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MINNESOTA'S WORKING PEOPLE

# 2012 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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# INTRODUCTION

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The 2012 session presented Minnesota's Labor movement with even more challenges. The right-wing on the GOP majority attacked working people with a vengeance. Fortunately, our work in the 2010 election paid off. Governor Mark Dayton, the first Labor-endorsed Governor in more than two decades, stood firm and protected middle class families from reckless anti-labor policy proposals.

While Governor Dayton vetoed dangerous legislation, it was up to Minnesota's union members to keep the unfair, unsafe, and unnecessary "Right to Work" constitutional amendment off the November ballot. Through proper planning, coordinated strategy, and countless hours of work, we were successful in keeping the amendment off the ballot.

The session concluded with a few bright spots, which included a \$500 million jobs and infrastructure bill and construction of a job-creating "peoples stadium" in downtown Minneapolis. While it was a challenging session, Minnesota's union members proudly stood up for all Minnesotans and stopped what could have been a disaster.

## **This Legislative Report includes:**

**Tables showing key 2012 votes:** Grids showing whether legislators supported or opposed working families with their votes. The numbered columns in the tables correspond to the numbered votes for the appropriate legislative body. **NEW:** Vote description page reference—to more easily find the corresponding vote description for the votes on the grids. (pgs. 4-8)

**Descriptions of key votes:** Numbered explanations of votes taken in the Senate and the House that include the action voted on (motion, amendment, passage, etc.), together with the Minnesota AFL-CIO's position, the vote outcome and vote totals. (pgs. 9-13)

**Definitions of right and wrong vote:** A legislator's vote is recorded as "Right" (R) supporting the Minnesota AFL-CIO position or "Wrong" (W) - opposing the Minnesota AFL-CIO position. If the legislator was absent or did not vote, "Not Voting" (NV) is recorded.

**Lifetime Voting Records:** The Minnesota AFL-CIO Lifetime Voting Records of current members of the House and Senate are included on the House and Senate grids in the far right column. Only actual "R" or "W" votes are counted in calculating the percentage.

**Notes on how votes are selected:** Votes have been selected for their accuracy as a gauge of legislators' views. For this reason, unanimous or wide margin votes are avoided, unless there are no other significant votes available on an important issue. The legislature often makes critical decisions about the content of legislation through votes on amendments or procedural motions. These votes frequently reveal a legislator's true position on an issue more clearly than lopsided votes on a bill's passage.

***Sources:** Information sources used to compile this record include the journals of the Minnesota House and Senate, the text of bills, the publications *Session Weekly* and *Session Briefly*, and affiliate websites. The Minnesota AFL-CIO is solely responsible for compiling and publishing this voting record. Questions or comments may be directed to Minnesota AFL-CIO Legislative Director, Jennifer Schaubach, at 651-227-7647 or 1-800-652-9004.*

# Minnesota AFL-CIO 2012 Legislative Priorities

## Workers Rights

- Oppose the “Right to Work” constitutional amendment.
- Prohibit public employers from using state funds to influence organizing efforts.
- Require all employers to remain neutral in organizing campaigns (labor peace).
- Oppose Paycheck Deception.

## Budget & Revenue

- Take a realistic approach to the state’s ongoing structural budget deficit by raising \$4 to \$5 billion in revenue and begin re-investing in critical public services, education, health care and public infrastructure.
- Ensure all Minnesotans pay an equal proportion of all state and local taxes. Minnesota’s middle class families (\$35,000 - \$97,000) pay 12.4 percent of their income in state and local taxes while those in the top income brackets (\$194,000 and over), pay only 9 percent.
- Fight back against any budget-limiting legislation or constitutional amendments that would restrict future legislatures’ revenue and budget options, make Minnesota’s state budget process less transparent and less efficient, and further impede the state’s economic growth.

## Worker Protections

- Protect against any attempts to lower – or “recalculate” prevailing wage in Minnesota.
- Extend unemployment benefits.
- Protect public employee pensions.
- Oppose any legislation or constitutional amendment that infringes on a worker’s right to vote.
- Reinstate the January 15<sup>th</sup> contract settlement deadline for teachers and pursue a new settlement deadline for educational support professionals.

