



2010

VOTING RECORD

IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Samuel Gompers said it best when he described labor's political mission nearly a century ago: "Stand faithfully by our friends and elect them; oppose our enemies and defeat them, whether they be candidates for President, for Congress, or other offices, whether executive, legislative or judicial."

This voting record covers only recorded votes of the Iowa House and Iowa Senate that are of interest to labor. Thus, unfortunately, not all of our priorities for 2010 are in the record, and we must use other means to determine legislators' positions on those issues until such time as there is an official vote. This record does, however, record legislators' votes on other issues of concern to union members and their families, and serves as a tool to help Iowa trade unionists assess whether or not their elected representatives support a more progressive agenda.

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Senate Issues – 2010

1. **WORKER NOTIFICATION ACT**
(*HF 681*)
Mirrors the Federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN), but applies to smaller businesses, requiring employers to notify employees and the Department of Workforce Development of business closings or layoffs that apply to 25 or more full-time employees within a 30-day period.
IFL position was "YES."
Senate Vote: Passed 31 yes – 18 no
2. **UNEMPLOYED MILITARY SPOUSES**
(*HF 2110*)
Allows military spouses to be eligible for unemployment benefits if they have to move due to military reassignment.
IFL position was "YES."
Senate Vote: Passed 35 yes – 14 no
3. **IMPASSE AND MEDIATION**
(*S-5353 to HF 2531*)
Maintains a loophole in the law that denies organized public workers whose employers don't have a budget certification date the right to arbitration and mediation, thus taking away any real bargaining ability.
IFL position was "NO."
Senate Vote: Failed 20 yes – 29 no
4. **WORKPLACE LACTATION**
(*SF 2270*)
Requires employers to provide reasonable unpaid time and an appropriate place for activities related to lactation.
IFL position was "YES."
Senate Vote: Passed 29 yes – 18 no
(*Died in the House*)
5. **PROPANE DELIVERY**
(*SF 2235*)
Ensures that propane fuel will be delivered to customers who have federal low-income energy assistance money and customers who make cash payments in advance.
IFL position was "YES."
Senate Vote: Passed 34 yes – 16 no
(*Died in the House*)
6. **TAX CREDITS**
(*SF 2380*)
Makes provisions for a legislative review panel on tax credits as a preliminary step to inserting more accountability into the system and attempting to stem the runaway growth in tax credits and their damage to the state's budget.
IFL position was "YES."
Senate Vote: Passed 32 yes – 18 no
7. **ELECTRICAL LICENSING**
(*S-5342 TO HF 2531*)
Exempts farmers from being required to get a permit for or submit to inspections of electrical wiring installations on their farms.
IFL position was "NO."
Senate Vote: Failed 24 yes – 24 no
8. **HEALTH CARE MANDATE**
(*S-5340 to HF 2531*)
Thwarts an affordable national health care plan by prohibiting government from requiring everyone to have health care coverage.
IFL position was "NO."
Senate Vote: Failed 18 yes – 31 no
9. **IPERS**
(*HF 2518*)
Includes changes to benefits and contribution rates in order to maintain the viability of the fund well into the future.
IFL position was "YES."
Senate Vote: Passed 31 yes – 16 no

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		D/R	Dist	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	R	W	A	2010%	Lifetime%
Appel	Staci	D	37	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	100
Bartz	Merlin	R	6	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0	17
Beall	Daryl	D	25	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	1	0	89	92
Behn	Jerry	R	24	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0	6
Black	Dennis	D	21	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	8	1	0	89	75
Boettger	Nancy	R	29	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0	9
Bolkcom	Joe	D	39	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	1	89	93
Courtney	Tom	D	44	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	92
Dandekar	Swati	D	18	W	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	7	1	1	78	76
Danielson	Jeff	D	10	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	95
Dearden	Dick	D	34	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	95
Dotzler	Bill, Jr.	D	11	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	93
Dvorsky	Bob	D	15	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	1	89	91
Feenstra	Randy	R	2	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0	8
Fraise	Eugene	D	46	R	R	A	R	R	R	A	A	A	5	0	4	56	83
Gronstal	Mike	D	50	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	91
Hahn	James	R	40	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	8	0	11	8
Hamerlinck	Shawn	R	42	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	2	7	0	22	23
Hancock	Tom	D	16	R	R	W	R	W	R	W	R	R	6	3	0	67	81
Hartsuch	David	R	41	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	8	0	11	12
Hatch	Jack	D	33	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	93
Heckroth	William	D	9	A	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	7	1	1	78	82
Hogg	Rob	D	19	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	97
Horn	Wally	D	17	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	90
Houser	Hubert	R	49	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	1	7	1	11	9

