



2008 Legislative Scorecard

2007/2008 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. Scores increase or decrease 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 - 2007 & 2008

<u>Legislator</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>District Score</u>	<u>2007 Vote Score</u>	<u>2008 Vote Score</u>	<u>Legislator</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>District Score</u>	<u>2007 Vote Score</u>	<u>2008 Vote Score</u>
Agnew, Paul	11	40.12	35.40	69.43	Erickson, S.	124	75.19	NA*	77.31
Alexander, Terry	59	28.50	26.95	49.61	Frye, Marion	39	43.96	57.95	64.41
Allen, Karl	25	22.84	12.65	49.94	Funderburk, L.	52	52.20	10.10	65.74
Anderson, Carl	103	20.49	30.40	50.74	Gambrell, Mike	7	48.88	63.25	75.71
Anthony, Mike	42	37.24	43.80	48.97	Govan, Jerry	95	41.86	17.10	47.77
Bales, Jimmy	80	62.75	38.65	65.17	Gullick, Carl	48	100	51.55	67.22
Ballentine, N.	71	100	82.34	74.78	Hagood, Ben	112	100	94.80	79.72
Bannister, Bruce	24	100	82.85	72.26	Haley, Nikki	87	100	100	83.51
Barfield, Liston	58	46.89	66.75	69.78	Hamilton, Glenn	20	95.49	86.60	55.22
Battle, James	57	17.62	46.50	68.27	Hardwick, Nelson	106	85.16	62.65	72.93
Bedingfield, Eric	28	89	100	65.41	Harrell, Bobby	114	100	100	88.54
Bingham, Kenny	89	69.52	82.03	71.19	Harrison, James	75	100	100	81.82
Bowen, Don	8	60.09	84.05	63.91	Hart, Christopher	73	11.76	13.40	42.04
Bowers, Bill	120	40.93	30.65	59.31	Harvin, Cathy	64	27.78	29.05	48.17
Brady, Joan	78	100	50.65	77.87	Haskins, Gloria	22	89.59	30.80	63.63
Branham, Lester	61	34.57	31.70	65.21	Hayes, Jackie	55	26.98	22.10	69.05
Brantley, Curtis	122	34.04	20.60	47.46	Herbkersman, B.	118	25.63	54.15	66.53
Breeland, Floyd	111	33.23	17.50	50.21	Hiott, Davey	4	57.16	77.95	61.39
Brown, Grady A..	50	16.92	22.85	57.12	Hodges, Kenneth	121	31.01	31.25	65.87
Brown, Robert L.	116	39.52	27.10	38.46	Hosey, Lonnie	91	21.23	23.10	51.19
Cato, Harry F.	17	68.58	83.55	87.32	Howard, Leon	76	40.19	27.65	31.98
Chalk, Richard	123	100	53.65	54.00	Huggins, Chip	85	100	79.15	68.09
Clemmons, Alan	107	90.29	37.65	74.75	Hutson, Heyward	94	77.28	NA*	63.66
Clyburn, Bill	82	25.90	35.10	52.66	Jefferson, J. H.	102	32.02	25.70	44.14
Cobb-Hunter, G.	66	18.43	18.00	67.69	Jennings, Doug	54	20.11	19.35	52.22
Coleman, C.	41	18.50	20.59	36.36	Kelly, R. Keith	35	74.30	59.96	75.53
Cooper, Daniel T.	10	78.51	46.56	62.55	Kennedy, Ken	101	16.51	34.58	49.47
Cotty, William	79	100	90.85	79.19	Kirsh, Herbert	47	69.20	82.65	92.76
Crawford, Kris	63	100	99.45	74.41	Knight, Patsy	97	46.17	28.75	63.57
Daning, Joe	92	81.58	NA*	63.50	Leach, Bob	21	100	82.45	76.17
Dantzler, Tom	117	52.56	87.25	74.07	Limehouse, Chip	110	100	56.90	47.54
Davenport, Ralph	37	54.41	47.50	46.72	Littlejohn, Lanny	33	64.65	48.59	64.80
Delleney, Greg	43	53.72	64.25	62.37	Loftis, Dwight	19	63.69	84.14	75.61
Duncan, Jeff	15	42.78	99.15	72.77	Lowe, Phillip	60	59.21	79.10	81.69
Edge, Tracy	104	63.86	47.10	47.84	Lucas, Jay	65	46.93	60.95	70.59

