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2006–07 Sessions: Roll-call votes by your state legislators on the following key small-business issues during the last two sessions of the Louisiana Legislature are listed inside. Although this *Voting Record* does not reflect all elements considered by a lawmaker when voting, nor does it represent a complete profile of a legislator, it can be a guide in evaluating your legislator's attitude toward small business. Remember that many issues affecting small business did not go to a roll-call vote in either the House or Senate. Please thank those legislators who support small business.

HOUSE AND SENATE**1. Attorney contingency fees (HB 676):**

Bill would provide authorization of assessors to employ private legal counsel on a contingency fee basis. A "No" vote on the conference committee report supports the NFIB position. Needing a two-thirds vote for approval, the bill failed due to the House's refusal to suspend rules to consider a conference committee report. Failed the House 43–42, with 19 absent. Passed the Senate 20–15, with four absent. (2006)

2. Tort prescription period (HB 1302):

Bill would have extended the prescription period for insurance claims from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed the House 85–5, with 15 absent. Passed the Senate 27–6, with six absent. (2006)

3. Eminent domain (SB 1):

Constitutional amendment to prohibit the expropriation of property by the state or a political subdivision for the predominant use by or transfer to any private person or entity under certain circumstances. In the House, a "No" vote to an amendment supports the NFIB position. In the Senate, a "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position. Failed the House 15–76,

with 14 absent. Passed the Senate 20–15, with four absent. (2006)

4. Establish state minimum wage with \$1 increase (SB 700):

Bill would establish a state minimum wage, creating a new statute for Louisiana instituting a wage of \$6.15 per hour. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Failed the House 42–53, with nine absent. Passed the Senate 20–18, with one absent. (2006)

5. Stelly plan reform (HB 365):

Bill would reduce the shift in the tax burden implemented when the Stelly plan passed in 2002. Would provide a deduction for excess federal itemized deductions and modify the state deduction for federal income-tax paid. Would save \$1.3 billion in tax dollars during a five-year period. A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed the House 103–0, with two absent. Passed the Senate 33–0, with six absent. (2007)

6. Permanent penny repeal (HB 505):

Bill would reduce the sales tax on electricity and natural gas by 1 cent, saving \$68 million in tax dollars per year. The Legislature passed the bill, but the governor vetoed it. NFIB supported a veto override session. A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed the

House 54–48. Failed the Senate 18–21. (2007)

HOUSE ONLY**7. Equal Pay for Women Act (HB 144):**

Bill would establish a state law requiring equal pay for women, although there is a federal law already established. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Failed the House 40–54, with 11 absent. Senate did not vote. (2006)

8. Increase Expenditure Limit (HCR 6):

Bill would increase the expenditure limit for fiscal year 2006–07 by \$2 billion. The increased expenditure limit would have become the base for computing the expenditure limit for 2007–08. Adoption would have required a two-thirds vote of both houses. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Failed the House 59–40, with three absent. Senate did not vote. (2006 2nd Extraordinary)

9. Alleged discrimination (HB 158):

Bill would expose employers to lawsuits by disgruntled employees who allege they were paid less for the same work than coworkers of the opposite sex. This would create a new cause of action against employers though federal and state laws already provide remedies. A "No" vote supports the

NFIB position. Failed the House 46–49, with 10 absent. Senate did not vote. (2007)

SENATE ONLY

10. Labor union (SB 106): Bill would authorize public employees to join a labor organization for the purpose of collective bargaining. **A “No” vote supports the NFIB position.** Failed the Senate 8–26, with five absent. House did not vote. (2006)

11. Punitive damages (SB 107): Bill to expand Louisiana’s punitive damage laws by

allowing punitive damages to be awarded for certain insurance suits. **A “No” vote supports the NFIB position.** Failed the Senate 8–31. House did not vote. (2007)

12. Mental-health insurance mandate (SB 93): Bill would require health-insurance coverage of expanded mental-health benefits and drug and alcoholism abuse treatment. **A “No” vote supports the NFIB position.** Passed the Senate 19–13, with seven absent. The bill failed in the House Committee on Insurance; the House did not vote. (2007)