## Job Creation & Retention Strategies

- Pass a bonding bill of at least \$1 billion to get Minnesotans back to work.
- Promote solar energy capacity on public buildings.
- Pass public education finance reform that provides equitable, sustainable, predictable and sufficient funding for Minnesota schools.
- Pass legislation to close the achievement gap by limiting class sizes, increasing family and parental involvement and investing in early childhood.
- Enact legislation to remove tax credits for companies that “off-shore” their workers’ jobs and give those incentives to companies that create jobs here.
- Pass legislation to prohibit state agencies from contracting with companies that outsource work and job opportunities to other countries.
- Pass legislative reform that will end discriminatory hiring practices among employers, such as credit checks and refusing to hire due to unemployment status.
- Layoff aversion strategies.



# 2012 SENATE VOTES

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Bakk, Thomas (DFL)*	06	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	97%
Benson, Michelle (R)	49	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0%
Bonoff, Terri (DFL)	43	82%	R	R	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	82%
Brown, Dave (R)	16	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	5%
Carlson, John (R)	04	18%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	9%
Chamberlain, Roger (R)	53	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0%
Cohen, Richard (DFL)*	64	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	W	R	R	R	90%
Dahms, Gary (R)	21	13%	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	7%
Daley, Ted (R)	38	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0%
Dekruif, Al (R)	25	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0%
Dibble, D. Scott (DFL)*	60	88%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	96%
Dziedzic, Kari (DFL)*	59	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	94%
Eaton, Chris (DFL)	46	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	94%
Fischbach, Michelle (R)	14	18%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	31%
Gazelka, Paul (R)	12	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	5%
Gerlach, Chris (R)	37	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	11%
Gimse, Joe (R)	13	20%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	NV	W	R	R	R	28%
Goodwin, Barb (DFL)*	50	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	95%
Hall, Dan (R)	40	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	2%
Hann, David (R)	42	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	9%
Harrington, John (DFL)*	67	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	95%
Hayden, Jeff (DFL)*	61	94%	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	95%
Higgins, Linda (DFL)*	58	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	97%
Hoffman, Gretchen (R)	10	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0%
Howe, John (R)	28	24%	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	11%
Ingebrigtsen, Bill (R)	11	18%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	17%
Jungbauer, Mike J. (R)	48	13%	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	NV	R	20%
Kelash, Ken (DFL)*	63	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100%
Koch, Amy (R)	19	13%	W	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	R	R	14%	
Koenen, Lyle (DFL)*	20	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	96%
Kruse, Benjamin (R)	47	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	5%	
Langseth, Keith (DFL)*	09	94%	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	79%
Latz, Ron (DFL)*	44	88%	R	R	W	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	93%
Lillie, Ted (R)	56	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	W	W	0%	

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Limmer, Warren (R)	32	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	22%
Lourey, Tony (DFL)*	08	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	98%
Magnus, Doug (R)	22	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	12%	
Marty, John (DFL)*	54	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	91%
McGuire, Mary Jo (DFL)*	66	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	94%
Metzen, Jim (DFL)*	39	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	90%
Michel, Geoff (R)	41	19%	W	W	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	17%	
Miller, Jeremy (R)	31	38%	NV	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	19%	
Nelson, Carla (R)	30	25%	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	NV	R	16%	
Newman, Scott (R)	18	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	5%	
Nienow, Sean (R)	17	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	13%	
Olson, Gen (R)	33	13%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	R	W	R	33%	
Ortman, Julianne (R)	34	6%	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	11%	
Pappas, Sandra (DFL)*	65	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	94%
Parry, Mike (R)	26	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	NV	W	W	NV	NV	W	W	W	W	4%	
Pederson, John (R)	15	24%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	14%	
Reinert, Roger (DFL)*	07	92%	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	NV	NV	NV	R	W	R	R	99%	
Rest, Ann (DFL)*	45	94%	NV	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	91%	
Robling, Claire (R)	35	13%	W	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	26%	
Rosen, Julie (R)	24	24%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	28%	
Saxhaug, Tom (DFL)*	03	100%	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100%	
Senjem, David (R)	29	18%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	22%	
Sheran, Kathy (DFL)*	23	94%	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	94%	
Sieben, Katie (DFL)*	57	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	98%	
Skoe, Rod (DFL)*	02	94%	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	93%	
Sparks, Daniel (DFL)*	27	94%	NV	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	89%	
Stumpf, LeRoy (DFL)*	01	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	78%	
Thompson, Dave (R)	36	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0%	
Tomassoni, David (DFL)*	05	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	97%	
Torres Ray, Patricia (DFL)*	62	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	96%	
Vandever, Ray (R)	52	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	16%	
Wiger, Charles (DFL)*	55	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	93%	
Wolf, Pam (R)	51	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	5%	

