



# 2013 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



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## INTRODUCTION

AFTER A DECADE OF CUTS-ONLY BUDGETS & FISCAL GIMMICKS THAT MADE LIFE HARDER FOR MIDDLE CLASS MINNESOTANS, OUR ELECTED LEADERS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO FINALLY PUT MINNESOTA BACK ON TRACK.

FROM BALANCING THE STATE'S BUDGET BY MAKING TAXES FAIRER, TO EXPANDING THE RIGHTS OF WORKING PEOPLE TO CHOOSE TO FORM A UNION, THE 2013 SESSION PROVED TO BE A HISTORIC STEP FORWARD.

WHILE THERE IS STILL MUCH TO DO IN ORDER TO BUILD A BETTER MINNESOTA FOR WORKING FAMILIES, WE ARE FINALLY MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

### **THIS LEGISLATIVE REPORT INCLUDES:**

**TABLES SHOWING KEY 2013 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. VOTE DESCRIPTION PAGE REFERENCES ARE ALSO INCLUDED ON THE GRIDS TO MORE EASILY FIND THE CORRESPONDING VOTE DESCRIPTION.

**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.

**DEFINITION OF RIGHT AND WRONG VOTES:** 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" 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. 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 THE MINNESOTA AFL-CIO LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR, JENNIFER SCHAUBACH, AT 651-227-7647 OR 1-800-652-9004.



## MINNESOTA AFL-CIO 2013 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### INCREASING REVENUE

THE 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION YIELDED MANY SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR LABOR. AFTER A DECADE OF BUDGET CUTS AND DEFICITS, THE LEGISLATURE MANAGED TO DELIVER A FAIR AND STRUCTURALLY BALANCED BUDGET, PROVIDING CRITICAL FUNDING FOR EDUCATION, JOB CREATION AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF - FINALLY PUTTING THE STATE'S FISCAL HOUSE IN ORDER.

THE FINAL BUDGET INCREASES THE INCOME TAX ON HIGH-INCOME MINNESOTANS, CLOSES CORPORATE TAX LOOPHOLES AND RAISES TOBACCO TAXES, WHILE REDUCING PROPERTY TAXES THROUGH INCREASED PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS AND MORE FUNDING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID. THE BUDGET PACKAGE NOT ONLY RESOLVED THE \$627 MILLION BUDGET SHORTFALL FOR THIS YEAR, BUT ALSO BALANCED THE BUDGET THROUGH FY 2016-17, AND ALLOWS MINNESOTA TO MAKE OVERDUE INVESTMENTS IN OUR SCHOOLS, HEALTH CARE, COLLEGE EDUCATION, JOB CREATION AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF OUR STATE. HERE ARE SOME OF THE KEY INVESTMENTS:

- RAISES \$1.7 BILLION;
- EDUCATION: \$735 MILLION FROM PRESCHOOL TO POST-SECONDARY, INCLUDING FREE ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN STATEWIDE AND ADDITIONAL EQUALIZATION REVENUE FOR DISTRICTS;
- JOB CREATION: \$86.5 MILLION THROUGH INITIATIVES SUCH AS THE MINNESOTA INVESTMENT FUND (\$30M) AND \$24 MILLION FOR THE JOB CREATION FUND;
- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF: \$441 MILLION TO REMEDY FAILED POLICIES OF THE PAST THAT HAVE CAUSED MN PROPERTY TAXES TO MORE THAN DOUBLE OVER THE PAST DECADE; INCLUDING:
  - RESTORING AID TO CITIES, COUNTIES AND TOWNSHIPS WITH A NEW AID FORMULA THAT TARGETS AID TO CITIES WITH THE GREATEST NEED; AND
  - THE NEW HOMESTEAD CREDIT THAT DOES A BETTER JOB OF DIRECTING TAX RELIEF TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES.

### CREATING JOBS

- THE FIRST **BONDING** BILL OF \$800 MILLION FAILED TO PASS THE HOUSE, FALLING FIVE VOTES SHORT OF THE 81 NEEDED TO PASS. A SECOND MUCH SMALLER BONDING BILL (\$176 MILLION) WAS PUT TOGETHER AT THE END OF SESSION THAT INCLUDED \$109 MILLION FOR THE CAPITOL RENOVATION, A FEW OTHER PROJECTS INCLUDING FLOOD MITIGATION EFFORTS AND MONEY FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE MN VETERANS HOME IN MINNEAPOLIS.
- **ROCHESTER DESTINATION MEDICAL CENTER**: \$585 MILLION IS ALLOCATED FROM THE STATE TO BUILD PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF MAYO CLINIC OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS. IT REQUIRES AT LEAST \$250 MILLION IN PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO LEVERAGE THE STATE CONTRIBUTION. THE CITY MUST ALSO CONTRIBUTE \$128 MILLION AND THE STATE ALSO PROVIDES A \$14 MILLION SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. IN TOTAL, THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO CREATE AT LEAST 35,000-40,000 JOBS OVER THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT.
- PROVISIONS IN THE TAX BILL ALLOW FOR THE **MALL OF AMERICA** EXPANSION.
- **MADE IN MINNESOTA** SOLAR ENERGY PRODUCTION INCENTIVE ACCOUNT: ESTABLISHES AN ACCOUNT IN THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO PAY A PER-KWH GENERATED INCENTIVE FOR SOLAR MODULES THAT HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCE AS "MADE IN MINNESOTA".
- **COST OF LIVING STUDY AND REPORT**, REQUIRES DEED TO CONDUCT A YEARLY COST OF LIVING STUDY, ADJUSTED FOR FAMILY SIZE, BY COUNTY. THE STUDY MUST ALSO INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF STATEWIDE AND COUNTY EMPLOYMENT AND JOB VACANCY DATA AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ASSIST IN THE ASSESSMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IN THE STATE. (JOBS NOW)

