

# 2008 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 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 2008 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 will help Iowa trade unionists assess whether their elected representatives support a more progressive agenda.*

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## Senate Issues – 2008

1. PUBLIC SECTOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
(HF 2645)  
Expands scope of public sector collective bargaining to allow negotiation over the same subjects of bargaining as the private sector.  
**IFL position was "YES."**  
Senate Vote: Passed 27 yes – 23 no  
(Vetoed by Governor)
2. IPERS  
(SF 2424)  
Allows contribution rates to be adjusted after July 2011 to address fluctuating needs and keep the fund solvent.  
**IFL position was "YES."**  
Senate Vote: Passed 39 yes – 8 no
3. HEALTH CARE  
(HF 2539)  
Improves Iowa's health care system by covering more uninsured children and providing for a plan to cover all adults by 2013.  
**IFL position was "YES."**  
Senate Vote: Passed 37 yes – 6 no
4. FUNDING FOR IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SF 2199)  
Restored funding for Iowa Workforce Development so that vital services would continue without interruption.  
**IFL position was "YES."**  
Senate Vote: Passed 35 yes – 12 no
5. WORKERS COMPENSATION – OUT OF STATE WORK  
(HF 2542)  
Protects benefits for workers who are employed by an Iowa employer, but working out of state.  
**IFL position was "YES."**  
Senate Vote: Passed 31 yes – 16 no
6. WORKERS COMPENSATION – PENALTY FOR DENIAL OF BENEFITS  
(SF 2344)  
Provides for additional employee benefits when workers' compensation is unreasonably denied, delayed or terminated.  
**IFL position was "YES."**  
Senate Vote: Passed 30 yes – 18 no  
(Died in House)
7. UNEMPLOYMENT MODERNIZATION  
(SF 2377)  
Uses a worker's most recent work history to determine eligibility; recognizes compelling family circumstances as legitimate reasons for leaving work; and extends benefits for unemployed workers completing a job training course.  
**IFL position was "YES."**  
Senate Vote: Passed 29 yes – 16 no  
(Died in House)
8. WAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
(Amendment S-5074 to SF 2325)  
Allows money from the Grow Iowa Values Fund to be allocated without regard to wage requirements for jobs.  
**IFL position was "NO."**  
Senate Vote: Failed 17 yes – 31 no
9. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS  
(SF 2416)  
Provides for wage payment protection and defines classification of individuals as employees or independent contractors.  
**IFL position was "YES."**  
Senate Vote: Passed 28 yes – 21 no  
(Died in House Committee)

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		D/R	Dist	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	R	W	A	2008%	Lifetime
<b>Angelo</b>	Jeff	R	48	W	R	R	W	A	W	W	W	W	2	6	1	22%	7%
<b>Appel</b>	Staci	D	37	R	P	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Beall</b>	Daryl	D	25	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	92%
<b>Behn</b>	Jerry	R	24	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0%	6%
<b>Black</b>	Dennis	D	21	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	75%
<b>Boettger</b>	Nancy	R	29	W	W	W	R	W	W	A	W	W	1	7	1	11%	9%
<b>Bolkcom</b>	Joe	D	39	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	92%
<b>Connolly</b>	Mike	D	14	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	1	89%	95%
<b>Courtney</b>	Tom	D	44	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	1	89%	90%
<b>Danielson</b>	Jeff	D	10	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	93%
<b>Dearden</b>	Dick	D	34	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	94%
<b>Dotzler</b>	Bill, Jr.	D	11	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	92%
<b>Dvorsky</b>	Bob	D	15	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	91%
<b>Fraise</b>	Eugene	D	46	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	84%
<b>Gaskill</b>	Thurman	R	6	W	R	A	R	W	W	W	A	W	2	5	2	22%	14%
<b>Gronstal</b>	Mike	D	50	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	8	0	1	89%	91%
<b>Hahn</b>	James	R	40	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	2	7	0	22%	7%
<b>Hancock</b>	Tom	D	16	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	86%
<b>Hartsuch</b>	David	R	41	W	W	W	A	W	A	W	W	W	0	7	2	0%	10%
<b>Hatch</b>	Jack	D	33	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	93%
<b>Heckroth</b>	William	D	9	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	7	1	1	78%	80%
<b>Hogg</b>	Rob	D	19	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	8	1	0	89%	95%
<b>Horn</b>	Wally	D	17	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	90%
<b>Houser</b>	Hubert	R	49	W	R	A	A	A	W	W	W	W	1	5	3	11%	8%
<b>Johnson</b>	David	R	3	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	2	7	0	22%	11%

