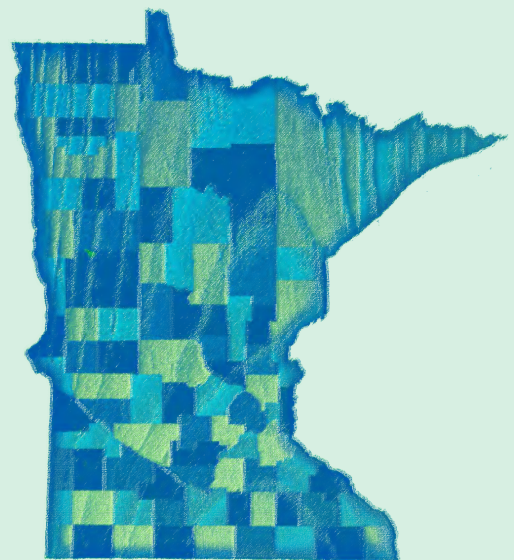


2023

# LEGISLATIVE VOTING RECORDS

AFSCME COUNCIL 5



## HOUSE

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3. Ban on private prisons in the state of Minnesota (Final passage vote on HF 1200, pg. 2165, 3/23/23):

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4. Elections bill that strengthens the freedom to vote, protects our elections system, and modernizes the campaign finance system (Final passage vote on HF 3, pg. 5281, 4/13/23):

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This law increased the general education funding formula by 4% in 2024 and 2% in 2025. This funding is also indexed to inflation after 2025, ensuring that funding to schools increases no less than 2% and up to 3% automatically. This bill also expanded unemployment insurance to pre-K, K12, and higher education workers that are seasonal and do not work in research, instructional, or principal administrative capacities. This change will bring life changing economic stability to paraprofessionals, bus drivers, food service workers, and others that work in educational settings, and Minnesota is leading the way by becoming the first state to make this expansion permanent.

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This law will create a statewide program for Minnesotans that will guarantee that all Minnesota workers will be able to take the time they need to care for newborn children, aging parents, and other caregiving obligations without the fear of going without income for weeks or months or losing their job to take care of a loved one. This program will offer 12 weeks of medical leave and 12 weeks of family leave, which can be stacked up to 20 weeks per year. This new program doesn’t impact existing programs or sick and paid time accruals, leaving organized workers with the opportunity at the bargaining table to improve on these benefits even more.

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10. Omnibus state government bill that simplified and depoliticized the state contract ratification process (Final passage vote on HF 1830, pg. 9798, 5/19/23):

This law established the biennial budgets for several state agencies and offices like the legislature, the governor’s office and other constitutional officers, the State Board of Investment, Minnesota Management and Budget, and the pension funds, among others. Most notably, the language in this bill changed the way that state employee contracts are ratified. This bill removed the authority of the Subcommittee on Employee Relations to be able to

tentatively put contracts into effect while the legislature would have an ability to vote not to ratify and send unions back to the bargaining table. With the changes here, state contracts will now be fully implemented after the bargaining units ratify, with no additional steps to the legislature.

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11. Omnibus tax bill (Final passage vote on HF 1938, pg. 10252, 5/20/23):

This law raised billions of dollars of new revenue in the general fund. This revenue was used to fund state government, provide tax relief to working class families, and alleviate local and county property taxes. Some of the tax credits include a one-time payment to tax filers earning less than \$75,000, or married joint filers earning \$150,000, a \$1,750 child tax credit for families that earn \$35,000 or less, and raising the exemption on social security up to \$100,000 for joint filers. Some of the new revenue raisers include raising taxes on income earned abroad but derived in Minnesota and reducing the deduction for dividend income.

A “YES” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME Council 5 position.

12. Omnibus transportation bill that dedicates billions of dollars of new revenue for roads, bridges, and transit (Final passage vote on HF 2887, pg. 10452, 5/21/23):

This law raised billions of dollars for transportation over the next biennium. This bill indexed gas taxes to inflation, adjusted the schedule of license tab fees, conformed the motor vehicle sales tax to the rest of the state sales tax, and established a 0.75% metro area sales tax, among other fee increases. The bill will establish a retail delivery fee on most goods, excepting food, medicine, and baby items when the delivery is over \$100. These revenue raisers will go to roads, bridges, transit, and electric vehicle infrastructure, and is one of the largest investments of ongoing revenue towards transportation in Minnesota history.

