

LABI 2007 Voting Record

2006 Second
Extraordinary Session

2007 Regular Session



HOUSE VOTES

2006 SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE LIMIT

HCR 6, Alario – Would have increased the expenditure limit for fiscal year 06-07 by \$2.456 billion, from \$10.318 billion to \$12.774 billion. On December 5, 2006, the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) recognized an additional \$1.6 billion in state general fund revenue for the current fiscal year (06-07). On December 8, 2006, the Legislature convened for a 10-day special session to consider proposals for spending (a) the fiscal year 05-06 surplus of \$827 million (which had not yet been formally recognized by the REC); and (b) the projected \$1.6 billion in excess state general fund revenue for the current fiscal year 06-07.

During the special session it was estimated that there was approximately \$200 million in spending capacity available under the fiscal year 06-07 spending cap (appropriations under the spending cap require a majority vote of both houses, while appropriations in excess of the spending cap require a two-thirds vote of both houses). Rather than beginning the implementation of the pay raises for teachers and other public employees with the dollars available under the spending cap, the Administration proposed to increase the spending cap by \$2.456 billion to appropriate all of the remaining state general fund revenues for the current fiscal year 06-07 and the unrecognized surplus from fiscal year 05-06. This increased expenditure limit for fiscal year 06-07 would have become the base for computing the expenditure limit for fiscal year 07-08, which had not yet been determined at the time.

This legislation would have increased the expenditure limit for fiscal year 06-07 by \$2.456 billion from \$10.318 billion to \$12.774 billion. The attempts by the Administration to increase this expenditure limit failed on two separate votes, as the Legislature desired more time to debate the state's priorities in spending \$2.456 billion and its concern over the impact of increasing

this current spending cap would have on the yet to be determined spending cap for fiscal year 07-08.

How the House Voted

A vote AGAINST the motion to adopt the resolution was a vote WITH LABI. The resolution failed 59-39-3, with 70 votes needed for passage.

The House reconsidered HCR 6 two days later, and the resolution failed again 57-40-4.

2007 REGULAR SESSION

MINIMUM WAGE

HB 119, Hunter – This bill would have established a minimum wage law for Louisiana. Congress enacted an increase in the federal minimum level during the spring, and Rep. Hunter amended his bill on the floor to be consistent with the new federal rate that goes into effect in 2008. Thus, this bill's only purpose was to get a law on the books to enable proponents to legislatively leverage an increase in the state minimum wage rate in the future.

A minimum wage law for Louisiana would make our state less competitive with most of its neighbors for business investment. Alabama, Mississippi and Texas do not have minimum wage laws. Everything else being equal, businesses will locate in a state without its own minimum wage law before considering one that has such a law. This is because businesses are uncomfortable operating in states where the government is inclined to set wage rates for employers' workers. If this bill had been enacted, Louisiana's economic development potential would have diminished at a time when the state continues to recover from the impact of the 2005 hurricanes.

While the bill's proponents promoted it as a way to address poverty, independent studies conducted on this subject have concluded that a minimum wage increase is more likely to exacerbate poverty by

reducing employment opportunities. Government can tell employers what they must—at a minimum—pay their workers, but it cannot tell them how many workers to employ. Some employers would choose to reduce staff to offset the negative impact of an artificial wage increase. Some would replace their low-skilled workforce with better-skilled workers. Others would decrease employee benefits. Still others would choose to become more automated.

The reason for these actions is simple. In order to compete with similar businesses that don't have to pay a higher minimum wage, the impacted business must somehow absorb the cost of the increase. Arguments that the cost can be simply passed along to the consumer are naïve. In the face of rising interstate and global competition along with ever-expanding Internet sales, this option is rarely available to businesses anymore.

How the House Voted

A vote AGAINST final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill failed 44-55-6.

ALLEGED PAY DISCRIMINATION

HB 158, Hunter – This bill would have exposed employers to lawsuits from disgruntled workers alleging that their pay was less than their co-workers of the opposite sex performing “the same or substantially similar work.” Federal and state laws already exist that provide remedies for such discrimination, but this bill would have established a new cause of action, significantly increasing the number of lawsuits against Louisiana employers.

