

## NEW JERSEY

# VOTING RECORD

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YOUR LEGISLATORS' VOTING RECORD ON SMALL-BUSINESS ISSUES | 2007 EDITION

**Issues 2006-2007 Session** Votes cast by members of the New Jersey General Assembly on bills of particular interest to small-business owners during the past two legislative sessions are listed below. Although this *Voting Record* cannot reflect every consideration taken into account by legislators, it can serve as a guide to evaluating lawmakers' positions on the issues important to small business. When you can, please thank those legislators who voted with small business.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**1. Sales-Tax Increase (A-4901):** Concerns public-works contracts and project labor agreements with labor organizations. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 41–38.

**2. Corporate Business Tax (A-4706):** Imposes 4 percent surcharge on liability and increases minimum tax under corporation business tax. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 42–32.

**3. Commercial Property Tax (A-4701):** Imposes a 1 percent fee, or tax, on certain purchasers of certain commercial property of more than \$1 million. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 41–37.

**4. Eminent Domain (A-3257):** Revises procedures for the use of eminent domain in municipal development programs. Increases maximum financial assistance for business relocation and compensates business owners for a business' "goodwill," the intrinsic value of a business beyond the buildings and real estate. Also makes it harder for a local government to condemn a property by creating a higher standard for declaring a property blighted. A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 51–18.

**5. Plant Closings (A-1044):** Requires pre-notification of certain plant closings,

transfers and mass layoffs. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 52–24.

**6. Regulatory Flexibility:** Expands the scope of the New Jersey Regulatory Flexibility Act dealing with economic impact of rules on small businesses. A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 80–0.

**7. Graffiti Abatement (S-650):** Authorizes mechanisms to abate graffiti. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 45–25.

**8. UEZ Sales-Tax Exemptions (A-3938):** Allows point-of-sale sales-tax exemption for UEZ business purchases by businesses located only in UEZ. A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 76–2.

### SENATE

**1. Sales-Tax Increase (A-4901):** Concerns public-works contracts and project labor agreements with labor organizations. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 22–18.

**2. Corporate Business Tax (A-4706):** Imposes a 4 percent surcharge on liability and increases minimum tax under corporation business tax. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 21–19.

**3. Commercial Property Tax (A-4701):** Imposes a 1 percent fee, or tax, on certain

purchasers of certain commercial property of more than \$1 million. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 21–18.

**4. Mental-Health-Coverage Requirements (S-807):** Revises statutory mental-health-coverage requirements and requires all health insurers and SBHP to cover treatment for alcoholism and other substance-use disorders under same terms and conditions as other diseases or illnesses. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 29–9.

**5. Plant Closings (A-1044):** Requires pre-notification of certain plant closings, transfers and mass layoffs. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 24–12.

**6. Graffiti Abatement (S-650):** Authorizes mechanisms to abate graffiti. A "No" vote supports the NFIB position. Passed 34–4.

### VOTING KEY

Y	=	YES
N	=	NO
-	=	NO VOTE
*	=	NOT A MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY OR SENATE AT TIME OF VOTE
%	=	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES FOR THE NFIB POSITION
N/A	=	INSUFFICIENT VOTES TO CALCULATE PERCENTAGE
A	=	ABSTAINED

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

Nelson Albano D-1	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	71%
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Peter Barnes D-18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Bill Baroni R-14	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	75%
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Christopher Bateman R-16	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	100%
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Jennifer Beck R-12	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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Peter Biondi R-16	N	N	N	A	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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Francis Blee R-2	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	63%
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Francis Bodine R-8	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	-	86%
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Jon Bramnick R-21	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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John Burzichelli D-3	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	50%
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Wilfredo Caraballo D-29	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Michael Carroll R-25	N	N	N	N	N	Y	-	N	71%
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Larry Chatzidakis R-8	-	-	-	N	Y	Y	N	Y	60%
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Upendra Chivukula D-17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Neil Cohen D-20	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Herb Conaway D-7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Jack Connors D-7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Christopher Connors R-9	N	N	N	A	N	Y	-	Y	86%
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Steven Corodemus R-11	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	100%
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Nilsa Cruz-Perez D-5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Joseph Cryan D-20	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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ISSUE NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	%
NFIB POSITION	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	100%