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Jochum	Pam	D	14	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	89
Johnson	David	R	3	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0	10
Kapucian	Tim	R	20	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	8	0	11	15
Kettering	Steve	R	26	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0	9
Kibbie	Jack	D	4	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	1	89	84
Kreiman	Keith	D	47	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	85
McCoy	Matt	D	31	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	1	89	79
McKinley	Paul	R	36	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0	8
Noble	Larry	R	35	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	8	0	11	24
Olive	Rich	D	5	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	8	1	0	89	88
Quirmbach	Herman	D	23	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	100
Ragan	Amanda	D	7	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	96
Reynolds	Kim	R	48	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0	8
Rielly	Tom	D	38	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	8	1	0	89	85
Schmitz	Becky	D	45	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	8	1	0	89	97
Schoenjahn	Brian	D	12	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	95
Seng	Joe	D	43	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	91
Seymour	James	R	28	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0	20
Sodders	Steve	D	22	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	100
Stewart	Roger	D	13	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	92
Ward	Pat	R	30	R	R	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	2	6	1	22	28
Warnstadt	Steve	D	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100	86
Wieck	Ron	R	27	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	A	0	7	2	0	13
Wilhelm	Mary Jo	D	8	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	8	0	1	89	92
Zaun	Brad	R	32	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0	15

House Issues – 2010

1. **WORKER NOTIFICATION ACT**
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Mirrors the Federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN), but applies to smaller businesses, requiring employers to notify employees and the Department of Workforce Development of business closings or layoffs that apply to 25 or more full-time employees within a 30-day period.

IFL position was “YES.”

House Vote: Passed 81 yes – 18 no

2. **UNEMPLOYED MILITARY SPOUSES**
(*HF 2110*)

Allows military spouses to be eligible for unemployment benefits if they have to move due to military reassignment.

IFL position was “YES.”

House Vote: Failed 56 yes – 44 no

3. **IMPASSE AND MEDIATION**
(*H-8662 to HF 2531*)

Strikes language in the bill that gives organized public workers whose employers don't have a budget certification date the right to arbitration and mediation, and provides instead for a legislative study.

IFL position was “NO.”

House Vote: Failed 48 yes – 50 no

4. **STATE WORKER WAGES AND STEP INCREASES**
(*H-8644 HF 2531*)

Grants non-bargaining unit employees the same wage increases as bargaining unit employees; denies step increases.

IFL position was “NO.”

House Vote: Failed 47 yes – 51 no

5. **TAX CREDITS**
(*SF 2380*)

Makes provisions for a legislative review panel on tax credits as a preliminary step to inserting more accountability into the system and attempting to stem the runaway growth in tax credits and their damage to the state's budget.

IFL position was “YES.”

House Vote: Passed 54 yes – 43 no

6. **IPERS**
(*HF 2518*)

Includes changes to benefits and contribution rates in order to maintain the viability of the fund well into the future.

IFL position was “YES.”

