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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



**MATT SCHLAPP**  
CHAIRMAN, CPAC

The CPAC Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our Ratings of the States. Like our Ratings of Congress, CPAC's Foundation's Ratings of the States are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).


The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.

Sincerely,

Matt Schlapp  
Chairman, CPAC

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The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the CPAC Foundation, is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area.

In 1971, ACUF launched its Ratings of Congress to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress. The Ratings quickly became considered the “gold standard” and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles.

In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, Ratings of the States grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers. Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America’s federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected.

To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31.

Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual’s life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected.

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**90-100% - AWARD FOR  
CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE**

**\*Perfect 100%**

**David Eastman\***

**Christopher Kurka\***

**Mike Shower**

**80-89% - AWARD FOR  
CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT**

**Robert Myers Jr.**

**George Rauscher**



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# ALASKA SENATE STATISTICS

**OVERALL AVERAGE**  
**42%**

**REPUBLICAN AVERAGE**

**52%**



**DEMOCRAT AVERAGE**

**25%**



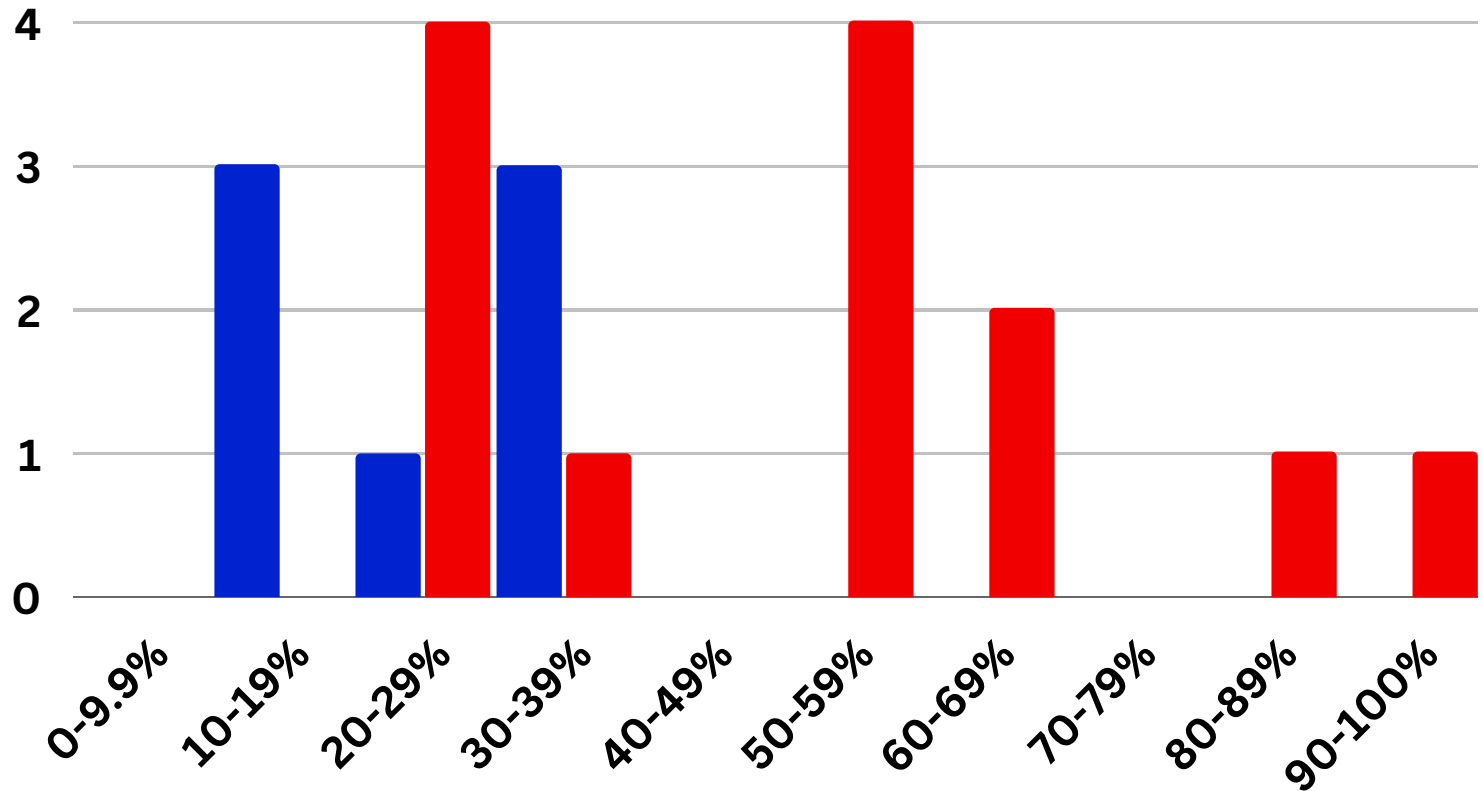
**LOWEST REPUBLICAN**  
**NATASHA A. VON IMHOF**  
**25%**



