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2008 LEGISLATIVE VOTE ANALYSIS



2008 Session Grade: Incomplete

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It is particularly difficult to assign a grade to the 2008 legislative session. Why? Because many noteworthy accomplishments were overshadowed by a few misguided measures and an overall lack of legislation to help move our state forward economically. For that reason, an incomplete might be the most accurate mark.

The property tax legislation that passed included important school finance reforms and local government spending controls. Unfortunately, it also provided homeowner property tax relief in a manner that leaves businesses vulnerable to future property tax increases. The constitutionality of several provisions will certainly be questioned, with the potential long-term property tax shift to business harming the state's effort to attract more high-skill, high-wage jobs.

Although the number of township assessors was dramatically reduced, the move to a countywide system of accountability was not completed and other recommendations of the Indiana Commission on Local Government Reform received little consideration. That must change going forward.

The business community and the state did come out on top with the defeat of mandates and bills that would have significantly raised the already high costs of health care insurance. Putting the brakes on costly employment law proposals - including an immigration bill that would have unfairly penalized companies and their innocent employees instead of the individuals responsible for hiring an illegal worker - were also key victories.

However, because of the tunnel vision on property tax reform and time wasted on bad anti-jobs bills, there was simply no pro-economy legislation enacted that builds on our past successes and helps Indiana maintain a competitive advantage over its Midwest neighbors. That must be a top

priority next session.

Many legislators do deserve our recognition and appreciation for their sincere efforts to make Indiana a better place to work and live. Was your legislator part of the solution or part of the problem? The answers are in this publication.

Legislative Vote Analysis is the most complete and definitive publication of a legislator's voting record on business issues. The following pages describe the bills most important to the business community from the 2008 General Assembly, the Chamber's position on each bill and a table displaying how each legislator voted on these bills. You will notice that, overall, the 2008 vote scores are down considerably from the prior year due to the many anti-business bills that the Chamber was required to defeat.

Please take a few minutes to review the voting records of the legislators representing you at the Statehouse. There are two vote scores listed for each legislator. The first vote score represents the 2008 pro-business voting percentage, while the second represents a two-year aggregate voting percentage.

Legislators who have a vote score of 70% or greater are deemed supportive of the business agenda by the Indiana Chamber's political action committee, Indiana Business for Responsive Government (IBRG). If you are unsure who your state representative or state senator is, an index of all state legislators, by county, can be found in the back of this publication, or you can go to the "Grassroots" section of the Chamber's web site at www.indianachamber.com/grassroots and enter your ZIP code to find your legislator.

Thanks to a large number of local chambers of commerce, tens of thousands of businesspersons and the media, the *Legislative Vote Analysis* is the Indiana Chamber's most widely disseminated publication. Please pass it along so other businesspeople can be better informed. For additional copies, please call (317) 264-6888.

Developing the Business Agenda

The Indiana Chamber provides more information on important business issues to legislators and businesspersons than any other organization in the state. In preparation for the legislative session, the Chamber's numerous policy committees study the various public policy issues and formulate positions on those issues impacting businesses.

Following review and adoption by the Chamber's board of directors, a publication titled *Legislative Business Issues* is sent to all legislators, Indiana Chamber members, local chambers of commerce and coalition members. This publication outlines the Chamber's position on critical public policy issues and provides invaluable analysis.

During the legislative session, lawmakers are kept advised of key business issues, through various editions of the *Legislative Agenda* report and other communications, that detail the Chamber's position on every bill that has a business impact. There were 137 such bills as the short session began.

The 2008 *Legislative Vote Analysis* then measures the voting performance of individual legislators on bills that best reflect the Chamber's policy positions.

Indiana General Assembly

2008 and Aggregate Voting Percentages

Quick Reference Guide

Indiana Senate	Pro-Bus. 2008 %	Pro-Bus. Agg %*	Indiana House	Pro-Bus. 2008 %	Pro-Bus. Agg %*	Indiana House	Pro-Bus. 2008 %	Pro-Bus. Agg %*
Alting	71	82	Austin	38	38	Knollman	67	77
Arnold	52	64	Avery	48	43	Koch	67	72
Becker	52	69	Bardon	50	43	Lawson, Linda	50	43
Boots	76	82	Bartlett	45	45	Lehe	62	77
Bray	75	84	Battles	35	35	Leonard	76	85
Breaux	58	64	Bauer **	0	10	Lutz, Jack	76	83
Broden	76	70	Behning	81	88	Mays	40	39
Charbonneau	76	76	Bell	95	95	McClain	71	81
Deig	56	60	Bischoff	29	32	Micon	35	37
Delph	71	79	Blanton	24	24	Moses	24	32
Dillon	88	89	Borders	57	70	Murphy	86	80
Drozda	70	79	Borror	95	96	Neese	65	74
Errington	72	73	Bosma	75	85	Niezdowski	29	32
Gard	76	80	Brown, Charlie	38	36	Noe	76	83
Hershman	76	82	Brown, Tim	86	89	Orentlicher	38	39
Howard	0	78	Buck	86	87	Oxley	25	30
Hume	56	62	Buell	71	79	Pelath	32	36
Jackman	61	79	Burton	79	87	Pflum	33	36
Kenley	68	73	Cheatham	33	34	Pierce	43	40
Kruse	63	77	Cherry	85	87	Pond	71	82
Lanane	52	62	Cochran	29	34	Porter	38	36
Landske	68	80	Crawford	38	37	Reardon	38	39
Lawson, Connie	80	84	Crooks	38	38	Reske	24	33
Lewis	50	57	Crouch	68	78	Richardson	86	91
Long	80	84	Davis	71	80	Ripley	86	89
Lubbers	75	82	Day	38	39	Robertson	33	34
Meeks	74	72	Demobowki	33	36	Ruppel	64	78
Merritt, Jr.	80	84	Dermody	62	72	Saunders	71	81
Miller	68	76	Dobis	43	40	Simms	29	29
Mishler	64	78	Dodge	80	83	Smith, Milo	76	85
Mrvan	60	64	Duncan	65	76	Smith, Vernon	33	36
Nugent	59	73	Dvorak	24	32	Soliday	62	68
Paul	64	73	Eberhart	85	91	Stemler	29	33
Riegsecker	88	87	Elrod	75	85	Steuerwald	81	81
Rogers	52	64	Espich	85	86	Stevenson	33	36
Simpson	72	66	Foley	86	89	Stilwell	29	32
Sipes	52	61	Friend	90	91	Stutzman	84	89
Skinner	36	49	Frizzell	76	85	Summers	38	36
Smith, Samuel	56	64	Fry	42	34	Thomas	73	84
Steele	72	84	GiaQuinta	29	34	Thompson	86	83
Tallian	60	64	Goodin	24	30	Tincher	29	32
Walker	76	76	Grubb	30	35	Torr	90	94
Waltz	75	77	Gutwein	95	94	Turner	79	82
Waterman	55	68	Harris, Earl	33	36	Tyler	29	34
Weatherwax	80	87	Harris, Tim	76	85	Ulmer	62	67
Wyss	88	87	Herrell	29	32	VanDenburgh	29	29
Young, Michael	72	82	Hinkle	86	85	Van Haaften	38	36
Young, Richard	52	62	Hoy	48	43	Walorski	62	72
Zakas	71	77	Kersey	29	34	Welch	43	40
			Klinker	43	40	Wolkins	80	80