## RESTORING WORKPLACE DIGNITY AND FAIRNESS

- **CHILD CARE AND PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANTS** HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE TO FORM A UNION. PREVIOUSLY THESE PROVIDERS WERE NOT ABLE TO UNIONIZE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNDER PELRA AND NEEDED SPECIAL AUTHORITY TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE AND ASK PROVIDERS IF THEY WANT TO FORM A UNION.
- **LOCKED-OUT WORKERS** ARE NOW ABLE GET AN ADDITIONAL 26 WEEKS OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR UP TO ONE YEAR AFTER THEY HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL BENEFITS IF THE LOCK OUT IS STILL IN PROGRESS.
- EMPLOYEES WHO EXPERIENCE A TRAGIC EVENT AT WORK THAT RESULTS IN POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER ARE NOW ABLE TO APPLY FOR **WORKERS' COMP**. INCREASES IN THE MAXIMUM WEEKLY COMPENSATION RATE FOR INJURIES CAUSING FROM \$850/WEEK TO 102% OF THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE, AND IMPROVES THE ANNUAL COLA ADJUSTMENT FOR THE MOST SERIOUSLY INJURED WORKERS.
- **HOSPITAL STAFFING** AND DISCLOSURE REQUIRES HOSPITALS TO DEVELOP STAFFING PLANS AND PUBLISH THEM ONLINE, CONSULT WITH STAFF IN THE PLAN'S DEVELOPMENT, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY THAT LOOKS AT THE CORRELATION BETWEEN NURSING STAFF LEVELS, PATIENT SAFETY AND OUTCOMES.
- **CLIMB**, ONCE CALLED GATE, ALLOWS DISLOCATED WORKERS TO COLLECT UNEMPLOYMENT WHILE IN SELF-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM. THIS WAS AN INITIATIVE BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL.
- FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 4 YEARS, **NURSING HOME WORKERS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES** WILL SEE A WAGE INCREASE.
- **BAN THE BOX**: EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014, MINNESOTA LAW WILL RESTRICT THE TIMING OF PRE-EMPLOYMENT INQUIRIES BY MOST PRIVATE EMPLOYERS INTO A CANDIDATE'S CRIMINAL PAST. EMPLOYERS WHO ARE NOT EXEMPTED FROM THE LAW MAY NOT (1) INQUIRE INTO OR CONSIDER OR REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION UNTIL THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW OR, IF THERE IS NOT AN INTERVIEW, UNTIL A CONDITIONAL JOB OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO THE APPLICANT, AND (2) USE ANY FORM OF EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION THAT SEEKS SUCH CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION.
- **PERSONAL SICK LEAVE** EXPANSION: AMENDS THE USE OF SICK LEAVE BENEFITS TO INCLUDE CARE OF A MINOR OR ADULT CHILD, SPOUSE, SIBLING, PARENT, GRANDPARENT OR STEPPARENT.

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION THAT PASSED

- THE FIRST PRIORITY FOR THE LEGISLATURE THIS SESSION WAS TO CREATE MINNESOTA'S **HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE**. THE FEDERAL ACA DIRECTED STATES TO CREATE THEIR OWN EXCHANGES, OR A FEDERAL EXCHANGE WOULD BE CREATED FOR THEM. MINNESOTA'S NEW EXCHANGE IS CALLED **MNSURE**, AND ITS GOAL IS TO PROVIDE CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES WITH A COMPARISON OF AVAILABLE HEALTH PLANS.
- **FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT CONFORMITY** ALIGNS MINNESOTA LAW WITH THE FEDERAL ACA AND PRESERVES THE STATE'S AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE IT HEALTH COVERAGE MARKET. THE LEGISLATION MAKES CHANGES TO MARKET RULES TO PROTECT CONSUMERS WHILE PROMOTING HEALTH, MINIMIZING CARRIER RISK BY ADDRESSING ADVERSE SELECTION AND ENCOURAGING INSURERS TO COMPETE ON QUALITY AND VALUE INSTEAD OF RISK SELECTION AND UNDERWRITING.
- **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE** EXPANSION: THE FIRST BILL SIGNED INTO LAW THIS SESSION, PROVIDES EXPANDED HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR 35,000 MINNESOTANS.
- THE **K-12 EDUCATION** BILL INCREASED FUNDING BY \$485 MILLION FOR FY 2014-15, WITH THE LARGEST INVESTMENT BEING FREE ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN STATEWIDE. IT ALSO INCREASED THE BASIC FUNDING FORMULA BY 1.5 PERCENT EACH YEAR, TARGETED



INVESTMENTS TO ADDRESS THE OPPORTUNITY AND ACHIEVEMENT GAP, ADDITIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS, ADDITIONAL SAFE SCHOOL AID, AND EXPANDED ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.