A “YES” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME Council 5 position.

13. Establishing the state’s authority to veto health care mergers when they are not in the public’s interest (Final passage vote on HF 402, pg. 10459, 5/21/23):

This law will allow the attorney general to review potential mergers of health care entities to determine if said merger will be a positive benefit for patients. The bill prohibits mergers that substantially lessen competition or create a monopoly or monopsony. This bill was written in response to the potential merger of Fairview and Sanford health systems, which would have jeopardized the hospitals on the University of Minnesota campuses and put future collective bargaining agreements in doubt.

A “YES” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME Council 5 position.



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Howard, Michael	51A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Hudella, Shane	41B	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Hudson, Walter	30A	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Huot, John	56B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Hussein, Samakab	65A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Igo, Spencer	7A	R	W	NV	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Jacob, Steven	20B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Johnson, Brian	28A	R	W	W	W	NV	W	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	0
Jordan, Sydney	60A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Joy, Jim	4B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Keeler, Heather	4A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Kiel, Debra	1B	R	W	W	NV	NV	NV	R	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	25
Klevorn, Ginny	42B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Knudsen, Krista	5A	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Koegel, Erin	39A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Kotyza-Witthuhn, Carl	49B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Kozlowski, Alicia	8B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Koznick, Jon	57A	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Kraft, Larry	46A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Kresha, Ron	10A	R	NV	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	NV	NV	10
Lee, Fue	59A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Lee, Liz	67A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Liebling, Tina	24B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Lillie, Leon	44B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Lislegard, Dave	7B	DFL	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	92
Long, Jamie	61B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
McDonald, Joe	29A	R	W	W	W	W	W	NV	W	W	NV	W	W	W	0
Mekeland, Shane	27A	R	W	NV	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Moller, Kelly	40A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NV	NV	NV	NV	100
Mueller, Patricia	23B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Murphy, Tom	9B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Myers, Andrew	45A	R	W	NV	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Nadeau, Danny	34A	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Nash, Jim	48A	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Nelson, Michael	38A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Nelson, Nathan	11B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Neu Brindley, Anne	28B	R	W	NV	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Newton, Jerry	35B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Niska, Harry	31A	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Noor, Mohamud	60B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Norris, Matt	32B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Novotny, Paul	30B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	NV	W	W	W	W	W	8
O'Driscoll, Tim	13B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Olson, Bjorn	22A	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Olson, Liz	8A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
O'Neill Rarick, Marion	29B	R	W	NV	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	NV	W	W	9
Pelowski, Gene	26A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	92
Perez-Vega, Maria Isa	65B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Perryman, Bernie	14A	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Petersburg, John	19B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Pfarr, Brian	22B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Pinto, Dave	64B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Prvor, Laurie	49A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Pursell, Kristi	58A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Quam, Duane	24A	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8

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Reyer, Liz	52A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Richardson, Ruth	52B	DFL	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Robbins, Kristin	37A	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Schomacker, Joe	21A	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Schultz, Isaac	10B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Scott, Peggy	31B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Scencer-Mura, Samanti	63A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Skraba, Roger	3A	R	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	15
Smith, Andy	25B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Stephenson, Zack	35A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Swedzinski, Chris	15A	R	W	W	W	NV	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Tabke, Brad	54A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Torkelson, Paul	15B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	NV	W	W	W	8
Urdahl, Dean	16A	R	NV	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Vang, Samantha	38B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
West, Nolan	32A	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Wiener, Mike	5B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	NV	8
Wiens, Mark	41A	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Witte, Jeff	57B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	NV	W	8
Wolgamott, Dan	14B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Xiong, Jay	67B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Youakim, Cheryl	46B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Zeleznikar, Natalie	3B	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	8



## SENATE

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choice but to cut programs and lay off staff, so the additional funding will prevent that outcome. The bill also creates a new program, titled “North Star Promise,” which will allow students who don’t have a 4-year degree and come from families that earn less than \$80,000 a year to attend a public university in Minnesota for free. This will begin in the 2024-25 academic year and continue until the funds run out.

