



# 2012

## 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 2012 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, serve 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 – 2012

### 1. JUSTICE SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

*(SF 2071)*

Iowa's prisons and Justice System is understaffed and needed more funding to finish the fiscal year. The Senate set levels higher than the Governor and the House to provide the correct amount of funding.

**IFL position was "YES."**

Senate Vote: Passed 26 yes – 23 no  
*(Final version was a compromise between House and Senate, was passed by both chambers, and was signed by the Governor)*

### 2. EXPANSION OF EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

*(SF 2161)*

Raised the Earned Income Tax Credit from 7% to 20% over the course of several years.

**IFL position was "YES."**

Senate Vote: Passed 48 yes – 0 no  
*(Passed Senate but was rolled into Property Tax Bills that did not pass)*

### 3. STRAY VOLTAGE IMPACTS

*(SF 2286)*

Provides for the adoption of administrative rules by the Iowa Utilities Board establishing standard procedures and protocols for the measurement of stray current or voltage.

**IFL position was "YES."**

Senate Vote: Passed 35 yes – 14 no  
*(Passed Senate but died in House Committee)*

### 4. AMERICAN PRODUCTS

*(SF 2287)*

Requires each contract for the construction of a public improvement made by a governmental unit to contain a provision requiring that the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used or supplied in the performance of the contract or any subcontract be manufactured in the United States.

**IFL position was "YES."**

Senate Vote: Passed 37 yes – 13 no  
*(Passed Senate and died in House Committee)*

### 5. ALLOWABLE GROWTH

*(SF 2115)*

Sets the allowable growth for the public school system at 4%.

**IFL position was "YES."**

Senate Vote: Passed 26 yes – 23 no  
*(Passed Senate and died in House Committee)*

### 6. PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING TRUST FUND

*(SF 2335)*

Establishes a board and trust fund to be used for public safety training costs incurred by the state, a city, or county.

**IFL position was "YES."**

Senate Vote: Passed 35 yes – 13 no  
*(Passed Senate and died in House Committee)*

### 7. HOUSE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX CUTS

*(S 5258 to SF 2344)*

The House Republican version of property tax reform would have left cities and other local governments without resources forcing them to increase residential rates, lay off public employees, cut services, or all of the above. This was offered as an amendment to a Senate property tax bill.

**IFL position was "NO."**

Senate Vote: 21 yes – 26 no  
*(Amendment failed)*



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# Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO Voting Record of the Iowa Senate - 2012

		D/R	Dist	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	W	A	2012%	Lifetime%
Anderson	Bill	R	27	W	R	W	R	W	R	W	3	4	0	43	25
Bacon	Robert	R	5	W	R	W	R	W	R	W	3	4	0	43	25
Bartz	Merlin	R	6	W	R	R	R	W	R	W	4	3	0	57	18
Beall	Daryl	D	25	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	93
Behn	Jerry	R	24	W	R	W	W	W	W	A	1	5	1	14	6
Bertrand	Rick	R	1	W	R	W	R	W	R	W	3	4	0	43	25
Black	Dennis	D	21	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	76
Boettger	Nancy	R	29	W	R	R	R	W	W	W	3	4	0	43	10
Bolkcom	Joe	D	39	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	93
Bowman	Tod	D	13	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	6	1	0	86	92
Chelgren	Mark	R	47	W	R	R	W	W	W	A	2	4	1	29	17
Courtney	Tom	D	44	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	93
Danielson	Jeff	D	10	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	96
Dearden	Dick	D	34	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	95
Dix	Bill	R	9	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	8
Dotzler	Bill, Jr.	D	11	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	93
Dvorsky	Bob	D	15	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	91
Ernst	Joni	R	48	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	2	5	0	29	17
Feenstra	Randy	R	2	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	2	5	0	29	12
Fraise	Eugene	D	46	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	84
Greiner	Sandy	R	45	A	R	W	W	A	R	W	2	3	2	29	10
Gronstal	Mike	D	50	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	91
Hahn	James	R	40	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	2	5	0	29	8
Hamerlinck	Shawn	R	42	W	R	R	R	W	R	W	4	3	0	57	28
Hancock	Tom	D	16	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	85



