

# 2005 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 2005 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 – 2005

### 1. IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (IPERS)

*(Amendment S-3145 to HF 729)*

Places a greater burden for full funding of IPERS on the backs of the workers by increasing employee share of contribution from 40% to 50%, and reducing employer share from 60% to 50%.

**IFL position was “NO.”**

Senate Vote: Failed 24 yes – 26 no

*Deferred*

\* The Iowa Senate debated and passed a number of bills this year, but other than the vote cited above, there were no record votes that demonstrated a clear difference between legislators on issues of major concern to workers.

Because of the 25-25 tie between Democrats and Republicans in the Iowa Senate, caucus leaders established a unique power-sharing arrangement in which each had veto power over any legislation introduced. As a result, bills did not reach the floor for a vote unless both parties agreed. Democratic Leader Mike Gronstal and his committee chairs stopped anti-labor bills from advancing past the committee level. By the same token, Republican Leader Stew Iverson and his committee chairs kept pro-worker bills bottled up.

Amendments to bills were also subject to mutual agreement. If introduced, the opposing party could table the amendment, as well as the entire bill, indefinitely. Most often, amendments were passed by voice vote, rather than roll call, so individual votes were not recorded.

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		D/R	Dist	#1	R	W	A	2005%	%Lifetime
<b>Angelo</b>	Jeff	R	48	W	0	1	0	0%	3%
<b>Beall</b>	Daryl	D	25	R	1	0	0	100%	90%
<b>Behn</b>	Jerry	R	24	W	0	1	0	0%	5%
<b>Black</b>	Dennis	D	21	R	1	0	0	100%	74%
<b>Boettger</b>	Nancy	R	29	W	0	1	0	0%	5%
<b>Bolkcom</b>	Joe	D	39	R	1	0	0	100%	92%
<b>Brunkhorst</b>	Bob	R	9	W	0	1	0	0%	9%
<b>Connolly</b>	Mike	D	14	R	1	0	0	100%	93%
<b>Courtney</b>	Thomas	D	44	R	1	0	0	100%	95%
<b>Danielson</b>	Jeff	D	10	R	1	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Dearden</b>	Dick	D	34	R	1	0	0	100%	94%
<b>Dotzler</b>	Bill, Jr.	D	11	R	1	0	0	100%	91%
<b>Dvorsky</b>	Bob	D	15	R	1	0	0	100%	91%
<b>Fraise</b>	Eugene	D	46	R	1	0	0	100%	83%
<b>Gaskill</b>	Thurman	R	6	W	0	1	0	0%	6%
<b>Gronstal</b>	Mike	D	50	R	1	0	0	100%	91%
<b>Hahn</b>	James	R	40	W	0	1	0	0%	6%
<b>Hancock</b>	Tom	D	16	R	1	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Hatch</b>	Jack	D	33	R	1	0	0	100%	93%
<b>Horn</b>	Wally	D	17	R	1	0	0	100%	90%
<b>Houser</b>	Hubert	R	49	W	0	1	0	0%	7%
<b>Iverson</b>	Stewart, Jr.	R	5	W	0	1	0	0%	9%
<b>Johnson</b>	David	R	3	W	0	1	0	0%	5%
<b>Kettering</b>	Steve	R	26	R	0	1	0	0%	8%
<b>Kibbie</b>	Jack	D	4	R	1	0	0	100%	83%

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<b>Kreiman</b>	Keith	D	47	R	1	0	0	100%	84%
<b>Lamberti</b>	Jeff	R	35	W	0	1	0	0%	10%
<b>Larson</b>	Charles Jr.	R	19	W	0	1	0	0%	6%
<b>Lundby</b>	Mary	R	18	R	1	0	0	100%	31%
<b>McCoy</b>	Matt	D	31	R	1	0	0	100%	77%
<b>McKibben</b>	Larry	R	22	W	0	1	0	0%	6%
<b>McKinley</b>	Paul	R	36	W	0	1	0	0%	6%
<b>Miller</b>	David	R	45	W	0	1	0	0%	9%
<b>Mulder</b>	Dave	R	2	W	0	1	0	0%	0%
<b>Putney</b>	John	R	20	W	0	1	0	0%	5%
<b>Quirnbach</b>	Herman	D	23	R	1	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Ragan</b>	Amanda	D	7	R	1	0	0	100%	96%
<b>Rielly</b>	Tom	D	38	R	1	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Schoenjahn</b>	Brian	D	12	R	1	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Seng</b>	Joe	D	43	R	1	0	0	100%	88%
<b>Seymour</b>	James	R	28	W	0	1	0	0%	5%
<b>Shull</b>	Doug	R	37	W	0	1	0	0%	11%
<b>Stewart</b>	Roger	D	13	R	1	0	0	100%	86%
<b>Tinsman</b>	Maggie	R	41	W	0	1	0	0%	25%
<b>Ward</b>	Pat	R	30	W	0	1	0	0%	9%
<b>Warnstadt</b>	Steve	D	1	R	1	0	0	100%	84%
<b>Wieck</b>	Ron	R	27	W	0	1	0	0%	10%
<b>Wood</b>	Frank	D	42	R	1	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Zaun</b>	Brad	R	32	W	0	1	0	0%	0%
<b>Zieman</b>	Mark	R	8	W	0	1	0	0%	6%