- **THE HIGHER EDUCATION** BILL INVESTED \$250 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO CONTINUE TO MAKE HIGHER EDUCATION MORE AFFORDABLE, INCREASED FUNDING FOR FINANCIAL AID TO LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME STUDENTS BY \$47 MILLION, INCREASED THE CAP ON LIVING EXPENSES AND ADJUSTED THE SHARE OF TUITION STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ARE REQUIRED TO PAY. MNSCU AND U OF M RECEIVED \$78 MILLION AND \$43 MILLION, RESPECTIVELY, TO FREEZE TUITION FOR TWO YEARS. THE BILL ALSO INCLUDED THE DREAM ACT, WHICH ALLOWS UNDOCUMENTED MINNESOTA STUDENTS TO PAY IN-STATE TUITION AND RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TUITION AND AID, STUDENTS WOULD HAVE TO GRADUATE FROM A MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL AFTER ATTENDING FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS AND SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT AGREEING TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP AS SOON AS HE OR SHE IS ELIGIBLE.
- **A TRADE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL** WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO ADVISE AND ASSIST THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING US TRADE AGREEMENTS. THE 15-MEMBER COUNCIL WILL CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM LABOR, ENVIRONMENTAL INTERESTS, FAMILY FARMERS, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE. COUNCIL MEMBERS SERVE TWO-YEAR TERMS.
- **VOTING RIGHTS:** THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS ENACTING NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE BALLOTING. THE OMNIBUS ELECTIONS BILL FELL SHORT OF MANY REFORMS DUE A REQUIREMENT FROM THE GOVERNOR THAT THE BILL HAVE BIPARTISAN SUPPORT.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2014....

WHILE SEVERAL KEY PIECES OF LEGISLATION PASSED IN 2013, MUCH WORK IS YET TO BE DONE:

- **MINIMUM WAGE**
  - STATUS: HF 92 CURRENTLY IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE; WILL RETURN TO HOUSE/SENATE FLOORS TO REASSIGN CONFEREES.
  - ACTION: CAMPAIGN COMING TOGETHER TO GET BILL PASSED WITHIN FIRST FEW WEEKS OF 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
- **CREDIT PRIVACY IN EMPLOYMENT ACT**
  - STATUS: JACKETED AND CHIEF AUTHORS AGREED TO SIGNED ON (CARLSON/MAHONEY)
  - ACTION: WORK TO MOVE THROUGH COMMITTEE PROCESS AND PASS
- **TRANSPORTATION**
  - COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION/TRANSIT PACKAGE
- **BONDING**
  - LARGER MORE EXPANSIVE BONDING BILL
- **WORKER PROTECTIONS**
  - INCREASED PENALTIES FOR EMPLOYER RETALIATION AND WAGE THEFT
  - EMPLOYER ACCOUNTABILITY IN SUBCONTRACTING
  - PAYDAY LENDING REFORMS
- **APPRENTICESHIPS**
- **ELECTION REFORM**
  - POSSIBLE REFORMS: FELON RIGHTS RESTORATION, JUDICIARY REFORM, EARLY VOTING









# 2013 HOUSE VOTES

| HOUSE                  | DISTRICT | 2013 Voting Percentage | KEY TO SYMBOLS:  |        |        |        |        |        |   |    |        |    |        |    |    |    |        |    |    |    | Lifetime Voting Percentage '13 |
|------------------------|----------|------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|----|--------|----|--------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|----|--------------------------------|
|                        |          |                        | (R) Voted with the MN AFL-CIO position (W) Voted against the MN AFL-CIO position (NV) Absent or Not Voting |        |        |        |        |        |   |    |        |    |        |    |    |    |        |    |    |    |                                |
|                        |          |                        | Vote description page reference:   |        |        |        |        |        |   |    |        |    |        |    |    |    |        |    |    |    |                                |
| REPRESENTATIVE         |          |                        | pg. 12   | pg. 11 | pg. 12 | pg. 11 | pg. 12 | pg. 13 |   |    | pg. 14 |    | pg. 15 |    |    |    | pg. 16 |    |    |    |                                |
|                        |          |                        | 1  | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7 | 8  | 9      | 10 | 11     | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15     | 16 | 17 | 18 |                                |
| Hoppe, Joe (R)         | 47B      | 11%                    | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | R  | W  | 6%                             |
| Hornstein, Frank (DFL) | 61A      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 98%                            |
| Hortman, Melissa (DFL) | 36B      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 98%                            |
| Howe, Jeff (R)         | 13A      | 6%                     | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | 0%                             |
| Huntley, Tom (DFL)     | 07A      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 96%                            |
| Isaacson, Jason (DFL)  | 42B      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 100%                           |
| Johnson, Brian (R)     | 32A      | 6%                     | W  | W      | NV     | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | 0%                             |
| Johnson, Clark (DFL)   | 19A      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 100%                           |
| Johnson, Sheldon (DFL) | 67B      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 98%                            |
| Kahn, Phyllis (DFL)    | 60B      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 94%                            |
| Kelly, Tim (R)         | 21A      | 11%                    | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | R  | W  | 10%                            |
| Kieffer, Andrea (R)    | 53B      | 12%                    | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | R | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | NV | W  | 3%                             |
| Kiel, Debra (R)        | 01B      | 12%                    | W  | W      | R      | W      | W      | NV     | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | 11%                            |
| Kresha, Ron (R)        | 09B      | 12%                    | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | NV | W  | R      | W  | W  | W  | 6%                             |
| Laine, Carolyn (DFL)   | 41B      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 98%                            |
| Leidiger, Ernie (R)    | 47A      | 6%                     | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | 0%                             |
| Lenczewski, Ann (DFL)  | 50B      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 91%                            |
| Lesch, John (DFL)      | 66B      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 98%                            |
| Liebling, Tina (DFL)   | 26A      | 94%                    | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | W  | R  | R  | 94%                            |
| Lien, Ben (DFL)        | 04A      | 94%                    | R  | R      | R      | W      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 94%                            |
| Lillie, Leon (DFL)     | 43B      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 99%                            |
| Loeffler, Diane (DFL)  | 60A      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 96%                            |
| Lohmer, Kathy (R)      | 39B      | 0%                     | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | NV | W      | W  | W      | W  | NV | W  | NV     | W  | W  | W  | 2%                             |
| Loon, Jennifer (R)     | 48B      | 17%                    | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | R | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | R  | W  | 7%                             |
| Mack, Tara (R)         | 57A      | 11%                    | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | R  | W  | 8%                             |
| Mahoney, Tim (DFL)     | 67A      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 98%                            |
| Mariani, Carlos (DFL)  | 65B      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 95%                            |
| Marquart, Paul (DFL)   | 04B      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 91%                            |
| Masin, Sandra (DFL)    | 51A      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 98%                            |
| McDonald, Joe (R)      | 29A      | 6%                     | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | 2%                             |
| McNamar, Jay (DFL)     | 12A      | 94%                    | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | W  | R  | R  | 94%                            |
| McNamara, Denny (R)    | 54B      | 22%                    | W  | W      | R      | W      | W      | R      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | R  | W  | 21%                            |
| Melin, Carly (DFL)     | 06A      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 97%                            |
| Metsa, Jason (DFL)     | 06B      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 100%                           |
| Moran, Rena (DFL)      | 65A      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 98%                            |
| Morgan, Will (DFL)     | 56B      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 93%                            |
| Mullery, Joe (DFL)     | 59A      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 95%                            |
| Murphy, Erin (DFL)     | 64A      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 99%                            |
| Murphy, Mary (DFL)     | 03A      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 97%                            |
| Myhra, Pam (R)         | 56A      | 11%                    | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | R  | W  | 5%                             |
| Nelson, Michael (DFL)  | 40A      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 99%                            |
| Newberger, Jim (R)     | 15B      | 11%                    | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | R  | W  | 6%                             |
| Newton, Jerry (DFL)    | 37A      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 100%                           |
| Nornes, Bud (R)        | 08A      | 11%                    | W  | W      | R      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | 20%                            |
| Norton, Kim (DFL)      | 25B      | 94%                    | R  | R      | R      | NV     | NV     | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | W  | R  | R  | 89%                            |
| O'Driscoll, Tim (R)    | 13B      | 17%                    | W  | W      | R      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | R  | W  | 9%                             |
| O'Neill, Marion (R)    | 29B      | 6%                     | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | 0%                             |
| Paymar, Mike (DFL)     | 64B      | 100%                   | R  | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | 96%                            |
| Pelowski, Gene (DFL)   | 28A      | 88%                    | R  | R      | R      | R      | W      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | NV     | W  | R  | R  | 81%                            |
| Peppin, Joyce (R)      | 34A      | 6%                     | W  | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | NV | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | 1%                             |

