



2007 Legislative Scorecard

2006/2007 Roll Call Vote Scores

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BIPEC Legislative Scorecard

For every session of the SC General Assembly since 1985, BIPEC has used roll call votes on business issues to calculate a Vote Score for each member of the SC Senate and House to determine the legislator's business stance. The process is as follows: 1) bills are rated business positive or business negative by the BIPECPAC Executive Board after a recommendation from the BIPEC Legislative Advisory Committee; 2) roll call votes concerning those bills from the official legislative *Journal* are recorded; 3) each vote (bill) is weighted according to its relative importance; 4) a raw vote score is calculated; and 5) extra credit is awarded for sponsorship of *business positive* legislation. Points are deducted for sponsoring *business negative* bills. The nature of a legislator's absences also affects their respective score.

On the scorecard, the District Score represents the strength of business in each legislative district. Based on numerous demographic variables, this number will change each time the district lines are modified due to reapportionment and new census data input. Numbers go up or down as legislative districts become more or less likely to elect pro-business legislators. An updated study of the District Scores, which will serve until the 2010 census is complete and new district lines are approved, is based on the March 20, 2002 district lines.

South Carolina House of Representatives - 2006 & 2007

<u>Legislator</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>District Score</u>	<u>2006 Vote Score</u>	<u>2007 Vote Score</u>	<u>Legislator</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>District Score</u>	<u>2006 Vote Score</u>	<u>2007 Vote Score</u>
Agnew, Paul	11	40.12	9.20	35.40	Edge, Tracy	104	63.86	57.90	47.10
Alexander, Terry	59	28.50	NA*	26.95	Frye, Marion	39	43.96	50.20	57.95
Allen, Karl	25	22.84	12.95	12.65	Funderburk, L.	52	52.20	15.94	10.10
Anderson, Carl	103	20.49	42.90	30.40	Gambrell, Mike	7	48.88	NA*	63.25
Anthony, Mike	42	37.24	28.52	43.80	Govan, Jerry	95	41.86	29.61	17.10
Bales, Jimmy	80	62.75	18.00	38.65	Gullick, Carl	48	100	NA*	51.55
Ballentine, N.	71	100	34.00	82.34	Hagood, Ben	112	100	27.90	94.80
Bannister, Bruce	24	100	24.40	82.85	Haley, Nikki	87	100	45.60	100
Barfield, Liston	58	46.89	63.50	66.75	Hamilton, Glenn	20	95.49	44.00	86.60
Battle, James	57	17.62	41.80	46.50	Hardwick, Nelson	106	85.16	56.80	62.65
Bedingfield, Eric	28	89	NA*	100	Harrell, Bobby	114	100	55.30	100
Bingham, Kenny	89	69.52	43.10	82.03	Harrison, James	75	100	23.60	100
Bowen, Don	8	60.09	NA*	84.05	Hart, Christopher	73	11.76	NA*	13.40
Bowers, Bill	120	40.93	15.00	30.65	Harvin, Cathy	64	27.78	19.20	29.05
Brady, Joan	78	100	21.36	50.65	Haskins, Gloria	22	89.59	2.80	30.80
Branham, Lester	61	34.57	22.10	31.70	Hayes, Jackie	55	26.98	63.90	22.10
Brantley, Curtis	122	34.04	NA*	20.60	Herbkersman, B.	118	25.63	14.80	54.15
Breeland, Floyd	111	33.23	43.10	17.50	Hinson, Shirley	92	81.58	34.30	98.57
Brown, Grady A..	50	16.92	35.00	22.85	Hiott, Davey	4	57.16	53.70	77.95
Brown, Robert L.	116	39.52	47.41	27.10	Hodges, Kenneth	121	31.01	41.70	31.25
Cato, Harry F.	17	68.58	46.30	83.55	Hosey, Lonnie	91	21.23	41.20	23.10
Ceips, Catherine	124	75.19	39.50	31.50	Howard, Leon	76	40.19	32.50	27.65
Chalk, Richard	123	100	52.80	53.65	Huggins, Chip	85	100	32.30	79.15
Chellis, C.	94	77.28	36.30	71.55	Jefferson, J. H.	102	32.02	47.90	25.70
Clemmons, Alan	107	90.29	46.00	37.65	Jennings, Doug	54	20.11	48.20	19.35
Clyburn, Bill	82	25.90	18.10	35.10	Kelly, R. Keith	35	74.30	NA*	59.96
Cobb-Hunter, G.	66	18.43	26.00	18.00	Kennedy, Ken	101	16.51	50.80	34.58
Coleman, C.	41	18.50	3.32	20.59	Kirsh, Herbert	47	69.20	63.20	82.65
Cooper, Daniel T.	10	78.51	53.10	46.56	Knight, Patsy	97	46.17	NA*	28.75
Cotty, William	79	100	20.70	90.85	Leach, Bob	21	100	31.20	82.45
Crawford, Kris	63	100	NA*	99.45	Limehouse, Chip	110	100	34.70	56.90
Dantzler, Tom	117	52.56	44.00	87.25	Littlejohn, Lanny	33	64.65	26.42	48.59
Davenport, Ralph	37	54.41	26.30	47.50	Loftis, Dwight	19	63.69	60.20	84.14
Delleney, Greg	43	53.72	20.60	64.25	Lowe, Phillip	60	59.21	NA*	79.10
Duncan, Jeff	15	42.78	58.70	99.15	Lucas, Jay	65	46.93	23.23	60.95

