

2006 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 2006 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 – 2006

1. SENIOR TAX CUT

(SF 2408)

Phases out state tax on Social Security over eight years and eliminates income tax for seniors over age 65 who make less than \$24,000 (singles) or \$32,000 (other), cutting state revenues by \$120 million per year when fully implemented.

IFL position was "NO."

Senate Vote: Passed 46 yes – 4 no

2. TAX CREDIT FOR TUITION DONATIONS

(SF 2409)

Allows a tax credit for donations to mostly private school tuition organizations to fund scholarships or vouchers.

IFL position was "NO."

Senate Vote: Passed 49 yes – 1 no

3. PREDATORY LENDING

(SF 2276)

Limits the interest rate that can be charged on loans secured by title on a motor vehicle.

IFL position was "YES."

Senate Vote: Passed 47 yes – 3 no

Died in House Commerce Committee

4. WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS

(Amendment S-5274 to SF 2410)

Prohibits retaliation against health care workers for disclosing information regarding violation of professional standards or unsafe practices.

IFL position was "YES."

Senate Vote: Failed 23 yes – 25 no

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

APPROPRIATIONS

(HF 2459)

Besides general appropriations for the Department of Economic Development and Workforce Development, provided \$4 million in additional funding to keep rural workforce centers open.

IFL position was "YES."

Passed Senate 44 yes – 5 no

6. RAILROAD WORKER SAFETY

(Amendment S-5109 to HF 2525)

Proposes enactment of rules regulating clearance conditions on or near railroad tracks.

IFL position was "YES."

Senate Vote: Failed 25 yes – 25 no

7. IPERS

(HF 729)

Funds IPERS by increasing the contribution rates for both employers and employees at the same 60/40 ratio as previously.

IFL position was "YES."

Senate Vote: Passed 46 yes – 0 no

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%--% Right

Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO Voting Record of the Iowa Senate--2006

		D/R	Dist	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	R	W	A	2006%	Lifetime
Angelo	Jeff	R	48	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	2	5	0	29%	5%
Beall	Daryl	D	25	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	86%
Behn	Jerry	R	24	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	2	5	0	29%	7%
Black	Dennis	D	21	W	W	R	A	R	R	A	3	2	2	43%	73%
Boettger	Nancy	R	29	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	8%
Bolkcom	Joe	D	39	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	6	1	0	86%	92%
Brunkhorst	Bob	R	9	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	2	5	0	29%	10%
Connolly	Mike	D	14	W	W	R	A	A	R	R	3	2	2	43%	92%
Courtney	Thomas	D	44	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	89%
Danielson	Jeff	D	10	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	75%
Dearden	Dick	D	34	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	6	1	0	86%	93%
Dotzler	Bill, Jr.	D	11	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	90%
Dvorsky	Bob	D	15	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	90%
Fraise	Eugene	D	46	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	83%
Gaskill	Thurman	R	6	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	9%
Gronstal	Mike	D	50	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	90%
Hahn	James	R	40	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	7%
Hancock	Tom	D	16	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	75%
Hatch	Jack	D	33	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	93%
Horn	Wally	D	17	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	90%
Houser	Hubert	R	49	W	W	R	W	R	W	A	2	4	1	29%	8%
Iverson	Stewart, Jr.	R	5	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	10%
Johnson	David	R	3	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	8%
Kettering	Steve	R	26	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	2	5	0	29%	10%
Kibbie	Jack	D	4	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	83%