The bill's proponents promoted it as “equal pay for women” legislation, but this was merely a sales pitch since there are laws currently on the books that permit individuals of either sex to obtain redress when they have been subjected to true pay discrimination. The creation of a new cause of action to allow unhappy employees to sue their employers would only burden the courts and increase the cost of doing business in Louisiana. Were this bill enacted, employers with perfectly sound reasons for their pay differentials could have been dragged into court to prove it, incurring costs of time, effort and legal fees spent in defending themselves.

Enactment of the bill would also have had an adverse impact on Louisiana's economic development. It would have discouraged business investment in the state and prompted some companies to consider relocating to another state. Businesses are very sensitive to laws governing the management of their workforces—especially laws regarding pay scales—because these laws substantially impact their bottom lines. Businesses tend not to locate or remain in states where their employees have more opportunities to sue them.

How the House Voted

A vote AGAINST final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill failed 46-49-10.

SALES TAX ON UTILITIES

HB 505, Richmond – As originally filed, would have created a sales and use tax exemption for machinery and equipment purchased in areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. However, when the bill was in conference committee, an amendment was added to the conference committee report to eliminate the permanent penny of utility sales tax effective July 1, 2008, with future savings projected at between \$68 million and \$75 million annually.

Under current law, natural gas and electricity purchased by businesses are subject to a 3.3 percent sales tax, and that rate will continue until July 1, 2009, when the rate drops to 1 percent permanently. Note that the same utilities are not subject to a sales tax when purchased by residential customers. This sales tax on commercial utilities is seen as a major deterrent to business growth, competitiveness, and economic development. When these taxes were first imposed on utility customers, they were to have been “temporary taxes” during times of fiscal crisis; however, they have been “temporary” for almost two decades.

How the House Voted

When the House was presented the conference committee report during the last hour of the session for an up-or-down vote on the entire bill, the House unanimously adopted the conference committee report. A vote FOR adoption of the report was a vote WITH LABI. The report was adopted 96-0-9.

PROPERTY INSURANCE INCENTIVES

HB 678, K. Carter – Addresses the current property and casualty insurance crisis in Louisiana by offering matching grants to writers of new policies who meet certain stringent requirements.

In response to the insurance needs of individuals and businesses, this approach is designed to attract small and medium-sized carriers who are not writing in Louisiana now. The new property insurance underwritings that should result from this plan will help expand the market, provide more competition, depopulate the market of last resort, and bring opportunities to help turn the insurance crisis around.

How the House Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 100-1-4.

The House received the conference committee report on HB 678 in the final hours of the last day of the legislative session. During debate on the motion to adopt the conference report, Rep. Bowler moved to return the bill to conference committee. With time running out on the session, this would have effectively killed the bill.

A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 38-54-13.

The House then voted to adopt the conference report 82-17-6.

ABOLISH INSURANCE RATING COMMISSION

HB 960, K. Carter – Abolishes the Insurance Rating Commission and transfers its authority to the Department of Insurance and its commissioner.

This bill helps remove the politics and red tape now involved in the rate setting process by abolishing this gubernatorially appointed body. In a survey conducted by former Commissioner of Insurance Robert Wooley, having to deal with this commission is one of the major reasons insurers gave for not writing here. To help consumers with their questions and problems, HB 960 also establishes an office of consumer affairs within the Department of Insurance.

How the House Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 100-1-4.

During the House floor debate, Rep Odinet attempted to amend the bill in a way that would have duplicated the consumer protection functions of the Department of Insurance by creating new bureaucracy in the governor's office. In addition, this amendment would have sent a negative message to property insurers considering writing insurance by exposing them to more unnecessary bureaucracy and extra costs through a liberally written policyholders' bill of rights.

A vote AGAINST the amendment was a vote WITH LABI. The amendment failed 31-65-9.