* Indiana Business for Responsive Government uses a two-year (or most recent) aggregate vote percentage in evaluating members

** Speaker of the House; as a general rule, the Speaker does not cast votes on all legislation

*** The voting record of the late Sen. Ford was not considered

Voting Records Legend

Roll Calls Used for House Votes

Bill #	Description	Roll Call Used	Roll Call #	Chamber Position	Author	Sponsor
1001	State and Local Finance	Second Reading, Amend #72	19	Oppose	Niezdowski	n/a
1001	State and Local Finance	Second Reading, Amend #68	22	Support	Leonard	n/a
1034	Age Discrimination	Third Reading	97	Oppose	Smith	Kruse
1047	Local Time Zone Public Question	Second Reading, Amend #1	60	Support	Leonard	n/a
1047	Local Time Zone Public Question	Third Reading	98	Oppose	Dembowski	Broden
1055	Assignment of Benefits	Third Reading	131	Oppose	Dvorak	Gard
1090	Climate Registry	Third Reading	130	Oppose	Dvorak	Gard
1204	Public Safety	Conf Comm Report	344	Support	Crooks	Kruse
1219	Unemployment Insurance	Third Reading	111	Oppose	Tyler	Kruse
1269	Employee Classification	Third Reading	107	Oppose	Niezdowski	Dillon
1280	Energy Efficient Buildings	Third Reading	147	Oppose	Pierce	Hershman
22	Teacher Licensing	Third Reading	237	Support	Lubbers	Porter
43	State Administration and Environmental Matters	Conf Comm Report	349	Support	Gard	Dvorak
45	Great Lakes Compact	Third Reading	173	Support	Gard	Pelath
111	Graduation Rate Formula	Third Reading	242	Support	Long/Lubbers	Porter
143	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention	Third Reading	277	Oppose	Gard Brown, Charlie	
223	Coal Gasification and Substitute Natural Gas	Third Reading	252	Support	Hershman	Stilwell
345	Labor and Safety	Third Reading	270	Oppose	Weatherwax/ Jackman	Niezdowski
SJR 1	Circuit Breakers and Other Property Tax Matters	Third Reading	272	Oppose	Kenley	Crawford
SJR 1	Circuit Breakers and Other Property Tax Matters	Conf Comm Report	332	Oppose	Kenley	Crawford

Roll Calls Used for Senate Votes

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1001	State and Local Finance	Second Reading, Amend #17	239	Support	Lubbers	n/a
1001	State and Local Finance	Second Reading, Amend #19	242	Oppose	Landske	n/a
1219	Unemployment Insurance	Third Reading	272	Oppose	Tyler	Kruse
1246	Education Matters	Conf Comm Report	361	Support	Austin	Lubbers
1280	Energy Efficient Buildings	Third Reading	279	Support	Pierce	Hershman
1	Limits on School and Child Welfare Levies	Third Reading	25	Support	Lubbers	Crawford
2	School Board Elections at General Election Time	Third Reading	55	Support	Becker/Lubbers/ Merritt, Jr.	Welch
13	Standardized Public School Building Plans	Third Reading	94	Support	Hershman	Welch
16	Property Tax Assessing Duties	Third Reading	95	Support	Lawson	Welch
18	Limitations on Debt	Third Reading	27	Support	Dillon	Crawford
22	Teacher Licensing	Concurrence	312	Support	Lubbers	Porter
43	State Administration and Environmental Matters	Conf Comm Report	365	Support	Gard	Dvorak
45	Great Lakes Compact	Third Reading	13	Support	Gard	Pelath
111	Graduation Rate Formula	Concurrence	292	Support	Long/Lubbers	Porter
111	Graduation Rate Formula	Second Reading, Amend #2	49	Oppose	Sipes	n/a
166	Mandated Benefits Task Force	Third Reading	123	Support	Miller	C. Brown
223	Coal Gasification and Substitute Natural Gas	Third Reading	78	Support	Hershman	Stilwell
248	Scholarship Granting Organization Tax Credit	Third Reading	144	Support	Drozda	Porter
312	County Executives and County Councils	Third Reading	159	Support	Boots	Moses
331	Health Coverage for Dependents	Third Reading	166	Support	Mishler	Fry
335	Illegal Alien Matters	Third Reading	168	Oppose	Boots/ Delph/Kruse	Tincher
335	Illegal Alien Matters	Second Reading, Amend #3	54	Support	Dillon	n/a
359	Enhanced 911 Systems	Third Reading	177	Support	Hershman	Battles
SJR 1	Circuit Breakers and Other Property Tax Matters	Third Reading	88	Oppose	Kenley	Crawford
SJR 1	Circuit Breakers and Other Property Tax Matters	Conf Comm Report	354	Oppose	Kenley	Crawford

2008 House Votes

Bills Used for Vote Analysis

HB 1001 (Second Reading Amendment #72) State and Local Finance/Exempts Education Facilities From Voter Referenda

Proposed amendment exempts educational facilities, such as classrooms, from approval by voter referenda. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: This amendment suggests incorrectly that excessive spending on school facilities has been limited to sports and other non-academic projects. We expect voters to be much more receptive to construction projects that are limited to or focused on academic facilities, but all projects deserve voter scrutiny to assure that the need is real and the scope is reasonable. **Amendment Prevailed.**

HB 1001 (Second Reading Amendment #68) State and Local Finance/Creates Standardized School Construction Plans

Proposed amendment requires schools to select from a range of standard construction plans developed by the Indiana Department of Education for school construction, renovation or expansion. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: Standardized building plans could help save money on design costs and assist in establishing more reasonable, lower-cost standards for school construction. **Amendment Prevailed.**

HB 1034 Age Discrimination

Transfers jurisdiction over age discrimination proceedings from the commissioner of labor to the civil rights commission. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: Subjects approximately 50,000 Indiana employers to liability for age discrimination that are not currently subject to such penalties. The federal age discrimination law is only applicable to employers with 20 or more employees, whereas this bill would subject Indiana employers who have six or more employees. **Died.**

Indiana Chamber Mission

The mission of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce is to work proactively on behalf of its members and constituents.