NA* = legislator not serving or there was insufficient data for a score to be determined.

*South Carolina Senate
2006 & 2007*

<u>Legislator</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>2006 District Score</u>	<u>2006 Vote Score</u>	<u>2007 Vote Score</u>
Mack, David	109	24.72	33.10	21.95
Mahaffey, Joe	36	55.94	44.00	76.93
McLeod, Walt	40	45.26	20.10	26.75
Merrill, James	99	60.36	31.80	86.70
Miller, Vida	108	74.40	24.50	31.70
Mitchell, Harold	31	8.33	31.20	24.39
Moody-Lawrence	49	40.65	39.10	NA**
Moss, Dennis	29	52.33	NA*	50.85
Mulvaney, Mick	45	49.54	NA*	94.40
Neal, Joe	70	24.84	36.00	22.66
Neal, Jimmy	44	41.90	12.23	35.55
Neilson, Denny	56	42.42	13.70	38.10
Ott, Harry	93	42.13	36.50	38.30
Owens, Phillip	5	66.80	78.20	100
Parks, Anne	12	16.41	13.90	25.76
Perry, Skipper	81	100	61.50	56.85
Phillips, Olin R.	30	38.19	13.90	33.74
Pinson, Gene	13	61.77	32.20	77.85
Pitts, Ted	69	100	39.60	94.25
Pitts, Mike	14	48.17	22.40	65.69
Rice, Rex	26	53.96	93.60	100
Rutherford, Todd	74	28.74	50.00	2.05
Sandifer, Bill	2	67.65	33.50	37.96
Scarborough, W.	115	100	34.30	35.70
Scott, John L.	77	52.78	36.50	19.95
Sellers, Bakari	90	30.29	NA*	26.25
Shoopman, P.	18	65.20	NA*	81.25
Simrill, Gary	46	80.38	32.90	72.05
Skelton, B.R.	3	77.50	70.90	73.30
Smith, Don C.	83	80.16	57.20	82.95
Smith, Fletcher	23	19.92	7.60	1.00
Smith, G. Murrell	67	60.49	39.00	56.55
Smith, Garry R.	27	100	42.90	100
Smith, James E.	72	87.91	40.62	NA***
Smith, J. Roland	84	46.72	53.30	60.40
Smith, W. Doug	32	73.77	6.70	44.85
Spires, Kit	96	51.25	NA*	73.85
Stavrinakis, Leon	119	100	NA*	51.75
Stewart, Jim	86	51.04	43.20	68.65
Talley, Scott F.	34	75.48	26.30	72.28
Taylor, Adam	16	41.74	48.00	88.45
Thompson, M.	9	54.37	31.90	50.95
Toole, Mac	88	73.09	51.10	96.90
Umphlett, David	100	60.46	30.60	45.87
Vick, Ted Martin	53	36.09	18.50	35.10
Viers, Thad	68	72.65	31.10	30.00
Walker, Robert	38	66.49	54.80	75.35
Weeks, David	51	16.17	56.80	40.70
Whipper, Seth	113	26.78	19.20	9.85
White, Brian	6	66.10	54.80	67.25
Whitmire, Bill	1	58.34	15.10	66.65
Williams, Robert	62	19.78	NA*	20.50
Witherspoon, B.	105	63.62	50.80	59.55
Young, Annette	98	95.70	38.40	73.10