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Abeler, Jim (R)*	48B	38%	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	42%
Allen, Susan (DFL)*	61B	93%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	93%
Anderson, Bruce (R)	19A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	10%
Anderson, Diane (R)	38A	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	4%
Anderson, Paul (R)	13A	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	14%
Anderson, Sarah (R)	43A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8%
Anzels, Tom (DFL)*	03A	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	98%
Atkins, Joe (DFL)*	39B	100%	R	R	R	R	NV	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	98%
Banaian, King (R)	15B	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	13%
Barrett, Bob (R)	17B	13%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	6%
Beard, Michael (R)	35A	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	10%
Benson, John (DFL)*	43B	94%	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	90%
Benson, Michael (R)	30B	6%	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	4%
Bills, Kurt (R)	37B	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0%
Brynaert, Kathy (DFL)*	23B	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	97%
Buesgens, Mark (R)	35B	0%	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	4%
Carlson, Lyndon (DFL)*	45B	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	96%
Champion, Bobby Jo (DFL)*	58B	100%	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	96%
Clark, Karen (DFL)*	61A	93%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	95%
Cornish, Tony (R)	24B	25%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	23%
Crawford, Roger (R)	08B	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	4%
Daudt, Kurt (R)	17A	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	2%
Davids, Greg (R)	31B	38%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	20%
Davnie, Jim (DFL)*	62A	93%	R	R	NV	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	97%
Dean, Matt (R)	52B	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	10%
Dettmer, Bob (R)	52A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	4%
Dill, David (DFL)	06A	88%	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	96%
Dittrich, Denise (DFL)*	47A	93%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	85%
Doepke, Connie (R)	33B	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	9%
Downey, Keith (R)	41A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	6%
Drazkowski, Steve (R)	28B	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	2%
Eken, Kent (DFL)*	02A	81%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	W	91%
Erickson, Sondra (R)	16A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	5%
Fabian, Dan (R)	01A	13%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	6%
Falk, Andrew (DFL)	20A	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	97%

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Franson, Mary (R)	11B	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	4%
Fritz, Patti (DFL)*	26B	100%	R	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	99%
Garofalo, Pat (R)	36B	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	13%	
Gauthier, Kerry (DFL)*	07B	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100%
Gottwalt, Steve (R)	15A	21%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	NV	W	R	R	R	W	11%	
Greene, Marion (DFL)*	60A	93%	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	98%	
Greiling, Mindy (DFL)*	54A	93%	R	R	R	R	NV	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	92%	
Gruenhagen, Glenn (R)	25A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0%	
Gunther, Bob (R)	24A	13%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	23%	
Hackbarth, Tom (R)	48A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	16%	
Hamilton, Rod (R)	22B	20%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	14%	
Hancock, David (R)	02B	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	2%	
Hansen, Rick (DFL)*	39A	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	98%	
Hausman, Alice (DFL)*	66B	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	94%	
Hilstrom, Debra (DFL)*	46B	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	98%	
Hilty, Bill (DFL)*	08A	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	96%	
Holberg, Mary Liz (R)	36A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	7%	
Hoppe, Joe (R)	34B	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	6%	
Hornstein, Frank (DFL)*	60B	93%	R	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	98%	
Hortman, Melissa (DFL)*	47B	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	97%	
Hosch, Larry (DFL)*	14B	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	96%	
Howes, Larry (R)	04B	44%	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	R	R	R	W	40%	
Huntley, Tom (DFL)*	07A	93%	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	NV	R	96%	
Johnson, Sheldon (DFL)*	67B	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	98%	
Kahn, Phyllis (DFL)*	59B	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	94%	
Kath, Kory (DFL)*	26A	75%	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	W	81%	
Kelly, Tim (R)	28A	21%	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	NV	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	11%	
Kieffer, Andrea (R)	56B	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	2%	
Kiel, Debra (R)	01B	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	13%	
Kiffmeyer, Mary (R)	16B	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	7%	
Knuth, Kate (DFL)*	50B	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	98%	
Koenen, Lyle (DFL)	20B	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96%	
Kriesel, John (R)	57A	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	8%	
Laine, Carolyn (DFL)*	50A	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	98%	
Lanning, Morrie (R)	09A	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	19%	