## House Issues – 2005

1. IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (IPERS)  
(HF 729)  
Provides contribution increases to fund IPERS commitments and maintains 60-40 employer/employee contribution ratio.  
**IFL position was "YES."**  
House Vote: Passed 94 yes – 5 no  
*Died in Senate*
2. ELECTION LAW CHANGES  
(HF 793)  
Restricts voting by closing polls earlier, requiring all voters to show a photo ID before casting a ballot, and eliminates the ability of citizens to petition for a satellite voting site.  
**IFL position was "NO."**  
House Vote: Passed 51 yes – 48 no  
*Died in Senate*
3. DRUG TESTING  
(HF 703)  
Allows employers to test hair and other body tissues or secretions, in addition to urine, saliva and blood, when testing for drug or alcohol use, even though such tests have not yet been proven reliable and labs have not been certified for these tests.  
**IFL position was "NO."**  
House Vote: Passed 56 yes – 44 no  
*Died in Senate*
4. OSHA TRAINING  
(HF 702)  
Requires documentation of OSHA training by industry classification rather than recognition of hazards, thus giving employers an artificial argument for challenging OSHA inspections.  
**IFL position was "NO."**  
House Vote: Passed 51 yes – 49 no  
*Died in Senate*
5. IOWA VALUES FUND (IVF) HEALTH CARE INCENTIVE  
(Amendment H-1478B to HF 868)  
Requires recipients of IVF money to provide employees with a standard health care plan 80% paid by the employer.  
**IFL position was "YES."**  
House Vote: Failed 41 yes – 59 no
6. IOWA VALUES FUND WAGE THRESHOLD  
(Amendment H-1478C to HF 868)  
Requires recipients of IVF money to pay wage of at least \$28,500 or 130% of the county average wage, whichever is higher.  
**IFL position was "YES."**  
House Vote: Failed 35 yes – 65 no
7. TUITION TAX CREDIT  
(HF 853)  
Creates an income tax credit for taxpayers donating to qualified private school tuition organizations at a cost to the state of \$10 million per year.  
**IFL position was "NO."**  
House Vote: Passed 57 yes – 42 no  
*Died in Senate*
8. SALES TAX ON COINS AND PRECIOUS METALS  
(HF 844)  
Exempts purchase of investment grade coins and precious metals from sales tax.  
**IFL position was "NO."**  
House Vote: Passed 57 yes – 41 no  
*Died in Senate*

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<b>Alons</b>	Dwayne	R	4	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	8	0	0%	4%
<b>Anderson</b>	Richard	R	97	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	6	0	25%	25%
<b>Arnold</b>	Richard	R	72	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	13%
<b>Baudler</b>	Clel	R	58	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	6%
<b>Bell</b>	Paul	D	41	R	R	W	R	R	W	R	W	5	3	0	63%	78%
<b>Berry</b>	Deborah	D	22	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	96%
<b>Boal</b>	Carmine	R	70	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	7%
<b>Bukta</b>	Polly	D	26	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	86%
<b>Carroll</b>	Danny	R	75	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	6%
<b>Chambers</b>	Royd	R	5	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	8%
<b>Cohoon</b>	Dennis	D	88	R	A	R	R	R	W	R	W	5	2	1	63%	90%
<b>Dandekar</b>	Swati	D	36	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	5	3	0	63%	73%
<b>Davitt</b>	Mark	D	74	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	96%
<b>De Boef</b>	Betty	R	76	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	7%
<b>Dix</b>	Bill	R	17	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	8%
<b>Dolecheck</b>	Cecil	R	96	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	8%
<b>Drake</b>	Jack	R	57	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	6	0	25%	9%
<b>Eichhorn</b>	George	R	9	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	13%
<b>Elgin</b>	Jeff	R	37	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	9%
<b>Fallon</b>	Ed	D	66	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	88%
<b>Foege</b>	Ro	D	29	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	89%
<b>Ford</b>	Wayne	D	65	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	86%
<b>Freeman</b>	Mary Lou	R	52	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	14%
<b>Frevert</b>	Marcella	D	7	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	86%
<b>Gaskill</b>	Mary	D	93	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	96%
<b>Gipp</b>	Chuck	R	16	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	9%
<b>Granzow</b>	Polly	R	44	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	2	6	0	25%	15%
<b>Greiner</b>	Sandra	R	89	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	9%
<b>Heaton</b>	Dave	R	91	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	10%
<b>Heddens</b>	Lisa	D	46	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Hoffman</b>	Clarence	R	55	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	8	0	0%	4%
<b>Hogg</b>	Robert	D	38	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	92%
<b>Horbach</b>	Lance	R	40	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	6%