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Alexander, T.	1	65.59	69.70	30.40
Anderson, Ralph	7	29.82	12.57	10.81
Bryant, Kevin	3	76.59	50.60	91.20
Campsen, Chip	43	59.52	32.50	100
Cleary, Raymond	34	100	42.10	16.81
Courson, John	20	100	30.10	70.30
Cromer, Ronnie	18	58.57	61.60	50.20
Drummond, John	10	39.50	26.80	13.30
Elliot, Dick	28	50.84	63.70	13.30
Fair, Michael	6	100	65.60	61.40
Ford, Robert	42	22.57	6.83	0
Gregory, Greg	16	64.19	62.00	40.50
Grooms, Larry	37	51.87	48.60	42.60
Hawkins, John	12	68.72	61.60	0
Hayes, Wes	15	75.00	48.10	17.90
Hutto, Brad	40	33.14	63.60	13.70
Jackson, Darrell	21	32.67	49.90	0
Knotts, Jake	23	100	36.00	0
Land, John	36	22.38	61.30	0
Leatherman, H.	31	69.20	52.40	31.10
Leventis, Phil	35	49.89	35.50	0
Lourie, Joel	22	100	24.90	19.30
Malloy, Gerald	29	34.42	42.40	0
Martin, Larry	2	64.70	73.70	68.90
Matthews, John	39	25.49	42.40	7.0
McConnell, G.	41	100	38.60	92.50
McGill, Yancey	32	18.14	65.10	0
Mescher, William	44	80.33	61.60	NA****
Moore, Thomas	25	40.27	13.60	12.10
O'Dell, William	4	45.21	50.10	43.00
Patterson, Kay	19	33.76	42.40	12.00
Peeler, Harvey	14	53.02	65.60	76.10
Pinckney, C.	45	32.46	36.20	0
Rankin, Luke	33	70.11	37.10	1.60
Reese, Glenn	11	42.80	17.90	0
Richardson, S.	46	93.89	36.80	NA****
Ritchie, Jim	13	66.28	52.80	48.20
Ryberg, Greg	24	77.65	58.10	100
Scott, Randy	38	76.68	58.10	15.20
Setzler, Nikki	26	58.61	36.50	47.90
Sheheen, V.	27	42.19	45.00	13.30
Short, Linda	17	27.93	13.00	0
Thomas, David	8	100	45.60	31.20
Vaughn, Lewis	5	66.55	NA*	54.40
Verdin, Danny	9	53.37	49.00	84.10
Williams, Kent	30	18.40	58.30	4.64

NA*= legislator not serving or there was insufficient data for a score to be determined.

NA**= long term excused absence and insufficient data for a score to be determined.

NA***= military service and insufficient data for a score to be determined.

NA****= deceased and insufficient data for a score to be determined.

NA*****= legislator appointed by Governor to Department of Insurance and insufficient data for a score to be determined.

2007 Session House Roll Call Votes Used in BIPEC

Legislative Scorecard Calculations

1) Override Governor's Veto - Mandates Pervasive Development Disorder Coverage (S20). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* ---- 4.10% of Score

2) Override Governor's Veto - State Income Tax Credit for Research Activity (S91). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* ---- 1.00% of Score

3) Override Governor's Veto - "SC Hydrogen Infrastructure Development Fund" (S243). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* ---- 1.00% of Score

4) Second Reading - "SC Priority Investment Act" (S266). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* (as amended) ---- 2.55% of Score

5) Override Governor's Veto - Transfer of Spouse from One Military Assignment to Another Does Not Disqualify from Unemployment Benefits (S334). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* ---- 1.50% of Score

6) Override Governor's Veto - Prohibit Department of Revenue from Changing County's Job Tax Credit Designation (S408). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* ---- 1.85% of Score

7) Table Motion to Recommit - Base Load Review Act (S431). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* (as amended) ---- 3.20% of Score

8) Second Reading - Base Load Review Act (S431). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* (as amended) ---- 4.65% of Score

9) Second Reading - Establish the SC Sunset Commission (H3024). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* ---- 2.95% of Score

10) Second Reading - Mortgage Reinstatement (H3033). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* ---- 2.70% of Score

11) Table Motion to Recommit - Green Buildings (H3034). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* ---- 3.60% of Score

12) Second Reading - Green Buildings (H3034). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* ---- 6.10% of Score

13) Override Governor's Veto - Green Buildings (H3034). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* ---- 4.00% of Score