VOTING KEY	
Y	= VOTE IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
N	= VOTE IN OPPOSITION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
A	= VOTE NOT CAST
-	= DISTRICT OTHERWISE REPRESENTED
N/A	= INSUFFICIENT VOTES TO CALCULATE NFIB PERCENTAGE

LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ISSUE NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	%
NFIB POSITION	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	100%

DIST.	REPRESENTATIVE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	%
83	Alario Jr., John A.	Y	Y	N	A	Y	N	N	Y	Y	38%
43	Alexander, Ernie	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
21 (2007)	Anders, John F. “Andy”	-	-	-	-	Y	N	-	Y	N	N/A
92	Ansardi, Glenn	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	33%
102	Arnold, Jeffery J. “Jeff”	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	25%
100	Badon, Austin	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
53	Baldone, Damon J.	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	67%
29	Barrow, Regina	N	A	N	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	57%
39	Baudoin, Clara G.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	22%
3	Baylor Jr., Ernest	A	Y	N	Y	Y	N	A	Y	Y	29%
69	Beard, Gary	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	100%
78	Bowler, Shirley	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	100%
7	Bruce, Beverly G.	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	13%
89	Burns, Timothy G.	Y	Y	A	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	75%
2	Burrell, Roy	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	13%
93	Carter, Karen R.	A	Y	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
72	Carter, Robert J. “Robby”	Y	Y	N	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	25%
18	Cazayoux Jr., Donald J.	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	A	Y	Y	50%
22	Chandler, Billy R.	A	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	50%
70	Crane, Carl	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	88%
40 (2006)	Cravins Jr., Donald R.	Y	Y	N	Y	-	-	N	-	-	N/A

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NFIB POSITION	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	100%

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76	Crowe, A. G.	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
26	Curtis, Israel B.	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
84	Damico, N. J.	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	A	44%
68	Daniel IV, William B.	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	71%
51	Dartez, Carla Blanchard	Y	A	N	N	Y	Y	A	Y	A	57%
25	DeWitt, Charlie	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	N	N	Y	Y	29%
10	Doerge, Jean M.	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	33%
67	Dorsey, Yvonne	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	25%
52	Dove, Gordon	A	Y	A	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	71%
12	Downs, Hollis	N	A	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	63%
46	Durand, Sydnie Mae	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	22%
71	Erdey, Dale	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	100%
13	Fannin, James R.	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	67%
27	Farrar, Rick	Y	Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
57	Faucheux Jr., Robert R.	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	56%
47	Frith, Mickey	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	44%
11	Gallot Jr., Richard “Rick”	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	11%
35	Geymann, Brett F.	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
98	Gray, Cheryl A.	A	Y	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
66	Greene, Hunter	Y	A	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	88%
40 (2007)	Guillory, Elbert L.	-	-	-	-	Y	N	-	-	Y	N/A

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34	Guillory, Elcie J.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	25%
41	Guillory, Mickey J.	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	A	56%
87	Harris, Terrell	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	A	Y	Y	29%
95	Heaton, Alex	A	Y	N	Y	A	N	Y	N	A	33%
49	Hebert, Troy	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	33%
32	Hill, Herman Ray	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	22%
63	Honey, Avon	A	Y	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
17	Hunter Jr., Willie	A	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	25%
104	Hutter, Nita Rusich	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	A	63%
61	Jackson, Michael	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	A	38%
91	Jefferson-Bullock, Jalila	A	A	A	A	A	N	A	Y	Y	N/A
33	Johns, Ronnie	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
16	Katz, Kay	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
65	Kennard, Donald Ray	Y	A	A	N	Y	N	A	N	N	67%
20	Kenney, Lelon	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	44%
36	Kleckley, Chuck	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	A	N	N	88%
81	LaBruzzo, John	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
38	LaFleur, Eric	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	A	63%
96	LaFonta, Juan	A	Y	N	Y	Y	N	A	Y	Y	29%
59	Lambert, Eddie J.	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	100%
80	Lancaster Jr., Charles D.	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
94 (2007)	Lorusso, Nicholas	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	-	-	N	N/A
99	Marchand, Charmaine	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
79	Martiny, Daniel R.	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	75%
14	McDonald, Charles	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	67%
62	McVea, Thomas H. "Tom"	N	A	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	75%
9	Montgomery, Billy Wayne	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	44%
97 (2007)	Morrell, Jean-Paul J.	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	-	Y	A	N/A
1 (2007)	Morris, James	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	-	-	N	N/A
37	Morrish, Dan W. "Blade"	N	A	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	100%
103	Odinet Sr., Kenneth L.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	33%
44	Pierre, Wilfred	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	22%

