



2016

VOTING RECORD

IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This voting record covers only recorded floor votes of the Iowa Senate and Iowa House that are of interest to labor. Thus, unfortunately, not all of our priorities 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 access whether or not their elected representatives support a more progressive agenda.

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Senate Issues—2016

1) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

(SF 2313)- This legislation included funds to help modernize the computer software at Iowa Workforce Development, as well as transferring funds to cover the costs of a telephone glitch that resulted in overpayments to workers under a previous Workforce Development Director who mismanaged the incident and did not attempt to recover the overpayments. This legislation was passed by the House and signed by the Governor.

On the question "Shall the Bill Pass (SF 2313)?" the vote was 27-23. The IFL Position was YES.

2) CATEGORICAL SCHOOL FUNDING '16 (SF 175) -

This legislation funds categorical aid to schools for the 2016-2017 school year. After the Iowa House lowered the funding amount to 2%, the Senate vote was to refuse to concur with this low amount, and insist on the version that was passed at 4%.

On the question "Shall the motion to concur be adopted (SF 174) the vote was 23-27.

The IFL Position was NO.

3) ENDING MEDICAID PRIVATIZATION (SF 2125) -

The Governor unilaterally made the decision to privatize the entire Medicaid system without legislative consent in 2015. After numerous hearings and many complaints made about the implementation of the system, this legislation would have terminated the contracts with the private Medicaid providers and ended the Governor's privatization plan. The bill passed the Senate, however was never taken up by the House.

On the question "Shall the Bill Pass? (SF 2125)," the vote was 29-19. The IFL Position was YES.

4) PROTECTIONS FOR PERB ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES (SF 2194) -

Arising from accusations of intimidation of Administrative Law Judges within the Public Employment Relations Board, this legislation allows for these judges to be a part of the "merit" system instead of "at-will" and also provides for appeals for discipline with PERB to be held by the Department of Inspections and Appeals. This bill passed the Senate and House and was signed by the Governor.

On the question "Shall the bill pass? (SF 2194) the vote was 39-10. The IFL Position was YES.

5) PREGNANCY ACCOMODATIONS (SF 2252) -

This legislation asked employers to make reasonable work accommodations for pregnant women. This is a safety issue in many cases, but also allows women to continue their duties in the workplace to earn a living during their pregnancy. This legislation also contained provisions to protect the worker asking for accommodations from retaliation. This legislation passed the Senate, but was not taken up in the House.

On the question "Shall the bill pass? (SF 2252)" the result was 28-22. The IFL Position was YES.

6) PROTECTION OCCUPATIONS (SF 2147) -

This Senate File added law enforcement personnel employed by the Regents as well as employees who work with violent sex offenders to the list of protected occupation category of IPERS, correctly reflecting their work environment and the risks associated with it. This legislation was passed by both the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.

On the Question "Shall the bill pass (SF 2147)" the result was 45-5. The IFL Position was YES.

Senate Issues—2016 *(continued)*

7) MEDICAID PRIVATIZATION OVERSIGHT (SF 2213) -

As the Iowa House refused to cooperate in finding a way to stop the Governor's plan to privatize Medicaid, the Senate looked for other options, such as having a strong oversight system in place. This bill was passed by the Senate, and some parts of it were later included in a compromise with the House that was weaker, yet still needed. The Governor did sign elements of Medicaid oversight eventually in the health and human services budget bill.

On the question "Shall the bill pass (SF 2213)" the result was 32-18. The IFL Position was YES.

8) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS (SF 2109) -

These supplemental appropriations included a number of important items, including additional funding for the Department of Corrections, which has been struggling with staffing issues for years.

On the question "Shall the bill pass? (SF 2109)" the result was 26-24. The IFL Position was YES.

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Allen	Chaz	D	15	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	100
Anderson	Bill	R	3	W	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	3	5	0	25	18
Behn	Jerry	R	24	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	7	0	13	6
Bertrand	Rick	R	7	W	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	2	6	0	25	20
Bisignano	Tony	D	17	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	90
Bolkcom	Joe	D	43	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	95
Bowman	Tod	D	29	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	96
Brase	Chris	D	46	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	97
Breitbach	Michael	R	28	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	7	0	13	11
Chapman	Jake	R	10	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	2	6	0	25	13
Chelgren	Mark	R	41	W	R	W	R	W	R	W	W	3	5	0	38	21
Costello	Mark	R	12	W	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	2	6	0	25	21
Courtney	Tom	D	44	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	95
Danielson	Jeff	D	30	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	97
Dearden	Dick	D	16	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	96
Dix	Bill	R	25	W	W	W	R	W	A	W	W	1	6	1	13	9
Dotzler	Bill	D	31	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	94
Dvorsky	Bob	D	37	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	92