SALES TAX ON UTILITIES

SB 3, Marionneaux – As originally filed, would have created a sales tax holiday during the first week of August for the first \$2,500 of purchases made by consumers. When the Senate-passed bill was on the House floor for final passage, an amendment was offered by Rep. Walsworth to eliminate the permanent penny of utility sales tax effective July 1, 2008.

Under current law, natural gas and electricity purchased by businesses are subject to a 3.3 percent sales tax, and that rate will continue until July 1, 2009, when the rate drops to 1 percent permanently. Note that the same utilities are not subject to a sales tax when purchased by residential customers. This sales tax on commercial utilities is seen as a major deterrent to business growth, competitiveness, and economic development. When these taxes were first imposed on utility customers, they were to have been "temporary taxes" during times of fiscal crisis; however, they have been "temporary" for almost two decades.

How the House Voted

After the amendment was adopted by an 84-18-3 vote, Rep. Townsend moved to return the bill to the calendar rather than to move for final passage. A vote AGAINST returning the bill to the calendar was a vote WITH LABI. The motion was defeated, 47-53-5. After rejecting Rep. Townsend's motion, the House went on to finally pass the bill by a vote of 84-11-10.

SENATE VOTES

2007 REGULAR SESSION

MENTAL ILLNESS MANDATE

SB 93, Nevers – This bill flew out of both the Senate committee and off the Senate floor. It was finally killed in the House Insurance committee. The treatment of severe mental illness is already a mandated benefit. However, SB 93 would have expanded coverage to include all mental disorders including alcoholism and drug abuse.

LABI opposed SB 93 because it would have substantially increased the cost of health insurance for Louisiana employers. Mandated benefits add to the high cost of health insurance paid by employers, especially small business owners. Many employers struggle to provide health insurance and any increase in premiums could force them to drop coverage for their employees.

How the Senate Voted

A vote AGAINST final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill failed 19-13-7.

The following week, the Senate reconsidered the bill. A vote AGAINST final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 27-9-3.

PUNITIVE DAMAGES

SB 107, Marionneaux – Would have expanded Louisiana’s very limited punitive damages law by allowing punitive damages to be awarded in certain insurance suits.

How the Senate Voted

A vote AGAINST the bill was a vote WITH LABI. The bill failed 8-31-0.

HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICTS

SB 186, Quinn – Would have allowed hospital service districts more leverage to obtain higher payments from health care providers, to exchange privacy information to set rates and to enjoy the same immunity from suits that the state enjoys.

Had SB 186 passed, it could have created an anti-competitive environment that would have increased hospital costs paid by employers, consumers and health plans. Moreover, it would have weakened the ability of managed care plans to effectively negotiate or contract for health care services.

How the Senate Voted

A vote AGAINST final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 23-10-6.

SALES TAX ON UTILITIES

HB 505, Richmond – As originally filed, would have created a sales and use tax exemption for machinery and equipment purchased in areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. During the Senate floor debate, Sen. Amedee offered an amendment which would have phased out the temporary tax on 7/01/08 rather than 7/01/09; it would have also eliminated 75 percent of the permanent penny on 7/01/07 and the remainder on 7/01/08.

Under current law, natural gas and electricity purchased by businesses are subject to a 3.3 percent sales tax, and that rate will continue until July 1, 2009, when the rate drops to 1 percent permanently. Note that the same utilities are not subject to a sales tax when purchased by residential customers. This sales tax on commercial utilities is seen as a major deterrent to business growth, competitiveness, and economic development. When these taxes were first imposed on utility customers, they were to have been “temporary taxes” during times of fiscal crisis; however, they have been “temporary” for almost two decades.

How the Senate Voted

A vote FOR the Amedee amendment was a vote WITH LABI. The amendment failed 18-18-3.

On the last day of the session, when HB 505 was in conference committee, an amendment was added to the conference committee report to eliminate the permanent penny of utility sales tax effective July 1, 2008, with future savings projected at between \$68 million and \$75 million annually.

How the Senate Voted

When the Senate was presented the conference committee report during the last hour of the session for an up-or-down vote on the entire bill, the Senate overwhelmingly adopted the conference committee report. A vote FOR adoption of the report was a vote WITH LABI. The report was adopted 36-0-3.

