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In This Issue, We're Telling!  
**How They Voted**  
 The Connecticut State Legislature, 2001 session

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The House 151 Districts	Overall SCORE...	Democracy		Corporate Responsibility		Health Care		Environment		Budgeting 101						
		Reform Campaign Finance	Open Up the Primary System	Restore the Right to Vote	Shed Light on Big State Contracts	For Corporate Accountability	Against Immigrant Exploitation	Cheaper Prescription Drugs	Stronger HMO Accountability	Evaluate Coverage Strategies	Clean Up the Sooty Six	Lead Cleanup in Kids' Homes	Against Flawed Waterbury Bailout	For Arbitration Protections (a)	Against Bad Compromises - DSS	Against Bad Compromises - PH
Representative																
Abrams	90%	1	1	A	1		A	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	A	A
Altobello	27%	0	0	1	1	0	1			0		0	0	0	0	0
Amann	54%	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1		0	0	1	0	0
Backer	78%	1	0	1	A		1	1		A	A	0	1	A	1	1
Beals	100%	1	1	1	1	1	1			1		1	1	1	1	1
Beamon	50%	0	1	1	1	0	1	1		A		0	0	0	0	A
Berger	67%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		0	0	0	0	0
Boukus	67%	A	0	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Cardin	90%	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	A	A	A	A	0
Carter	62%	1	0	1	1	0	1	1		A	1	1	0	1	0	0
Caruso	100%	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	A	A
Christ	55%	0	0	1	A	1	1	1		1	1	0	A	0	0	0
Clemmons	91%		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	A	A	A
Cocco	33%	0	0	0	1	0	1	1		1		0	0	0	0	0
Conway	33%	1	0	1	0		1	A		A		0	0	0	0	0
Currey	58%	1	0	1	1		1	1		A	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dargan	50%		1	0	1		1		1			0	0	0	0	0
Davis	92%	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Demarinis	91%	1	1	A	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	0
Diamantis	50%	A	A	1	0		1	0	A	1	1	A	0	0	A	A
Dillon	69%	1	1	1	0		1	1		1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Donovan	100%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Doyle	36%	0	0	0	1		1	1		1		0	0	0	0	0
Dyson	58%	1	0	1	A		1	1		1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Eberle	50%		0	1	1		1	1	1	0		0	0	0	0	0
Esposito	55%	0	0	1	1	1	1	1		1		0	1	0	0	0



## Key to symbols

1 - good vote

0 - bad vote

A - absent

*Some committee votes are included. If a legislator had no opportunity to vote, we left the box blank.*