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Feenstra	Randy	R	2	W	W	W	A	W	R	W	W	1	6	1	13	13
Garrett	Julian	R	13	W	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	2	6	0	25	11
Gronstal	Mike	D	8	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	92
Guth	Dennis	R	4	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	7	0	13	11
Hart	Rita	D	49	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	97
Hogg	Rob	D	33	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	99
Horn	Wally	D	35	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	91
Jochum	Pam	D	50	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	91
Johnson	David	R	1	W	W	R	R	W	R	R	W	4	4	0	50	12
Kapucian	Tim	R	38	W	W	A	W	R	R	W	W	2	5	1	25	17
Kinney	Kevin	D	39	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	100
Kaayenbrink	Tim	R	5	W	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	2	6	0	25	20
Mathis	Liz	D	34	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	98
McCoy	Matt	D	21	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	83
Petersen	Janet	D	18	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	93
Quirnbach	Herman	D	23	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	100
Ragan	Amanda	D	27	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	97
Rozenboom	Ken	R	40	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	1	7	0	13	13

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Schneider	Charles	R	22	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	1	7	0	13	11
Schoenjahn	Brian	D	32	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	97
Schultz	Jason	R	9	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	8	0	0	4
Segebart	Mark	R	6	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	W	3	5	0	38	18
Seng	Joe	D	45	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	94
Shiple	Tom	R	11	W	W	R	R	W	R	W	W	3	5	0	38	35
Sinclair	Amy	R	14	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	2	6	0	25	16
Smith	Roby	R	47	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	W	3	5	0	38	24
Sodders	Steve	D	36	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	98
Taylor	Rich	D	42	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	97
Whitver	Jack	R	19	W	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	2	6	0	25	12
Wilhelm	Mary Jo	D	26	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100	97
Zaun	Brad	R	20	W	W	A	W	W	W	R	W	1	6	1	13	16
Zumbach	Dan	R	48	W	W	W	R	R	R	W	W	3	5	0	38	16

House Issues—2016

1) STATE SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR SCHOOLS

(SF 174) - This vote was on whether or not to lower the Senate's 4% increase for schools down to a insufficient 2% amount. A compromise was eventually reached on 2.25%.

After being amended, the question was "Shall the bill pass (SF 174)?" The result was 55-43.

The IFL Position was NO.

2) STATE CATEGORICAL AID FOR SCHOOLS (SF 175) -

This vote was on whether or not to lower the Senate's 4% increase for categorical aid for schools down to a insufficient 2% amount. A compromise was eventually reached on 2.25%.

After being amended, the question was "Shall the bill pass (SF 175)?" The result was 56-42.

The IFL Position was NO.

3) PROTECTION OCCUPATIONS (SF 2147) -

Senate File 2147 added law enforcement personnel employed by the Regents as well as employees who work with violent sex offenders to the list of protected occupation category of IPERS, correctly reflecting their work environment and the risks associated with it. This legislation was passed by both the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.

On the Question "Shall the bill pass (SF 2147)?" The result was 95-0. The IFL Position was YES.

4) INTERIM STUDY ON STAFFING AND CBCs (H-8218 TO HF 2458) -

HF 2458 was the Justice Systems Appropriations bill, and Rep. Todd Taylor offered an amendment for the state to study staffing at correctional institutions as well as for community based corrections. This amendment was rejected.

On the Question "Shall amendment H-8218 be adopted?" The result was 41-56.

The IFL Position was YES.

5) DOT FUNDING (H-8265 to SF 2320) -

This amendment completely slashed funding for salaries of DOT employees and has the potential to cause hundreds of layoffs of state workers. A compromise was later worked out for roughly half of the original money needed to fund DOT.

On the Question "Shall the committee amendment H-8265 be adopted?" The result was 55-40.

The IFL position was NO.

6) ENDING MEDICAID PRIVATIZATION (H-8147 to SF 2109) -

The Governor unilaterally made the decision to privatize the entire Medicaid system without legislative consent in 2015. After numerous hearings and many complaints made about the implementation of the system, this legislation would have terminated the contracts with the private Medicaid providers and ended the Governor's privatization plan. This was the Iowa House Democrats' attempt to amend a bill to mirror Senate efforts to block the plan.

On the question "Shall the rules be suspended in order to consider H-8147?" The result was 40-56.

The IFL Position was YES.

7) MEDICAID PRIVATIZATION OVERSIGHT (H-8144 to SF 2109) -

As the Iowa House leadership refused to cooperate in finding a way to stop the Governor's plan to privatize Medicaid, the House Democrats looked for other options, such as having a strong oversight system in place. A similar bill was passed by the Senate, and some parts of it were later included in a compromise with the House that was weaker, yet still needed.

On the question "Shall the rules be suspended to consider amendment H-8144?" The result was 40-56.

The IFL Position was YES.

