



# HEROES & ZEROS



## Who's Representing Your Values in the Minnesota State Legislature?

### HEROES

#### 2009 House

Bruce Anderson (19A) ...	100%
Sarah Anderson (43A) ...	100%
Michael Beard (35A) .....	100%
Laura Brod (25A) .....	100%
Mark Buesgens (35B) ....	100%
Matt Dean (52B).....	100%
Randy Demmer (29A) ....	100%
Bob Dettmer (52A).....	100%
Steve Drazkowski (28B) ..	100%
Rob Eastlund (17A).....	100%
Tom Emmer (19B) .....	100%
Tom Hackbarth (48A) ....	100%
Mary Liz Holberg (36A) ..	100%
Joe Hoppe (34B).....	100%
Paul Kohls (34A) .....	100%
Bud Nornes (10A) .....	100%
Joyce Peppin (32A).....	100%
Tim Sanders (51A).....	100%
Peggy Scott (49A).....	100%
Marty Seifert (21A).....	100%
Dan Severson (14A) .....	100%
Ron Shimanski (18A).....	100%
Steve Smith (33A).....	100%
Kurt Zellers (32B).....	100%

#### 2009 Senate

David Haan (42).....	100%
Amy Koch (19) .....	100%
Warren Limmer (32).....	100%

#### Career Heroes



B. Anderson  
(19A) 100%



M. Buesgens  
(35B) 100%



S. Drazkowski  
(28B) 100%



T. Emmer  
(19B) 100%



K. Zellers  
(32B) 100%

### 2009 State Legislative Scorecard

Minnesota Majority tracked 17 House votes and 13 Senate votes for the 2009 Minnesota legislative session, spanning a wide range of issues including taxes, government spending, election integrity, property rights, health care, education and energy policy. In many ways, these votes represent the front-line in the battle to defend traditional values in Minnesota's public policy.

We have scored each state legislator on how well they supported the "traditional values" position on the issues. A total of 24 state representatives and 3 state senators earned a perfect 100% score and were our top "Heroes." An additional 9 state representatives and 4 state senators supported "traditional values" positions 90% of the time or better in 2009.

On the opposite side we have the "Zeros" – legislators who more often than not voted against the interests of everyday Minnesotans. Instead, these legislators supported policies that would raise your taxes, expand government and reduce your freedoms. A total of 29 state representatives and 22 state senators were perfect "Zeros". An additional 29 state representatives and 8 state senators scored 10% or less.

#### Career Heroes and Zeros

5 state representatives have a lifetime score of 100%. That means that for as long as Minnesota Majority has been keeping track, these legislators have reliably supported Minnesota Majority's traditional values positions.

Sadly, 4 state representatives have made a career of consistently working against traditional values. Each have lifetime scores of 0%; they are Margaret Kelliher, Alice Hausman, Frank Hornstein and Sheldon Johnson.

#### You Can Make a Difference

Visit [HeroesAndZeros.org](http://HeroesAndZeros.org) to look-up your state legislators, review their scores and send them a message as to how you feel about their score. Help spread the word by distributing copies of this flyer to your friends and neighbors. Please also be sure to visit [MinnesotaMajority.org](http://MinnesotaMajority.org) to register to receive our email alerts and updates.



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### ZEROS

#### 2009 House

John Benson (43B) .....	0%
David Bly (25B) .....	0%
Kathy Brynaert (23B) .....	0%
Lyndon Carlson (45B).....	0%
Paul Gardner (53A).....	0%
Rick Hansen (39A).....	0%
Alice Hausman (66B).....	0%
Bill Hilty (08A) .....	0%
Frank Hornstein (60B) .....	0%
Melissa Hortman (47B) .....	0%
Thomas Huntley (07A) .....	0%
Sheldon Johnson (67B) .....	0%
Phyllis Kahn (59B) .....	0%
Margaret Kelliher (60A).....	0%
Kate Knuth (50B) .....	0%
Caroline Laine (50A) .....	0%
Leon Lillie (55A) .....	0%
Diane Loeffler (59A).....	0%
Tim Mahoney (67A) .....	0%
Terry Morrow (23A).....	0%
Erin Murphy (64A).....	0%
Brita Sailer (02B).....	0%
Steve Simon (44A).....	0%
Nora Slawik (55B) .....	0%
Linda Slocum (63B) .....	0%
Paul Thissen (63A).....	0%
Tom Tillberry (51B) .....	0%
Jean Wagenius (62B) .....	0%
Ryan Winkler (44B).....	0%