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<b>Hatch</b>	Jack	D	33	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	93
<b>Hogg</b>	Rob	D	19	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	98
<b>Horn</b>	Wally	D	17	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	90
<b>Houser</b>	Hubert	R	49	W	R	A	W	W	A	W	1	4	2	14	9
<b>Jochum</b>	Pam	D	14	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	90
<b>Johnson</b>	David	R	3	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	1	0	9
<b>Kapucian</b>	Tim	R	20	W	R	W	R	W	R	W	3	4	0	43	20
<b>Kettering</b>	Steve	R	26	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	2	5	0	29	9
<b>Kibbie</b>	Jack	D	4	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	85
<b>Mathis</b>	Liz	D	18	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	100
<b>McCoy</b>	Matt	D	31	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	81
<b>McKinley</b>	Paul	R	36	W	R	R	W	W	W	A	2	4	1	29	9
<b>Quirmbach</b>	Herman	D	23	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	100
<b>Ragan</b>	Amanda	D	7	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	96
<b>Rielly</b>	Tom	D	38	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	89
<b>Schoenjahn</b>	Brian	D	12	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	96
<b>Seng</b>	Joe	D	43	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	92
<b>Seymour</b>	James	R	28	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	2	5	0	29	19
<b>Smith</b>	Roby	R	41	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	2	5	0	29	17
<b>Sodders</b>	Steve	D	22	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	100
<b>Sorenson</b>	Kent	R	37	W	R	W	R	W	R	W	3	4	0	43	25
<b>Ward</b>	Pat	R	30	W	R	R	R	W	A	W	3	3	1	43	27
<b>Whitver</b>	Jack	R	35	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	8
<b>Wilhelm</b>	Mary Jo	D	8	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	96
<b>Zaun</b>	Brad	R	32	W	A	R	W	W	W	W	1	5	1	14	13



## House Issues – 2012

### 1. CHILD LABOR

*(Amendment H-8006 to HF 2227)*

House Republicans offered an amendment to a technical bill from Iowa Workforce Development to eliminate required Child Labor reporting to the state of Iowa. H-8006 would have corrected this problem.

**IFL position was “YES.”**

House Vote: Failed 42 yes – 57 no  
*(Bill passed House, but died in Senate Committee)*

### 2. JUDICIAL SYSTEM

#### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

*(Amendment H-8020 to SF 2071)*

Iowa's prisons and Justice System is understaffed and needed more funding to finish the fiscal year. This amendment offered by House Democrats would have restored supplemental funding to the higher Senate level instead of the House Republican level.

**IFL position was “YES.”**

House Vote: Failed 39 yes – 57 no  
*(Final version was a compromise between House and Senate, was passed by both chambers, and was signed by the Governor)*

### 3. STANDING APPROPRIATIONS

*(HF2465)*

The first incarnation of the Standing Appropriations Bill included provisions that required State employees to pay at least 25% of already-bargained-for health care benefits.

**IFL position was “NO.”**

House Vote: Passed 59 yes – 40 no  
*(Later version that did not include state employee health insurance changes did pass both chambers)*

### 4. HOUSE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX CUTS

*(HF 2475)*

House Republican version of property tax reform would have left cities and other local governments without resources forcing them to increase residential rates, lay off public employees, cut services, or all of the above.

**IFL position was “NO.”**

House Vote: Passed 71 yes – 26 no  
*(House version was not taken up by Senate except in Amendment form and failed)*