The Chamber recognizes that this can best be achieved by providing a world-competitive business climate throughout the state in order to maximize opportunity for meaningful employment of all Indiana citizens.

The Chamber does this by advancing thoughtful legislation and public policy, and serving as the convenient source of reliable business information for our members and constituents.

HB 1047 (Second Reading Amendment #1) Right to Work

Proposed amendment to strike the original contents of the bill – concerning daylight saving time and county-by-county time zone referenda – and substitute right-to-work language. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: Making Indiana a right-to-work state is imperative in order to distinguish itself from neighboring states and become a national leader in economic development. Between 2001 and 2006, states with right-to-work laws saw a growth in manufacturing that was three times higher than states without right-to-work laws. **Amendment Failed.**

HB 1047 (Third Reading) Local Time Zone Public Question

Authorizes a local public question on the ballot in a county located on the boundary between the Central Time Zone and the Eastern Time Zone asking the voters of the county whether the county executive should petition the United States Department of Transportation to initiate proceedings to change the time zone in which the county is located. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: This bill would create chaos and reopen the daylight saving time debate, which is a settled matter with many economic benefits. **Died.**

HB 1055 Assignment of Benefits

Specifies requirements concerning health benefit payments under an assignment of benefits. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: Requires insurers to pay/reimburse out-of-network health care providers that opt not to enter into a reimbursement agreement with that health insurer. Given that legislation has the effect of extending contractual rights to a health care provider that has chosen not to enter into a reimbursement agreement with an insurer, health care providers will have little or no incentive to sign insurer reimbursement contracts, thereby severely impeding insurers' ability to create a health care provider network and negotiate the best reimbursement rates. Compromising insurers' ability to utilize a health care provider network will result in increased benefit costs for employers and their employees. **Died.**

HB 1090 Climate Registry

Requires the state of Indiana to become a member of and participate in the climate registry concerning greenhouse gas emissions reporting and reduction. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: If there is a climate registry, it should be promoted at the federal level to have a consistent data gathering effort and reliable data. Any program developed by a state will likely be superseded by the federal program that is expected in the next 18 months. **Died.**

HB 1204 Public Safety

Provides that after December 31, 2014, a county may not contain more than two 911 public service answering points. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: Indiana has an

antiquated 911 system and this bill helps create a more effective and efficient emergency communication system. **Signed by Governor.**

HB 1219

Unemployment Insurance

Excludes from remuneration of services, for the purpose of determining income that is deductible from unemployment insurance benefits, compensation paid under a valid negotiated contract or agreement in connection with a layoff or plant closure, without regard to how the compensation is characterized by the contract or agreement. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: Any amount that an employee receives as part of a severance package or similar payment should be included when calculating deductible income. Ultimately, this language on deductibility was modified in conference committee. **Signed by Governor.**

HB 1269

Employee Classification

Provides for investigations of employment relationship between an individual and a contractor by the Department of Labor and for various civil penalties. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: There are already state and federal laws and regulations defining and providing guidelines for who is an employee and who is an independent contractor. **Died.**

HB 1280

Energy Efficient Buildings

Requires a building or structure constructed, reconstructed, repaired, altered or retrofitted to be designed with the goal of achieving the silver rating under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, the Green Globes two-globes level or an equivalent standard accredited by the American National Standards Institute. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: The Indiana Chamber's energy policy promotes energy conservation as an element of a sound energy strategy through incentives not mandates. If government buildings are forced to impose an energy standard on a facility that may be inappropriate or costly, business will pay for that cost in taxes. Also, this bill adopts standards that may change in the future, leaving little or no flexibility in doing what is smart for Indiana going forward. **Signed by Governor.**

SB 22

Teacher Licensing for Adults With Advanced Degrees

Requires the Department of Education to grant a teaching license for a specific subject area in middle school or high school to an applicant who has earned a postgraduate degree in the subject they plan to teach and has experience teaching students in a middle school, high school or college setting. Allows an individual licensed through the process to be hired to teach in high school or in middle school in a shortage area designated by the state board of education. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: The limited flexibility of this new law will help schools find and hire subject-area experts to teach in high-need subject areas such as math and science. **Signed by Governor.**

SB 43

State Administration and Environmental Matters

Contains more than 15 individual provisions including noticing of rules that are being sunsetted, plus stormwater billing provisions, allowances for distribution of landfill tipping fees, mediators with the Office of Environmental Adjudication, laboratory shifts, mercury switches, use of funds for tank inspections, electronic submission of data and permits, and landfill bonding. Also incorporates SB 199's language on enforcement of environmental crimes. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: Creates efficiencies with government and minimizes some burdensome and unnecessary statutory requirements. Additionally, the inclusion of the environmental crimes bill satisfies the Environmental Protection Agency's stated concern with Indiana's enforcement capacity and ability to be able to administer the environmental permits program. **Signed by Governor.**

SB 45

Great Lakes Compact

Implements the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: The Indiana Chamber has been a supporter of the Great Lakes Compact that will restrict the diversion of the waters from the basin. Nearly 20% of the world's fresh water is contained in the Great Lakes, and we must do what we can to preserve and protect this valuable resource that is critical to many Indiana businesses, industries and residents. **Signed by Governor.**

SB 111

Graduation Rate Formula

Corrects drafting errors in the 2007 graduation rate law, which established a cohort-based graduation calculation, new standards for data reporting and secondary calculations for five-year and six-year-plus graduation rates. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: This bill completes a long-sought overhaul of Indiana's flawed graduation rate calculations and brings Indiana into compliance with new reporting standards established by the National Governors Association. **Signed by Governor.**