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DEMOCRATS

Feltman	82%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	A		
<b>Flaherty, P.</b>	64%	1	0	1	1	1	1			1		0	1	0	0		
Fleischmann	100%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		A	1	1	1	1	1		
<b>Fontana</b>	79%	1	0	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	
Fox	63%	1	1	0	1		1	1			A		0	0	A	A	
<b>Fritz</b>	50%		0	0	1		1	1			1		0	0	0	1	
Geragosian	100%	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	A	A	
<b>Gerratana</b>	93%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	A	
Giannaros	70%	1	1	1	0	1	1				1		0	A	1	0	
<b>Godfrey</b>	100%	1	1	1	1		1	A			1		1	1	1	1	
Gonzalez, M.	67%	1	0	1	A		1	A		A	A	1	0	1	1	0	
<b>Graziani</b>	40%		1	0	0			1	1			1	0	0	1	0	
Green	78%	1	1	1	1		1	A			1		0	0	1	A	0
<b>Guerrera</b>	50%		0	0	1	0	1				1	1	0	1	0	A	
Hamm	78%	1	1	0	1	A	1	1			1		0	1	A	A	
<b>Horton</b>	100%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1		1	1	1	1	
Hyslop	78%	A	0	1	1		1	1			A		1	1	0	1	
<b>Janowski</b>	60%		0	1	1	1	1				1		0	1	0	0	
Jarjura	64%	1	1	1	1	A	1	A	1		1		0	0	0	0	
<b>Jarmoc</b>	25%	A	0	A	0		A	A		A	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Johnston	43%	1	0	1	0	0	1	1		1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
<b>Keeley</b>	77%	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	0	1	0	0	
Kerensky	54%	1	0	0	1		1	1		1	1	1	0	0	0	0	
<b>Kirkley-Bey</b>	73%		0	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	A	0	0	
Knopp	92%	1	1	0	1	1	1	1			1		1	1	1	1	
<b>Kovaleski</b>	30%		0	0	0	0	1				1		0	1	0	0	
Lawlor	73%	1	1	1	1		1	1			1		0	1	0	0	
<b>Lyons</b>	70%		1	1	1		1	1			1		0	0	0	1	
Malone	45%		1	1	1	0	A	1		1	0		0	0	0	0	
<b>Mantilla</b>	92%	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1	1	0	
Martinez, J	78%	1	1	1	1	0	1	1			0		1	A	A	A	
<b>Martinez, L</b>	92%	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	0	
McCluskey	100%	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	
<b>McDonald</b>	60%	1	1	1	1	0	1	1			0		0	0	A	A	
McGrattan	55%		0	1	1		1	1		1	1		0	0	0	0	
<b>Megna</b>	78%		1	1	1		1				1		0	1	1	0	
Merrill	100%	1	A	1	1		1	1		A	1	1	1	1	A	A	
<b>Michele</b>	75%	1	1	1	1		1	1		A	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Mikutel	44%		0	0	1		1				1		0	1	0	0	
<b>Mordasky</b>	36%	1	0	1	0	1	1				0		0	0	0	0	
Murphy	92%	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1		0	1	1	1	
<b>Mushinsky</b>	100%	1	1	1	1	1	1				1		1	1	A	A	
Nafis	67%	1	1	1	0		A	1		1	1	1	0	1	0	0	
<b>Nardello</b>	75%		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		0	1	0	0	
Newton	69%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		0	0	0	0	
<b>O'Connor</b>	54%	1	1	0	0		1	1		1	0	1	0	1	0	0	
O'Rourke	85%	1	1	0	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	0	1	
<b>Orange</b>	69%	A	0	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Orefice	20%		0	1	0	0	1		A		0		0	0	0	0	
<b>Panaroni</b>	57%		0	0	A		A	1		1	A		0	1	A	1	
Pawelkiewicz	75%		1	A	1	0	1	1	1		1	1	0	1	1	0	
<b>Pudlin</b>	67%		1	1	1		1	0			1		0	1	0	A	
Raczka	67%		0	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		0	1	0	0	
<b>Reinoso</b>	100%	A	1	1	1	1	1	A			1		A	A	1	1	
Roy	62%	1	0	0	0		1	1		1	1	1	0	1	1	0	
<b>Ryan</b>	75%	1	0	1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1	0	0	
Samowitz	58%	1	1	1	1	0	1				1	1	0	0	0	0	
<b>Sayers</b>	70%		0	1	1		1	1		1	0		0	1	1	A	
Scipio	43%	1	1	0		A	0						0	0		1	
<b>Serra</b>	73%	1	1	1	1		1	1			1		0	1	0	0	
Sharkey	78%	1	1	0	1	1	1				1		0	1	A	A	
<b>Spallone</b>	83%	1	1	1	1		1	1			1	1	0	1	1	0	
Staples	100%	1	1	1	1		1	1			1		1	1	1	A	