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42	Pinac, Gil	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	33%
54	Pitre Jr., Loulan J.	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	78%
73	Powell, Henry "Tank"	N	A	N	A	Y	N	N	N	N	86%
6	Powell, Mike	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	100%
58	Quezaire Jr., Roy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	22%
101	Richmond, Cedric	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	40%
75	Ritchie, Harold L.	Y	A	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	38%
45	Robideaux, Joel C.	N	A	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	88%
48	Romero, Errol "Romo"	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	25%
24	Salter, Joe R.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	11%
82	Scalise, Steve	N	A	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	100%
90	Schneider, Matthew "Pete"	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
88	Smiley Jr., M.J. "Mert"	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
56	Smith Jr., Gary L.	A	Y	N	N	Y	Y	A	N	N	71%
50	Smith, Jack D.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	33%
8	Smith, Jane H.	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
30	Smith, John R.	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	56%
60	St. Germain, Karen Gaudet	Y	Y	A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	50%
74	Strain, Michael G.	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
19	Thompson, Francis C.	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	33%
85	Toomy, Joseph F.	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	N	63%
23	Townsend, T. Taylor	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	33%
31	Trahan, Donald M.	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
55	Triche Jr., Warren J.	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	29%
86	Tucker, Jim	A	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	88%
5	Waddell, Wayne	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
28	Walker, Monica	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	A	Y	13%
15	Walsworth, Michael A.	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
64	White, Mack "Bodi"	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	89%
4 (2007)	Williams, Patrick	-	-	-	-	Y	N	-	-	Y	N/A
77	Winston, Diane G.	A	A	N	A	Y	Y	N	N	N	100%
105	Wooton, Ernest D.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	67%

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DIST.	SENATOR	1	2	3	4	5	6	10	11	12	%
36	Adley, Robert	N	A	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	75%
18	Amedee, Jody	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	78%
5	Bajoie, Diana	Y	Y	N	Y	A	N	Y	Y	A	0%
33	Barham, Robert	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	100%
1	Boasso, Walter	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	A	63%
15	Broome, Sharon Weston	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	33%
30	Cain, James David	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N	N	Y	75%
16	Cassidy, Bill	-	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	-	N	Y	67%
19	Chaisson, Joel T.	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	A	50%
38	Cheek, Sherri Smith	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	88%
24 (2007)	Cravins Jr., Donald R.	-	-	-	-	A	Y	-	N	N	56%
2	Duplessis, Ann	A	Y	A	Y	A	N	Y	N	A	17%
20	Dupre Jr., Reggie P.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	50%
32	Ellington, Noble E.	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	56%
14	Fields, Cleo	Y	A	N	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	17%
13	Fontenot, Clo	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	67%
21	Gautreaux, Butch	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	38%
26	Gautreaux, Nick	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	50%
7	Heitmeier, Francis	N	A	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	50%
28	Hines, Donald E.	Y	A	A	Y	A	N	A	Y	Y	0%

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9	Hollis, Ken	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	67%
39	Jackson, Lydia P.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	33%
34	Jones, Charles D.	A	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	13%
35	Kostelka, Bob	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	88%
10	Lentini, Arthur "Art"	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	A	63%
37	Malone, Max T.	Y	A	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	88%
17	Marionneaux, Rob	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	44%
29	McPherson, Joe	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	22%
23	Michot, Mike	N	N	Y	N	A	Y	N	N	Y	86%
27	Mount, Willie	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	75%
4	Murray, Edwin R.	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	33%
12	Nevers, Ben	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	N	Y	50%
6	Quinn, Julie	N	A	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	71%
22	Romero, Craig F.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	78%
11	Schedler, Tom	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	A	N	Y	75%
3	Shepherd, Derrick D.T.	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	N	Y	43%
31	Smith, Mike	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	67%
25	Theunissen, Gerald	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	78%
8	Uilo, Chris	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	56%