

IOWA FEDERATION OF LABOR

AFL-CIO



2000 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."

Not words but the record is the measure of how we separate labor's allies from our adversaries. This voting record by no means covers all the issues that the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO dealt with during the 2000 Legislative session. It does, however, record legislators' votes on a number of key issues of concern to union members and their families and will help Iowa trade unionists determine whether their elected representatives support labor's progressive agenda or have taken their stand with those who want to keep working people down.

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Senate Issues* – 2000

1. Amendment S-5100 to SF 2411 – makes changes in the Iowa Public Employee Retirement System (IPERS) that would allow employees to retire with full benefits when their age and years of service equal 85 instead of 88. IFL position was “YES.” (Failed 21-29)
2. SF 2203 – allows assignment of benefits from insurers directly to health care providers, regardless of whether they have a contract, potentially driving up the cost of health care and health care insurance. IFL position was “NO.” (Passed 42-7) *Vetoed by Governor*
3. Veto Override – SF 2203 – overrides the Governor’s veto of the assignment of benefits bill (requires a 2/3 majority). IFL position was “NO.” (Failed 26-22)
4. Amendment S-5276 to SF 2435 – increases income eligibility for childcare assistance from 140% to 150% of the poverty level. IFL position was “YES.” (Failed 20-30)
5. Amendment S-5557 to HF 2540 – requires businesses to pay 100% of county average wage and 80% of health insurance for employees to be eligible for tax credits in certain enterprise zones. IFL position was “YES.” (Failed 21-28)
6. SF 2318 – establishes charter schools in Iowa, which would be allowed to have non-accredited teachers make up 15% of the faculty, keeps any bargaining unit separate from other bargaining units in the district and gives the authorizing body civil and criminal immunity for actions related to the charter school. IFL position was “NO.” (Passed 30-19) *Not considered by House*
7. Amendment S-5195 to SF 2428 – appropriates additional money for the Workforce Development Department, including funding for OSHA inspectors and Workers’ Compensation deputies. IFL position was “YES.” (Failed 19-29)
8. SF 2274 – overturns the Governor’s Executive Order banning discrimination in state government employment on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. IFL position was “NO.” (Passed 28-21) *Vetoed by Governor*
9. Amendment S-5458 to SF 2447 – requires that any applicant who receives financial assistance under the Vision Iowa Program or the Community Attraction and Tourism Fund to pay for at least 50% of the costs for a medical insurance plan for all full-time employees working on the project. IFL position was “YES.” (Adopted 34-15)
10. Amendment S-5625 to HF 2549 – appropriates \$500,000 for the Governor’s proposed Career Opportunities and Resources for Education (CORE) Program grants. IFL position was “YES.” (Failed 19-28)

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		D/R	Dist	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	R	W	A	%2000	%life
Angelo	Jeff	R	44	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	10	0	0	2
Bartz	Merlin	R	10	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	1	9	0	10	19
Behn	Jerry	R	40	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	10	0	0	4
Black	Dennis	D	29	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	2	0	80	72
Boettger	Nancy	R	41	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	10	0	0	6
Bolkcom	Joe	D	23	R	W	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	8	1	1	80	89
Connolly	Michael	D	18	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	0	0	100	93
Dearden	Dick	D	35	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	9	0	1	90	92
Deluhery	Patrick	D	22	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	1	0	90	87
Drake	Richard	R	24	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	10	0	0	25
Dvorsky	Bob	D	25	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	1	0	90	90
Fink	Bill	D	45	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	9	0	1	90	87
Flynn	Tom	D	17	R	W	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	8	2	0	80	70
Fraise	Eugene	D	50	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	1	0	90	81
Freeman	Mary Lou	R	5	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	1	9	0	10	19
Gaskill	Thurman	R	8	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	1	9	0	10	10
Gronstal	Mike	D	42	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	1	0	90	91
Hammond	Johnie	D	31	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	1	0	90	90
Hansen	Steve	D	1	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	1	0	90	85
Harper	Pat	D	13	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	1	0	90	94
Hedge	H. Kay	R	48	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	3	7	0	30	12
Horn	Wally	D	27	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	0	0	100	90
Iverson	Stewart	R	9	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	10	0	0	9
Jensen	John	R	11	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	1	9	0	10	14
Johnson	JoAnn	R	39	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	10	0	0	11