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Kreiman	Keith	D	47	W	W	R	R	W	R	R	4	3	0	57%	83%
Lamberti	Jeff	R	35	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	12%
Larson	Charles Jr.	R	19	W	W	R	W	R	W	A	2	4	1	29%	7%
Lundby	Mary	R	18	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	31%
McCoy	Matt	D	31	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	76%
McKibben	Larry	R	22	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	9%
McKinley	Paul	R	36	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	2	5	0	29%	9%
Miller	David	R	45	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	12%
Mulder	Dave	R	2	R	W	R	W	R	W	R	4	3	0	57%	50%
Putney	John	R	20	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	14%
Quirnbach	Herman	D	23	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100%	100%
Ragan	Amanda	D	7	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	91%
Rielly	Tom	D	38	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	75%
Schoenjahn	Brian	D	12	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	75%
Seng	Joe	D	43	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	86%
Seymour	James	R	28	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	14%
Shull	Doug	R	37	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	13%
Stewart	Roger	D	13	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	82%
Tinsman	Maggie	R	41	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	26%
Ward	Pat	R	30	W	W	R	W	R	W	A	2	4	1	29%	17%
Warnstadt	Steve	D	1	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	84%
Wieck	Ron	R	27	W	W	R	W	R	W	R	3	4	0	43%	18%
Wood	Frank	D	42	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	5	2	0	71%	75%
Zaun	Brad	R	32	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	2	5	0	29%	25%
Zieman	Mark	R	8	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	2	5	0	29%	9%

House Issues – 2006

1. **SOCIAL SECURITY/PENSION TAX CUT**
(HF 2045)
Eliminates state tax on Social Security and pension income and eliminates income tax for seniors over age 65 who make less than \$36,000 (singles) or \$48,000 (other), cutting state revenues by over \$200 million when fully implemented.
IFL position was "NO."
House Vote: Passed 81 yes – 18 no
Died in Senate Committee
2. **SENIOR TAX CUT**
(SF 2408)
Phases out state tax on Social Security over eight years and eliminates income tax for seniors over age 65 who make less than \$24,000 (singles) or \$32,000 (other), cutting state revenues by \$120 million when fully implemented.
IFL position was "NO."
House Vote: Passed 89 yes – 6 no
3. **TAX CREDIT FOR TUITION DONATIONS**
(SF 2409)
Allows a tax credit for donations to mostly private school tuition organizations to fund scholarships or vouchers.
IFL position was "NO."
House Vote: Passed 75 yes – 19 no
4. **MINIMUM WAGE**
(Amendment H-8128 to HF 2459)
Increases Iowa's minimum wage by \$1.00 per hour to \$6.15.
IFL position was "YES."
House Vote: Passed 55 yes – 43 no
Died in House due to procedural ruling
5. **WAGE THRESHOLDS**
(HF 2770)
Lowers Values Fund wage thresholds in rural counties by allowing new hire wages to be the determining factor in calculating wage requirements.
IFL position was "NO."
House Vote: Passed 54 yes – 43 no
Died in Senate Committee
6. **FUNDING FOR WORKFORCE CENTERS**
(Amendment H-8649 to HF 2459)
Provides \$4 million in additional funding to keep rural workforce centers open.
IFL position was "YES."
House Vote: Passed 48 yes – 46 no
7. **VOTER ID**
(HF 2597)
Requires all voters to show a photo ID before casting a ballot, and requires a photocopy of ID when casting an absentee ballot.
IFL position was "NO."
House Vote: Passed 51 yes – 48 no
Died in Senate
8. **ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES**
(Amendment H-8347A to HF 2597)
Requires that electronic voting machines produce paper records that can be verified by voters.
IFL position was "YES."
House Vote: Failed 48 yes – 51 no
9. **DRUG TESTING**
(HF 2648)
Allows employers to consider an inconclusive test the same as a positive test as a basis for disciplinary action.
IFL position was "NO."
House Vote: Passed 58 yes – 41 no
Died in Senate Committee
10. **HEALTH INSURANCE POOLING**
(Amendment H-8535 to HF 2790)
Allows certain business associations to cherry-pick those with lower risk, disrupting the small group insurance market and making health insurance even more costly for small businesses that are not members.
IFL position was "NO."
House Vote: Failed 44 yes – 55 no
11. **WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION**
(Amendment H-8655 to SF 2410)
Prohibits retaliation against state workers for disclosing information regarding violation of professional standards or unsafe practices.
IFL position was "YES."
House Vote: Failed 42 yes – 49 no
12. **IPERS**
(HF 729)
Funds IPERS by increasing the contribution rates for both employers and employees at the same 60/40 ratio as previously.
IFL position was "YES."
House Vote: Passed 97 yes – 0 no