SB 143

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

Specifies certain requirements for various entities related to childhood lead poisoning prevention. Amended in the House to include provisions to allow recovery from not only manufacturers of hazardous substances in various products but also importers and wholesalers from damages suffered because of such hazardous substances. Provided for strict liability and for joint and several liability. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: Provisions subject people to liability even if they had no knowledge that the product contained a hazardous substance, plus if a lawsuit is filed against more than one person and a person is found to be responsible for 1% of the injury, that person could have to pay 100% of the damages under joint and several liability. Ultimately, this liability language was removed in conference committee. **Signed by Governor.**

SB 223

Coal Gasification and Substitute Natural Gas

Provides that a taxpayer awarded a coal gasification technology investment tax credit may agree to use less than 100% Indiana coal in the qualifying coal gasification project and qualify for the credit if the taxpayer: 1) wishes to assign the tax credit; and 2) certifies to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation that partial use of other coal is necessary to result in lower rates for Indiana retail utility customers. Changes the definition of "substitute natural gas" to include gas: 1) produced by a facility outside Indiana; and 2) converted from coal from a location other than the Illinois basin. Changes the definition of a "customer choice program" to include customers located in the service area of an electric utility. Provides that when substitute natural gas (SNG) purchase obligations are proportionally assigned due to a customer choice program, the assignee must meet the assignment requirements in the previously approved contract for purchase of the SNG. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: The Indiana Chamber continues to maintain its concern over our state's dwindling electric power reserves. A long-standing draw for Indiana has been its adequate, reliable and affordable supply of electricity. To maintain that advantage, the Chamber supports a diversified fuel mix including clean coal technologies, natural gas, nuclear and renewables. SB 223 promotes that diversified fuel mix and the supply of affordable energy options. **Signed by Governor.**

SB 345

Labor and Safety

Deals with the collection of unpaid employer assessments to the state's unemployment system. Amended to also prohibit employers from knowingly employing an unauthorized alien, after June 30, 2009, with the Indiana Department of Labor authorized to initiate administrative proceedings against such an employer. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: Provision in this bill placed the responsibility of ensuring that people can lawfully work in this country on employers rather than the proper governmental entities charged with immigration matters, plus the penalty provisions are too drastic. **Died.**

SJR 1 (Third Reading)

Circuit Breakers and Other Property Tax Matters

Proposed an amendment to the Indiana Constitution requiring the General Assembly to establish the 1-2-3% circuit-breaker property tax caps. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: The 1-2-3% circuit-breaker property tax caps create an unequal and unfair system of property taxation that differentiates the tax based on property use and classification, destroying the protection provided by the current constitutional provisions that assure uniform and equal taxation of all classes of property. **Signed by Governor.**

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2008 Senate Votes

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HB 1001 (Second Reading Amendment #17) State and Local Finance/ Elimination of All Township Assessors

Proposed amendment eliminates all township assessors in the 42 townships (with parcel counts in excess of 15,000). It would have made the county assessor the central point of accountability for local assessing. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: Would have brought greater uniformity to the property tax assessing system. **Amendment Failed.**

HB 1001 (Second Reading Amendment #19) State and Local Finance/Referendum on Township Assessors

Proposed amendment allows township by township voter referendum to keep or eliminate township assessor. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: Will make Indiana's assessing system a patchwork quilt and even more dysfunctional. A township by township referendum for all township assessing officials would have been a popularity contest for the assessor rather than focusing on needed structural changes to improve the property tax assessment system for the future. **Amendment Prevailed.**

HB 1219

Unemployment Insurance

Excludes from remuneration of services, for the purpose of determining income that is deductible from unemployment insurance benefits, compensation paid under a valid negotiated contract or agreement in connection with a layoff or plant closure, without regard to how the compensation is characterized by the contract or agreement. Also provided money for Vincennes University and Ivy Tech Community College for workforce training. Amended in the Senate to include immigration language originally contained in SB 335 that prohibits an employer from knowingly hiring an unauthorized alien after September 30, 2009. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: Any amounts that an employee receives as part of a severance package or similar payment should be included when calculating deductible income. Immigration language would place the responsibility of ensuring that people can lawfully work in this country on employers rather than the proper governmental entities charged with immigration matters. Also, the penalty provisions of the bill are totally out of line with the violations. Ultimately, immigration provision was removed and language on deductibility of payments was modified in conference committee. **Signed by Governor.**

HB 1246

Education Matters

Establishes the concurrent enrollment partnership to coordinate dual credit programs among Indiana high schools and state educational institutions. Changes the name of the student career plan to the student graduation plan. Creates an interim study committee on K-12 virtual learning. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: This new law addresses three issues that are important to the Indiana Chamber: 1) It creates a forum where schools and higher education institutions will work together to expand and coordinate the state's growing use of dual credit coursework opportunities; 2) It eliminates the false moniker of "career plan" for students are working towards a high school diploma; and 3) It creates a forum for legislators and other policy makers to learn more about the opportunities available through virtual learning. **Signed by Governor.**

HB 1280

Energy Efficient Buildings

Requires the Environmental Quality Service Council to study if public buildings should be built to energy efficient standards. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: The Indiana Chamber's energy policy promotes energy conservation as an element of a sound energy strategy through incentives not mandates. If government buildings are forced to impose an energy standard (on a facility) that may be inappropriate or costly, business will pay for that cost in taxes. The Chamber is not opposed to studying this issue. **Signed by Governor.**

SB 1

Limits on School and Child Welfare Levies

Terminates school tuition support and various child welfare levies. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: Termination of these local levies, and ultimate state assumption of the funding obligations, serves to reduce local property tax burdens and better align the funding source with the regulatory entity. **Died.**

SB 2

School Board Elections at General Election Time

Requires that school board members selected by election must be elected at general election times. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: Local school boards can be the most important tax setting entity in a county; therefore, individuals elected to serve on school boards should be selected at the election with the highest voter participation. Unlike any other elected office in the state, school boards currently determine their own times for election - during either the primary or general election. Despite having the option to take a ballot without declaring for one of the major political parties at a primary election, most registered voters (81% in 2006) choose not to vote at the primary. Many do so because they do not want to declare their party affiliation. Holding school board elections during the general election time would help assure much higher participation in these important elections. **Died.**

SB 13

Standardized Public School Building Plans

Requires schools to select from a range of standard construction plans developed by the Indiana Department of Education

for school construction, renovation or expansion. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: The creation of school construction standards would help inform local taxpayers about the relative costs of their local school construction projects. If combined with a referendum, these new standards provide voters with a set of benchmarks against which to judge the projects that they are approving. **Died.**