# 2013 HOUSE VOTES

| HOUSE                 | DISTRICT | 2013 Voting Percentage | KEY TO SYMBOLS:<br>(R) Voted with the MN AFL-CIO position (W) Voted against the MN AFL-CIO position (NV) Absent or Not Voting |        |        |        |        |        |   |    |        |    |        |    |    |    |        |    |    | Lifetime Voting Percentage '13 |      |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|----|--------|----|--------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|--------------------------------|------|
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| REPRESENTATIVE        |          |                        | 1   | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7 | 8  | 9      | 10 | 11     | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15     | 16 | 17 | 18                             |      |
| Persell, John (DFL)   | 05A      | 100%                   | R   | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 100% |
| Petersburg, John (R)  | 24A      | 25%                    | W   | W      | W      | NV     | NV     | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | R  | W  | R      | W  | R  | W                              | 20%  |
| Poppe, Jeanne (DFL)   | 27B      | 100%                   | R   | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 95%  |
| Pugh, Cindy (R)       | 33B      | 11%                    | W   | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | R  | W                              | 6%   |
| Quam, Duane (R)       | 25A      | 6%                     | W   | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | W  | W                              | 0%   |
| Radinovich, Joe (DFL) | 10B      | 100%                   | R   | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 100% |
| Rosenthal, Paul (DFL) | 49B      | 83%                    | R   | R      | R      | W      | W      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | W  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 82%  |
| Runbeck, Linda (R)    | 38A      | 6%                     | W   | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | NV | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | R      | W  | W  | W                              | 17%  |
| Sanders, Tim (R)      | 37B      | 11%                    | W   | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | R  | W                              | 11%  |
| Savick, Shannon (DFL) | 27A      | 100%                   | R   | R      | NV     | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 100% |
| Sawatzky, Mary (DFL)  | 17B      | 89%                    | R   | R      | R      | W      | R      | R      | W | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 88%  |
| Schoen, Dan (DFL)     | 54A      | 100%                   | R   | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 100% |
| Schomacker, Joe (R)   | 22A      | 11%                    | W   | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | R  | W                              | 8%   |
| Scott, Peggy (R)      | 35B      | 6%                     | W   | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | NV | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | W  | W                              | 4%   |
| Selcer, Yvonne (DFL)  | 48A      | 83%                    | R   | R      | R      | W      | W      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | W  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 82%  |
| Simon, Steve (DFL)    | 46B      | 100%                   | R   | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 98%  |
| Simonson, Erik (DFL)  | 07B      | 100%                   | R   | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 100% |
| Slocum, Linda (DFL)   | 50A      | 100%                   | R   | R      | NV     | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 98%  |
| Sundin, Mike (DFL)    | 11A      | 100%                   | R   | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 100% |
| Swedzinski, Chris (R) | 16A      | 17%                    | W   | W      | R      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | R  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | W  | W                              | 8%   |
| Thissen, Paul (DFL)   | 61B      | 100%                   | R   | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 98%  |
| Theis, Tama (R)       | 14A      | 17%                    | W   | W      | R      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | R  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | W  | W                              | 11%  |
| Torkelson, Paul (R)   | 16B      | 17%                    | W   | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | R  | W  | W      | W  | R  | W                              | 10%  |
| Uglen, Mark (R)       | 36A      | 35%                    | W   | W      | R      | W      | W      | W      | W | NV | W      | R  | W      | R  | R  | W  | R      | W  | R  | W                              | 35%  |
| Urdahl, Dean (R)      | 18A      | 22%                    | W   | R      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | R  | W  | W  | W      | W  | R  | W                              | 24%  |
| Wagenius, Jean (DFL)  | 63B      | 100%                   | R   | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 93%  |
| Ward, JoAnn (DFL)     | 53A      | 100%                   | R   | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 100% |
| Ward, John (DFL)      | 10A      | 100%                   | R   | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 99%  |
| Wills, Anna (R)       | 57B      | 6%                     | W   | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | NV | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | W  | W                              | 0%   |
| Winkler, Ryan (DFL)   | 46A      | 100%                   | R   | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 98%  |
| Woodard, Kelby (R)    | 20A      | 17%                    | W   | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | R      | W  | R  | W                              | 6%   |
| Yarusso, Barb (DFL)   | 42A      | 100%                   | R   | R      | R      | R      | R      | R      | R | R  | R      | R  | R      | R  | R  | R  | R      | R  | R  | R                              | 100% |
| Zellers, Kurt (R)     | 34B      | 6%                     | W   | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | W  | W                              | 7%   |
| Zerwas, Nick (R)      | 30A      | 6%                     | W   | W      | W      | W      | W      | W      | W | R  | W      | W  | W      | W  | W  | W  | W      | W  | NV | W                              | 0%   |