PROPERTY INSURANCE INCENTIVES

HB 678, K. Carter – Addresses the current property and casualty insurance crisis in Louisiana by offering grants to writers of new policies who meet certain stringent requirements.

In response to the insurance needs of individuals and businesses, this approach is designed to attract small and medium-sized carriers who are not writing in Louisiana now. The new property insurance underwritings that should result from this plan will help expand the market, bringing opportunities to help turn the insurance crisis around.

How the Senate Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 23-13-3.

LABI lobbied the Senate floor to support an amendment to HB 678 that would have removed damaging language which had been amended into the bill in the Senate Insurance Committee. The offending language delayed implementation of certain parts of HB 678 until particular components of a bill to privatize Citizens Property Insurance Corporation had been implemented.

How the Senate Voted

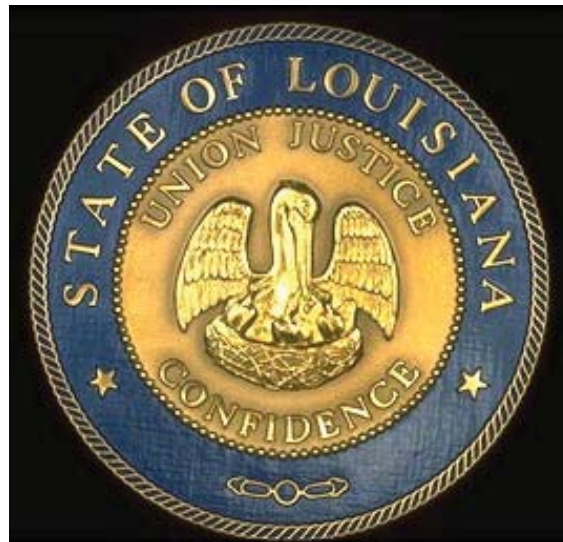
Sen. Cain moved to table the LABI-supported floor amendment. A vote AGAINST the motion to table was a vote WITH LABI. The motion passed 20-17-2.

Be A Part Of The Process **Join a Council or Task Force Today!**

LABI gains its strength from its members. You are encouraged to actively participate in councils and task forces that study issues, formulate positions and advise LABI on strategy and policy. Positions LABI takes on issues in the Legislature, in Congress and before administrative agencies and the judiciary are initiated by its members.

- Civil Justice Reform Council
- Education & Workforce Development Council
- Employee Relations Council
- Energy Council
- Environmental Quality Council
- Health Care Task Force
- Small Business Council
- Taxation & Finance Council
- Trade, Tourism & Transportation Council
- Unemployment Comp Task Force
- Workers Comp Task Force

To be active in one of these councils or task forces, contact LABI at (225) 928-5388.



Voting Record Criteria

There are certain rules which apply consistently to LABI voting records and to LABI's use of those records:

- ✓ Only KEY business votes are included in the record. Only bills on which LABI has taken a clear, broad-based position are considered.
- ✓ A vote may be on an amendment or procedural motion, as well as on final passage, if that vote was crucial to the fate of the bill.
- ✓ Because of factors such as committee action or amendments, the inclusion of a vote on a bill in one house doesn't necessarily mean that it will be a record vote in the second house.
- ✓ Votes are often weighted according to their importance to the business community. See voting record chart for specific point values.
- ✓ Each term stands alone. Every legislator has an equal opportunity for a good four-year record, despite historical voting patterns.
- ✓ The annual and cumulative voting average are based upon the number of points actually earned, compared to the number of points that could have been earned over the period.
- ✓ Legislators are not penalized in LABI voting records for absences due to hospitalization or immediate family illness or death, nor for abstentions due to conflicts of interest.
- ✓ The voting record is based on printouts from the House and Senate voting machines and personal privilege corrections recorded in the Official Journal.

