

Connecticut Citizen Action Group

1997-8 Legislative Voting Index

Since 1972, the Connecticut Citizen Action Group has published its Legislative Voting Index to educate the public and help our members learn where their legislators stand on issues important to families.

The CCAG Index rates legislators on a broad range of votes on environmental, consumer, health care, labor, civil rights and other issues. CCAG indexes votes on bills and amendments which were priorities for CCAG and our allies.

Heroes or Zeros You Decide

These legislators voted with CCAG issues 100% of the time:

Rep. Terry Backer (Stratford)
Sen. Thomas Bozek (New Britain)
Rep. Annette Carter (Hartford)
Rep. Thomasina Clemons (Vernon)
Sen. Tom Colapietro (Bristol)
Rep. Christopher Donovan (Meriden)
Rep. Art Feltman (Hartford)
Rep. Andrew Fleischmann (W. Hartford)

Rep. Stephen Fontana (N. Haven)
Rep. John Geragosian (New Britain)
Rep. Theresa Gerratana (New Britain)
Sen. Mary Ann Handley (Manchester)
Rep. Marie Kirley-Bey (Hartford)
Sen. Gary LeBeau (East Hartford)
Sen. Martin Looney (New Haven)
Rep. Evelyn Mantilla (Hartford)

Rep. Denise Merrill (Mansfield)
Rep. Vicki Nardello (Prospect)
Rep. James O'Rourke (Cromwell)
Sen. Edith Prague (Columbia)
Rep. Dave Pudlin (New Britain)
Rep. Anthony Tercyak (New Britain)
Rep. Lew Wallace (Danbury)

These legislators voted against all of CCAG's issues:

Rep. Antonietta Boucher (Wilton)
Sen. Louis DeLuca (Woodbury)
Sen. Adela Eads (Kent)
Rep. Jeanne Garvey (New Milford)
Rep. John Piscopo (Thomaston)
Sen. Lee Scarpetti (Trumbull)