## HOUSE & SENATE AMENDMENT VOTES

### SENATE AMENDMENTS

#### SENATE VOTE # 2

**AMENDMENT TO SF 1670:** THIS AMENDMENT, OFFERED BY SEN. PAUL GAZELKA (R-NISSWA), WAS AN ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE LANGUAGE THAT GAVE EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO WORKERS LOCKED OUT OF THEIR JOBS. A LOCKOUT IS THE OPPOSITE OF A STRIKE. WHEN EMPLOYEES STRIKE, THEY CANNOT RECEIVE ANY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. THIS IS A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP THAT WORKERS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DURING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, UNLIKE A STRIKE, IN A LOCKOUT, THE EMPLOYER PREVENTS THE EMPLOYEES FROM WORKING AS A NEGOTIATING TACTIC. THE WORKERS ONLY RECEIVE 26 WEEKS OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IN THIS SITUATION – AFTER THOSE 26 WEEKS THEY COULD NO LONGER COLLECT THESE BENEFITS.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: OPPOSE**

**CORRECT VOTE: NAY**

**SENATE VOTE:** 34 YEA – 30 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PGS. 2498-2500; 4/19/13*)

#### SENATE VOTE # 4

**AMENDMENT TO HF 630:** THIS AMENDMENT, OFFERED BY SEN. BRANDEN PETERSEN (R-ANDOVER), ATTEMPTED TO ELIMINATE TEACHER SENIORITY.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: OPPOSE**

**CORRECT VOTE: NAY**

**SENATE VOTE:** 30 YEA – 35 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PGS. 3039-3046; 4/25/13*)

### HOUSE AMENDMENTS

#### HOUSE VOTE # 2

**AMENDMENT TO HF 630:** THIS AMENDMENT, OFFERED BY REP. SONDRERICKSON (R-PRINCETON), ATTEMPTED TO ELIMINATE TEACHER SENIORITY.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: OPPOSE**

**CORRECT VOTE: NAY**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 57 YEA – 77 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PGS. 3835-3838; 4/23/13*)

#### HOUSE VOTE # 4

**AMENDMENT TO HF 92:** THIS AMENDMENT, OFFERED BY REP. ANDREA KIEFFER (R-WOODBURY), ATTEMPTED TO ADD A TIP PENALTY TO THE MINIMUM WAGE BILL.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: OPPOSE**

**CORRECT VOTE: NAY**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 65 YEA – 65 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PGS. 4296-4297; 5/3/13*)

## KEY HOUSE & SENATE BILL VOTES

### HOUSE VOTE # 1 /SENATE VOTE # 1

**HF 5** (REP. JOE ATKINS, D-SOUTH ST. PAUL/SEN. TONY LOUREY, D-KERRICK) THIS BILL CREATED A HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE IN MINNESOTA, CONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (THE “ACA”). THE INTENT WAS FOR MINNESOTA TO CREATE AND OPERATE A MINNESOTA-DESIGNED HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE, RATHER THAN HAVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATE A FEDERALLY-DESIGNED HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE IN MINNESOTA. FEDERAL LAW ALLOWED STATES TO DESIGN AND OPERATE THEIR OWN EXCHANGES, SO LONG AS THE EXCHANGE MET CERTAIN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.

#### **MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

##### **CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 72 YEA – 61 NAY (HOUSE JOURNAL PG. 1059; 3/14/13)

**SENATE VOTE:** 39 YEA – 28 NAY (SENATE JOURNAL PG. 1055; 3/18/13)

### HOUSE VOTE # 3 /SENATE VOTE # 3

**SF 1236** (SEN. TERRI BONOFF, D-MINNETONKA/REP. GENE PELOWSKI, D-WINONA) THE OMNIBUS HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE BILL INVESTS AN ADDITIONAL \$250 MILLION INTO MINNESOTA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND THE STATE’S STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM - \$42.6 MILLION TO THE U OF M AND \$95 MILLION TO MNSCU TO FREEZE TUITION FOR TWO YEARS.