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Leidiger, Ernie (R)	34A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0%
LeMieur, Mike (R)	12B	25%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	R	W	12%
Lenczewski, Ann (DFL)*	40B	88%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	90%
Lesch, John (DFL)*	66A	94%	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	98%
Liebling, Tina (DFL)*	30A	88%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	R	94%
Lillie, Leon (DFL)*	55A	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	99%
Loeffler, Diane (DFL)*	59A	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	95%
Lohmer, Kathy (R)	56A	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	2%
Loon, Jennifer (R)	42B	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	6%
Mack, Tara (R)	37A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8%
Mahoney, Tim (DFL)*	67A	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	98%
Mariani, Carlos (DFL)	65B	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	95%
Marquart, Paul (DFL)*	09B	88%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	W	91%
Mazorol, Pat (R)	41B	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	4%
McDonald, Joe (R)	19B	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	NV	W	W	2%
McElfrack, Carolyn (R)	03B	19%	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	12%
McFarlane, Carol (R)	53B	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	19%
McNamara, Denny (R)	57B	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	21%
Melin, Carly (DFL)*	05B	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	96%
Moran, Rena (DFL)*	65A	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	98%
Morrow, Terry (DFL)*	23A	100%	R	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	99%
Mullery, Joe (DFL)*	58A	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	95%
Murdock, Mark (R)	10B	8%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	NV	R	NV	12%
Murphy, Erin (DFL)*	64A	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	99%
Murphy, Mary (DFL)*	06B	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	97%
Murray, Rich (R)	27A	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	10%
Myhra, Pam (R)	40A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	4%
Nelson, Michael (DFL)*	46A	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	99%
Nornes, Bud (R)	10A	20%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	NV	21%
Norton, Kim (DFL)	29B	88%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	89%
O'Driscoll, Tim (R)	14A	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	8%
Paymar, Mike (DFL)*	64B	93%	R	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	95%
Pelowski, Gene (DFL)	31A	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	81%
Peppin, Joyce (R)	32A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1%
Persell, John (DFL)*	04A	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100%

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Petersen, Branden (R)	49B	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	2%
Peterson, Sandra (DFL)*	45A	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	95%
Poppe, Jeanne (DFL)*	27B	88%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	W	95%
Quam, Duane (R)	29A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0%
Rukavina, Tom (DFL)*	05A	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	97%
Runbeck, Linda (R)	53A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	18%
Sanders, Tim (R)	51A	13%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	W	12%
Scalze, Bev (DFL)*	54B	88%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	91%
Schomacker, Joe (R)	22A	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	8%
Scott, Peggy (R)	49A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	5%
Shimanski, Ron (R)	18A	13%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	5%
Simon, Steve (DFL)*	44A	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	97%
Slawik, Nora (DFL)*	55B	80%	R	R	R	R	NV	R	W	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	W	94%
Slocum, Linda (DFL)*	63B	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	97%
Smith, Steve (R)	33A	44%	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	R	R	R	W	48%
Stensrud, Kirk (R)	42A	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	2%
Swedzinski, Chris (R)	21A	13%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	6%
Thissen, Paul (DFL)*	63A	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	98%
Tillberry, Tom (DFL)*	51B	100%	NV	NV	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100%
Torkelson, Paul (R)	21B	19%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	9%
Urdahl, Dean (R)	18B	25%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	W	24%
Vogel, Bruce (R)	13B	13%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	R	R	W	6%
Wagenius, Jean (DFL)*	62B	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	93%
Ward, John (DFL)*	12A	94%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	99%
Wardlow, Doug (R)	38B	0%	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0%
Westrom, Torrey (R)	11A	14%	NV	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	18%
Winkler, Ryan (DFL)*	44B	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	97%
Woodard, Kelby (R)	25B	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	4%
Zellers, Kurt (R)	32B	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	7%

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## HOUSE AMENDMENTS AND MOTIONS

### House vote #1:

*Amendment* to HF 1812 – This amendment, offered by Rep. Ryan Winkler (D-Golden Valley), would have required vendors for state contracts to disclose the extent of the work that will be performed outside of Minnesota and the US.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position: SUPPORT**