SB 16

Property Tax Assessing Duties

Transfers the property tax assessment duties of elected township assessors and township trustees to the county assessor on July 1, 2008. Eliminates the office of elected township assessor. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: Indiana's tax assessing system needs to drastically change to ensure uniform and equal assessments. The best structure for that is to have the assessing centralized in each county, with a total of 92 county assessors, and eliminating all assessing at the township level. Reducing the number of assessors (and reducing the variance that comes from different people with varying degrees of competency) and improving quality and accountability of the county assessors will go a long way to reach fair and consistent property assessments for taxpayers. **Died.**

SB 18

Limitations on Debt (Referenda on School Construction Projects)

Among other tax control issues, requires lease rentals or bond issues for local capital projects to be approved through a local referendum, if requested by a petition of voters. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: School construction debt represents one-third of property tax bills and is the fastest growing component of property tax obligations. The existing petition/remonstrance process requires taxpayers who are affected by these tax obligations to seek out a petition holder in order to voice their opinion on the debt that will impact them. Moving to a referenda process will help assure that taxpayers have a uniform, equal and accessible voice in bonding decisions, as well as force those proposing these debts to be more thorough in their justifications for the debt. **Died.**

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SB 111 (Second Reading Amendment #2)

Technical Corrections to Graduation Rate Formula/Special Education Exemption

Proposed amendment exempts special education students from any calculation of high school graduation rates. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: Amendment assumed incorrectly that the 18% of Indiana students identified with special needs have absolutely no chance of graduating from high school. State officials estimate that only 1-2% of Hoosier students have cognitive disabilities, while the remaining students identified with special needs face behavioral or physical challenges. All of these students, however, should be striving to complete a high school degree; removing them from this goal would make it far too easy for schools to lower expectations for these students. This runs contrary to the needs of these students and to the requests of parents and other advocates for special education students who want high expectations maintained. **Amendment Failed.**

SB 166

Mandated Benefits Task Force

Amends the duties of the mandated benefit task force. Specifies that the insurance commissioner may require compliance with requests for information from the task force. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: Will help the task force gather information on the social, medical and financial impacts of mandated benefit laws and legislation so that it may better serve as an advisory body to the members of the General Assembly. **Died.**

SB 223

Coal Gasification and Substitute Natural Gas

Provides that a taxpayer awarded a coal gasification technology investment tax credit may agree to use less than 100% Indiana coal in the qualifying coal gasification project and qualify for the credit if the taxpayer: 1) wishes to assign the tax credit; and 2) certifies to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation that partial use of other coal is necessary to result in lower rates for Indiana retail utility customers. Changes the definition of "substitute natural gas" to include gas: 1) produced by a facility outside Indiana; and 2) converted from coal from a location other than the Illinois basin. Changes the definition of a "customer choice program" to include customers located in the service area of an electric utility. Provides that when substitute natural gas (SNG) purchase obligations are proportionally assigned due to a customer choice program, the assignee must meet the assignment requirements in the previously approved contract for purchase of the SNG. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: The Indiana Chamber

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Vote Selection Criteria

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce has a well-established criteria for selecting votes to be included in the annual *Legislative Vote Analysis*. Bills included meet the following four criteria:

1. Votes on all subject matter used in the *Legislative Vote Analysis* are based on and best reflect the Indiana Chamber's legislative policy as determined by the Chamber's board of directors and expressed in *Legislative Business Issues*, *Legislative Agenda* or other Chamber communications.
2. Each member of the Indiana General Assembly is informed of all bills the Indiana Chamber is following, including the Chamber's position on each bill, the reason for the position and the name and telephone number of the specific Chamber lobbyist to contact for more information.
3. Each member of the Indiana General Assembly is informed of the Indiana Chamber's position on the issue and bill prior to the vote. This notification was provided in two editions of the *Legislative Agenda* report and other written bill analysis and positions.
4. Only floor votes for which there is a public record are used.

House Voting Record

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Avery	48	43	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Bardon	50	43	-	+	-	NV	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Bartlett **	45	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	-	+
Battles	35	35	NV	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
Bauer *★	0	10	-	-	NV	-	NV	-	NV	NV	-	-	NV	NV	NV	NV	-	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
Behning	81	88	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Bell	95	95	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Bischoff	29	32	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
Blanton **	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
Borders	57	70	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
Borror ★	95	96	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Bosma	75	85	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Brown, Charlie	38	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-
Brown, Tim	86	89	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-
Buck	86	87	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-
Buell	71	79	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Burton	79	87	E	E	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Cheatham	33	34	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
Cherry	85	87	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Cochran	29	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
Crawford	38	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-
Crooks	38	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+
Crouch	68	78	E	+	-	NV	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Davis	71	80	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Day	38	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-
Demobowki	33	36	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
Dermody	62	72	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Dobis	43	40	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-
Dodge	80	83	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	-
Duncan	65	76	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	-	-	-
Dvorak	24	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+
Eberhart	85	91	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Elrod	75	85	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Espich	85	86	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
Foley	86	89	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Friend	90	91	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Frizzell	76	85	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
Fry	42	34	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	NV	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
GiaQuinta	29	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
Goodin	24	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
Grubb ★	30	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NV	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
Gutwein	95	94	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Harris, Earl	33	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-
Harris, Tim	76	85	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Herrell	29	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
Hinkle	86	85	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Hoy	48	43	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Kersey	29	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+
Klinker	43	40	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-

* Speaker of the House ** Legislators with a voting history of less than two years + SB 345 is factored in twice to reflect the importance of this vote
 ★ Legislators who demonstrated conspicuous leadership on specific business issues of critical importance and deserve special recognition

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Koch	67	72	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	
Lawson, Linda	50	43	E	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+		
Lehe	62	77	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	
Leonard ☆	76	85	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	
Lutz	76	83	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	
Mays	40	39	-	NV	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	
McClain	71	81	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	
Micon	35	37	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	NV	+	+	-	-	
Moses	24	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Murphy ☆	86	80	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	
Neese	65	74	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	NV	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	
Niezgodski	29	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	
Noe	76	83	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	
Orentlicher	38	39	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	
Oxley	25	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NV	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	
Pelath	32	36	-	-	-	-	NV	-	-	NV	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	
Pflum	33	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	
Pierce	43	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	
Pond	71	82	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	
Porter	38	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	
Reardon	38	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	
Reske	24	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	
Richardson	86	91	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	
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Robertson	33	34	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	
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Saunders	71	81	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Simms **	29	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	
Smith, Milo	76	85	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	
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Summers	38	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	
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Torr	90	94	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	
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Tyler	29	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	
Ulmer	62	67	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	
VanDenburgh **	29	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	
Van Haften	38	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	
Walorski	62	72	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	
Welch	43	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	
Wolkins	80	80	+	NV	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	

