employers who may unknowingly hire illegal aliens, and makes such businesses ineligible for certain tax exemptions, government contracts, grants and loans. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed Senate 20-13.

## Voting Key

Y	=	Vote in support of proposed legislation
N	=	Vote in opposition of proposed legislation
-	=	Absent for vote (not calculated in the percentage)
%	=	Percentage of votes favorable to NFIB position

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WISCONSIN ASSEMBLY ISSUE NUMBER NFIB/WISCONSIN POSITION	1	2	3	7	8	%
	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Albers, Sheryl (R-50/Reedsburg)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Ballweg, Joan (R-41/Markesan)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Benedict, Chuck (D-45/Beloit)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Berceau, Terese (D-76/Madison)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Bies, Garey (R-1/Sister Bay)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Black, Spencer (D-77/Madison)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Boyle, Frank (D-73/Superior)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Colon, Pedro (D-8/Milwaukee)	N	Y	N	Y	N	20%
Cullen, David (D-13/Milwaukee)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Davis, Brett (R-80/Oregon)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Fields, Jason (D-11/Milwaukee)	-	-	N	Y	-	N/A
Fitzgerald, Jeff (R-39/Beaver Dam)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Friske, Donald (R-35/Merrill)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Garthwaite, Phil (D-49/Fennimore)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	40%
Gottlieb, Mark (R-60/Port Washington)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Grigsby, Tamara (D-18/Milwaukee)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Gronemus, Barbara (D-91/Whitehall)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Gunderson, Scott (R-83/Waterford)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Gundrum, Mark (R-84/New Berlin)	**	**	**	**	**	**
Hahn, Eugene (R-47/Cambria)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Hebl, Gary (D-46/Sun Prairie)	-	-	N	Y	-	N/A
Hilgenberg, Steve (D-51/Dodgeville)	Y	N	N	Y	N	20%
Hines, J. A. (R-42/Oxford)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Hintz, Gordon (D-54/Oshkosh)	N	Y	N	Y	N	20%
Hixson, Kim (D-43/Whitewater)	N	Y	N	Y	N	20%

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	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Honadel, Mark (R-21/S. Milwaukee)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Hraychuck, Ann (D-28/Balsam Lake)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	40%
Hubler, Mary (D-75/Rice Lake)	Y	N	N	Y	N	20%
Huebsch, Michael (R-94/West Salem)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Jeskewitz, Suzanne (R-24/Meno. Falls)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Jorgensen, Andy (D-37/Fort Atkinson)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	40%
Kaufert, Dean (R-55/Neenah)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Kerkman, Samantha (R-66/Powers Lake)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Kessler, Frederick (D-12/Milwaukee)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Kestell, Steve (R-27/Elkhart Lake)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Kleefisch, Joel (R-38/Oconomowoc)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Kramer, Bill (R-97/Waukesha)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Kreuser, James (D-64/Kenosha)	Y	N	N	Y	N	20%
Krusick, Margaret (D-7/Milwaukee)	N	Y	N	Y	N	20%
Lasee, Frank (R-2/Ledgeview)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
LeMahieu, Dan (R-59/Oostburg)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Lothian, Thomas (R-32/Williams Bay)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Mason, Cory (D-62/Racine)	N	Y	N	Y	N	20%
Meyer, Dan (R-34/Eagle River)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Molepske, Louis (D-71/Stevens Pt.)	N	Y	N	Y	N	20%
Montgomery, Phil (R-4/Green Bay)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Moulton, Terry (R-68/Chippewa Falls)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Mursau, Jeff (R-36/Crivitz)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Murtha, John (R-29/Baldwin)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Musser, Terry (R-92/Black River Falls)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%

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Nass, Stephen (R-31/Whitewater)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Nelson, Tom (D-5/Kaukauna)	Y	N	N	Y	N	20%
Nerison, Lee (R-96/Westby)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Newcomer, Scott (R-33/Hartland)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Nygren, John (R-89/Marinette)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Ott, Alvin (R-3/Forest Junction)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Ott, Jim (R-23/Mequon)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Owens, Carol (R-53/Oshkosh)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Parisi, Joe (D-48/Madison)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Petersen, Kevin (R-40/Waupaca)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Petrowski, Jerry (R-86/Marathon)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Pocan, Mark (D-78/Madison)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Pope-Roberts, Sondy (D-79/Verona)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Pridemore, Don (R-99/Hartford)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Rhoades, Kitty (R-30/Hudson)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Richards, Jon (D-19/Milwaukee)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Roth, Roger (R-56/Appleton)	**	**	Y	**	**	**
Schneider, Marlin (D-72/WI Rapids)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Seidel, Donna (D-85/Wausau)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Sheridan, Mike (D-44/Janesville)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Sherman, Gary (D-74/Port Wing)	N	Y	N	Y	N	20%
Shilling, Jennifer (D-95/LaCrosse)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Sinicki, Christine (D-20/Milwaukee)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Smith, Jeff (D-93/Eau Claire)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Soletski, James (D-88/Green Bay)	N	Y	N	Y	N	20%