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Mack, David	109	24.72	21.95	45.02
Mahaffey, Joe	36	55.94	76.93	63.24
McLeod, Walt	40	45.26	26.75	59.87
Merrill, James	99	60.36	86.70	79.45
Miller, Vida	108	74.40	31.70	65.61
Mitchell, Harold	31	8.33	24.39	55.81
Moody-Lawrence	49	40.65	NA**	30.05
Moss, Dennis	29	52.33	50.85	70.21
Mulvaney, Mick	45	49.54	94.40	73.86
Neal, Jimmy	44	41.90	35.55	55.72
Neal, Joe	70	24.84	22.66	57.95
Neilson, Denny	56	42.42	38.10	73.74
Ott, Harry	93	42.13	38.30	76.88
Owens, Phillip	5	66.80	100	79.65
Parks, Anne	12	16.41	25.76	55.84
Perry, Skipper	81	100	56.85	77.04
Phillips, Olin R.	30	38.19	33.74	48.13
Pinson, Gene	13	61.77	77.85	69.07
Pitts, Ted	69	100	94.25	66.47
Pitts, Mike	14	48.17	65.69	68.59
Rice, Rex	26	53.96	100	67.99
Rutherford, Todd	74	28.74	2.05	44.63
Sandifer, Bill	2	67.65	37.96	76.92
Scarborough, W.	115	100	35.70	62.55
Scott, John L.	77	52.78	19.95	55.44
Sellers, Bakari	90	30.29	26.25	51.67
Shoopman, P.	18	65.20	81.25	69.02
Simrill, Gary	46	80.38	72.05	75.99
Skelton, B.R.	3	77.50	73.30	84.20
Smith, Don C.	83	80.16	82.95	62.50
Smith, Fletcher	23	19.92	1.00	33.98
Smith, G. Murrell	67	60.49	56.55	80.78
Smith, Garry R.	27	100	100	68.54
Smith, James E.	72	87.91	NA***	35.53
Smith, J. Roland	84	46.72	60.40	75.34
Smith, W. Doug	32	73.77	44.85	43.40
Spires, Kit	96	51.25	73.85	63.68
Stavrinakis, Leon	119	100	51.75	89.02
Stewart, Jim	86	51.04	68.65	59.97
Talley, Scott F.	34	75.48	72.28	68.84
Taylor, Adam	16	41.74	88.45	63.72
Thompson, M.	9	54.37	50.95	95.15
Toole, Mac	88	73.09	96.90	66.42
Umphlett, David	100	60.46	45.87	80.05
Vick, Ted M.	53	36.09	35.10	55.96
Viers, Thad	68	72.65	30.00	40.52
Walker, Robert	38	66.49	75.35	77.10
Weeks, David	51	16.17	40.70	45.76
Whipper, Seth	113	26.78	9.85	47.39
White, Brian	6	66.10	67.25	79.81
Whitmire, Bill	1	58.34	66.65	62.46
Williams, Robert	62	19.78	20.50	37.31
Witherspoon, B.	105	63.62	59.55	72.35
Young, Annette	98	95.70	73.10	71.54