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Arnold	52	64	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+		
Becker	52	69	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Boots ☆	76	82	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-		
Bray	75	84	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-		
Breaux	58	64	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	E	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-		
Broden ☆	76	70	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+		
Charbonneau **	76	76	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-		
Deig	56	60	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+		
Delph	71	79	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-		
Dillon	88	89	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-		
Drozda	70	79	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-		
Errington	72	73	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	
Gard ☆	76	80	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-		
Hershman	76	82	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-		
Howard	0	78	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E		
Hume	56	62	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+		
Jackman	61	79	E	E	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-		
Kenley	68	73	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-		
Kruse ☆	63	77	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-		
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Lawson, Connie ☆	80	84	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	
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Merritt, Jr.	80	84	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	
Miller	68	76	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	
Mishler	64	78	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-		
Mrvan	60	64	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-		
Nugent	59	73	+	-	-	E	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	E	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	E		
Paul	64	73	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-		
Riegsecker	88	87	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	
Rogers	52	64	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-		
Simpson	72	66	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Sipes	52	61	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-		
Skinner	36	49	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+		
Smith, Samuel	56	64	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-		
Steele	72	84	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	
Tallian	60	64	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Walker	76	76	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-
Waltz	75	77	-	NV	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	
Waterman	55	68	-	-	-	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	-	-	-	E	+	-	-		
Weatherwax	80	87	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-
Wyss	88	87	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	
Young, Michael	72	82	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-
Young, Richard	52	62	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	
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** Legislators with a voting history of less than two years

☆ Legislators who demonstrated conspicuous leadership on specific business issues of critical importance and deserve special recognition

Committee Action Report

Critical decisions on the future of business legislation happen in committees; therefore legislators serving on these committees play a crucial role in the legislative process. The following report provides an objective analysis of how individual legislators are voting on key business issues in committees.

For the below bills scored in committee, the first number represents total pro-business votes and the second number represents the total votes cast.

Pro-Business House: 2008 Votes	Pro-Business House: 2008 Votes	Pro-Business Senate: 2008 Votes	
Avery	1/1	Boots	2/2
Battles	0/1	Broden	2/3
Borrer	0/1	Deig	0/2
Buell	0/1	Delph	2/2
Cherry	0/1	Dillon	2/3
Cochran	0/1	Hershman	0/1
Crawford	0/1	Kenley	0/1
Davis	0/1	Lanane	0/2
Day	0/1	Landske	0/3
Dvorak	0/3	Lawson, C	2/2
Eberhart	2/3	Meeks	0/1
Espich	0/1	Mrvan	0/1
Goodin	0/1	Sipes	0/1
Herrell	0/1	Skinner	0/1
Hoy	0/3	Smith, S	0/1
Klinker	0/1	Weatherwax	0/1
Lawson, L	0/3	Wyss	1/1
		Young, M	0/1

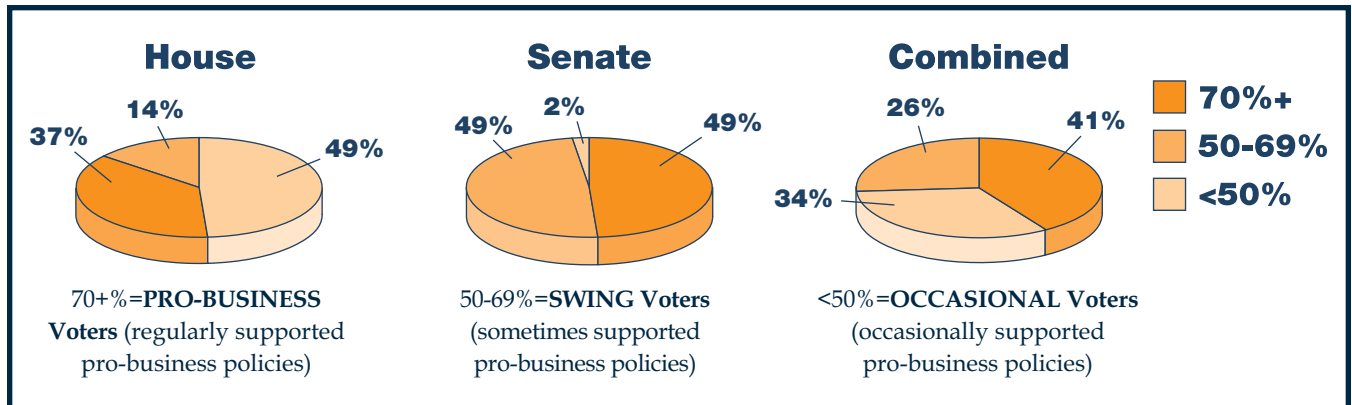
Note: Legislators who did not serve on a committee with any votes pertaining to business issues are not included in this list.

Senate Committee Votes	Chamber Position
SB 16 Property Tax Assessing Duties	Support
SB 312 County Executives and County Councils	Support
SJR 1 Circuit Breakers and Other Property Tax Matters	Oppose

House Committee Votes	Chamber Position
HB 1090 Climate Registry	Oppose
HB 1185 Indoor Air Quality	Oppose
HB 1280 Energy Efficient Buildings	Oppose
SJR 1 Circuit Breakers and Other Property Tax Matters	Oppose