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Abdul-Samad	Ako	D	66	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	98
Alons	Dwayne	R	4	W	W	W	A	0	3	1	0	4
Anderson	Richard	R	97	W	W	W	A	0	3	1	0	20
Arnold	Richard	R	72	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	13
Baltimore	Chip	R	48	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Baudler	Clel	R	58	W	A	W	W	0	3	1	0	10
Berry	Deborah	D	22	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	94
Brandenburg	Mark	R	100	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Byrnes	Josh	R	14	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Chambers	Royd	R	5	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	7
Cohoon	Dennis	D	88	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	91
Cownie	Peter	R	60	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	7
De Boef	Betty	R	76	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	6
Deyoe	Dave	R	10	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	11
Dolecheck	Cecil	R	96	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	8
Drake	Jack	R	57	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	9
Forristall	Greg	R	98	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	9
Fry	Joel	R	95	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Gaines	Ruth Ann	D	65	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	100
Garrett	Julian	R	73	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Gaskill	Mary	D	93	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	96
Grassley	Pat	R	17	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	11
Hagenow	Chris	R	59	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	10
Hager	Bob	R	16	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Hall	Chris	D	2	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	94
Hanson	Curt	D	90	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	96
Hanusa	Mary Ann	R	99	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Heaton	Dave	R	91	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	12
Heddens	Lisa	D	46	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	99
Hein	Lee	R	31	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Helland	Erik	R	69	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	3
Horbach	Lance	R	40	W	A	W	W	0	3	1	0	7
Hunter	Bruce	D	62	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	98
Huseman	Daniel	R	53	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	8



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Iverson	Stewart	R	9	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	9
Jacoby	Dave	D	30	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	95
Jorgensen	Ron	R	54	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Kajtazovic	Anesa	D	21	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	94
Kaufmann	Jeff	R	79	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	11
Kearns	Jerry	D	92	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	100
Kelley	Dan	D	41	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	94
Klein	Jarad	R	89	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Koester	Kevin	R	70	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	7
Kressig	Bob	D	19	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	92
Lensing	Vicki	D	78	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	96
Lofgren	Mark	R	80	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Lukan	Steven	R	32	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	12
Lykam	Jim	D	85	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	93
Mascher	Mary	D	77	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	93
Massie	Glen	R	74	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
McCarthy	Kevin	D	67	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	86
Miller	Helen	D	49	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	84
Miller	Linda	R	82	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	18
Moore	Brian	R	25	R	W	W	W	1	3	0	25	6
Muhlbauer	Dan	D	51	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	89
Murphy	Pat	D	28	R	R	R	A	3	0	1	75	88
Oldson	Jo	D	61	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	98
Olson	Rick	D	68	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	88
Olson	Steven	R	83	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	11
Olson	Tyler	D	38	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	96
Paulsen	Kraig	R	35	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	16
Paustian	Ross	R	84	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Pearson	Kim	R	42	W	W	R	R	2	2	0	50	22
Petersen	Janet	D	64	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	91
Pettengill	Dawn	R	39	R	W	W	W	1	3	0	25	45
Quirk	Brian	D	15	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	70
Raecker	Scott	R	63	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	9



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Rasmussen	Dan	R	23	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	7
Rayhons	Henry	R	11	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	8
Rogers	Walt	R	20	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Running-Marquardt	Kirsten	D	33	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	96
Sands	Thomas	R	87	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	7
Schulte	Renee	R	37	R	W	W	W	1	3	0	25	13
Schultz	Jason	R	55	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Shaw	Tom	R	8	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Smith	Jeff	R	6	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Smith	Mark	D	43	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	89
Soderberg	Chuck	R	3	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	11
Steckman	Sharon	D	13	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	97
Swaim	Kurt	D	94	A	A	A	R	1	0	3	25	81
Sweeney	Annette	R	44	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	7
Taylor	Jeremy	R	1	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Taylor	Todd	D	34	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	92
Thede	Phyllis	D	81	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	93
Thomas	Roger	D	24	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	79
Tjepkes	David	R	50	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	16
Upmeyer	Linda	R	12	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	11
Van Engelenhoven	Jim	R	71	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	7
Vander Linden	Guy	R	75	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	0
Wagner	Nick	R	36	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	7
Watts	Ralph	R	47	W	A	W	W	0	3	1	0	7
Wenthe	Andrew	D	18	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	98
Wessel-Kroeschell	Beth	D	45	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	98
Willems	Nathan	D	29	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	100
Winckler	Cindy	D	86	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	97
Windschitl	Matt	R	56	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	4
Wittneben	John	D	7	R	R	R	W	3	1	0	75	94
Wolfe	Mary	D	26	R	R	R	R	4	0	0	100	94
Worthan	Gary	R	52	W	W	W	W	0	4	0	0	7