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Abdul-Samad	Ako	D	35	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	97
Anderson	Marti	D	36	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	96
Bacon	Robert	R	48	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9
Baltimore	Chip	R	47	A	A	A	A	W	W	W	0	3	4	0	6
Baudler	Clel	R	20	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	10
Baxter	Terry	R	8	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	7
Bearinger	Bruce	D	64	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	93
Bennett	Liz	D	65	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	100
Berry	Deborah	D	62	R	R	R	A	A	R	R	5	0	2	71	91
Best	Brian	R	12	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	7
Branhagen	Darrel	R	55	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	7
Brown-Powers	Timi	D	61	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	100
Byrnes	Josh	R	51	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	2	5	0	29	9
Carlson	Gary	R	91	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	7
Cphoon	Dennis	D	87	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	92
Cownie	Peter	R	42	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	8
Dawson	David	D	14	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	91
Deyoe	Dave	R	49	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	10
Dolecheck	Cecil	R	24	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9
Dunkel	Nancy	D	57	R	R	R	W	A	R	R	5	1	1	71	87
Finkenauer	Abby	D	99	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	6	0	1	86	96
Fisher	Dean	R	72	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	11
Forbes	John	D	40	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	98
Forristall	Greg	R	22	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9

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Fry	Joel	R	27	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	5
Gaines	Ruth Ann	D	32	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	94
Gaskill	Mary	D	81	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	6	1	0	86	96
Gassman	Tedd	R	7	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9
Grassley	Pat	R	50	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	10
Gustafson	Stan	R	25	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	11
Hagenow	Chris	R	43	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9
Hall	Chris	D	13	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	97
Hanson	Curt	D	82	R	R	R	R	A	A	A	4	0	3	57	93
Hanusa	Mary Ann	R	16	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	0	6	1	0	5
Heartsill	Greg	R	28	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9
Heaton	Dave	R	84	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	2	5	0	29	12
Heddens	Lisa	D	46	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	98
Hein	Lee	R	96	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	6
Highfill	Jake	R	39	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9
Holt	Steve	R	18	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	7
Holz	Chuck	R	5	W	W	R	A	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	14
Hunter	Bruce	D	34	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	98
Huseman	Daniel	R	3	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	8
Isenhardt	Charles	D	100	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	99
Jacoby	Dave	D	74	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	97
Jones	Megan	R	2	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9
Jorgensen	Ron	R	6	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	6
Kaufmann	Bobby	R	73	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9

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Kearns	Jerry	D	83	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	100
Kelley	Dan	D	29	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	91
Klein	Jarad	R	78	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	6
Koester	Kevin	R	38	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	8
Kooiker	John	R	4	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	7
Kressig	Bob	D	59	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	91
Landon	John	R	37	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9
Lensing	Vicki	D	85	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	95
Lykam	Jim	D	89	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	94
Mascher	Mary	D	86	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	93
Maxwell	David	R	76	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9
McConkey	Charlie	D	15	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	100
Meyer	Brian	D	33	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	100
Miller	Helen	D	9	R	R	R	R	R	A	A	5	0	2	71	86
Miller	Linda	R	94	W	W	R	W	W	A	A	1	4	2	14	13
Mommsen	Norlin	R	97	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	7
Moore	Brian	R	58	R	W	A	W	A	A	W	1	3	3	14	11
Moore	Tom	R	21	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	14
Nunn	Zach	R	30	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	7
Oldson	Jo	D	41	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	97
Olson	Rick	D	31	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	86
Ourth	Scott	D	26	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	98
Paulsen	Kraig	R	67	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	13
Paustian	Ross	R	92	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	7

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Pettengill	Dawn	R	75	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	30
Prichard	Todd	D	52	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	98
Rizer	Ken	R	68	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	7
Rogers	Walt	R	60	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	6
Ruff	Patti	D	56	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	93
Running-Marquardt	Kirsten	D	69	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	6	0	1	86	96
Salmon	Sandy	R	63	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9
Sands	Thomas	R	88	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	8
Sexton	Mike	R	10	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	7
Sheets	Larry	R	80	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9
Sieck	David	R	23	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	9
Smith	Mark	D	71	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	92
Staed	Art	D	66	R	R	R	R	R	A	A	5	0	2	71	91
Stanerson	Quentin	R	95	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	11
Steckman	Sharon	D	53	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	96
Stutsman	Sally	D	77	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	98
Taylor	Rob	R	44	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	0	6	1	0	7
Taylor	Todd	D	70	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	93
Thede	Phyllis	D	93	A	A	R	R	R	R	R	5	0	2	71	91
Upmeyer	Linda	R	54	W	W	R	W	W	A	W	1	5	1	14	10
Vander Linden	Guy	R	79	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	6
Watts	Ralph	R	19	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	8
Wessel-Kroeschell	Beth	D	45	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	98
Wills	John	R	1	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	7

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Winckler	Cindy	D	90	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	98
Windschitl	Matt	R	17	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	7
Wolfe	Mary	D	98	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	7	0	0	100	97
Worthan	Gary	R	11	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	1	6	0	14	8