**HIGHEST DEMOCRAT**  
**DONALD OLSON**  
**36%**



■ Democrat (7 Members)    ■ Republican (13 Members)





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# ALASKA HOUSE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE  
**36%**

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

**62%**



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

**5%**



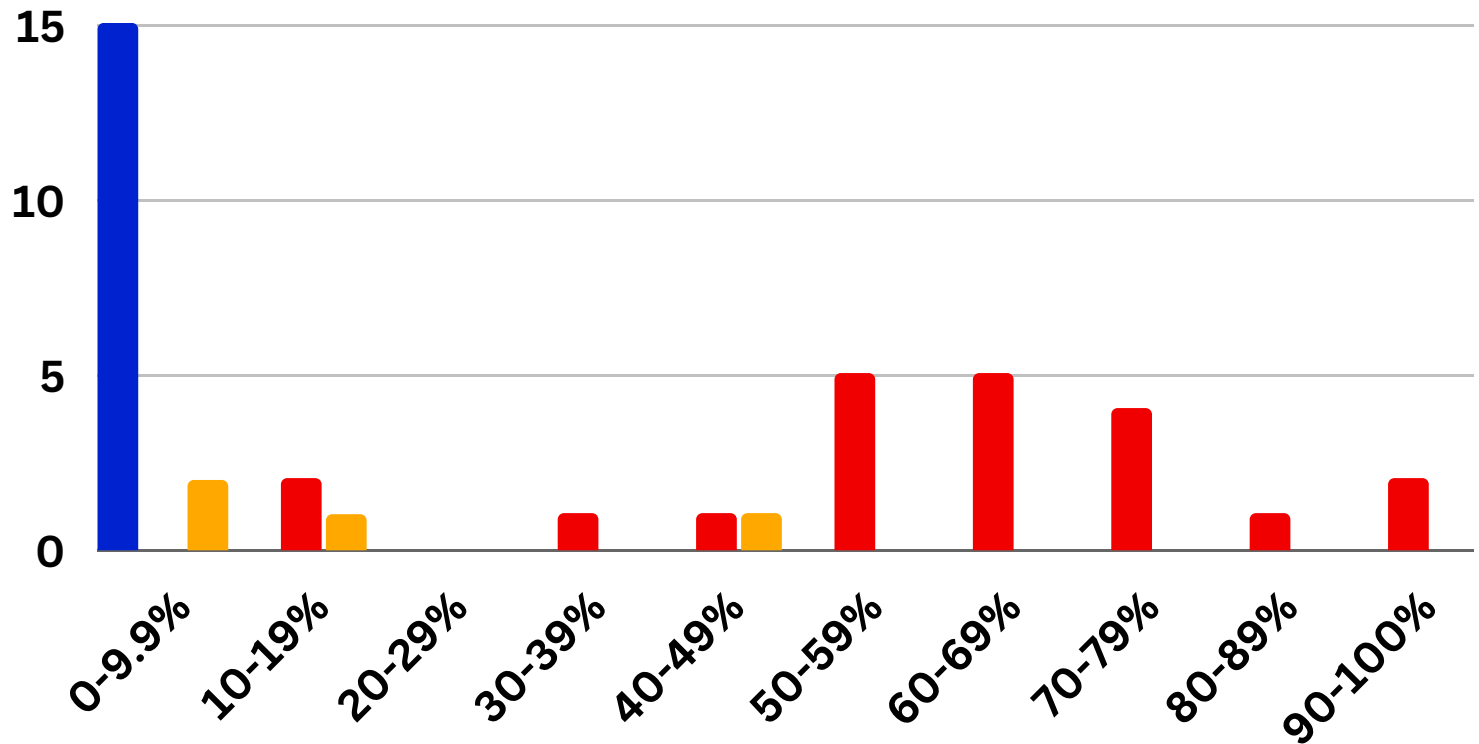
LOWEST REPUBLICAN  
**LOUISE STUTES**  
**11%**



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT  
**IVY SPOHNHOLZ**  
**8%**



■ Democrat (15 Members) ■ Republican (21 Members)  
■ Independent (4 Members)