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Hunter	Bruce	D	62	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	100%
Huseman	Daniel	R	53	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	6%
Huser	Geri	D	42	R	R	W	R	W	W	R	W	4	4	0	50%	68%
Hutter	Joe	R	82	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	19%
Jacobs	Libby	R	60	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	6%
Jacoby	Dave	D	30	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	100%
Jenkins	Willard	R	20	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	2	6	0	25%	7%
Jochum	Pam	D	27	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	7	0	1	88%	88%
Jones	Gerald	R	98	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	8%
Kaufmann	Jeff	R	79	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	13%
Kressig	Bob	D	19	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	100%
Kuhn	Mark	D	14	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	91%
Kurtenbach	James	R	10	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	8	0	0%	4%
Lalk	David	R	18	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	12%
Lensing	Vicki	D	78	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	98%
Lukan	Steven	R	32	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	8%
Lykam	Jim	D	85	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	6	2	0	75%	94%
Maddox	Gene	R	59	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	18%
Mascher	Mary	D	77	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	91%
May	Mike	R	6	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	13%
McCarthy	Kevin	D	67	R	R	W	R	W	W	W	R	4	4	0	50%	81%
Mertz	Dolores	D	8	R	R	W	R	R	W	W	W	4	4	0	50%	60%
Miller	Helen	D	49	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	96%
Murphy	Pat	D	28	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	88%
Oldson	Jo	D	61	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	100%
Olson	Donovan	D	48	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	92%
Olson	Rick	D	68	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	7	1	0	88%	88%
Olson	Steven	R	83	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	8%
Paulsen	Kraig	R	35	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	19%
Petersen	Janet	D	64	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	7	1	0	88%	85%
Pettengill	Dawn	D	39	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	100%
Quirk	Brian	D	15	R	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	3	5	0	38%	67%
Raecker	Scott	R	63	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	7%

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<b>Rants</b>	Christopher	R	54	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	8%
<b>Rasmussen</b>	Daniel	R	23	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	8%
<b>Rayhons</b>	Henry	R	11	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	9%
<b>Reasoner</b>	Michael	D	95	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	5	3	0	63%	73%
<b>Reichert</b>	Nathan	D	80	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Roberts</b>	Rod	R	51	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	9%
<b>Sands</b>	Thomas	R	87	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	8%
<b>Schickel</b>	Bill	R	13	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	12%
<b>Schueller</b>	Tom	D	25	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88%	88%
<b>Shomshor</b>	Paul	D	100	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88%	94%
<b>Shoultz</b>	Don	D	21	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	86%
<b>Smith</b>	Mark	D	43	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	89%
<b>Soderberg</b>	Chuck	R	3	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	13%
<b>Struyk</b>	Doug	R	99	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	46%
<b>Swaim</b>	Kurt	D	94	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	6	2	0	75%	81%
<b>Taylor</b>	Dick	D	33	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	92%
<b>Taylor</b>	Todd	D	34	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	1	88%	89%
<b>Thomas</b>	Roger	D	24	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	5	3	0	63%	70%
<b>Tjepkes</b>	David	R	50	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	12%
<b>Tomenga</b>	Walt	R	69	R	W	W	W	W	W	A	A	1	5	2	13%	13%
<b>Tymeson</b>	Jodi	R	73	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	6%
<b>Upmeyer</b>	Linda	R	12	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	8%
<b>Van Engelenhoven</b>	James	R	71	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	8	0	0%	6%
<b>Van Fossen</b>	Jim	R	84	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	12%
<b>Van Fossen</b>	Jamie	R	81	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	9%
<b>Watts</b>	Ralph	R	47	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13%	8%
<b>Wendt</b>	Roger	D	2	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Wessel-Kroeschell</b>	Beth	D	45	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	100%
<b>Whitaker</b>	John	D	90	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	7	1	0	88%	88%
<b>Whitead</b>	Wes	D	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100%	90%
<b>Wildurdyke</b>	Paul	R	56	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	8	0	0%	3%
<b>Winckler</b>	Cindy	D	86	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	7	1	0	88%	96%
<b>Wise</b>	Philip	D	92	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	W	5	3	0	63%	79%
<b>Zirkelbach</b>	Ray	D	31	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	7	1	0	88%	88%