The Pro-business Breakdown of the 2008 Indiana General Assembly



Senators and Representatives

by County Alphabetically

Counties	Representatives	Senators	Counties	Representatives	Senators	Counties	Representatives	Senators
Adams	Ripley (79)	Holdman (19)	Dearborn	Bischoff (68)*	Nugent (43)	Hamilton	Austin (36)*	Delph (29)
Allen	Bell (83)	Dillon (17)		Knollman (55)			Bosma (88)	Drozda (21)
	Borrer (84)	Holdman (19)	Decatur	Duncan (67)	Jackman (42)		Buck (38)	Gard (28)
	Espich (82)	Long (16)	DeKalb	Dodge (51)	Kruse (14)		Lutz (35)	Kenley (20)
	GiaQuinta (80)*	Kruse (14)		Pond (85)	Meeks (13)		Noe (87)	Lubbers (30)
	Moses (81)*	Wys (15)		Stutzman (52)			Orentlicher (86)*	
	Pond (85)		Delaware	Davis (33)	Errington (26)*		Richardson (29)	
	Ripley (79)			Lutz (35)			Torr (39)	
Bartholomew	Eberhart (57)	Walker (41)		Tyler (34)*			Turner (32)	
	Koch (65)		Dubois	Crooks (63)*	Hume (48)*	Hancock	Cherry (53)	Gard (28)
	M. Smith (59)			Oxley (73)*	R. Young (47)*		Richardson (29)	
Benton	Lehe (15)	Landske (6)		Stilwell (74)*		Harrison	Oxley (73)*	R. Young (47)*
Blackford	T. Harris (31)	Holdman (19)	Elkhart	Friend (23)	Mishler (9)		Robertson (70)*	
Boone	Buck (38)	Boots (23)		Fry (5)*	Riegsecker (12)	Hendricks	Behning (91)	Boots (23)
	Noe (87)	Drozda (21)		Neese (48)	Zakas (11)		Foley (47)	C. Lawson (24)
	Thompson (28)	Lawson (24)		Ulmer (49)			Steuerwald (40)	
Brown	Koch (65)	Simpson (40)*		Walorski (21)		Henry	Thompson (28)	
	Welch (60)*			Wolkins (18)			Pflum (56)*	Gard (28)
Carroll	McClain (24)	Hershman (7)	Fayette	Knollman (55)	Jackman (42)		Saunders (54)	
Cass	Gutwein (16)	Weatherwax (18)	Floyd	Cochran (72)*	Sipes (46)*	Howard	Buck (38)	Drozda (21)
	McClain (24)			Robertson (70)*			Herrell (30)*	Hershman (7)
Clark	Cochran (72)*	Lewis (45)*	Fountain	Grubb (42)*	Boots (23)		Turner (32)	
	Goodin (66)*	Sipes (46)*	Franklin	Bischoff (68)*	Jackman (42)	Huntington	Leonard (50)	Dillon (17)
	Oxley (73)*			Duncan (67)	Nugent (43)	Jackson	Goodin (66)*	Lewis (45)*
	Robertson (70)*			Knollman (55)			Koch (65)	Steele (44)
	Stemler (71)*		Fulton	Friend (23)	Weatherwax (18)		Oxley (73)*	
Clay	Kersey (43)*	Bray (37)		Gutwein (16)		Jasper	Dermody (20)	Charbonneau (5)
	Thomas (44)	Waterman (39)	Gibson	Avery (75)*	Deig (49)*		Gutwein (16)	Hershman (7)
	Tincher (46)*			Battles (64)*	Hume (48)*		Soliday (4)	
Clinton	Buck (38)	Boots (23)		Van Haafren (76)*		Jay	Davis (33)	Paul (27)
		Hershman (7)	Grant	Espich (82)	Dillon (17)	Jefferson	Cheatham (69)*	Lewis (45)*
Crawford	Oxley (73)*	R. Young (47)*		T. Harris (31)	Holdman (19)	Jennings	Cheatham (69)*	Lewis (45)*
Daviess	Battles (64)*	Hume (48)*	Greene	Turner (32)	Kenley (20)		Goodin (66)*	Nugent (43)
	Borders (45)	Waterman (39)		Borders (45)	Hume (48)*			
	Crooks (63)*			Blanton (62)*	Waterman (39)			
				Welch (60)*				

* Indicates Democrats; all others Republican

Note: Following the completion of session, Sen. Travis Holdman filled the vacancy in Senate District 19.

Counties	Representatives	Senators
Johnson	Burton (58) Foley (47) Frizzell (93) M. Smith (59)	Bray (37) Miller (32) Walker (41) Waltz (36) M. Young (35)
Knox	Battles (64)* Borders (45)	Hume (48)* Waterman (39)
Kosciusko	Friend (23) Ruppel (22) Wolkins (18)	Dillon (17) Meeks (13) Mishler (9) Weatherwax (18)
LaGrange	Stutzman (52) Wolkins (18)	Meeks (13)
Lake	C. Brown (3)* Dobis (13)* Harris (2)* L. Lawson (1)* Lehe (15) Reardon (12)* V. Smith (14)* Soliday (4) Stevenson (11)* VanDenburg (19)*	Landske (6) Mrvan (1)* Rogers (3)* S. Smith (2)* Tallian (4)*
LaPorte	Dembowski (17)* Dermody (20) Pelath (9)*	Arnold (8)* Charbonneau (5)
Lawrence	Blanton (62)* Koch (65)	Steele (44)
Madison	Austin (36)* Lutz (35) Reske (37)*	Errington (26)* Kenley (20) Lanane (25)*
Marion	Bardon (25)* Bartlett (95)* Behning (91) Bosma (88) Buell (89) Crawford (98)* Day (100)* Elrod (97) Frizzell (93) Hinkle (92) Mays (94)* Murphy (90) Noe (87) Orentlicher (86)* Porter (96)* Summers (99)*	Breaux (34)* Delph (29) Howard (33)* Lubbers (30) Merritt (31) Miller (32) Waltz (36) M. Young (35)
Marshall	Dembowski (17)* Friend (23)	Charbonneau (5) Mishler (9) Weatherwax (18)
Martin	Blanton (62)* Crooks (63)*	Hume (48)*
Miami	Friend (23) McClain (24) Turner (32)	Weatherwax (18)
Monroe	Pierce (61)* Tincher (46)* Welch (60)*	Bray (37) Simpson (40)* Steele (44)

Counties	Representatives	Senators
Montgomery	T. Brown (41) Thompson (28)	Boots (23)
Morgan	Behning (91) Foley (47)	Bray (37) M. Young (35)
Newton	Lehe (15) VanDenburg (19)*	Landske (6)
Noble	Bell (83) Stutzman (52)	Meeks (13)
Ohio	Bischoff (68)*	Nugent (43)
Orange	Blanton (62)*	Hume (48)* Steele (44)
Owen	Foley (47) Tincher (46)*	Bray (37) Waterman (39)
Parke	T. Brown (41) Grubb (42)* Thomas (44)	Skinner (38)*
Perry	Oxley (73)* Stilwell (74)*	R. Young (47)*
Pike	Battles (64)* Crooks (63)*	Hume (48)*
Porter	C. Brown (3)* Dermody (20) Simms (10)* Soliday (4) VanDenburg (19)* Van Haafden (76)*	Charbonneau (5) Landske (6) Tallian (4)*
Posey	Van Haafden (76)*	Deig (49)*
Pulaski	Dermody (20) Gutwein (16)	Charbonneau (5) Weatherwax (18)
Putnam	Thomas (44)	Bray (37) C. Lawson (24) Paul (27)
Randolph	Davis (33) Saunders (54)	
Ripley	Bischoff (68)* Cheatham (69)* Duncan (67)	Nugent (43)



Bill Waltz (r), the Chamber's tax and fiscal policy expert, listens to property tax testimony at a House Ways and Means hearing.