# ALASKA SENATE SCORES

	Party	2022%	2021%	Lifetime%	HB 226	HB 281 (Amd. 5)	HB 281 (Amd. 13)	HB 281 (Amd. 42)	HB 298	HB 325	HB 416	SB 10	SB 25	SB 33	SB 136	SB 140
Tom Begich	D	25%	7%	24%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
Click Bishop	R	25%	29%	50%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
Mia Costello	R	55%	69%	71%	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	x	+	-	+	+
Elvi Gray-Jackson	D	17%	7%	26%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
Lyman Hoffman	D	33%	17%	54%	x	-	-	+	-	x	x	-	+	-	+	-
Roger Holland	R	67%	79%	73%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Shelley Hughes	R	58%	86%	77%	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Natasha A. Von Imhof	R	25%	N/A	25%	-	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	+	x	+	-
Scott Kawasaki	D	17%	14%	32%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
Jesse Kiehl	D	33%	14%	29%	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
Peter Micciche	R	58%	71%	69%	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Robert Myers Jr.	R	83%	92%	88%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Donald Olson	D	36%	31%	49%	-	x	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+
Lora Reinbold	R	67%	92%	79%	x	+	+	-	-	+	x	+	+	-	+	x
Josh Revak	R	25%	64%	54%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-
Mike Shower	R	91%	83%	93%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	x	+
Bert Stedman	R	25%	36%	60%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
Gary Stevens	R	33%	29%	54%	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-
Bill Wielechowski	D	17%	21%	34%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
David Wilson	R	58%	79%	73%	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+

(+): Member voted with the conservative position (-): Member voted liberal (x): Member was absent for the vote (N/a): Member did not vote on 2/3 of the scored votes and did not receive a score for the 2022 ratings.



## **HB 226 Enriching Government Bureaucrats.**

This bill increases the salaries of various public employees. CPAC does not believe that the government should be fattening the wallets of certain government employees with taxpayer funds while the taxpayers themselves experience stagnating real wages. CPAC, therefore, opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 17, 2022 by a vote of 16-2 and the bill later became law.

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## **HB 281 (Amd. 5) (Motion to Defeat) Protecting Life.**

The Myers (CPAC Lifetime Rating 88%) amendment to the appropriations bill prevents money appropriated for the purpose of funding Medicaid funds from being used for abortions or abortion-related services. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to help fund the procedure, and supported this amendment. The Senate tabled (killed) the amendment on May 9, 2022 by a vote of 10-8.

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## **HB 281 (Amd. 13) Securing Alaska's Rainy-Day Fund.**

The Shower (CPAC Lifetime Rating 93%) amendment to the appropriations bill takes about \$1.2 billion from the General Fund and puts it in the budget reserve fund. CPAC views this as sound fiscal policy and supported the amendment. The Senate defeated the amendment on May 9, 2022 by a vote of 5-14.

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## **HB 281 (Amd. 42) Funding Socialist "Family Housing."**

The Olson (CPAC Lifetime Rating 49%) amendment to the appropriations bill funds \$1.3 million for plans to develop government-funded family housing in certain areas. CPAC believes that housing shortages are better resolved by removing burdensome regulations, opposes government interference in the housing industry, and opposed this amendment. The Senate defeated the amendment on May 9, 2022 by a vote of 7-12.

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## **HB 298 Government Largesse for a Favored Industry.**

This bill sets up a "forgivable loan" program for government-favored meat processing plants in Alaska. Under this program, businesses would receive loans that they could use to invest in the productivity of their business. The government will also forgive the loan if the facility demonstrates an increase in production. CPAC opposes this extraordinary largesse for the meat processing industry, opposes using taxpayer funds to practically subsidize selected businesses, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 16, 2022 by a vote of 20-0 and the bill later became law.





### **HB 325 (Amd. 1) (Motion to Defeat) Creating Unequal Justice Under the Law.**

The Begich (CPAC Lifetime Rating 24%) amendment to HB 325 further violates the “double-jeopardy” clause of the U.S. Constitution by expanding the coverage of “hate crimes” to include gender identity. CPAC believes that it is the duty of the government to ensure that all laws are applied equally. Due to this belief, CPAC opposes increasing penalties for committing crimes against select individuals, the likes of which implies that the law greater protects against the wronging of certain groups. This contradicts the whole notion of equal application of justice. CPAC, therefore, opposed this amendment. The Senate motioned to table (kill) this amendment on May 18, 2022 by a vote of 11-8.

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### **HB 416 More Salary Increases for Government Bureaucrats.**

This provides bonuses to certain public employees. CPAC does not believe that the government should be fattening the wallets of certain government employees with taxpayer funds while the taxpayers themselves experience stagnating real wages. CPAC, therefore, opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 17, 2022 by a vote of 15-3 and the bill later became law.