# Yin and Yang

## Getting It Right

on 100% to 90% of votes

Beals, Nancy	Hamden
Caruso, Chris	Bridgeport
<b>Colapietro, Tom</b>	Briston
Donovan, Chris	Meriden
Fleischmann, Andy	West Hartford
<b>Fonfara, John</b>	Hartford
Geragosian, John	New Britain
Godfrey, Bob	Danbury
<b>Handley, M.A.</b>	Manchester
<b>Harp, Toni</b>	New Haven
Horton, Barnaby	Hartford
<b>Jepsen, George</b>	Stamford
McCluskey, David	West Hartford
Merrill, Denise	Mansfield
Mushinsky, Mary	Wallingford
<b>Peters, Melodie</b>	New London
<b>Prague, Edith</b>	Norwich
Reinoso, Felipe	Bridgeport
Staples, Cameron	New Haven
Stratton, Jessie	Canton
Willis, Roberta	Torrington
Gerratana, Terry	New Britain
Martinez, Lydia	Bridgeport
Clemmons, Joseph	Norwalk
Davis, Jefferson	Pomfret
Knopp, Alex	Norwalk
Mantilla, Evelyn	Hartford
Murphy, Chris	Southington
Demarinis, Nancy	Groton
<b>Looney, Martin</b>	New Haven

## Just Not Getting It

From 15% to 0% good votes

Belden, Dick	Shelton
Collins, Ray	West Haven
<b>Deluca, Lou</b>	Woodbury
Fahrbach, Ruth	Windsor
Ferrari, Richard	East Granby
<b>Nickerson, William</b>	Greenwich
Piscopo, John	Litchfield
Cleary, Dennis	Wolcott
<b>Cappiello, David</b>	Danbury
Heagney, Bob	Simsbury
<b>McKinney, Brian</b>	Fairfield
<b>Aniskovich, Bill</b>	East Haven
Boucher, Toni	New Canaan
Fedele, Michael	Stamford
Chapin, Clark	New Milford

DEMOCRATS

REPUBLICANS

<b>Stillman</b>	56%	1	0	A	1	1	1			1		0	0	0	A		
Stone, C.	69%	1	1	1	0		1	1	1		1	1	0	1	0	0	
<b>Stratton</b>	100%	1	1	1	1		1	1			1		A	A	1	1	
Tallarita	50%	A	0	1	0	1	1				1		0	0	A	A	
<b>Thompson</b>	85%	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	0	0	
Tonucci	40%		0	0	1		1	1			1		0	0	0	0	
<b>Truglia</b>	83%	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	A	A	
Villano	82%	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1		1	1	A	A	0	0	
<b>Wallace</b>	78%		1	1	1		1				1		0	1	0	1	
Widlitz	25%		0	0	1		1					A	0	0	0	0	
<b>Willis</b>	100%		1	1	1		A					1	1	1	1	1	
Belden	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0		0	0	0	0	
<b>Bernhard</b>	40%	0	1	1	1		0	0			A		0	0	0	1	
Blackwell	50%		1	1	0		1				0	1	0	0	0	1	
<b>Boucher</b>	14%		1	0	0		0				0		0	0	A	A	
Boughton	67%		1	0	1		1				1		0	0	1	1	
<b>Cafero</b>	17%	0	1	0	1	0	0	0			0		0	0	0	0	
Caron	18%	0	1	0	0	0	1				0		0	0	0	0	
<b>Carson</b>	25%	0	1	0	1	0	0	1			0		0	0	0	0	
Chapin	14%	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Cleary</b>	8%	0	0	0	1		0	0		0	0	A	0	0	0	0	
Collins	0%		0	0	0		0	0			0		0	0	0	0	
<b>D'Amelio</b>	25%	0	1	0	1	0	0	1			A	0	0	0	0	A	0
Dandrow	36%	0	0	0	1		1	1		1	0		0	0	0	A	
<b>Delgobbo</b>	25%	0	1	0	1	0	0	1			0		0	0	0	0	
Dickman	25%	0	1	1	0		0	1		0	0	A	0	0	0	0	
<b>Fahrbach</b>	0%	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0	A	0	0	0	0	
Farr	27%	0	1	1	0		1	0			A	0	0	0	0	A	
<b>Fedele</b>	14%		1	0	0		0				0		A	A	0	0	
Ferrari	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0		0	0	0	0	
<b>Flaherty, B.</b>	17%	A	1	A	1	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	
Floren	45%	0	1	1	1		0	1		1	0	0	0	0	A	A	
<b>Frey</b>	17%	0	1	0	0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0	1	
Gibbons	31%	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1		0	1	0	0	A	0	
<b>Googins</b>	23%	0	1	0	1	0	0	0			A	1	0	0	0	0	
Greene, L.	18%		1	0	1	0	0	0			0		0	0	0	0	
<b>Hamzy</b>	40%	0	1	1	1		1	0			0		0	0	0	A	
Harkins	22%		1	0	1		A		0		0		0	0	0	0	
<b>Heagney</b>	11%		1	0	0		0				0		0	0	0	0	
Klarides	25%	0	1	0	0		0	1	0		0		0	0	1	0	
<b>Metz</b>	15%	0	0	1	0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Miller	25%		1	0	0		0				0	1	0	0	A	A	
<b>Miner</b>	15%	0	1	0	0	0	0		0		0	1	0	0	0	0	
Nystrom	36%	0	1	0	1		1	1			0		0	0	0	0	
<b>O'Neill</b>	27%	0	1	0	1	0	0	1			0		0	0	A	0	
Piscopo	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0				0		0	0	0	0	
<b>Powers</b>	27%	0	1	0	0		1	0			0		0	0	1	0	
Prelli	20%		1	0	1		0	0			0		0	0	0	0	
<b>Rowe</b>	17%	0	1	0	0		0	0	0		0	1	0	0	0	A	
Ryan	33%		1	0	1	0	0	0			0	1	0	0	1	0	
<b>San Angelo</b>	18%	0	1	A	1	0	0	0			0		0	0	0	0	
Sawyer	22%		1	0	1		0				0		0	0	0	0	
<b>Scribner</b>	17%	0	1	0	0	0	0				0	1	0	0	0	0	
Shea	25%		1	0	0		0	0	0		0	1	0	0	0	1	
<b>Stone, J.</b>	18%	0	1	0	0		0	0		1	0	A	0	0	A	0	
Stripp	17%	A	1	0	1		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Tercyak</b>	78%		1	0	1		1				1		1	1	0	1	
Tymniak	29%	0	1	0	0		0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Urban</b>	73%	1	1	1	1		1	1			1		0	0	0	1	
Ward	20%		1	0	0		0	1			0		0	0	0	0	
<b>Wasserman</b>	20%	0	1	0	1		0	A		0	0	0	0	0	A	A	
Winkler	54%	0	1	0	1	1	1	1		1	0		0	0	1	0	