House Vote: Passed 53 yes – 43 no

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Abdul-Samad	Ako	D	66	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	96
Alons	Dwayne	R	4	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	5
Anderson	Richard	R	97	R	R	W	W	W	W	2	4	0	33	26
Arnold	Richard	R	72	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	15
Bailey	McKinley	D	9	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	96
Baudler	Clel	R	58	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	11
Beard	John	D	16	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	100
Bell	Paul	D	41	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	81
Berry	Deborah	D	22	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	94
Bukta	Polly	D	26	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	88
Burt	Kerry	D	21	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	100
Chambers	Royd	R	5	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	9
Cohoon	Dennis	D	88	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	91
Cownie	Peter	R	60	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	17
De Boef	Betty	R	76	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	8
Deyoe	Dave	R	10	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	19
Dolecheck	Cecil	R	96	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	10
Drake	Jack	R	57	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	10
Ficken	Gene	D	23	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	100
Ford	Wayne	D	65	R	R	A	A	R	R	4	0	2	67	86
Forristall	Greg	R	98	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	15
Frevert	Marcella	D	7	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	89
Gaskill	Mary	D	93	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	95
Gayman	Elesha	D	84	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	100
Grassley	Pat	R	17	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	19
Hagenow	Chris	R	59	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	25
Hanson	Curt	D	90	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	100
Heaton	Dave	R	91	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	13
Heddens	Lisa	D	46	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	98
Helland	Erik	R	69	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	8
Horbach	Lance	R	40	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	8
Hunter	Bruce	D	62	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	97
Huseman	Daniel	R	53	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	9
Huser	Geri	D	42	R	W	R	W	R	R	4	2	0	67	68

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Isenhardt	Charles	D	27	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	100
Jacoby	Dave	D	30	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	95
Kaufmann	Jeff	R	79	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	15
Kearns	Jerry	D	92	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	100
Kelley	Doris	D	20	R	R	W	W	R	R	4	2	0	67	85
Koester	Kevin	R	70	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	17
Kressig	Bob	D	19	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	91
Kuhn	Mark	D	14	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	92
Lensing	Vicki	D	78	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	96
Lukan	Steven	R	32	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	15
Lykam	Jim	D	85	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	94
Marek	Larry	D	89	R	R	W	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	83
Mascher	Mary	D	77	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	93
May	Mike	R	6	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	17
McCarthy	Kevin	D	67	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	83
Mertz	Dolores	D	8	R	R	W	W	R	R	4	2	0	67	62
Miller	Helen	D	49	R	R	R	R	A	R	5	0	1	83	91
Miller	Linda	R	82	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	30
Murphy	Pat	D	28	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	89
Oldson	Jo	D	61	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	97
Olson	Donovan	D	48	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	91
Olson	Rick	D	68	R	R	R	R	R	A	5	0	1	83	89
Olson	Steven	R	83	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	14
Olson	Tyler	D	38	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	93
Palmer	Eric	D	75	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	100
Paulsen	Kraig	R	35	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	20
Petersen	Janet	D	64	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	89
Pettengill	Dawn	R	39	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	60
Quirk	Brian	D	15	R	R	W	R	R	A	4	1	1	67	70
Raecker	Scott	R	63	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	10
Rants	Christopher	R	54	A	W	W	W	W	A	0	4	2	0	9
Rayhons	Henry	R	11	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	10
Reasoner	Michael	D	95	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	83
Reichert	Nathan	D	80	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	91

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Roberts	Rod	R	51	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	12
Running-Marquardt	Kirsten	D	33	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	100
Sands	Thomas	R	87	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	9
Schueller	Tom	D	25	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	91
Schulte	Renee	R	37	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	25
Schultz	Jason	R	55	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	0
Shomshor	Paul	D	100	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	88
Smith	Mark	D	43	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	90
Soderberg	Chuck	R	3	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	15
Sorenson	Kent	R	74	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	25
Steckman	Sharon	D	13	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	92
Struyk	Doug	R	99	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	34
Swaim	Kurt	D	94	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	86
Sweeney	Annette	R	44	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	17
Taylor	Todd	D	34	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	91
Thede	Phyllis	D	81	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	100
Thomas	Roger	D	24	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	77
Tjepkes	David	R	50	R	W	W	W	A	W	1	4	1	17	20
Tymeson	Jodi	R	73	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	11
Upmeyer	Linda	R	12	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	14
Van Engelenhoven	Jim	R	71	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	8
Wagner	Nick	R	36	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	17
Watts	Ralph	R	47	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	9
Wendt *	Roger	D	2	R	R					2	0	0	100	97
Wenthe	Andrew	D	18	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	100
Wessel-Kroeschell	Beth	D	45	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	98
Whitead	Wes	D	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	91
Willems	Nathan	D	29	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	100
Winckler	Cindy	D	86	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	97
Windschitl	Matt	R	56	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Worthan	Gary	R	52	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	7
Zirkelbach	Ray	D	31	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	96

* absent due to serious illness