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Judge	John	D	46	R	W	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	8	2	0	80	83
Kibbie	Jack	D	4	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	1	0	90	82
King	Steve	R	6	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	1	9	0	10	6
Kramer	Mary	R	37	W	P	P	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	8	0	0	23
Lamberfi	Jeff	R	33	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	A	2	7	1	20	12
Lundby	Mary	R	26	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	2	8	0	20	31
Maddox	@ Gene	R	38	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	10	0	0	23
McCoy	Matt	D	34	R	W	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	8	1	1	80	73
McKean	Andy	R	28	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	W	2	8	0	20	29
McKibben	Larry	R	32	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	0	9	1	0	6
McLaren	Derryl	R	43	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	1	9	0	10	10
Miller	David	R	47	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	1	9	0	10	5
Redfern	Don	R	12	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	R	R	W	4	6	0	40	23
Redwine	John	R	2	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	1	9	0	10	4
Rehberg	Kitty	R	14	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	1	9	0	10	6
Rife	Jack	R	20	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	2	8	0	20	23
Rittmer	Sheldon	R	19	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	2	8	0	20	28
Schuerer	Neal	R	30	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	10	0	0	4
Sexton	Mike	R	7	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	10	0	0	0
Shearer	Mark	D	49	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	9	0	1	90	92
Soukup	Betty	D	15	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	1	0	90	89
Szymoniak	Elaine	D	36	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	9	1	0	90	85
Tinsman	Maggie	R	21	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	10	0	0	26
Veenstra	Ken	R	3	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	10	0	0	8
Zieman	Lyle	R	16	W	W	A	W	A	W	W	W	A	W	0	7	3	0	11

House Issues* – 2000

1. Amendment H-8510 to SF 2411 – makes changes in the Iowa Public Employee Retirement System (IPERS) that would allow employees to retire with full benefits when their age and years of service equal 85 instead of 88. IFL position was “YES.” (Failed 47-52)
2. SF 2203 – allows assignment of benefits from insurers directly to health care providers, regardless of whether they have a contract, potentially driving up the cost of health care and health care insurance. IFL position was “NO.” (Passed 91-8) *Vetoed by Governor*
3. Amendment H-8035 to HF 2080 – expands types of mental illnesses, including substance abuse and others, to be covered at the same levels as physical illnesses under health insurance policies. IFL position was “YES.” (Failed 44-55) *Not considered by Senate*
4. Amendment H-8602 to HF 2549 – funds several job-training programs, including the Governor’s Career Opportunities and Resources for Education (CORE) Program. IFL position was “YES.” (Failed 42-53)
5. SF 2274 – overturns the Governor’s Executive Order banning discrimination in state government employment on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. IFL position was “NO.” (Passed 55-43) *Vetoed by Governor*
6. Amendment H-8834 to SF 2435 – appropriates additional money for inspection of licensed childcare facilities. IFL position was “YES.” (Failed 44-54)

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Alons	Dwayne	R	5	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Arnold	Richard	R	91	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	17
Barry	Donna	R	82	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	8
Baudler	Clel	R	78	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Bell	Paul	D	57	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	77
Blodgett	Gary	R	19	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	13
Boal	Carmine	R	65	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Boddicker	Dan	R	39	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Boggess	Effie	R	87	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	8
Bradley	Clyde	R	37	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	10
Brauns	Barry	R	47	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	9
Brunkhorst	Bob	R	22	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	11
Bukta	Polly	D	38	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	77
Carroll	Danny	R	58	A	W	W	W	W	W	0	5	1	0	7
Cataldo	Michael	D	68	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	68
Ghiodo	Frank	D	67	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	72
Cphoon	Dennis	D	100	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	92
Connors	John	D	69	R	P	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100	86
Cormack	Mike	R	13	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	5	0	17	19
Davis	Galen	R	93	W	W	W	W	R	R	2	4	0	33	33
Dix	Bill	R	21	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Doderer	Minnette	D	45	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	87
Dolecheck	Cecil	R	88	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	9
Dotzler	Bill	D	26	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	86
Drake	Jack	R	81	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	10
Drees	Jim	D	80	R	W	R	A	R	R	4	1	1	67	79
Eddie	Russell	R	10	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	8
Falck	Steve	D	28	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	81
Fallon	Ed	D	70	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	86
Foege	Ro	D	50	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	84
Ford	Wayne	D	71	R	W	R	R	R	A	4	1	1	67	74
Frevert*	Marcella	D	8	R	W	R				2	1			78
Garman	Teresa	R	63	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	15
Gipp	Chuck	R	31	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	10