# Bill Summaries

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		Democracy		Corporate Responsibility		Health Care		Environment		Budgeting		101			
		Overall SCORE...		Reform Campaign Finance	Open Up the Primary System	Restore the Right to Vote	For Corporate Accountability	Cheaper Prescription Drugs	Stronger HMO Accountability	Evaluate Coverage Strategies	To Clean Up the Sooty Six	No, to Weaken Sooty Six (a)	No, to Weaken Sooty Six (b)	Lead Cleanup in Kids homes	No, to Flawed Waterbury Bailout
The Senate	36 Districts														
Senator															
Democrats	Bozek	73%	0	0	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
	Ciotto	75%	0	1	1	1				1	1	1			0
	Colapietro	100%		1	1	1				1	1	1			1
	Coleman	80%	1	1	1		0	1		1	1	1	1	1	0
	Crisco	82%	1	0	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	0
	Daily	60%	0	0	1	0	1			1	0	1	1	1	1
	Finch	88%	1	0	1		1			1	1	1			1
	Fonfara	100%	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1			1
	Gaffey	67%	1	0	0	1	1			1	1	1			0
	Handley	100%		1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1
	Harp	100%	A	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	A		1
	Hartley	71%	1	0	1		A		A	1	1	1	A		0
	Jepsen	100%		1	1		1			1	1	1			1
	LeBeau	89%	1	0	1	1	1			1	1	1			1
	Looney	90%	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	0
	McDermott	29%	0	0	0			0		1	0	1			0
	Penn	89%	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1			0
	Peters	100%		1	1		1		1	1	1	1			1
Prague	100%	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1			1	
Sullivan	86%		1	1		1			1	1	1			0	
Williams	89%	1	0	1		1		A	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Republicans	Aniskovich	14%	A	0	0		A	A		0	0	0	0	0	1
	Cappiello	10%	0	0	0		0		0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Cook	17%	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	DeLuca	0%		0	0		0	0		0	0	0		0	0
	Freedman	44%	0	A	0		0		1	1	0	1	1	0	0
	Genuario	50%	0	1	0		0		0	1	1	1	1	0	0
	Guglielmo	38%	0	0	1	1				1	0	0		0	0
	Gunther	25%		1	0		0		1	0	0	0		0	0
	Herlihy	17%		0	0					0	0	0			1
	Kissel	33%	0	0	0		1		1	1	0	0			0
	McKinney	13%	0	0	0	0				1	0	0			0
	Nickerson	0%	0	0	0	0				0	0	0			0
Roraback	38%	0	1	1		0			1	0	0			0	
Smith	29%	0	1	0	0				1	0	0			A	
Somma	71%		1	1	1				1	0	0			1	