#### 2009 Senate

Ellen Anderson (66) .....	0%
Don Betzold (51) .....	0%
Satveer Chaudhary (50) .....	0%
Richard Cohen (64).....	0%
Scott Dibble (60) .....	0%
Leo Foley (47) .....	0%
Linda Higgins (58).....	0%
Kenneth Kelash (63) .....	0%
Keith Langseth (09).....	0%
Ron Latz (44) .....	0%
Tony Lourey (08).....	0%
Mee Moua (67) .....	0%
Steve Murphy (28) .....	0%
Sandra Pappas (65).....	0%
Larry Pogemiller (59) .....	0%
Y. Prettnner-Solon (07) .....	0%
Tom Saxhaug (03) .....	0%
Linda Scheid (46) .....	0%
Katie Sieben (57) .....	0%
Rod Skoe (02) .....	0%
Patricia Torres Ray (62).....	0%
Charles Wiger (55).....	0%





## Minnesota Majority 2009 Legislative Scorecard for the MN House of Representatives

Representative	District	Party	Education		Gov. & Politics				Health Care		Life	Rights & Liberties			Taxes & Spending					2009 Score	Career Score	
			01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08		09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			17
Torkelson, Paul	21B	R	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88%	88%
Urdahl, Dean	18B	R	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		88%	85%
Wagenius, Jean	62B	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	1%
Ward, John	12A	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	12%	20%
Welti, Andy	30B	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	24%	26%
Westrom, Torrey	11A	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		94%	94%
Winkler, Ryan	44B	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	6%
Zellers, Kurt	32B	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%

**LEGEND** Voted with the Minnesota Majority position ( + ) Voted against the Minnesota Majority position ( - ) Did not vote on this legislation ( | )  
 Not in office when vote was taken ( na )

### EDUCATION

**01. Bullying Bill** - Promoted as "anti-bullying" legislation, HF1198 changes nothing in school safety policy, but instead introduces a social engineering agenda into schools. Our position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. HJ page 6977

### ENERGY

**02. Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Bill** - HF 2123 requires "compostable" garbage bags, enacts new "greenhouse gas" regulations. Our position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. HJ page 4950.

### GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

**03 Defeat Automatic Voter Registration** - Amendment vote to remove automatic voter registration from HF1053. Our position: For. + Indicates a "Yes" vote. HJ page 6160

**04. Require Photo ID to Vote** - Amendment to SF1331 that would require photo ID to vote in Minnesota Elections. Our position: For + indicates a "Yes" vote. HJ page 6275

**05. Verify Residency and Identity of Voters using Online Voter Registration** - An amendment to SF2082 requiring an online voter registration system to verify a registrant's residency and identity. Our position: For. + Indicates a "Yes" vote. HJ page 3670.

**06. Omnibus Elections Provision bill - SF1331** creates early voting and no-excuse absentee voting, which would allow untold thousands of ballots to be cast without the traditional scrutiny of citizen election judges and poll challengers. Our position: opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. HJ Page 7043.

### HEALTH CARE

**07. Out of State Health Plans** - Amendment to HF1362 to improve health insurance competition, lower costs by guaranteeing the right to purchase health insurance policies that are approved in any other state. House Journal Page 4135

**08. Undermine Health Savings Accounts** - HF705 undermines the intent of high deductible health plans used with a health savings account by requiring the HDHP to cover preventive care with no deductible. HJ page 5776.

### LIFE

**09. Ban Taxpayer Funded Abortions** - Amendment to HF1362 to prevent funding for state-sponsored health programs being used to fund abortions. Our position: For. + indicates a "Yes" vote. HJ page 4105

### RIGHTS & LIBERTIES

**10. Reinforce Genetic Privacy Law** - Amendment to HF1362 strengthening state genetic privacy regulations, requiring informed written consent to store or disseminate genetic materials. Our position: For. + indicates a "Yes" vote. HJ page 4144.

**11. Primary Seat Belt** - HF108 makes failure to wear a seatbelt a primary offence, meaning police need no other reason to stop and cite a motorist than not wearing a seat-belt. Our position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. HJ page 6899.

**12. Prevent Funding to Create List of Gun-Owners** - An amendment to HF886 that would have prohibited funds being used to create a state list of gun-owners. Our position: For. + indicates a "yes" vote. HJ Page 503.

### TAXES & SPENDING

**13. \$1 Billion Tax Increase - HF 855**, the omnibus technical tax bill included liquor and cigarette tax hikes for another \$1 billion in new taxes. Our position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. HJ page 5053.

**14. \$1.5 Billion Tax Increase** - HF2323, the omnibus tax bill would increase tax revenues by \$1.5 billion; eliminate home mortgage, education expense and charitable contribution deductions; and create new 9% personal income tax bracket. Our position: Oppose. + indicates a "No" vote. HJ page 7456.