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Staskunas, Tony (D-15/West Allis)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	40%
Steinbrink, John (D-65/Kenosha)	Y	N	N	Y	N	20%
Stone, Jeff (R-82/Greenfield)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Strachota, Pat (R-58/West Bend)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Suder, Scott (R-69/Abbotsford)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Tauchen, Gary (R-6/Bonduel)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Toles, Barbara (D-17/Milwaukee)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Townsend, John (R-52/Fond du Lac)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Travis, David (D-81/Madison)	N	Y	N	Y	N	20%
Turner, Robert (D-61/Racine)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Van Akkeren, Terry (D-26/Sheboygan)	N	Y	-	Y	N	N/A
Van Roy, Karl (R-90/Green Bay)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Vos, Robin (R-63/Racine)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Vruwink, Amy Sue (D-70/Milladore)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Vukmir, Leah (R-14/Wauwatosa)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Wasserman, Sheldon (D-22/Milwaukee)	N	Y	N	Y	N	20%
Wieckert, Steve (R-57/Appleton)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Williams, Annette (D-10/Milwaukee)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Williams, Mary (R-87/Medford)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Wood, Jeff (R-67/Chippewa Falls)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%
Young, Leon (D-16/Milwaukee)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Zepnick, Josh (D-9/Milwaukee)	N	N	N	Y	N	0%
Ziegelbauer, Bob (D-25/Manitowoc)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	60%
Zipperer, Rich (R-98/Pewaukee)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	100%

\*\* Leave of absence for military service in the Middle East

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WISCONSIN SENATE ISSUE NUMBER NFIB/WISCONSIN POSITION	4	5	6	7	8	9	%
	Y	N	N	N	N	N	100%
Breske, Roger (D-12/Eland)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17%
Carpenter, Tim (D-3/Milwaukee)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17%
Coggs, Spencer (D-6/Milwaukee)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	33%
Cowles, Robert (R-2/Green Bay)	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	83%
Darling, Alberta (R-8/River Hills)	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	83%
Decker, Russell (D-29/Schofield)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17%
Ellis, Michael (R-19/Neenah)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	50%
Erpenbach, Jon (D-27/Middleton)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17%
Fitzgerald, Scott (R-13/Juneau)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	100%
Grothman, Glenn (R-20/West Bend)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	100%
Hansen, David (D-30/Green Bay)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17%
Harsdorf, Sheila (R-10/River Falls)	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	67%
Jauch, Robert (D-25/Poplar)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17%
Kanavas, Ted (R-33/Brookfield)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	100%
Kapanke, Dan (R-32/LaCrosse)	Y	Y	N	-	Y	N	60%
Kedzie, Neal (R-11/Elkhorn)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	100%
Kreitlow, Pat (D-23/Eau Claire)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	33%

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	Y	N	N	N	N	N	100%
Lasee, Alan (R-1/DePere)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	83%
Lassa, Julie (D-24/Stevens Point)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17%
Lazich, Mary (R-28/New Berlin)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	100%
Lehman, John (D-21/Racine)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17%
Leibham, Joseph (R-9/Sheboygan)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	100%
Miller, Mark (D-16/Monona)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	33%
Olsen, Luther (R-14/Berlin)	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	67%
Plale, Jeff (D-7/So. Milwaukee)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17%
Risser, Fred (D-26/Madison)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	33%
Robson, Judy (D-15/Beloit)	N	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%
Roessler, Carol (R-18/Oshkosh)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	67%
Schultz, Dale (R-17/Rich. Center)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	83%
Sullivan, Jim (D-5/Wauwatosa)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17%
Taylor, Lena (D-4/Milwaukee)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17%
Vinehout, Kathleen (D-31/Alma)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%
Wirch, Robert (D-22/Pleasant Prairie)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17%