## Reform Campaign Finance. Committee votes.

HB 1219, to create a system for public funding of campaigns with voluntary funding and voluntary participation by candidates.

**Open Up the Primary System.** *Passed House not Senate, floor vote.* HB 6697, to reduce the burdensome barrier to petitioning into a primary against the party endorsee.

**Restoring the Right to Vote.** *Passed and signed into law, floor vote.* HB 5042, to restore voting rights promptly to people released from prison after a sentence has been served.

**Daylight on Big State Contracts.** *Passed and signed into law, floor votes.* HB 6636, to extend the Freedom of Information Act to empower citizens to see records of companies wherever those records pertain to a government function.

**For Corporate Accountability.** *Passed Senate, Speaker blocked, floor vote.* HB 1035, to hold big corporations to any promises made as a condition of receiving big public money as an incentive to keep or expand their business within Connecticut.

**Against Immigrant Exploitation.** *Passed and signed into law, floor vote.* HB 6657, to provide basic measures to prevent exploitation of immigrant laborers who are not proficient in English, including printed materials on their rights and protections under state contracts and state law.

## Cheaper Prescription Drugs. Committee votes.

HB 5607, to provide deep discounts on prescription drugs to low-income seniors and the disabled through a manufacturer rebate and monitoring exorbitant pricing practices of drug companies.

## Stronger HMO Accountability. Committee votes.

HB 934, to require HMOs to give a complete picture of how much they and their subcontractors pay in administrative costs.

## Evaluate Coverage Strategies. Committee votes.

HB 560, to hire an independent consultant to evaluate why the HUSKY programs for low-income families are underutilized, and to identify strategies/incentives for DSS to increase enrollment.

## To Clean Up the Sooty Six. Passed and vetoed, floor votes.

HB 6365, to require the six dirtiest power plants to clean up their emissions enough to meet federal standards.

## No, to Weaken Sooty Six (a). Failed in Senate, floor vote.

Amendment A to HB 6365, an attempt to make it difficult to implement the requirements of the bill and render it meaningless.

## No, to Weaken Sooty Six (b). Failed in Senate, floor vote.

Amendment B to HB 6365, an attempt to loosen the basic bill requirements by allowing averaging of some emissions.

## Lead Cleanup in Kids' Homes. Committee votes.

HB 1038, to provide greater protection against neurological impairment from lead exposure in children, including assessment and eradication of sources of lead exposure in homes.

**No, to Flawed Waterbury Bailout.** *Passed, signed into law, floor votes.* HB 6952, to take over the finances of Waterbury, but without desirable protections for city workers.

**For Arbitration Protections (a).** *Defeated in House, floor vote.* Amendment A to HB 6952, to add arbitration protections for city workers under the emergency management of the bailout team.

**Against Bad Compromises.** *Passed and signed into law, floor.* HB 7503 (DSS) and HB 7505 (DPH), budget implementer bills with ugly "rat" provisions. DSS restricted medical and cash assistance for CT's poorest residents. DPH exempted certain companies (e.g. Cigna) from environmental and zoning laws.