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<b>Kettering</b>	Steve	R	26	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0%	9%
<b>Kibbie</b>	Jack	D	4	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	8	0	1	89%	84%
<b>Kreiman</b>	Keith	D	47	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	8	1	0	89%	84%
<b>Lundby</b>	Mary	R	18	W	R	A	R	R	W	R	R	R	6	2	1	67%	32%
<b>McCoy</b>	Matt	D	31	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	79%
<b>McKibben</b>	Larry	R	22	W	A	A	A	A	W	A	A	W	0	3	6	0%	10%
<b>McKinley</b>	Paul	R	36	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0%	8%
<b>Mulder</b>	Dave	R	2	W	R	A	R	W	W	W	W	W	2	6	1	22%	36%
<b>Noble</b>	Larry	R	35	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	2	7	0	22%	30%
<b>Olive</b>	Rich	D	5	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	8	1	0	89%	90%
<b>Putney</b>	John	R	20	W	P	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	2	6	0	25%	17%
<b>Quirnbach</b>	Herman	D	23	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Ragan</b>	Amanda	D	7	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	94%
<b>Rielly</b>	Tom	D	38	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	1	0	89%	86%
<b>Schmitz</b>	Becky	D	45	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Schoenjahn</b>	Brian	D	12	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	93%
<b>Seng</b>	Joe	D	43	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	89%
<b>Seymour</b>	James	R	28	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	2	7	0	22%	23%
<b>Stewart</b>	Roger	D	13	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	90%
<b>Ward</b>	Pat	R	30	W	W	R	R	W	A	W	W	W	2	6	1	22%	29%
<b>Warnstadt</b>	Steve	D	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	9	0	0	100%	86%
<b>Wieck</b>	Ron	R	27	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	8	0	11%	15%
<b>Wood</b>	Frank	D	42	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	1	0	89%	89%
<b>Zaun</b>	Brad	R	32	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	9	0	0%	18%
<b>Zieman</b>	Mark	R	8	W	R	R	W	W	W	A	W	W	2	6	1	22%	11%

## House Issues – 2008

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**IFL position was “YES.”**  
House Vote: Passed 52 yes – 47 no  
**(Vetoed by Governor)**
  
2. IPERS  
(SF 2424)  
Allows contribution rates to be adjusted after July 2011 to address fluctuating needs and keep the fund solvent.  
**IFL position was “YES.”**  
House Vote: Passed 55 yes – 44 no
  
3. HEALTH CARE  
(HF 2539)  
Improves Iowa’s health care system by covering more uninsured children and providing for a plan to cover all adults by 2013.  
**IFL position was “YES.”**  
House Vote: Passed 93 yes – 3 no
  
4. FUNDING FOR IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SF 2199)  
Restored funding for Iowa Workforce Development so that vital services would continue without interruption.  
**IFL position was “YES.”**  
House Vote: Passed 52 yes – 43 no
  
5. WORKERS COMPENSATION – OUT OF STATE WORK  
(HF 2542)  
Protects benefits for workers who are employed by an Iowa employer, but working out of state.  
**IFL position was “YES.”**  
House Vote: Passed 54 yes – 43 no

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<b>Abdul-Samad</b>	Ako	D	66	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Alons</b>	Dwayne	R	4	W	W	W	W	W	0	5	0	0%	5%
<b>Anderson</b>	Richard	R	97	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	23%
<b>Arnold</b>	Richard	R	72	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	14%
<b>Bailey</b>	McKinley	D	9	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Baudler</b>	Clel	R	58	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	10%
<b>Bell</b>	Paul	D	41	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	80%
<b>Berry</b>	Deborah	D	22	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	92%
<b>Boal</b>	Carmine	R	70	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	7%
<b>Bukta</b>	Polly	D	26	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	86%
<b>Chambers</b>	Royd	R	5	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	9%
<b>Clute</b>	Dan	R	59	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	27%
<b>Cohoon</b>	Dennis	D	88	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	90%
<b>Dandekar</b>	Swati	D	36	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	75%
<b>Davitt</b>	Mark	D	74	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	94%
<b>De Boef</b>	Betty	R	76	W	W	W	W	W	0	5	0	0%	9%
<b>Deyoe</b>	Dave	R	10	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	20%
<b>Dolecheck</b>	Cecil	R	96	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	9%
<b>Drake</b>	Jack	R	57	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	10%
<b>Foege</b>	Ro	D	29	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	89%
<b>Ford</b>	Wayne	D	65	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	87%
<b>Forristall</b>	Greg	R	98	W	W	R	A	W	1	3	1	20%	20%
<b>Frevert</b>	Marcella	D	7	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	88%
<b>Gaskill</b>	Mary	D	93	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	94%
<b>Gayman</b>	Elesha	D	84	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Gipp</b>	Chuck	R	16	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	10%
<b>Granzow</b>	Polly	R	44	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	21%
<b>Grassley</b>	Pat	R	17	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	13%
<b>Greiner</b>	Sandy	R	89	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	9%
<b>Heaton</b>	Dave	R	91	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	12%
<b>Heddens</b>	Lisa	D	48	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	98%
<b>Hoffman</b>	Clarence	R	55	W	W	R	A	W	1	3	1	20%	9%
<b>Horbach</b>	Lance	R	40	W	W	R	W	A	1	3	1	20%	6%