South Carolina Senate 2007 & 2008

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Alexander, T.	1	65.59	30.40	70.40
Anderson, Ralph	7	29.82	10.81	49.38
Bryant, Kevin	3	76.59	91.20	75.60
Campbell, Paul	44	80.33	NA*	90.25
Campsen, Chip	43	59.52	100	93.84
Ceips, Catherine	46	93.89	31.50++	66.40
Cleary, Raymond	34	100	16.81	67.53
Courson, John	20	100	70.30	62.40
Cromer, Ronnie	18	58.57	50.20	70.40
Drummond, John	10	39.50	13.30	55.38
Elliot, Dick	28	50.84	13.30	72.05
Fair, Michael	6	100	61.40	51.63
Ford, Robert	42	22.57	0	61.08
Gregory, Greg	16	64.19	40.50	76.01
Grooms, Larry	37	51.87	42.60	54.81
Hawkins, John	12	68.72	0	49.73
Hayes, Wes	15	75.00	17.90	53.63
Hutto, Brad	40	33.14	13.70	73.60
Jackson, Darrell	21	32.67	0	49.38
Knotts, Jake	23	100	0	82.81
Land, John	36	22.38	0	60.84
Leatherman, H.	31	69.20	31.10	85.05
Leventis, Phil	35	49.89	0	51.38
Lourie, Joel	22	100	19.30	62.14
Malloy, Gerald	29	34.42	0	62.14
Martin, Larry	2	64.70	68.90	75.84
Massey, Shane	25	40.27	NA*	62.40
Matthews, John	39	25.49	7.0	56.84
McConnell, G.	41	100	92.50	100+
McGill, Yancey	32	18.14	0	72.14
O'Dell, William	4	45.21	43.00	60.05
Patterson, Kay	19	33.76	12.00	68.84
Peeler, Harvey	14	53.02	76.10	64.40
Pinckney, C.	45	32.46	0	57.38
Rankin, Luke	33	70.11	1.60	74.81
Reese, Glenn	11	42.80	0	64.05
Ritchie, Jim	13	66.28	48.20	56.41
Ryberg, Greg	24	77.65	100	73.29
Scott, Randy	38	76.68	15.20	66.69
Setzler, Nikki	26	58.61	47.90	80.81
Sheheen, V.	27	42.19	13.30	92.81
Short, Linda	17	27.93	0	53.21
Thomas, David	8	100	31.20	36.81
Vaughn, Lewis	5	66.55	54.40	58.69
Verdin, Danny	9	53.37	84.10	50.84
Williams, Kent	30	18.40	4.64	70.65

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2008 Session House Roll Call Votes Used in BIPEC
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- 1) Second Reading- Small Employer Health Group Cooperatives (S588). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---3.24% of Score
- 2) Motion to Table Motion to Recommit- Illegal Immigration (H4400). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---3.48% of Score
- 3) Second Reading- Illegal Immigration (H4400). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---5.08% of Score
- 4) Second Reading- Administrative Law Court provisions (H4328) Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---1.35% of Score
- 5) Second Reading- Education Accountability Act (H4662). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---2.08% of Score
- 6) Second Reading- Department of Revenue Appeals Procedures (H4345). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---1.11% of Score
- 7) Passage of Joint Resolution- Abolishment of Special Purpose Districts by the General Assembly (H4578). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---2.60% of Score
- 8) Second Reading- Uniform Commercial Code (S936). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---0.79% of Score
- 9) Second Reading- The State Farmers Market (S1066). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---1.35% of Score
- 10) Motion to Table Amendment 1- The State Highway Fund (H4549). Preferred Vote: Yea Business Positive Bill---4.44% of Score
- 11) Second Reading- Real Estate Professionals Permitting Fees (H4554). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---2.40% of Score
- 12) Vote to Continue the Bill- Unfair Trade Practices and the Practice of Law (H3590). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Positive Bill---1.92% of Score
- 13) Second Reading- The South Carolina Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax Act (H4883). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill---3.68% of Score
- 14) Second Reading- Construction Materials for New Manufacturing Facilities Tax Exemption (H4672). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---1.59% of Score
- 15) Second Reading- State Agency Energy Conservation Plans (H4766). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---0.87% of Score
- 16) Second Reading- Tax Credit for Residential Builders Constructing Energy Efficient Residences (H4892). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---0.95% of Score
- 17) Second Reading- Storm Water Runoff Fee Exemptions (H4337) Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---1.83% of Score
- 18) Second Reading- South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association Participation in the State Health and Dental Plan (H4446). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill---2.00% of Score
- 19) Second Reading- Unfair Trade Practices and the Practice of Law (H3274). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill---2.08% of Score
- 20) Second Reading- The Appropriations Bill Earmark Disclosure Act (H4346). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---2.84% of Score
- 21) Second Reading- Manufacturer Personal Property in Inactive Manufacturing Facilities (S1171). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---1.19% of Score
- 22) Vote to Sustain Governor's Veto- Commerce Restrictions in Franchise Laws (H3084). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Negative Bill---3.57% of Score
- 23) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Bankruptcy Proceedings (H3816). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill---1.92% of Score
- 24) Court of Appeals Seat 3- South Carolina Court of Appeals Election to Fill Seat 3 (Court of Appeals). Preferred Vote: Geathers; 7.76% of Score
- 25) Court of Appeals Seat 9- South Carolina Court of Appeals Election to Fill Seat 9 (Court of Appeals). Preferred Vote: Judges Lockemy or Hayes; 7.68% of Score
- 26) Motion to Reconsider the Vote to Sustain Governor's Veto- Commerce Restrictions in Franchise Laws (H3084). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill---2.84% of Score
- 27) Motion to Table Amendment 1- Administrative Law Court Provisions (H4328). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---2.23% of Score
- 28) Vote to Override the Governor's Veto- Commerce Restrictions in Franchise Laws (H3084). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill---1.71% of Score
- 29) Veto Override- The Energy Freedom and Rural Development Act (H3649). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill---1.27% of Score
- 30) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Procurement Code (S401). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill---1.67% of Score
- 31) Motion to Table Motion to Adjourn Debate- Extension of the Service of Process (S490). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill---2.28% of Score
- 32) Second Reading- Extension of the Service of Process (S490). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill---1.96% of Score