#### **MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

##### **CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 86 YEA – 44 NAY (HOUSE JOURNAL PG. 3920; 4/25/13)

**SENATE VOTE:** 46 YEA – 18 NAY (SENATE JOURNAL PGS. 1976-1977; 4/17/13)

### HOUSE VOTE # 5

**HF 92** – (REP. RYAN WINKLER, D-GOLDEN VALLEY) MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE: THE HOUSE AND SENATE BOTH PASSED MINIMUM WAGE BILLS, HOWEVER, THERE WERE STRIKING DIFFERENCES:

|              | LARGE EMPLOYER | SMALL EMPLOYER | TRAINING WAGE |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| AUG. 1, 2013 | \$8.00         | \$7.00         | \$6.50        |
| AUG. 1, 2014 | \$9.00         | \$8.00         | \$7.50        |
| AUG. 1, 2015 | \$9.50         | \$8.50         | \$8.00        |

- INDEXES FUTURE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE APPLICABLE TO ALL EMPLOYEES BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2016. THE WAGE TO BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY EACH JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, AND PROVIDES THE METHOD FOR ADJUSTING THE MINIMUM WAGE USING THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS. WAGE RATES MUST BE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST ONE CENT.
- CONFORMS STATE OVERTIME THRESHOLDS WITH EXISTING STANDARDS UNDER FEDERAL LAW.
- CONFORMS TO 40 HOURS PER WEEK STANDARD FOR AIR CARRIER EMPLOYEES.
- CONFORMS TO FEDERAL 12 WEEK PARENTAL LEAVE STANDARDS.
- PROHIBITS EMPLOYERS FROM TAKING CREDIT CARD FEES OUT OF SERVERS’ TIPS.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, BUT THE HOUSE AND SENATE COULD NOT COME TO AN AGREEMENT. IN THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THE BILL RETURN TO THE HOUSE OF ORIGIN AND BE RE-REFERRED BACK TO THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. THE MINNESOTA AFL-CIO AND ITS AFFILIATES HAVE TAKEN A POSITION TO SUPPORT THE HOUSE VERSION.

#### **MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

##### **CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 68 YEA – 62 NAY (HOUSE JOURNAL PGS. 4297-8; 5/3/13)



**HOUSE VOTE # 6 /SENATE VOTE # 5**

**HF 588** (REP. JOE ATKINS, D-SOUTH ST. PAUL/SEN. JEFF HAYDEN, D-MINNEAPOLIS) THIS BILL PROVIDES FOR HOSPITAL TRANSPARENCY ON NURSE STAFFING PLANS AND DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STUDY THE CORRELATION BETWEEN NURSE STAFFING AND PATIENT OUTCOMES.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

**CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 76 YEA – 56 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PGS. 4329-4330; 5/6/13*)

**SENATE VOTE:** 36 YEA – 25 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PG. 3201; 5/2/13*)

**SENATE VOTE # 6**

**HF 92** – (SEN. CHRIS EATON, D-BROOKLYN CENTER) MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE: THE SENATE TOOK THE HOUSE BILL AND INSERTED THE SENATE LANGUAGE FROM SF 3, WHICH WEAKENED THE BILL DRAMATICALLY, WITH AN INCREMENTAL INCREASE TO ONLY \$7.75 BY 2015.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

**CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**SENATE VOTE:** 39 YEA – 28 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PGS. 3412-3414; 5/8/13*)

**HOUSE VOTE # 7 /SENATE VOTE # 8**

**HF 1054** (SEN. SCOTT DIBBLE, D-MINNEAPOLIS /REP. KAREN CLARK, D-MINNEAPOLIS) THIS BILL ALLOWS ALL MINNESOTA COUPLES THE FREEDOM TO MARRY REGARDLESS OF GENDER.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

**CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 75 YEA – 59 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PGS. 4434-4435; 5/9/13*)

**SENATE VOTE:** 37 YEA – 30 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PG. 3584; 5/13/13*)

**HOUSE VOTE # 8/SENATE VOTE # 7**

**SF 1234** (SEN. DAN SPARKS, D-AUSTIN/REP. TIM MAHONEY, D-ST. PAUL) WORKERS' COMPENSATION BILL: THIS BILL WAS A SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT BY LABOR AND BUSINESS. THIS AGREEMENT ON WORKERS COMPENSATION REFORM INCREASES BENEFITS TO INJURED WORKERS AND FINALLY RECOGNIZES PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA AS A WORKPLACE INJURY. THE COMPROMISE ALSO INDEXED THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION FOR WAGE LOSS BY SETTING IT AT 102 PERCENT OF THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE, REPEALING THE SET DOLLAR MAXIMUM WEEKLY COMPENSATION.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

**CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 128 YEA – 0 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PG. 4447; 5/10/13*)