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#	Representative's name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	%	#	Representative's name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	%
83	Abrams, James (D-Meriden)	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	50	21	Giannaros, Demetrios (D-Farmington)	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	75
82	Altobello, Emil (D-Meriden)	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	50	110	Godfrey, Robert (D-Danbury)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	75
118	Amann, James (D-Milford)	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	38	3	Gonzalez, Minnie (D-Hartford)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	88
121	Backer, Terrance (D-Stratford)	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	100	31	Googins, Sonya (R-Glastonbury)	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	38	
88	Beals, Nancy (D-Hamden)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	88	57	Graziani, Edward (D-Ellington)	+	+	A	-	-	+	+	+	71
72	Beamon, Reginald (D-Waterbury)	-	A	+	+	+	+	-	+	71	1	Green, Kenneth (D-Hartford)	-	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	86
113	Belden, Richard (R-Shelton)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	25	105	Greene, Leonard (R-Beacon Falls)	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	25
136	Bernhard, Kenneth (R-Westport)	-	+	+	+	-	A	-	-	43	108	Gyle, Norma (R-New Fairfield)	-	A	A	+	-	-	+	-	33
143	Boucher, Antonietta (R-Wilton)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	123	Hammers, Elaine (R-Trumbull)	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	38
22	Boukus, Elizabeth (D-Plainville)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63	78	Hamzy, William (R-Cherryville)	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	38
100	Bysiewicz, Susan (D-Middletown)	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	75	120	Harkins, John (R-Stratford)	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	25
142	Cafero, Lawrence (R-Norwalk)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	13	73	Hartley, Joan (D-Waterbury)	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	25
138	Cappiello, David (R-Danbury)	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	38	103	Henrici, Craig (D-Hamden)	-	+	A	A	A	-	+	A	50
53	Cardin, Michael (D-Tolland)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	88	16	Herlihy, Thomas (R-Simsbury)	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	25	
44	Caron, Michael (R-Moosup)	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	25	150	Hess, Marilyn (R-Greenwich)	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	25
7	Carter, Annette (D-Hartford)	A	A	A	+	+	+	+	+	100	39	Hyslop, Wade (D-New London)	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	38
126	Caruso, Christopher (D-Bridgeport)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	A	86	74	Jarjura, Michael (D-Waterbury)	-	+	-	-	-	A	-	+	29
11	Christ, Michael (D-East Hartford)	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	50	59	Jarmoc, Stephen (D-Enfield)	-	A	A	-	-	-	-	+	17
80	Cleary, Dennis (R-Wolcott)	-	-	-	+	A	-	+	-	29	51	Johnston, Shawn (D-Putnam)	+	+	+	A	A	-	-	+	67
140	Clemmons, Joseph (D-Norwalk)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	88	125	Keeley, Robert (D-Bridgeport)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	88
56	Clemons, Thomasina (D-Vernon)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	14	Kerensky, Nancy (D-South Windsor)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	75
127	Cocco, Jaqueline (D-Bridgeport)	-	+	A	-	-	+	+	+	57	5	Kirkley-Bey, Marie (D-Hartford)	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	100
117	Collins, Raymond (R-West Haven)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	13	137	Knopp, Alex (D-Norwalk)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	88
34	Concannon, Terry (D-Haddam)	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	75	35	Landino, Robert (D-Old Saybrook)	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	63
75	Conway, Thomas (D-Waterbury)	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	50	99	Lawlor, Michael (D-East Haven)	+	+	A	-	-	+	+	+	71
10	Currey, Melody (D-East Hartford)	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	63	49	Lescoe, John (D-Willimantic)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	38
71	D'Amelio, Anthony (R-Waterbury)	-	+	A	+	-	-	+	-	43	149	Lockton, Janet (R-Greenwich)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	25
30	Dandrow, Ann (R-Southington)	-	-	A	+	-	-	+	-	29	146	Lyons, Moira (D-Stamford)	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	63
115	Dargan, Stephen (D-West Haven)	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	50	66	Maddox, Robert (R-Bethlehem)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	25
50	Davis, Jefferson (D-Pomfret)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	88	47	Malone, Jack (D-Norwich)	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	25
70	DelGobbo, Kevin (R-Naugatuck)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	13	4	Mantilla, Evelyn (D-Hartford)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
40	DeMarinis, Nancy (D-Groton)	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	75	95	Martinez, John (D-New Haven)	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	50
97	DePino, Chris (R-New Haven)	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	25	65	Mattiello, Brian (R-Torrington)	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	25
79	Diamantis, Kosta (D-Bristol)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63	27	Mazzoccoli, Dominic (R-Newington)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	A	14
130	Diaz, Hector (D-Bridgeport)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63	12	McCavanagh, James (D-Manchester)	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	50
132	Dickman, Carl (R-Fairfield)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	25	148	McDonald, Anne (D-Stamford)	+	+	A	-	-	+	+	+	71
84	Donovan, Christopher (D-Meriden)	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	100	42	McGratten, Mary (D-Gales Ferry)	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	43
28	Doyle, Paul (D-Wethersfield)	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	38	54	Merrill, Denise (D-Mansfield)	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	100
94	Dyson, William (D-New Haven)	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	63	101	Metz, Peter (R-Madison)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	25
15	Eberle, Mary (D-Bloomfield)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	25	77	Michele, Roger (D-Bristol)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63
116	Esposito, Louis (D-West Haven)	+	+	+	-	-	+	A	+	71	45	Mikutel, Steven (D-Norwich)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	63
61	Fahrbach, Ruth (R-Windsor)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	25	122	Miller, Lawrence (R-Stratford)	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	38
19	Farr, Robert (R-West Hartford)	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	25	52	Mordasky, John (D-Stafford Springs)	+	+	A	-	-	-	+	+	57
147	Fedele, Michael (R-Stamford)	A	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	29	85	Mushinsky, Mary (D-Wallingford)	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	75
6	Feltman, Art (D-Hartford)	+	+	A	+	+	+	A	+	100	89	Nardello, Vicki (D-Prospect)	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	100
62	Ferrari, Richard (R-East Granby)	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	124	Newton, Ernest (D-Bridgeport)	+	+	-	+	+	A	-	+	71
8	Flaherty, Patrick (D-Coventry)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	46	Nystrom, Peter (R-Norwich)	-	+	A	+	-	-	-	-	29
68	Flaherty, Brian (R-Watertown)	-	-	-	A	A	-	+	-	17	69	O'Neill, Arthur (R-Southbury)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	13
18	Fleischmann, Andrew (D-West Hartford)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	32	O'Rourke, James (D-Cromwell)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
87	Fontana, Stephen (D-North Haven)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	48	Orange, Linda (D-Colchester)	+	+	+	-	-	A	+	+	71
144	Fox, John (D-Stamford)	+	+	A	+	-	+	-	A	67	37	Orefice, Gary (D-Niantic)	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	50
90	Fritz, Mary (D-Wallingford)	-	A	A	-	-	-	+	+	33	102	Panaroni, Peter (D-Branford)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	88
81	Fusco, Angelo (R-Southington)	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	63	76	Piscopo, John (R-Thomaston)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
128	Garcia, Edna (D-Bridgeport)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63	151	Powers, Claudia (R-Riverside)	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
67	Garvey, Jeanne (R-New Milford)	-	A	-	A	A	A	A	A	0	63	Prelli, Phillip (R-Winchester)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	25
58	Gelsi, Frederick (D-Enfield)	-	+	-	A	A	+	A	+	60	24	Pudlin, Dave (D-New Britain)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
25	Geragosian, John (D-New Britain)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	20	Ritter, John (D-West Hartford)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63
23	Gerritana, Theresa (D-New Britain)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	2	Ritter, Thomas (D-Hartford)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63