Legislative Sessions

HOUSE	2006 2nd Special		2007 Regular										2004-2007 Cumulative Voting Percentage	Name
	HCR 6 Increase Expenditure Limit. Motion to Adopt	HCR 6 Increase Expenditure Limit. Reconsideration	HB 119 Minimum Wage. Final Passage	HB 158 Alleged Pay Discrimination. Final Passage	HB 505 Sales Tax on Utilities. Adopt Conference Committee Report	HB 678 Property Insurance Incentives. Final Passage	HB 678 Property Insurance Incentives. Motion to Recommit	HB 960 Insurance Rating Commission. Odinet Amendment	HB 960 Insurance Rating Commission. Final Passage	SB 3 Sales Tax on Utilities. Return to Calendar	Percentage 2007			
Alario	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	31	59	Alario	
Alexander	1	1	1	1	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	1	94	95	Alexander	
Anders	0	0	1	1	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	56	56	Anders	
Ansardi	0	1	a°	1	a-	1	0	1/2	1/2	1	71	60	Ansardi	
Arnold	1	1	a°	0	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	64	55	Arnold	
Badon	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	38	48	Badon	
Baldone	0	0	1	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	63	74	Baldone	
Barrow	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	38	49	Barrow	
Baudoin	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	31	46	Baudoin	
Baylor	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	31	32	Baylor	
Beard	1	1	1	1	1/2	1	0	a°	1/2	1	93	95	Beard	
Bowler	1	1	1	1	1/2	0	0	1/2	1/2	1	81	85	Bowler	
Bruce	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	a-	25	51	Bruce	
Burns	1	1	1	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	100	86	Burns	
Burrell	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	0	a°	1/2	0	27	38	Burrell	
Carter, Karen	0	0	0	0	a-	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	31	38	Carter, Karen	
Carter, Robby	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	0	31	49	Carter, Robby	
Cazayoux	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	a°	1/2	1/2	0	33	60	Cazayoux	
Chandler	0	0	1	0	1/2	1	a°	1/2	1/2	1	60	68	Chandler	
Crane	1	1	1	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	100	99	Crane	
Crowe	1	1	1	1	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	1	94	82	Crowe	
Curtis	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	31	33	Curtis	
Damico	0	0	1	a°	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	71	74	Damico	
Daniel	1	1	1	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	100	92	Daniel	
Dartez	0	a°	a°	a°	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	60	59	Dartez	
DeWitt	0	0	0	0	1/2	a-	1/2	0	1/2	0	19	46	DeWitt	
Doerge	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	38	66	Doerge	
Dorsey	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	31	35	Dorsey	
Dove	1	1	1	a°	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	1	93	89	Dove	
Downs	0	0	1	1	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	1	69	81	Downs	
Durand	0	0	1	0	1/2	1	a°	0	1/2	1	53	71	Durand	
Erdey	1	1	1	1	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	1	94	88	Erdey	
Fannin	0	0	1	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	75	87	Fannin	
Farrar	0	0	1	0	a-	1	0	0	1/2	a°	36	61	Farrar	
Faucheux	0	0	1	0	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	1	56	82	Faucheux	
Frith	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	a°	1/2	1/2	1	47	77	Frith	
Gallot	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	38	42	Gallot	
Geymann	1	1	0	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	88	91	Geymann	
Gray	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	31	32	Gray	
Greene	1	1	1	1	1/2	1	a°	1/2	1/2	1	100	95	Greene	
Guillory, Elbert	n/a	n/a	1	0	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	67	67	Guillory, Elbert	
Guillory, Elcie	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	a	43	48	Guillory, Elcie	
Guillory, Mickey	0	0	a°	a°	1/2	1	1/2	a°	1/2	0	45	69	Guillory, Mickey	
Harris	0	0	0	0	1/2	a-	1/2	0	1/2	0	19	25	Harris	
Heaton	1	1	a°	a°	1/2	1	0	a°	1/2	0	73	51	Heaton	
Hebert	0	0	1	0	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	1	56	52	Hebert	
Hill	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	38	54	Hill	
Honey	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	38	39	Honey	
Hunter	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	a°	0	1/2	0	27	32	Hunter	
Hutter	1	1	1	a°	1/2	1	0	0	1/2	1	86	75	Hutter	
Jackson	0	0	0	a°	1/2	1	a°	1/2	1/2	0	38	48	Jackson	
Jefferson	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	31	28	Jefferson	
Johns	1	1	1	1	1/2	a-	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	88	93	Johns	
Katz	1	1	1	1	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	1	94	95	Katz	
Kennard	1	1	1	1	a-	1	0	0	1/2	0	69	80	Kennard	