**Correct Vote:** Yea

**House Vote:** 64 Yea – 68 Nay

*(House journal pgs. 5824-26; 3/1/12)*

### House vote #3:

Point of Order/Appeal decision of Speaker re: *Amendment* to HF 329 – The amendment, offered by Rep. Joe Atkins (D-Inver Grove Heights), would have required corporations to report political contributions. Rep. Matt Dean (R-Dellwood) raised a point of order that the Atkins amendment was not in order. The Speaker ruled the point of order well taken. This vote was to overrule the ruling of the Speaker.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position: OPPOSE ruling of Speaker**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** 74 Yea – 58 Nay

*(House journal pgs. 7504-05; 3/28/12)*

### House vote #13:

*Amendment* to HF 1485 – This amendment, offered by Rep. Doug Wardlow (R-Eagan), was a Right to Work amendment to the Vikings stadium bill that would have affected all food, beverage, retail, and concession workers presently employed and represented under a collective bargaining agreement at the current stadium, and choose to continue their employment at the new stadium.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position: OPPOSE**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** 40 Yea – 91 Nay

*(House journal pgs. 9745-46; 5/7/12)*

## SENATE AMENDMENTS AND MOTIONS

### Senate vote #2:

Motion to move SF 1705 Right to Work Constitutional Amendment – This motion made by Sen. Dave Thompson (R-Lakeville) withdrew the bill from the Jobs Economic Growth Committee and re-referred it to the Judiciary Committee where there was a better chance of passing it and moving to the Senate floor.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position: OPPOSE**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**Senate Vote:** 34 Yea – 30 Nay

*(Senate journal pg. 4248; 3/8/12)*

### Senate vote #16:

*Amendment* to SF 2391 – This amendment, offered by Sen. Scott Newman (R-Hutchinson), was a Right to Work amendment to the Vikings stadium bill that would have affected all food, beverage, retail, and concession workers presently employed and represented under a collective bargaining agreement at the current stadium, and choose to continue their employment at the new stadium.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**Senate Vote:** 20 Yea – 45 Nay



## HOUSE AND SENATE BILL VOTES

### House vote #2/Senate Vote #7:

HF 1812 (Rep. Kirk Stensrud, R-Eden Prairie/Sen. Paul Gazelka, R-Brainerd) – This bill would have allowed the Department of Administration to contract for waste-hauling without first determining whether state employees are able to do the work.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position: OPPOSE**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** 69 Yea – 63 Nay

*(House journal pgs. 5826-27; 3/1/12)*

**Senate Vote:** 34 Yea – 27 Nay

*(Senate journal pg. 5939; 4/18/12)*

**VETOED**

### Senate vote #3:

SF 1948 (Sen. David Hann, R-Eden Prairie/Rep. Mary Kiffmeyer, R-Big Lake) - This bill would have repealed the law that prevents Minnesota nursing homes from charging private pay residents more than they charge public pay (Medicaid) residents. Repealing this law would create a two-tier system, in which some homes would cater to private pay residents and provide better facilities and care to those who can afford it. Poorer seniors and those who had spent their savings would be left in poorly staffed and maintained homes.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position: OPPOSE**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** *(no House vote)*

**Senate Vote:** 38 Yea – 26 Nay

*(Senate journal pg. 5172; 3/27/12)*

### House vote #4:

HF 329 (Rep. Kurt Bill, R-Rosemount/Sen. Dave Thompson, R-Lakeville) – This bill required school boards to prohibit public school employee and union funds and resources to advocate to pass, elect, or defeat a political candidate, ballot question, or pending legislation, severely limiting unions' ability to communicate with its members.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position: OPPOSE**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** 73 Yea – 60 Nay

*(House journal pgs. 7505-06; 3/28/12)*

**Senate Vote:** *(no Senate vote)*

### House vote #5/Senate vote #4:

HF 2738 (Rep. Mary Kiffmeyer, R-Big Lake/Sen. Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson) – This legislation put a Constitutional Amendment on the November ballot. If approved by the voters, it will require everyone to present a valid, government-issued, photo ID before being allowed to vote. Unlike other states with voter ID laws, there are no exemptions for Minnesota voters – not military voters, absentee voters, students or the elderly.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** 72 Yea – 57 Nay