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64	Roraback, Andrew (R-Goshen)	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	38
119	Roy, Richard (D-Milford)	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	63
139	Ryan, Kevin (D-Uncasville)	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	75
141	Ryan, John (R-Darien)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	25
129	Samowitz, Lee (D-Bridgeport)	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	63
131	San Angelo, Ronald (R-Naugatuck)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	25
107	Santa-Maria, B. Scott (R-Brookfield)	-	-	A	-	-	-	+	-	14
36	Sauer, Claire (D-Lyme)	+	+	A	-	-	+	+	+	71
55	Sawyer, Pamela (R-Bolton)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	25
114	Scalettar, Ellen (D-Woodbridge)	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	63
111	Scalzo, Christopher (R-Ridgefield)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	13
60	Schiessl, Carl (D-Windsor Locks)	-	A	+	A	-	A	-	+	40
93	Scipio, Howard (D-New Haven)	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	63
33	Serra, Joseph (D-Middletown)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63
43	Simmons, Robert (R-Stonington)	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	38
96	Staples, Cameron (D-New Haven)	+	+	-	-	-	+	A	+	57
38	Stillman, Andrea (D-Waterford)	+	+	A	-	-	+	+	+	71
134	Stone, John (R-Fairfield)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	25

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17	Stratton, Jessie (D-Canton)	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	63
135	Stripp, John (R-Weston)	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	25
26	Tercyak, Anthony (R-New Britain)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
13	Thompson, John (D-Manchester)	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	75
104	Tonucci, Vincent (D-Derby)	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	50
145	Truglia, Christel (D-Stamford)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63
29	Tulisano, Richard (D-Rocky Hill)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	88
133	Tymniak, Paul (R-Fairfield)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	25
112	Varese, William (R-Monroe)	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	25
9	Veltri, Richard (R-East Hartford)	A	-	A	+	-	-	-	-	17
91	Villano, Peter (D-Hamden)	+	+	+	A	A	+	-	+	83
109	Wallace, Lee (D-Danbury)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
86	Ward, Robert (R-Northford)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	13
106	Wasserman, Julia (R-Sandy Hook)	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	25
98	Widlitz, Patricia (D-Guilford)	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	50
41	Winkler, Lenny (R-Groton)	-	+	A	+	-	-	+	-	43

House Bill Descriptions

1 *Campaign Finance Reform* **H.B. 6365, Amendment A**

This amendment would have established a fair elections fund to finance statewide elections, beginning in 2002. This amendment also would have established spending and contribution limits for campaigns.