14) Third Reading - Tenant Ejectment (H3157). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* ---- 2.55% of Score

15) Table Amendment 2 - Reform Agency Procedures for Promulgating Regs (H3249). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Positive Bill* ---- 2.60% of Score

16) Table Amendment 3 - Reform Agency Procedures for Promulgating Regs (H3249). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Positive Bill* ---- 2.30% of Score

17) Second Reading - Reform Agency Procedures for

Promulgating Regs (H3249). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Positive Bill* ---- 3.65% of Score

18) Table Amendment 3 - Cap General Fund Appropriations (H3295). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* ---- 4.75% of Score

19) Adopt Amendment 4 - Cap General Fund Appropriations (H3295). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* ---- 4.65% of Score

20) Second Reading - Notification and Investigation Before Revocation of Beer and Wine Permit (H3457). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* ---- 1.30% of Score

21) Override Governor's Veto - Fire Sprinkler Contractor Exemptions (H3481). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* 2.00% of Score

22) Second Reading - Criminal Background Checks for Real Estate Licensure (H3516). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* ---- 1.55% of Score

23) Table Amendment 7 - Department of Transportation Restructuring (H3575). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* ---- 5.30% of Score

24) Second Reading - Department of Transportation Restructuring (H3575). *Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill* ---- 2.85% of Score

25) Vote 1 - Supreme Court Judicial Election. *Preferred Vote: Judge H. Bruce Williams* ---- 8.20% of Score

26) Vote 2 - Supreme Court Judicial Election. *Preferred Vote: Judge H. Bruce Williams* ---- 8.20% of Score

27) Vote 3 - Supreme Court Judicial Election. *Preferred Vote: Judge H. Bruce Williams* ---- 10.90% of Score

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1) Override Governor's Veto - Mandates Pervasive Development Disorder Coverage (S20). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* ---- 5.7% of Score

2) Override Governor's Veto - State Income Tax Credit for Research Activity (S91). *Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill* ---- 1.00% of Score

3) Override Governor's Veto - "SC Hydrogen Infrastructure Development Fund" (S243). *Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill* ---- 1.00% of Score

4) Second Reading - Adjutant General to be Appointed by Governor (S284). *Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill* ---- 2.50% of Score

5) Second Reading - Comptroller General to be Nominated by Governor (S285). *Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill*---- 2.50% of Score

- 6) Table Amendment 4 - Superintendent of Education to be Appointed by Governor (S286). *Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill* ---- 3.10% of Score
- 7) Second Reading - Superintendent of Education to be Appointed by Governor (S286). *Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill* ---- 4.00% of Score
- 8) Second Reading - Commissioner of Agriculture to be Appointed by Governor (S287). *Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill* ---- 4.10% of Score
- 9) Adoption of Amendment 1A - Secretary of State to be Appointed by Governor (S288). *Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill* ---- 2.10% of Score
- 10) Second Reading - Secretary of State to be Appointed by Governor (S288). *Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill* ---- 4.20% of Score
- 11) Third Reading - Workers' Compensation (S332). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* ---- 21.90% of Score
- 12) Override Governor's Veto - Transfer of Spouse from One Military Assignment to Another Does Not Disqualify from Unemployment Benefits (S334). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* ---- 1.40% of Score
- 13) Table Amendment P-3 - "SC Illegal Immigration Reform Act" (S392). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* ---- 2.70% of Score
- 14) Table Amendment P-3 - "SC Illegal Immigration Reform Act" (S392). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* ---- 3.20% of Score
- 15) Third Reading - "SC Illegal Immigration Reform Act" (S392). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* ---- 2.50% of Score
- 16) Override Governor's Veto - Prohibit Department of Revenue from Changing County's Job Tax Credit Designation (S408). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* ---- 2.30% of Score
- 17) Override Governor's Veto - Green Buildings (H3034). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill*---- 4.00% of Score
- 18) Override Governor's Veto - Fire Sprinkler Contractor Exemptions (H3481). *Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill* 2.00% of Score
- 19) Vote 1 - Supreme Court Judicial Election. *Preferred Vote: Judge H. Bruce Williams* ---- 9.10% of Score
- 20) Vote 2 - Supreme Court Judicial Election. *Preferred Vote: Judge H. Bruce Williams* ---- 9.20% of Score
- 21) Vote 3 - Supreme Court Judicial Election. *Preferred Vote: Judge H. Bruce Williams* ---- 11.50% of Score