**SENATE VOTE:** 45 YEA – 15 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PG. 3571; 5/10/13*)

**HOUSE VOTE # 9 /SENATE VOTE # 10**

**HF 729** (SEN. DAVID TOMASSONI, D-CHISOLM/REP. TIM MAHONEY, D-ST. PAUL) OMNIBUS JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, COMMERCE, AND ENERGY BILL: THIS BILL MADE INVESTMENTS IN JOB CREATION, MORE JOB TRAINING, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS STRATEGIES. IT ALSO CREATES A PROGRAM CALLED CLIMB, CONVERTING LAYOFFS INTO MINNESOTA BUSINESSES, TO ASSIST DISLOCATED WORKERS IN STARTING OR GROWING A BUSINESS. CLIMB MUST OFFER ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING, BUSINESS CONSULTING, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DISLOCATED WORKERS SEEKING TO START OR GROW A BUSINESS. THE COMMISSIONER, IN COOPERATION WITH LOCAL WORKFORCE COUNCILS, MUST PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE IN THIS SUBDIVISION BY: (1) ENCOURAGING CLOSER TIES BETWEEN THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER NETWORK, SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER TRAINING PROVIDERS, AND WORKFORCE CENTERS, AS WELL AS OTHER DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND (2) ELIMINATING GRANTEE PERFORMANCE DATA DISINCENTIVES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE PREVENT ENROLLMENT OF DISLOCATED WORKERS IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP-RELATED TRAINING. THE BILL ALSO CONTAINED THE EMPLOYER LOCKOUT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, ONE OF OUR TOP PRIORITIES THIS SESSION, WHICH ALLOWS FOR AN ADDITIONAL 26 WEEKS OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO LOCKED OUT WORKERS SO LONG AS THE LOCKOUT IS STILL IN PROGRESS.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT****CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 73 YEA – 59 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PGS. 4721-4722; 5/15/13*)

**SENATE VOTE:** 40 YEA – 27 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PGS. 3932-3933; 5/16/13*)

**HOUSE VOTE # 10**

**HF 270** (REP. ALICE HAUSMAN, D-ST. PAUL/SEN. LEROY STUMPF, D-PLUMMER) FIRST BONDING BILL: ALTHOUGH THIS BILL RECEIVED 76 YES VOTES AND 56 NO VOTES, BONDING BILLS REQUIRE A THREE-FIFTHS MAJORITY – OR 81 VOTES TO PASS. AMONG THE BILL'S APPROPRIATIONS WERE:

- + \$193.93 MILLION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND THE MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SYSTEM, INCLUDING \$60 MILLION IN ASSET PRESERVATION;
- + \$60.3 MILLION FOR CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSIONS IN ROCHESTER, MANKATO AND ST. CLOUD;
- + \$50 MILLION TO ADVANCE TRANSIT IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S 2030 TRANSPORTATION POLICY PLAN AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTIES TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT BOARD;
- + \$36.3 MILLION TO CONSTRUCT NEW FACILITIES AT THE STATE SECURITY HOSPITAL IN ST. PETER;
- + \$25 MILLION FOR FLOOD MITIGATION;
- + \$20 MILLION FOR WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING;
- + \$20 MILLION FOR LOCAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION;
- + \$18.9 MILLION FOR THE STATE MATCH FOR AN EXPANSION AT THE MINNEAPOLIS VETERANS HOME; AND
- + \$18 MILLION FOR A NEW HEALTH SERVICES AND INTAKE UNIT AT THE ST. CLOUD PRISON.

ONLY 3 OF THE EIGHT REPUBLICANS WHO SAID THEY WOULD VOTE FOR THE BILL ACTUALLY DID SO: REP. CHRIS SWEDZINSKI (R-GHENT), REP. TAMA THEIS (R-ST. CLOUD), AND REP. MARK UGLEM (R-CHAMPLIN).

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT****CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 76 YEA – 56 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PGS. 4848-4849; 5/17/13*)

**HOUSE VOTE # 11 /SENATE VOTE # 11**

**HF 1233** (REP. TOM HUNTLEY, D-DULUTH/SEN. TONY LOUREY, D-KERRICK) OMNIBUS HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET BILL: INCREASED NURSING HOME RATES BY 5%, ELIMINATED THE 1.67% RATE CUT, AND GAVE THE ELDERLY WAIVER GROGRAM A 1% RATE INCREASE.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

**CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 73 YEA – 61 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PGS. 5419-5429; 5/17/13*)

**SENATE VOTE:** 39 YEA – 28 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PG. 4775; 5/18/13*)

**HOUSE VOTE # 12 /SENATE VOTE # 12**

**HF 630** (REP. PAUL MARQUART, D-DILWORTH/SEN. CHUCK WIGER, D-MAPLEWOOD) OMNIBUS K-12 EDUCATION POLICY BILL: INCLUDED \$485 MILLION IN NEW SPENDING FOR EDUCATION, FUNDING FREE ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN STATEWIDE, AS WELL AS A BASIC FUNDING FORMULA INCREASE. IT MAKES INVESTMENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION, FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS, ADDITIONAL SAFE SCHOOL AID, EXPANDS ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS MUCH NEEDED INVESTMENTS TO ADDRESS THE OPPORTUNITY AND ACHIEVEMENT GAP.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

**CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 78 YEA – 56 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PGS. 5876-5877; 5/18/13*)

**SENATE VOTE:** 41 YEA – 26 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PGS. 5146-5147; 5/19/13*)

**HOUSE VOTE # 13 /SENATE VOTE # 13**

**HF 1444** (REP. FRANK HORNSTEIN, D-MINNEAPOLIS/SEN. KATIE SIEBEN, D-NEWPORT) OMNIBUS TRANSPORTATION FINANCE BILL: INVESTS \$300 MILLION IN A “CORRIDORS OF COMMERCE” PROGRAM, ALLOCATES \$2 MILLION TO EXPEND EXISTING OR NEW ARRA FUNDS; AND APPROPRIATES \$236 MILLION FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. IT ALSO MAKES A ONE-TIME \$10.8 MILLION APPROPRIATION FOR GREATER MINNESOTA TRANSIT, \$9 MILLION TO COUNTY STATE-AID HIGHWAYS AND KEEPS MINNESOTA ON TRACK TO RECEIVE THE MATCHING FEDERAL FUNDING NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE SOUTHWEST LRC.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

**CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 77 YEA – 53 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PG. 5963; 5/19/13*)

**SENATE VOTE:** 43 YEA – 24 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PGS. 5193-5194; 5/19/13*)

**HOUSE VOTE # 14 /SENATE VOTE # 17**

**HF 677** (REP. ANN LENCZEWSKI, D-BLOOMINGTON/SEN. ROD SKOE, D-CLEARBROOK) OMNIBUS TAX BILL: THE FINAL BUDGET INCREASED THE INCOME TAX ON HIGH-INCOME MINNESOTANS, ENDS PREFERENCES IN THE CORPORATE TAX AND RAISES TOBACCO TAXES, WHILE ALSO REDUCING PROPERTY TAX PRESSURES THROUGH INCREASED PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS AND MORE FUNDING FOR AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. IT CLOSED THE BUDGET DEFICIT AND ALLOWS MINNESOTA TO MAKE OVERDUE INVESTMENTS IN OUR SCHOOLS, HEALTH CARE, AFFORDABLE COLLEGE EDUCATION, JOB CREATION AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES THAT ARE CRUCIAL FOR MINNESOTA’S ECONOMIC FUTURE.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

**CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 69 YEA – 65 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PGS. 6294-6295; 5/19/13*)

**SENATE VOTE:** 36 YEA – 30 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PG. 5750; 5/20/13*)

**HOUSE VOTE # 15 /SENATE VOTE # 14**

**HF 1270** (REP. RON ERHARDT, D-EDINA/SEN. SCOTT DIBBLE, D-MINNEAPOLIS) OMNIBUS TRANSPORTATION POLICY BILL: CREATED AN OMBUDSPERSON POSITION AT MNDOT, AUTHORIZES MNDOT TO CONTRACT WITH RAILROADS FOR USE OF CARRIER EMPLOYEES, TRACK AND FACILITIES, AS WELL AS FOR OPERATION OF PASSENGER RAIL, ALLOWS AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH AMTRAK OR OTHER RAILROADS ADDRESSING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, INDEMNIFICATION, AND INSURANCE, REQUIRES MNDOT TO FOLLOW FEDERAL RAILROAD LABOR, PENSION AND LIABILITY LAWS WITHIN CONTRACTS WITH RAILROADS; AMENDS UNIFORMITY OF GRADE CROSSING SIGNAGE; AND DECREASES THE MAXIMUM DISTANCE A GRADE CROSSING SIGN MUST BE PLACED FROM TRACK AND MAINTAINED BY RAILROADS, FROM 75 TO 50 FEET.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

**CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 80 YEA – 49 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PGS. 6335-6336; 5/20/13*)

**SENATE VOTE:** 46 YEA – 17 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PGS. 5225-5226; 5/19/13*)

**HOUSE VOTE # 16 /SENATE VOTE # 9**

**SF 778** (SEN. SANDRA PAPPAS, D-ST. PAUL/REP. MIKE NELSON, D-BROOKLYN PARK) FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS REPRESENTATION ACT: THIS BILL ALLOWS FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS THE RIGHT TO FORM, JOIN AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF LABOR ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPRESENTATION AND BARGAINING WITH THE STATE.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

**CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 68 YEA – 66 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PG. 6345; 5/20/13*)

**SENATE VOTE:** 35 YEA – 32 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PG. 3695; 5/15/13*)

**HOUSE VOTE # 17 /SENATE VOTE # 15**

**HF 894** (REP. STEVE SIMON, D-HOPKINS/SEN. KATIE SIEBEN, D-NEWPORT) OMNIBUS ELECTIONS BILL: INCLUDED PROVISIONS ALLOWING FOR NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE BALLOTING, REDUCED THE NUMBER OF PERSONS A REGISTERED VOTER MAY VOUCH FOR FROM 15 TO 8, ESTABLISHED AN ELECTRONIC ROSTERS PILOT PROJECT, AND PROVIDED FOR VACANCIES IN NOMINATION IN THE EVENT A CANDIDATE DIES OR DEVELOPS A CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS WITH A DESIGNATED TIME BEFORE AN ELECTION.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

**CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 99 YEA – 32 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PG. 6346-6347; 5/19/13*)

**SENATE VOTE:** 56 YEA – 9 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PGS. 5321-5322; 5/20/13*)

**HOUSE VOTE # 18 /SENATE VOTE # 16**

**SF 1589** (SEN. TOM SAXHAUG, D-GRAND RAPIDS/REP. MARY MURPHY, D-HERMANTOWN) OMNIBUS STATE GOV'T FINANCE BILL: THIS BILL SPENDS LESS THAN PAWLENTY'S STATE GOVERNMENT BUDGET IN 2004-05: \$924.4 MILLION VS. \$1.2 BILLION, BUT MAKES TARGETED STATE AGENCY SAVINGS AND REINVESTS IN THE EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES. IT REPEALS THE SUNSET COMMISSION, CONSOLIDATES IT, MAKES ACCOUNTING IMPROVEMENTS, AND STREAMLINES BUSINESS OPERATIONS.

**MINNESOTA AFL-CIO POSITION: SUPPORT**

**CORRECT VOTE: YEA**

**HOUSE VOTE:** 73 YEA – 60 NAY (*HOUSE JOURNAL PGS. 6505-6506; 5/20/13*)

**SENATE VOTE:** 39 YEA – 25 NAY (*SENATE JOURNAL PG. 5445; 5/20/13*)