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<b>Hunter</b>	Bruce	D	62	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	96%
<b>Huseman</b>	Daniel	R	53	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	8%
<b>Huser</b>	Geri	D	42	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	68%
<b>Jacobs</b>	Libby	R	60	W	W	A	W	W	0	4	1	0%	9%
<b>Jacoby</b>	Dave	D	30	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	93%
<b>Jochum</b>	Pam	D	27	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	89%
<b>Kaufmann</b>	Jeff	R	79	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	14%
<b>Kelley</b>	Doris	D	20	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Kressig</b>	Bob	D	19	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	89%
<b>Kuhn</b>	Mark	D	14	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	91%
<b>Lensing</b>	Vicki	D	78	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	95%
<b>Lukan</b>	Steven	R	32	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	17%
<b>Lykam</b>	Jim	D	85	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	93%
<b>Mascher</b>	Mary	D	77	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	92%
<b>May</b>	Mike	R	6	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	20%
<b>McCarthy</b>	Kevin	D	67	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	83%
<b>Mertz</b>	Dolores	D	8	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	61%
<b>Miller</b>	Helen	D	49	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	91%
<b>Miller</b>	Linda	R	82	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	33%
<b>Murphy</b>	Pat	D	28	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	88%
<b>Oldson</b>	Jo	D	61	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	96%
<b>Olson</b>	Donovan	D	48	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	89%
<b>Olson</b>	Rick	D	68	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	89%
<b>Olson</b>	Steven	R	83	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	11%
<b>Olson</b>	Tyler	D	38	A	R	R	R	R	4	0	1	80%	87%
<b>Palmer</b>	Eric	D	75	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Paulsen</b>	Kraig	R	35	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	21%
<b>Petersen</b>	Janet	D	64	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	88%
<b>Pettengill</b>	Dawn	R	39	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	74%
<b>Quirk</b>	Brian	D	15	R	R	R	A	R	4	0	1	80%	69%
<b>Raecker</b>	Scott	R	63	W	W	W	W	W	0	5	0	0%	10%
<b>Rants</b>	Christopher	R	54	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	9%
<b>Rasmussen</b>	Daniel	R	23	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	9%

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<b>Rayhons</b>	Henry	R	11	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	9%
<b>Reasoner</b>	Michael	D	95	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	81%
<b>Reichert</b>	Nathan	D	80	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	91%
<b>Roberts</b>	Rod	R	51	W	A	A	A	W	0	2	3	0%	10%
<b>Sands</b>	Thomas	R	87	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	9%
<b>Schickel</b>	Bill	R	13	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	19%
<b>Schueller</b>	Thomas	D	25	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	89%
<b>Shomshor</b>	Paul	D	100	R	R	R	R	A	4	0	1	80%	84%
<b>Smith</b>	Mark	D	43	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	89%
<b>Soderberg</b>	Chuck	R	3	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	11%
<b>Staed</b>	Art	D	37	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Struyk</b>	Doug	R	99	W	W	R	W	R	2	3	0	40%	36%
<b>Swaim</b>	Kurt	D	94	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	83%
<b>Taylor</b>	Dick	D	33	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	94%
<b>Taylor</b>	Todd	D	34	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	91%
<b>Thomas</b>	Roger	D	24	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	74%
<b>Tjepkes</b>	David	R	50	W	R	R	W	W	2	3	0	40%	19%
<b>Tomenga</b>	Walt	R	69	W	R	R	W	W	2	3	0	40%	31%
<b>Tymeson</b>	Jodi	R	73	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	9%
<b>Upmeyer</b>	Linda	R	12	W	W	R	A	W	1	3	1	20%	11%
<b>Van Engelenhoven</b>	James	R	71	W	W	A	W	W	0	4	1	0%	6%
<b>Van Fossen</b>	Jamie	R	81	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	17%
<b>Watts</b>	Ralph	R	47	W	W	A	W	W	0	4	1	0%	9%
<b>Wendt</b>	Roger	D	2	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	96%
<b>Wenthe</b>	Andrew	D	18	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Wessel-Kroeschell</b>	Beth	D	45	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	97%
<b>Whitaker</b>	John	D	90	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	91%
<b>Whitead</b>	Wes	D	1	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	90%
<b>Wiencek</b>	Tami Jo	R	21	W	W	R	W	R	2	3	0	40%	40%
<b>Winckler</b>	Cindy	D	86	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	96%
<b>Windschitl</b>	Matt	R	56	W	W	R	W	W	1	4	0	20%	7%
<b>Wise</b>	Philip	D	92	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	80%
<b>Worthan</b>	Gary	R	52	W	W	R	W	A	1	3	1	20%	7%
<b>Zirkelbach</b>	Ray	D	31	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	0	100%	92%