Counties	Representatives	Senators
Rush	Cherry (53) Duncan (67)	Jackman (42)
St. Joseph	Bauer (6)* Dvorak (8)* Fry (5)* Neese (48) Niezgodski (7)* Walorski (21)	Arnold (8)* Broden (10)* Charbonneau (5) Mishler (9) Zakas (11)
Scott	Goodin (66)* Oxley (73)*	Lewis (45)*
Shelby	Cherry (53) Eberhart (57)	Jackman (42)
Spencer	Crouch (78) Stilwell (74)*	R. Young (47)*
Starke	Dembowski (17)*	Charbonneau (5)
Steuben	Dodge (51)	Kruse (14) Meeks (13)
Sullivan	Borders (45)	Waterman (39)
Switzerland	Bischoff (68)*	Lewis (45)*
Tippecanoe	T. Brown (41) Klinker (27)* Micon (26)*	Alting (22) Hershman (7)
Tipton	Lutz (35) Turner (32)	Drozda (21) Kenley (20)
Union	Knollman (55)	Nugent (43)
Vanderburgh	Avery (75)* Crouch (78) Hoy (77)* Van Haafden (76)*	Becker (50) Deig (49)*
Vermillion	Grubb (42)*	Skinner (38)*
Vigo	Borders (45) Grubb (42)* Kersey (43)* Thomas (44) Tincher (46)* Ruppel (22)	Skinner (38)* Waterman (39)
Wabash		Dillon (17) Weatherwax (18)
Warren	Grubb (42)* Micon (26)*	Boots (23) Skinner (28)*
Warrick	Avery (75)* Crouch (78) Hoy (77)* Stilwell (74)	Becker (50) R. Young (47)*
Washington	Blanton (62)* Oxley (73)*	Lewis (45)* Steele (44) R. Young (47)*
Wayne	Knollman (55) Pflum (56)* Saunders (54)	Paul (27)
Wells	Espich (82) Ripley (79)	Holdman (19)
White	Gutwein (16) Lehe (15) McClain (24)	Hershman (7)
Whitley	Bell (83) Leonard (50)	Dillon (17)

Senate Bills

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continues to maintain its concern over our state's dwindling electric power reserves. A long-standing draw for Indiana has been its adequate, reliable and affordable supply of electricity. To maintain that advantage, the Chamber supports a diversified fuel mix including clean coal technologies, natural gas, nuclear and renewables. SB 223 promotes that diversified fuel mix and the supply of affordable energy options. **Signed by Governor.**

SB 248

Scholarship Granting Organization Tax Credit

Provides a state tax credit to a taxpayer who makes a contribution to a scholarship granting organization that provides scholarships for eligible students. Defined "eligible student" as an individual who: 1) has legal settlement in Indiana; 2) is between five and 22 years of age; 3) either has been or is currently enrolled in a participating school; 4) is enrolling in kindergarten or was previously enrolled in a public school; and 5) either: A) has an annual household income of not more than 300% of the federal income poverty level; or B) received a scholarship as an eligible student in the immediately preceding school year. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: Provides a proven incentive for raising private funds to help low-income students attend a school of their parents' choosing. **Died.**

SB 312

County Executives and County Councils

Transitions the three county commissioner positions into a single county executive position. Also moves the county legislative responsibilities from the county commissioners to the county council. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: This bill makes the three-person, part-time county commissioners' office into a full-time single county executive, thereby providing a structure for county government that is more like municipal government. This is one of the recommendations from the Kernan-Shepard Local Government Reform Commission that the Indiana Chamber fully endorses. **Died.**

SB 331

Health Coverage for Dependents

Defines "dependent" for purposes of the laws regulating policies of accident/sickness insurance and health maintenance organization contracts. Amends provisions related to coverage of dependents under a policy of accident/sickness insurance or a health maintenance organization contract. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: The Healthy Indiana Plan, which passed during the 2007 General Assembly, had a coverage mandate added in the last hours of the General Assembly. The age 24 coverage mandate language was defined to cover more individuals than was intended by the legislation. This legislation will help tighten and better define eligibility, plus help lower the costs of this mandated coverage. **Died.**

SB 335 (Second Reading Amendment #3)

Illegal Alien Matters

Amendment would have placed the issue of immigration/illegal aliens in a summer study committee. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: A summer study committee would provide proper time to discuss all sides of this complex issue. **Amendment Failed.**

SB 335

Illegal Alien Matters

Provided for the revocation of all state licenses and permits for an employer who knowingly hired one or more illegal immigrants on two different occasions over a 10-year period. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: This bill placed the responsibility of ensuring that people can lawfully work in this country on employers rather than the proper governmental entities charged with immigration matters, plus the penalty provisions are too drastic. **Died.**

SB 359

Enhanced 911 Systems

This bill provides that after June 30, 2012, a county may not contain more than one 911 public safety answering point. **Chamber Position: Support.** Reason: Indiana has an antiquated 911 system and this bill helps create a more effective and efficient emergency communication system. **Died.**

SJR 1 (Third Reading)

Circuit Breakers and Other Property Tax Matters

Proposes an amendment to the Indiana Constitution requiring the General Assembly to establish the 1-2-3% circuit-breaker property tax caps. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: The 1-2-3% circuit-breaker property tax caps create an unequal and unfair system of property taxation that differentiates the tax based on property use and classification, destroying the protection provided by the current constitutional provisions that assure uniform and equal taxation of all classes of property. **Signed by Governor.**

SJR 1 (Conference Committee)

Circuit Breakers and Other Property Tax Matters

Proposes an amendment to the Indiana Constitution requiring the General Assembly to establish the 1-2-3% circuit-breaker property tax caps. **Chamber Position: Oppose.** Reason: The 1-2-3% circuit-breaker property tax caps create an unequal and unfair system of property taxation that differentiates the tax based on property use and classification, destroying the protection provided by the current constitutional provisions that assure uniform and equal taxation of all classes of property. **Signed by Governor.**

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