**15. \$343 Million Bonding Bill** - Bill to borrow \$343 million during a historic state deficit for projects including gorilla cages at the Minnesota zoo; intra-city light rail transit; and amateur sports facilities like the multi-million-dollar volleyball court in Rochester. Our position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. HJ Page 1952.

**16. Let Local Governments Opt Out of Unfunded Mandates** - An Amendment to SF2082 that would have let cash-strapped local governments opt out of costly state mandates unless the state provided funding for them. Our Position: For. + indicates a "Yes" vote. HJ page 3676

**17. State Taxpayer Bailout of St. Paul's Rivercentre Loan** - SF2081 forgives the city of St. Paul \$32.7 million in loan repayments for for the Rivercentre entertainment complex in order for the city to build a new ice rink. Our Position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. HJ page 4694.



## Minnesota Majority 2009 Legislative Scorecard for the MN Senate

Senator	District	Party	Education		Energy		Gov. & Politics		Health Care		Life		Rights & Liberties		Taxes & Spending					2009 Score	Career Score	
			1	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13							
Senjem, David	29	R	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	69%	71%
Sheran, Kathy	23	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	15%	10%
Sieben, Katie	57	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	7%
Skoe, Rod	2	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	12%
Skogen, Dan	10	D		-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33%	33%
Sparks, Dan	27	D	-	-	+	-	-	-		+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	33%	30%
Stumpf, LeRoy	1	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%	21%
Tomassoni, David	5	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	15%	13%
Torres Ray, Patricia	62	D		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	4%
Vandevier, Ray	52	R	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%	86%
Vickerman, Jim	22	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%	27%
Wiger, Charles	55	D	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	7%

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### EDUCATION

**01. "Bullying" Bill** - Promoted as "anti-bullying" legislation, SF971 changes nothing in school safety policy, but instead introduces a social engineering agenda into schools. Our position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. SJ page 6315.

### ENERGY

**02. Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Bill** - HF 2123 requires "compostable" garbage bags, enacts new "greenhouse gas" regulations. Our position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. SJ page 4018.

### GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

**03. Require Photo ID to Vote** - Amendment to SF1331 requiring photo ID to obtain a ballot; provides free IDs to low-income persons. Our position: For. + Indicates a "Yes" vote. SJ page 4271

**04. Omnibus Elections Provision bill** - SF1331 creates early voting and no-excuse absentee voting, which would allow untold thousands of ballots to be cast without the traditional scrutiny of citizen election judges and poll challengers. Our position: opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. SJ Page 6170.

### HEALTH CARE

**05. Undermine Health Savings Accounts** - HF705 undermines the intent of high deductible health plans used with a health savings account by requiring the HDHP to cover preventive care with no deductible. SJ page 5978.

### LIFE

**06. Ban Taxpayer Funded Abortions** - Amendment to SF695 to prevent funding for state-sponsored health programs being used to fund abortions. Our position: For. + indicates a "Yes" vote. SJ page 3103.

### RIGHTS & LIBERTIES

**07. Primary Seat Belt** - HF108 makes failure to wear a seatbelt a primary offence, meaning police need no other reason to stop and cite a motorist than not wearing a seat-belt. Our position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. SJ page 6334.

**08. Prevent Funding to Create List of Gun Owners** - An amendment to HF886 that would have prohibited funds being used to create a state list of gun-owners. Our position: For. + indicates a "yes" vote. SJ Page 353.

### TAXES & SPENDING

**09. \$2 Billion Tax Increase** - SF2074 \$2 billion in new taxes imposed; across-the-board income tax rate increases and new 9.25% personal income tax rate established. Our position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. SJ page 2754.

**10. \$343 Million Bonding Bill** - Bill to borrow \$343 million during a historic state deficit for projects including gorilla cages at the Minnesota zoo; intra-city light rail transit; and amateur sports facilities like the multi-million-dollar volleyball court in Rochester. Our position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. HJ Page 5422.

**11. \$1 Billion Tax Increase** - HF885 hiked liquor and cigarette taxes for another \$1 billion in new taxes. Our position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. SJ Page 4466.

**12. State Taxpayer Bailout of St. Paul's Rivercentre Loan** - SF2081 forgives the city of St. Paul \$32.7 million in loan repayments for the Rivercentre entertainment complex in order for the city to build a new ice rink. Our Position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. SJ page 3895.

**13. \$1.5 Billion Tax Increase** - HF2323 increases tax revenues by \$1.5 billion; eliminates home mortgage, education expense and charitable contribution deductions; creates new 9% personal income tax bracket. Our Position: Opposed. + indicates a "No" vote. SJ page 3430.