*(House journal pgs. 8264-65; 4/3/12)*

**Senate Vote:** 35 Yea – 29 Nay

*(Senate journal pg. 5637; 4/4/12)*



### **House vote #6/Senate vote #1:**

SF 1236 (Sen. Mike Parry, R-Waseca/Rep. Kelby Woodard, R-Belle Plaine) – This bill, deceptively called the ‘Innocent Successor Asbestos-Related Liability Fairness Act’, would have overturned Minnesota law on corporate successor liability as it relates to serious asbestos related injuries, and set a dangerous precedent for future efforts to shield corporate defendants from liability. Workplace and other injuries related to asbestos manufacturing and exposure are staggering.

#### **Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** 69 Yea – 56 Nay  
(House journal pgs. 8302-03; 4/5/12)

**Senate Vote:** 34 Yea – 27 Nay  
(Senate journal pg. 3863; 2/20/12)

**VETOED**

### **House vote #7/Senate vote #5:**

HF 1976 (Rep. Ernie Leidiger, R-Mayer/Sen. Al DeKruif, R-Madison Lake) – This bill required appointing authorities in the legislative, executive, and judicial branches to use the federal E-Verify program for all newly hired employees. The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 requires all employers to assess and document identity and legal employability for all new hires by personally viewing official documents establishing an applicant’s ability to work in the U.S. and completing an Employment Eligibility Verification Form. Minnesota’s follows all federal mandates required by the Act to ascertain identity and employability for all new hires. The federal Government Accounting Office has admitted that the new federal E-Verify system still has significant problems with fraud vulnerabilities and data accuracy.

#### **Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** 78 Yea – 51 Nay  
(House journal pg. 8500; 4/19/12)

**Senate Vote:** 39 Yea – 27 Nay  
(Senate journal pgs. 5889-90; 4/17/12)

**VETOED**

### **Senate vote #6:**

SF 1199 (Sen. John Pederson, R-St. Cloud) This bill would have lowered the prevailing wage outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area. It would alter the method of calculating the prevailing wage to use the “mean,” or average wage, instead of the wage paid to the largest number of workers (i.e. “mode”). It would also change the prevailing hours of labor to four 10-hour workdays instead of five eight-hour days, which would result in some workers losing overtime wages. The latter change would apply to the entire state.

#### **Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** (no House vote)

**Senate Vote:** 37 Yea – 29 Nay  
(Senate journal pgs. 5923-24; 4/18/12)

### **House vote #8/Senate vote #10:**

HF 1974 (Rep. Steve Draskowski, R-Mazeppa/Sen. Mike Parry, R-Waseca) – This legislation would have undermined contracts, which are collectively bargained by employees’ elected representatives and the Minnesota Department of Management and Budget. It prohibited the terms of a collective bargaining agreement to continue in effect beyond the expiration of that agreement. It would have retroactively removed step increases back to July 1, 2012.

#### **Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** 68 Yea – 63 Nay  
(House journal pg. 9026; 4/24/12)

**Senate Vote:** 37 Yea – 30 Nay  
(Senate journal pgs. 6332-33; 4/24/12)

**VETOED**



**House vote #9/Senate vote #11:**

SF 1933 (Sen. David Hann, R-Eden Prairie/Rep. Steve Gottwalt, R-St. Cloud) – This bill would have created a Health Care Compact and cut federal health care funding to the state by more than \$44 billion over the next decade, by locking us into a \$13.5 billion per year capped block grant. This amount would be frozen, with no future adjustment for changes in the number of Minnesotans who are elderly or who have disabilities.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** 70 Yea – 58 Nay  
*(House journal pg. 9058; 4/25/12)*

**Senate Vote:** 37 Yea – 28 Nay  
*(Senate journal pgs. 6506-07; 4/26/12)*

**VETOED**

**House vote #10/Senate vote #8:**

SF 230 (Sen. Chris Gerlach, R-Apple Valley/Rep. Kim Norton, D-Rochester) – This legislation created a Nurse Licensure Compact which would have allowed licensed nurses in other states to practice in Minnesota without obtaining a new license if they don't live here. Taking a closer look at the states that are currently in the Compact, 14 of the 24 states are "Right to Work" states - including 3 of our 4 bordering states. There are *several* concerns as to how this would have affected Minnesota's nurses if our quality, unionized nurses are systematically replaced by non-union nurses from other states.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** 75 Yea – 56 Nay  
*(House journal pg. 9103; 4/26/12)*