A vote for the amendment was the correct vote.
The amendment was defeated in the House 73 to 75, May 14, 1997.

2 *Prior Rate Approval* **H.B.1173**

This bill provides permanent protection for consumers by continuing to empower the Insurance Commissioner to deny excessive auto insurance rate increases.

A vote to pass this bill was the correct vote.
The bill was passed in the House 116 to 28, June 4, 1997.
The bill was passed in the Senate and signed into law by the Governor.

3 *Corporate Responsibility* **H.B. 3005, Amendment B**

This amendment would have added to a tax break bill, the requirement that People's Bank create 350 jobs in Connecticut over the next two years in exchange for the tax breaks.

A vote for the amendment was the correct vote.
The amendment was defeated in the House 38 to 88, June 18, 1997.
The bill died in the Senate without action.

4 *Electric Deregulation* **H.B. 5005, Amendment H**

This amendment established that an electric distribution company could

incur extraordinary and unanticipated expenses required for the provision of safe and reliable electric service only to the extent necessary to provide such service.

A vote for the amendment was the correct vote.
The amendment passed in the House 77 to 67, April 15, 1998.
The bill was passed by both the House and Senate and was signed into law by the Governor.

5 *Electric Deregulation* **H.B. 505 Amendment I**

This amendment would have required the ten percent rate reduction to be based on rates as of July 1, 1998, giving consumers a greater rate reduction.

A vote for the amendment was the correct vote.
The amendment was defeated in the House 44 to 100, April 15, 1998.
The bill was passed in both the House and Senate and was signed into law by the Governor.

6 *Minimum Wage Increase* **S.B. 311, Amendment A (House Index)**

This amendment would have increased the minimum wage to six dollars and eighteen cents an hour by January 1, 2001.

A vote for the amendment was the correct vote.
The amendment was defeated in the House 65 to 80, April 23, 1998.
The bill was passed in both the House and Senate and was signed into law by the Governor.

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7 *Access to Medical Information* *H.B. 5724, Amendment A*

This amendment would have required medical providers to provide patients with medical and billing information upon request.

A vote for the amendment was the correct vote.
The amendment was defeated in the House 48 to 97, April 29, 1998.
The bill died on the floor of the House.

8 *Prohibition of Campaign Contributions* *H.B. 5327, Amendment B*

This amendment would have given businesses an unfair advantage over labor unions by prohibiting the use of funds collected from union dues to be given as campaign contributions.

A vote against the amendment was the correct vote.
The amendment was defeated in the House 47 to 95, May 6, 1998.
The bill died in the Senate without action.

THE SENATE

#	Senator's Name	A	B	C	D	E	F	%
12	Aniskovich, William (R-Branford)	-	-	+	-	+	-	33
6	Bozek, Thomas (D-New Britain)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
9	Ciotto, Biagio (D-Wethersfield)	+	-	+	+	+	+	83
31	Colapietro, Tom (D-Terryville)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
2	Coleman, Eric (D-Bloomfield)	+	-	+	+	-	+	67
18	Cook, Catherine (R-Mystic)	-	-	-	+	-	-	17
17	Crisco, Joseph (D-Woodbridge)	+	-	+	+	+	+	83
33	Daily, Eileen (D-Westbrook)	-	-	+	+	+	-	50
32	DeLuca, Louis (R-Woodbury)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
30	Eads, M. Adela (R-Kent)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
8	Fleming, James (R-Simsbury)	-	-	+	-	+	A	40
1	Fonfara, John (D-Hartford)	+	-	A	+	+	+	60
26	Freedman, Judith (R-Westport)	-	-	-	+	+	-	33
13	Gaffey, Thomas (D-Meriden)	-	-	-	+	-	+	33
25	Genuario, Robert (R-Norwalk)	-	-	-	+	-	-	17
35	Guglielmo, Tony (R-Stafford Springs)	-	-	+	+	+	A	60
21	Gunther, George (R-Stratford)	-	-	-	-	+	-	17
4	Handley, Mary Ann (D-Manchester)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100