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A “YES” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME Council 5 position.

11. Omnibus transportation bill that dedicates billions of dollars of new revenue for roads, bridges, and transit (Final passage vote on HF 2887, pg. 10643, 5/21/23):

This law raised billions of dollars for transportation over the next biennium. This bill indexed gas taxes to inflation, adjusted the schedule of license tab fees, conformed the motor vehicle sales tax to the rest of the state sales tax, and established a 0.75% metro area sales tax, among other fee increases. The bill will establish a retail delivery fee on most goods, excepting food, medicine, and baby items when the delivery is over \$100. These revenue raisers will go to roads, bridges, transit, and electric vehicle infrastructure, and is one of the largest investments of ongoing revenue towards transportation in Minnesota history.

A “YES” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME Council 5 position.

12. Establishing the state’s authority to veto health care mergers when they are not in the public’s interest (Final passage vote on HF 402, pg. 10419, 5/21/23):

This law will allow the attorney general to review potential mergers of health care entities to determine if said merger will be a positive benefit for patients. The bill prohibits mergers that substantially lessen competition or create a monopoly or monopsony. This bill was written in response to the potential merger of Fairview and Sanford health systems, which would have jeopardized the hospitals on the University of Minnesota campuses and put future collective bargaining agreements in doubt.

A “YES” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME Council 5 position.

# 2023 MN SENATE

Key for Scorecard:

R = Right-supported AFSCME position

W = Wrong-opposed AFSCME position

NV = Did Not Vote\*

\*Scores for 2023 are calculated based on the total votes taken by the legislator for these issues; missed votes are not counted against their score.

Senator	Dist	Party	Inflation Incorporated into Budget Forecasts	Free School Breakfast & Lunches for All MN Students	Elections Bill	Tuition Freeze for MNSU	New Labor Rights & Protections/Updates to PEL RA	Paid Family & Medical Leave Benefit	Omnibus Tax Bill	Omnibus State Government Bill	State Authority to Veto Health Care Mergers	2023 Pro-AFSCME %			
Abeler, Jim	35	R	R	R	W	R	R	W	W	NV	W	W	W	R	45
Anderson, Bruce	29	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Bahr, Calvin	31	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Boldon, Liz	25	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Carlson, Jim	52	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Champion, Bobby Joe	59	DFL	R	R	R	NV	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Coleman, Julia	48	R	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	17
Cwodzinski, Steve	49	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Dahms, Gary	15	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	NV	W	W	W	9
Dibble, Scott	61	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Dornink, Gene	23	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Draheim, Rich	22	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Draskowski, Steve	20	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Duckworth, Zach	57	R	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	17
Dziedzic, Kari	60	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Eichorn, Justin	6	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Farnsworth, Robert	7	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Fateh, Omar	62	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Frentz, Nick	18	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Green, Steve	2	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Gruenhagen, Glenn	17	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Gustafson, Heather	36	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Hauschild, Grant	3	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Hawj, Foung	67	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Hoffman, John	34	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Housley, Karin	33	R	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	17
Howe, Jeff	13	R	W	NV	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	9
Jasinski, John	19	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Johnson, Mark	1	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Klein, Matt	53	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Koran, Mark	28	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Kreun, Michael	32	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Kunesh, Mary	39	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Kupec, Robert	4	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Lang, Andrew	16	R	W	W	W	W	R	NV	W	W	W	W	W	W	9
Latz, Ron	46	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Lieske, Bill	58	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Limmer, Warren	37	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Lucero, Eric	30	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Mann, Alice	50	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Marty, John	40	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Mathews, Andrew	27	R	W	W	W	NV	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	9
Maye Quade, Erin	56	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
McEwen, Jennifer	8	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Miller, Jeremy	26	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8
Mitchell, Nicole	47	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Mohamed, Zaynab	63	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Morrison, Kelly	45	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Murphy, Erin	64	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	100
Nelson, Carla	24	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	17