a- Was absent when LABI needed a "yes" vote.
a° Was absent when LABI needed a "no" vote.

Legislative Sessions

HOUSE	2006 2nd Special		2007 Regular										
	HCR 6 Increase Expenditure Limit. Motion to Adopt	HCR 6 Increase Expenditure Limit. Reconsideration	HB 119 Minimum Wage. Final Passage	HB 158 Alleged Pay Discrimination. Final Passage	HB 505 Sales Tax on Utilities. Adopt Conference Committee Report	HB 678 Property Insurance Incentives. Final Passage	HB 678 Property Insurance Incentives. Motion to Recommit	HB 960 Insurance Rating Commission. Odinet Amendment	HB 960 Insurance Rating Commission. Final Passage	SB 3 Sales Tax on Utilities. Return to Calendar	Percentage 2007	2004-2007 Cumulative Voting Percentage	
Kenney	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	44	69	Kenney
Kleckley	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	94	Kleckley
LaBruzzo	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	88	87	LaBruzzo
LaFleur	0	0	0	a°	1	1	0	1	1	0	36	62	LaFleur
LaFonta	0	0	0	0	1	1	a°	0	1	0	27	23	LaFonta
Lambert	1	1	1	1	1	1	a°	1	1	1	100	87	Lambert
Lancaster	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	94	85	Lancaster
Lorusso	n/a	n/a	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	92	92	Lorusso
Marchand	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	31	29	Marchand
Martiny	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	94	79	Martiny
McDonald	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	63	77	McDonald
McVea	0	0	1	1	a-	1	0	a°	1	a°	54	74	McVea
Montgomery	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	a°	71	71	Montgomery
Morrell	0	0	0	a°	1	1	1	0	1	0	36	30	Morrell
Morris	n/a	n/a	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	92	92	Morris
Morrish	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	94	92	Morrish
Odinet	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	31	51	Odinet
Pierre	0	a°	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	50	56	Pierre
Pinac	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	31	55	Pinac
Pitre	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	94	86	Pitre
Powell, Mike	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	94	92	Powell, Mike
Powell, Tank	1	1	1	1	1	1	a°	1	1	a°	100	87	Powell, Tank
Quezaire	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	38	43	Quezaire
Richmond	0	0	0	a°	a-	1	1	0	1	0	29	33	Richmond
Ritchie	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	50	65	Ritchie
Robideaux	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	92	Robideaux
Romero	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	a°	1	0	27	55	Romero
Salter	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	38	53	Salter
Scalise	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	93	Scalise
Schneider	1	1	1	1	a-	1	1	1	1	1	94	92	Schneider
Smiley	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	94	98	Smiley
Smith, Gary	a°	a°	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	75	72	Smith, Gary
Smith, Jack	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	31	53	Smith, Jack
Smith, Jane	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	94	84	Smith, Jane
Smith, John	0	0	1	1	1	1	a°	1	1	1	73	74	Smith, John
St. Germain	0	0	0	1	1	a°	1	0	1	1	50	69	St. Germain
Strain	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	88	Strain
Thompson	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	31	61	Thompson
Toomy	a°	a°	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	79	Toomy
Townsend	0	0	0	0	1	1	a°	0	1	0	27	40	Townsend
Trahan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	94	88	Trahan
Triche	0	0	1	0	a-	1	a°	a°	1	1	50	68	Triche
Tucker	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	94	92	Tucker
Waddell	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	94	90	Waddell
Walker	a°	0	0	0	1	1	0	a°	a°	1	42	62	Walker
Walsworth	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	94	95	Walsworth
White	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	94	95	White
Williams	n/a	n/a	0	0	a-	1	1	1	1	0	42	42	Williams
Winston	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	90	Winston
Wooton	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	a°	a°	1	93	71	Wooton
With LABI	40	41	56	49	96	100	54	65	101	53	With LABI		
Against LABI	59	57	44	46	0	1	38	31	0	47	Against LABI		
Absent	3	4	5	10	9	4	13	9	4	5	Absent		

a- Was absent when LABI needed a "yes" vote.
a° Was absent when LABI needed a "no" vote.