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Greimann	Jane	D	61	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	83
Greiner	Sandra	R	96	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	10
Grundberg	Betty	R	73	W	W	W	W	R	W	1	5	0	17	18
Hahn	James	R	48	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	6
Hansen	Brad	R	83	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	5
Heaton	David	R	97	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	11
Hoffman	Clarence	R	12	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Holmes	Danny	R	40	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	5
Holveck	Jack	D	72	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	89
Horbach	Lance	R	60	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Houser	Hubert	R	85	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	8
Huseman	Daniel	R	9	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Huser	Geri	D	66	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	72
Jacobs	Libby	R	74	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Jager	Michael	R	27	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Jenkins	Willard	R	24	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	2
Jochum	Pam	D	35	R	W	R	A	R	R	4	1	1	67	87
Johnson	David	R	6	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Kettering	Steven	R	11	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Klemme	Ralph	R	4	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	11
Kreiman	Keith	D	92	R	W	R	R	W	R	4	2	0	67	79
Kuhn	Mark	D	29	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	93
Larkin	Rick	D	99	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	83
Larson	Chuck	R	55	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	6
Lord	David	R	77	W	W	W	A	W	W	0	5	1	0	6
Martin	Mona	R	43	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	10
Mascher	Mary	D	46	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	86
May	Dennis	D	20	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	83
Mertz	Dolores	D	15	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	56
Metcalf	Janet	R	75	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	12
Millage	David	R	41	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	12
Mundie	Norman	D	14	R	W	R	A	R	R	4	1	1	67	65
Murphy	Pat	D	36	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	88
Myers	Richard	D	49	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	84

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Nelson-Forbes	Beverly	R	64	R	W	A	R	W	W	2	3	1	33	17
O'Brien	Michael	D	79	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	74
Osterhaus	Bob	D	34	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	81
Parmenter	Dennis	D	62	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	93
Raecker	Scott	R	76	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	5	0	17	13
Rants	Christopher	R	3	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	9
Rayhons	Henry	R	16	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Reynolds	Rebecca	D	94	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	77
Richardson	Steve	D	89	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	84
Scherrman	Paul	D	33	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	77
Schrader	David	D	90	R	W	R	R	A	R	4	1	1	67	89
Shey	Patrick	R	52	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	0
Shoultz	Don	D	25	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	85
Siegrist	Brent	R	84	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	26
Stevens	Greg	D	7	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	80
Sukup	Steven	R	18	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Sunderbruch	John	R	44	R	W	W	W	W	W	1	5	0	17	13
Taylor	Dick	D	53	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	100
Taylor	Todd	D	54	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	86
Teig	Russell	R	17	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	8
Thomas	Roger	D	32	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	67
Thomson	Rosemary	R	51	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Tyrrell	Phil	R	59	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	9
Van Engelenhoven	James	R	95	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	13
Van Fossen	James	R	42	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	10
Warnstadt	Steve	D	2	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	86
Weidman	Dick	R	86	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	9
Weigel	Keith	D	30	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	80
Welter	Jerry	R	56	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	6	0	0	7
Whitead	Wesley	D	1	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	84
Wise	Philip	D	98	R	W	R	R	R	R	5	1	0	83	79
Witt	William	D	23	R	R	R	R	R	R	6	0	0	100	80