**Senate Vote:** 38 Yea – 29 Nay  
*(Senate journal pgs. 5954-55; 4/19/12)*

**House vote #11/Senate vote #12:**

HF 1870 (Rep. Branden Petersen, R-Andover/Sen. Pam Wolf, R-Spring Lake Park) – This bill would have replaced teacher seniority with a requirement to lay off teachers according to measures of effectiveness, which are not yet defined.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** 70 Yea – 61 Nay  
*(House journal pg. 9112; 4/26/12)*

**Senate Vote:** 35 Yea – 28 Nay  
*(Senate journal pg. 6698; 4/28/12)*

**VETOED**

**Senate vote #9:**

SF 2090 (Sen. Dave Thompson, R-Lakeville/Rep. Steve Drazkowski, R-Mazeppa) – This bill would have removed the statutory restrictions relating to outside contracting and would allow for the elimination of state jobs to private contractors.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** *(no House vote)*

**Senate Vote:** 28 Yea – 35 Nay  
*(Senate journal pg. 5994; 4/20/12)*

**House vote #12/Senate vote #13:**

HF 8 (Rep. Steve Gottwalt, R-St. Cloud/Sen. David Hann, R-Eden Prairie) - This legislation created a trust account system, managed by insurance agents, that would be able to receive Affordable Care Act tax credits and subsidies, along with employer contributions, for health insurance premiums, with little, if any, consumer protections and oversight.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** 69 Yea – 60 Nay  
*(House journal pgs. 9274-75; 4/28/12)*

**Senate Vote:** 34 Yea – 28 Nay  
*(Senate journal pgs. 6704-05; 4/28/12)*

**VETOED**

**House vote #14/Senate vote #15:**

HF 1752 (Rep. Larry Howes, R-Walker/Sen. David Senjem, R-Rochester) – The 2012 Bonding bill, totaling \$496.4 million, included \$64 million for the U of M and \$132 million for MnSCU, \$44 million for State Capitol restoration, and \$30 million for flood mitigation projects. This year’s bill did not include funding for a St. Paul Saints ballpark, or civic centers in Mankato, St. Cloud or Rochester. The bill, did however, create a \$47.5 million fund to award grants, with applications being handled through the state’s Department of Employment and Economic Development. Any grant money from DEED is expected to be matched by private funding under the bill. The department will give priority to projects that create new jobs, boost the tax base and draw in revenue from outside the state, among other criteria.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Yea

**House Vote:** 97 Yea – 33 Nay  
*(House journal pg. 9799-9800; 5/8/12)*

**Senate Vote:** 45 Yea – 22 Nay  
*(Senate journal pg. 7149; 5/7/12)*

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**House vote #15/Senate vote #17:**

HF 2958 (Rep. Morrie Lanning, R-Moorhead/Sen. Julie Rosen, R-Fairmont) – After much debate and almost a decade of trying to secure funding for a new Vikings stadium, the legislature gave approval of \$975 million for the project. The bill contained several labor-friendly provisions:

- Allows workers who are presently represented under a collective bargaining agreement to continue to seek such representation;
- “To the extent practicable”, at 25% of materials, supplies, and equipment used in construction, operation, and use of the stadium must be made or produced by Minnesota businesses;
- Required prevailing wages be paid.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Yea

**House Vote:** 71 Yea – 60 Nay  
*(House journal pg. 10048-49; 5/9/12)*

**Senate Vote:** 36 Yea – 30 Nay  
*(Senate journal pg. 7664; 5/10/12)*

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**House vote #16/Senate vote #14:**

SF 1755 (Sen. Paul Gazelka, R-Brainerd/Rep. Steve Drazkowski, R-Mazeppa) –This legislation would have allowed management’s contract negotiation proposals to become public information. It also permitted the state to enter into negotiations with the exclusive representatives over reductions in hours in lieu of layoffs despite the ability of the state to do that now.

**Minnesota AFL-CIO Position:**

**Correct Vote:** Nay

**House Vote:** 78 Yea – 50 Nay  
*(House journal pg. 9788-89; 5/7/12)*

**Senate Vote:** 36 Yea – 29 Nay  
*(Senate journal pg. 7115; 5/7/12)*

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