HOUSE

2004 - 2007 Cumulative			2004 - 2007 Cumulative		
Party	Representatives	Voting %	Party	Representatives	Voting %
(R)	Crane	99	(D)	Kenney	69
(R)	Smiley	98	(D)	St. Germain	69
(R)	Alexander	95	(D)	Chandler	68
(R)	Beard	95	(D)	Triche	68
(R)	Greene	95	(D)	Guillory, Elbert	67
(R)	Katz	95	(D)	Doerge	66
(R)	Walsworth	95	(D)	Ritchie	65
(R)	White	95	(D)	LaFleur	62
(R)	Kleckley	94	(D)	Walker	62
(R)	Johns	93	(D)	Farrar	61
(R)	Scalise	93	(D)	Thompson	61
(R)	Daniel	92	(D)	Ansardi	60
(R)	Lorusso	92	(D)	Cazayoux	60
(R)	Morris	92	(D)	Alario	59
(R)	Morrish	92	(D)	Dartez	59
(R)	Powell, Mike	92	(D)	Anders	56
(D)	Robideaux	92	(D)	Pierre	56
(R)	Schneider	92	(D)	Arnold	55
(R)	Tucker	92	(D)	Pinac	55
(R)	Geymann	91	(D)	Romero	55
(R)	Waddell	90	(D)	Hill	54
(R)	Winston	90	(D)	Salter	53
(R)	Dove	89	(D)	Smith, Jack	53
(R)	Erdey	88	(D)	Hebert	52
(R)	Strain	88	(D)	Bruce	51
(R)	Trahan	88	(D)	Heaton	51
(D)	Fannin	87	(D)	Odinet	51
(R)	LaBruzzo	87	(D)	Barrow	49
(R)	Lambert	87	(D)	Carter, Robby	49
(R)	Powell, Tank	87	(D)	Badon	48
(R)	Burns	86	(D)	Guillory, Elcie	48
(R)	Pitre	86	(D)	Jackson	48
(R)	Bowler	85	(D)	Baudoin	46
(R)	Lancaster	85	(D)	DeWitt	46
(R)	Smith, Jane	84	(D)	Quezaire	43
(R)	Crowe	82	(D)	Gallot	42
(D)	Faucheux	82	(D)	Williams	42
(R)	Downs	81	(D)	Townsend	40
(R)	Kennard	80	(D)	Honey	39
(R)	Martiny	79	(D)	Burrell	38
(R)	Toomy	79	(D)	Carter, Karen	38
(D)	Frith	77	(D)	Dorsey	35
(D)	McDonald	77	(D)	Curtis	33
(D)	Smith, John	77	(D)	Richmond	33
(R)	Hutter	75	(D)	Baylor	32
(D)	Baldone	74	(D)	Gray	32
(D)	Damico	74	(D)	Hunter	32
(R)	McVea	74	(D)	Morrell	30
(D)	Smith, Gary	72	(D)	Marchand	29
(D)	Durand	71	(D)	Jefferson	28
(D)	Montgomery	71	(D)	Harris	25
(R)	Wooton	71	(D)	LaFonta	23
(D)	Guillory, Mickey	69			

Legislative Session

2007 Regular Session

SENATE

SB 93 Mental Illness Mandate.
Final Passage

SB 93 Mental Illness Mandate.
Reconsideration

SB 107 Punitive Damages.
Final Passage

SB 186 Hospital Service Districts.
Final Passage

HB 505 Sales Tax on Utilities.
Amedee Amendment

HB 505 Sales Tax on Utilities.
Adopt Conference Committee Report

HB 678 Property Insurance Incentives.
Motion to Table Amendment

HB 678 Property Insurance Incentives.
Final Passage

2007 Voting Percentage

2004-2007 Cumulative Voting Percentage

a- Was absent when LABI needed a "yes" vote.

a° Was absent when LABI needed a "no" vote.