Ronald Dancer R-30	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	75%
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Alex DeCroce R-26	N	N	N	A	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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Patrick Diegnan D-18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Michael Doherty R-23	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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Joseph Egan D-17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Charles Epps D-31	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Douglas Fisher D-3	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	57%
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Thomas Giblin D-34	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Robert Gordon D-38	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Gerald Green D-22	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Linda Greenstein D-14	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	-	Y	57%
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Louis Greenwald D-6	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Guy Gregg R-24	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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Reed Gusciora D-15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	43%
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Mims Hackett D-27	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Amy Handlin R-13	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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James Holzapfel R-10	N	N	N	A	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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Valerie Vainieri Huttle D-37	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Gordon Johnson D-37	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Marcia Karrow R-23	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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Sean Kean R-11	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	88%
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NFIB POSITION	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	100%

Pamela Lampitt D-6	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	N	Y	50%
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Joseph Malone R-30	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	75%
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Louis Manzo D-31	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	43%
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David Mayer D-4	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	63%
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Allison Littell McHose R-24	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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John McKeon D-27	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
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Richard Merkt R-25	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	75%
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Paul Moriarty D-4	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	63%
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Eric Munoz R-21	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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Kevin O'Toole R-40	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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Sheila Oliver D-34	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Michael Panter D-12	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	63%
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William Payne D-29	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
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Joe Pennacchio R-26	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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Nellie Pou D-35	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Vincent Prieto D-32	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Joan Quigley D-32	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Joseph Roberts D-5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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John Rooney R-39	N	N	N	A	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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Brian Rumpf R-9	N	N	N	A	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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David Russo R-40	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	88%
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ISSUE NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	%
NFIB POSITION	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	100%

Frederick Scalera D-36	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Gary Schaer D-36	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	38%
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Albio Sires D-33	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	-	33%
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Brian Stack D-33	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Craig Stanley D-28	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	25%
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Alfred Steele D-35	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Linda Stender D-22	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	75%
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Samuel Thompson R-13	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	-	Y	100%
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Oadline Truitt D-28	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Jefferson Van Drew D-1	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	63%
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Charlotte Vandervalk R-39	N	N	N	A	N	Y	N	A	75%
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Joseph Vas D-19	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Silverio Vega D-33	*	*	*	*	Y	*	*	Y	N/A
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Joan Voss D-38	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Bonnie Watson Coleman D-15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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Jim Whelan D-2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	38%
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John Wisniewski D-19	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	38%
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David Wolfe R-10	N	N	N	A	-	Y	N	Y	86%
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**NEW JERSEY SENATE**

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

John Adler D-6 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

Diane Allen R-7 N N N Y Y N 67%

Nicholas Asselta R-1 N N N Y Y Y 50%

Martha Bark R-8 N N N - N Y 80%

Wayne Bryant D-5 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

Anthony Bucco R-25 N N N Y N N 83%

Barbara Buono D-18 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

Gerald Cardinale R-39 N N N N N N 100%

Andrew Ciesla R-10 N N N N N Y 83%

Richard Codey D-27 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

Joseph Coniglio D-38 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

Leonard Connors R-9 N N N N N Y 83%

Joseph Doria D-31 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

Nia Gill D-34 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

John Girgenti D-35 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

William Gormley R-2 Y N N N \* Y 60%

Peter Inverso R-14 N N N N N Y 83%

Sharpe James D-29 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

Ellen Karcher D-12 Y Y Y - Y Y 0%

William Kavanaugh R-16 N N N N - Y 80%

Thomas Kean R-21 N N N Y N Y 67%

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

Bernard Kenny D-33 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

Joseph Kyrillos R-13 N N - N N Y 80%

Leonard Lance R-23 N N N Y N Y 67%

Raymond Lesniak D-20 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

Robert Littell R-24 N N N Y - - 75%

Fred Madden D-4 N Y Y Y Y Y 17%

Robert Martin R-26 Y N N Y N N 67%

James McCullough R-2 \* \* \* \* Y \* N/A

Henry McNamara R-40 N N N Y N - 80%

Joseph Palaia R-11 N N N N - Y 80%

Ronald Rice D-28 Y N Y Y - Y 20%

Nicholas Sacco D-32 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

Paul Sarlo D-36 Y Y N Y Y Y 17%

Nicholas Scutari D-22 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

Robert Singer R-30 N N N Y N Y 67%

Bob Smith D-17 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

Stephen Sweeney D-3 N Y Y Y Y Y 17%

Shirley Turner D-15 Y Y Y N Y Y 17%

Joseph Vitale D-19 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%

Loretta Weinberg D-37 Y Y Y Y Y Y 0%