#	Senator's Name	A	B	C	D	E	F	%
10	Harp, Toni (D-New Haven)	+	+	+	+	-	+	83
27	Jepsen, George (D-Stamford)	-	-	+	+	+	-	50
7	Kissel, John (R-Enfield)	-	-	+	+	+	+	67
3	LeBeau, Gary (D-East Hartford)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
11	Looney, Martin (D-New Haven)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
28	Lovegrove, Fred (R-Fairfield)	-	-	+	A	+	A	50
34	McDermott, Brian (D-Wallingford)	-	-	-	+	+	-	33
36	Nickerson, William (R-Greenwich)	-	-	+	+	+	-	50
24	Nielsen, Mark (R-Danbury)	-	-	-	-	-	+	17
23	Penn, Alvin (D-Bridgeport)	-	-	+	+	-	+	50
20	Peters, Melodie (D-Quaker Hill)	+	+	+	+	+	-	83
19	Prague, Edith (D-Columbia)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
22	Scarpetti, Lee (R-Trumbull)	A	A	A	-	-	-	0
14	Smith, Winthrop (R-Milford)	-	+	-	-	+	-	33
16	Somma, Stephen (R-Waterbury)	-	-	+	+	+	A	60
5	Sullivan, Kevin (D-West Hartford)	-	-	+	+	+	-	50
15	Upson, Thomas (R-Waterbury)	-	-	+	-	-	-	17
29	Williams, Donald (D-Thompson)	-	-	+	+	+	+	67

A *Corporate Responsibility* *S.B. 1175, Amendment A*

This amendment would have required that corporations receiving state aid meet specific employment and wage criteria. Corporations would also have to uphold state laws regarding treatment of employees.

A vote for the amendment was the correct vote.
The amendment was defeated in the Senate 12 to 23, May 28, 1997.

B *Ban on Non-Compete Clauses* *S.B.1175, Amendment B*

This amendment would have banned all non-compete clauses in job contracts for employees earning under \$200,000. These clauses prohibit people from seeking employment in similar fields for a certain number of years after leaving their job.

A vote for the amendment was the correct vote.
The amendment was defeated in the Senate 9 to 26, May 28, 1997.

C *Ban on Piece Meal Insurance* *S.B. 18, Amendment A*

This amendment prohibits piece meal insurance policies, riders and benefits on group and individual health policies, that would provide people with limited health insurance.

A vote for the amendment was the correct vote.
The amendment was passed in the Senate 24 to 10, May 14, 1997.
The bill was not taken up in the House.

D *Minimum Wage Increase* *S.B. 311*

This bill increased the state minimum wage to \$6.15 an hour beginning January 1, 2000.

A vote for the bill was the correct vote.
The bill was passed in the Senate 26 to 9, April 2, 1998.
The bill was then passed in the House and was signed into law by the Governor.

E *Public Employee Confidentiality* *S.B. 275*

This bill helped protect whistleblowers by ensuring confidentiality of any meeting or hearing concerning a grievance or dispute between public employers and the bargaining representative of its public employees during the term of any collective bargaining agreement.

A vote for the bill was the correct vote.
The bill was passed in the Senate 25 to 11, April 22, 1998.
The bill was not taken up in the House.

F *Automated Teller Fees* *S.B. 234*

This bill would have protected Connecticut consumers by restating and reaffirming existing state law prohibiting banks and credit unions from imposing automated teller machine transaction fees on consumers who are not customers of such banks and credit unions.

A vote for the bill was the correct vote.
The bill was defeated in the Senate 16 to 16, May 1, 1998.