- 33) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Administrative Law Court Provisions (H4328). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill--1.43% of Score
- 34) Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments- Illegal Immigration (H4400). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Positive Bill--3.80% of Score
- 35) Second Reading- Lease-Option Property Assessments (S1313). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill--0.79% of Score
- 36) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Fire Sprinkler Tap Fees and Installation Tax Credits (H4470). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill--3.77% of Score
- 37) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Redevelopment Projects and Affordable Housing (H4743). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill--0.91% of Score
- 38) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Property Tax Millage on Property Near Military Installations (H3812). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill--1.03% of Score
- 39) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Real Estate Professionals Permitting Fees (H4554). Preferred Vote: Yea; Business Positive Bill--1.38% of Score
- 40) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Ethanol Splash Blend (S1143). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill--5.15% of Score
- 8) Veto Override- The Energy Freedom and Rural Development Act (H3649). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill--3.19% of Score
- 9) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Fire Sprinkler Tap Fees and Installation Tax Credits (H4470). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill--8.75% of Score
- 10) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Redevelopment Projects and Affordable Housing (H4743). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill--2.80% of Score
- 11) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Property Tax Millage on Property Near Military Installations (H3812). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill--3.18% of Score
- 12) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Fire Sprinkler Tap Fees and Installation Tax Credits (H4554). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill--4.23% of Score
- 13) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Ethanol Splash Blend (S1143). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill--10.24% of Score

**2008 Session Senate Roll Call Votes Used in BIPEC
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- 1) Motion to Table Senate Amendment 1- The South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act (H3032). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Negative Bill--9.45% of Score
- 2) Motion to Concur with House Amendments- The South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act (H3032). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill--12.41% of Score
- 3) Second Reading- State Spending Caps (S718). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive Bill--12.66% of Score
- 4) Court of Appeals Seat 3- South Carolina Court of Appeals Election to Fill Seat 3 (Court of Appeals). Preferred Vote: Geathers; 12.76% of Score
- 5) Court of Appeals Seat 9- South Carolina Court of Appeals Election to Fill Seat 9 (Court of Appeals). Preferred Vote: Judges Lockemy or Hayes; 12.82% of Score
- 6) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- The Procurement Code (S401). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill--4.31% of Score
- 7) Vote to Override Governor's Veto- Bankruptcy Proceedings (H. 3816). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative Bill--3.19% of Score