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Alons	Dwayne	R	4	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	5%
Anderson	Richard	R	97	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	15%
Arnold	Richard	R	72	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	10	0	17%	13%
Baudler	Clel	R	58	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	10	0	17%	7%
Bell	Paul	D	41	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	3	0	75%	78%
Berry	Deborah	D	22	W	A	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	2	1	75%	89%
Boal	Carmine	R	70	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	7%
Bukta	Polly	D	26	W	W	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	3	0	75%	84%
Carroll	Danny	R	75	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	7%
Chambers	Royd	R	5	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	8%
Cphoon	Dennis	D	88	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	2	0	83%	90%
Dandekar	Swati	D	36	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	6	6	0	50%	66%
Davitt	Mark	D	74	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	2	0	83%	92%
De Boef	Betty	R	76	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	10	0	17%	9%
Dix	Bill	R	17	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	10	1	8%	8%
Dolecheck	Cecil	R	96	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	8%
Drake	Jack	R	57	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	9%
Elchhorn	George	R	9	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	2	9	1	17%	14%
Elgin	Jeff	R	37	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	10	0	17%	10%
Fallon	Ed	D	66	R	A	A	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	A	R	8	0	4	67%	86%
Foege	Ro	D	29	W	W	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	2	1	75%	87%
Ford	Wayne	D	65	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	P	R	9	2	0	82%	85%
Freeman	Mary Lou	R	52	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	2	10	0	17%	14%
Frevert	Marcella	D	7	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	2	0	83%	86%
Gaskill	Mary	D	93	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	2	0	83%	92%
Gipp	Chuck	R	16	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	10	0	17%	9%
Granzow	Polly	R	44	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	3	9	0	25%	18%
Greiner	Sandra	R	89	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	9%
Heaton	Dave	R	91	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	3	9	0	25%	12%
Heddens	Lisa	D	46	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	11	1	0	92%	97%
Hoffman	Clarence	R	55	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	2	10	0	17%	6%
Hogg	Robert	D	38	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	P	R	7	4	0	64%	84%
Horbach	Lance	R	40	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	6%

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Hunter	Bruce	D	62	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	A	R	10	0	2	83%	95%
Huseman	Daniel	R	53	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	7%
Huser	Gerl	D	42	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	6	6	0	50%	66%
Hutter	Joe	R	82	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	2	10	0	17%	18%
Jacobs	Libby	R	60	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	2	10	0	17%	7%
Jacoby	Dave	D	30	R	W	R	R	W	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	9	3	0	75%	90%
Jenkins	Willard	R	20	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	3	9	0	25%	9%
Jochum	Pam	D	27	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	2	0	83%	88%
Jones	Gerald	R	98	W	A	A	W	W	A	W	W	W	R	A	R	2	6	4	17%	10%
Kaufmann	Jeff	R	79	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	10%
Kressig	Bob	D	19	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	4	0	67%	80%
Kuhn	Mark	D	14	R	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	3	0	75%	89%
Kurtenbach	James	R	10	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	10	0	17%	8%
Lalk	David	R	18	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	11%
Lensing	Vicki	D	78	R	A	A	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	3	75%	94%
Lukan	Steven	R	32	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	10	0	17%	11%
Lykam	Jim	D	85	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	3	0	75%	91%
Maddox	Gene	R	59	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	A	A	2	8	2	17%	18%
Mascher	Mary	D	77	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	11	1	0	92%	91%
May	Mike	R	6	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	10%
McCarthy	Kevin	D	67	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	8	3	1	67%	76%
Mertz	Dolores	D	8	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	7	5	0	58%	60%
Miller	Helen	D	49	W	W	A	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	3	1	67%	87%
Murphy	Pat	D	28	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	4	0	67%	87%
Oldson	Jo	D	61	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	2	0	83%	95%
Olson	Donovan	D	48	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	4	0	67%	84%
Olson	Rick	D	68	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	A	R	10	0	2	83%	85%
Olson	Steven	R	83	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	11	0	8%	8%
Paulsen	Kraig	R	35	W	W	W	A	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	9	1	17%	18%
Petersen	Janet	D	64	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10	2	0	83%	85%
Pettengill	Dawn	D	39	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	3	0	75%	85%
Quirk	Brian	D	15	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	7	5	0	58%	65%
Raecker	Scott	R	63	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	10	0	17%	8%