Adley	0	0	1	a°	0	a-	0	0	17	77	Adley
Amedee	1	a°	1	a°	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	70	61	Amedee
Bajoie	a°	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	a-	18	27	Bajoie
Barham	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	85	95	Barham
Boasso	a°	a°	0	a°	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	75	86	Boasso
Broome	0	0	1	0	1	a-	0	1	46	42	Broome
Cain	0	0	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	38	48	Cain
Cassidy	0	0	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	54	54	Cassidy
Chaisson	a°	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	64	63	Chaisson
Cheek	a°	1	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	73	66	Cheek
Cravins	1	1	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	92	70	Cravins
Duplessis	a°	1	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	a-	55	66	Duplessis
Dupre	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	69	61	Dupre
Ellington	1	0	1	0	0	a-	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	54	68	Ellington
Fields	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	8	27	Fields
Fontenot	1	0	1	a°	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	58	74	Fontenot
Gautreaux, Butch	1	a°	0	a°	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	30	44	Gautreaux, Butch
Gautreaux, Nick	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	62	50	Gautreaux, Nick
Heitmeier	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	a°	1	42	48	Heitmeier
Hines	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	31	34	Hines
Hollis	1	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	54	71	Hollis
Jackson	0	0	1	0	a-	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	46	32	Jackson
Jones	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	8	28	Jones
Kostelka	a°	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	100	85	Kostelka
Lentini	a°	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	45	61	Lentini
Malone	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	77	87	Malone
Marionneau	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	31	38	Marionneau
McPherson	0	0	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	62	44	McPherson
Michot	0	1	1	0	a-	$\frac{1}{2}$	a°	a-	42	83	Michot
Mount	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	77	70	Mount
Murray	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	38	36	Murray
Nevers	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	23	48	Nevers
Quinn	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	38	68	Quinn
Romero	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	85	81	Romero
Schedler	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	46	72	Schedler
Shepherd	0	0	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	38	43	Shepherd
Smith	1	0	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	77	85	Smith
Theunissen	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	69	81	Theunissen
Ullo	0	1	1	a°	a-	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	58	69	Ullo
With LABI	13	9	31	10	18	36	17	23	With LABI		With LABI
Against LABI	19	27	8	23	18	0	20	13	Against LABI		Against LABI
Absent	7	3	0	6	3	3	2	3	Absent		Absent

SENATE

		2004 - 2007 Cumulative Voting %			2004 - 2007 Cumulative Voting %
Party	Senators		Party	Senators	
(R)	Barham	95	(D)	Amedee	61
(R)	Malone	87	(D)	Dupre	61
(D)	Boasso	86	(R)	Lentini	61
(R)	Kostelka	85	(R)	Cassidy	54
(D)	Smith	85	(D)	Gautreaux, Nick	50
(R)	Michot	83	(R)	Cain	48
(R)	Romero	81	(D)	Heitmeier	48
(R)	Theunissen	81	(D)	Nevers	48
(D)	Adley	77	(D)	Gautreaux, Butch	44
(R)	Fontenot	74	(D)	McPherson	44
(R)	Schedler	72	(D)	Shepherd	43
(R)	Hollis	71	(D)	Broome	42
(D)	Cravins	70	(D)	Marionneaux	38
(D)	Mount	70	(D)	Murray	36
(D)	Ullo	69	(D)	Hines	34
(D)	Ellington	68	(D)	Jackson	32
(R)	Quinn	68	(D)	Jones	28
(R)	Cheek	66	(D)	Bajoie	27
(D)	Duplessis	66	(D)	Fields	27
(D)	Chaisson	63			