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### **SB 10 Another Grant Program for Students.**

This bill creates a grant program that funds the tuition of those laid off as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and those who were essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. CPAC opposes grant programs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 17, 2022 by a vote of 12-7 but the bill was not taken up by the House.

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### **SB 25 Increasing Government Financial Transparency.**

This bill requires the state to establish a website that provides those who are curious with information about the state government’s financial transactions. CPAC supports increased government transparency and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 18, 2022 by a vote of 20-0 and the bill later became law.

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### **SB 33 Tax Credits for a Government-Favored Industry.**

This bill provides for a tax credit for fisheries that invest in certain new properties. CPAC opposes government favoritism towards certain industries and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 2, 2022 by a vote of 18-1 and the bill later became law.



**SB 136 Protecting Second Amendment Rights During an Emergency.**

This bill prohibits state agencies and local governments from limiting the possession of firearms, ordering the seizure of firearms, or limiting the sale of firearms as a response to a disaster or emergency. CPAC supports the founder's belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 16, 2022 by a vote of 19-0 but the House did not give the bill a final vote.

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**SB 140 Protecting Women's Sports.**

This bill requires school athletic programs to designate teams as being for males, females, or both (coed). It then requires that only females be permitted to play on the teams designated as being for females. CPAC supports efforts to create a safe and fair environment of play in school sports and supported this bill. The Senate tabled (killed) the bill on May 17, 2022 by a vote of 11-8.



# ALASKA HOUSE SCORES

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Ben Carpenter	R	59%	94%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	X	-	+
Matt Claman	D	6%	10%	15%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	+	-	-
Mike Cronk	R	69%	83%	76%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	X	-	+	X	-	+
Harriet Drummond	D	6%	9%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
David Eastman	R	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bryce Edgmon	I	17%	9%	26%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+
Zack Fields	D	6%	9%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Neal Foster	D	6%	9%	29%	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Ronald Gillham	R	78%	91%	84%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
Sara Hannan	D	6%	4%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Grier Hopkins	D	0%	9%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-
DeLena Johnson	R	75%	82%	80%	+	+	-	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
Andy Josephson	D	6%	9%	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
James Kaufman	R	78%	91%	84%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins	D	6%	9%	20%	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Christopher Kurka	R	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Barton LeBon	R	50%	65%	45%	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+
Kevin McCabe	R	59%	91%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	X	-	+	+	-	+
Ken McCarty	R	61%	64%	63%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
Tom McKay	R	67%	90%	78%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+

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Kelly Merrick	R	19%	27%	47%	-	+	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	+	-	+
David Nelson	R	56%	71%	63%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
Dan Ortiz	I	6%	9%	26%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Josiah Patkotak	I	42%	N/A	42%	x	+	+	+	-	-	x	-	x	x	x	-	x	-	-	+	-	+
Mike Prax	R	65%	74%	76%	x	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
Sara Rasmussen	R	36%	57%	56%	-	+	-	+	-	+	x	-	x	x	-	-	x	-	-	+	-	+
George Rauscher	R	82%	95%	93%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	x	-	+	+	-	+
Calvin Schrage	I	6%	13%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Laddie Shaw	R	59%	73%	60%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	x	-	+	+	-	+
Liz Snyder	D	6%	4%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Ivy Spohnholz	D	8%	9%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Andi Story	D	6%	9%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Louise Stutes	R	11%	22%	32%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
Geran Tarr	D	6%	5%	23%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Steve Thompson	R	40%	57%	61%	+	+	-	+	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	+	+	-	+
Cathy Tilton	R	72%	91%	85%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
Chris Tuck	D	6%	23%	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Sarah Vance	R	67%	100%	85%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
Adam Wool	D	6%	9%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Tiffany Zulkosky	D	0%	9%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	x	-

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### **HB 149 Unionizing Child Care.**

This bill allows the employees at childcare centers to form unions. CPAC opposes increasing the burdens posed by unions and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on April 25, 2022 by a vote of 21-17 but the bill was not taken up by the Senate.

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### **HB 206 Protecting Life.**

This bill amends existing law to make it clear that the so-called “right to privacy” does not provide for the right to have an abortion. While CPAC would prefer to see much stronger laws targeting abortion, it still supports efforts to crack down on its practice and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House failed to discharge this bill from the judiciary committee on May 11, 2022 by a vote of 19-21.

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### **HB 226 Enriching Government Bureaucrats.**

This bill increases the salaries of various public employees. CPAC does not believe that the government should be fattening the wallets of certain government employees with taxpayer funds while the taxpayers themselves experience stagnating real wages. CPAC, therefore, opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on May 18, 2022 by a vote of 23-15 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 227 (Amd. 1) Removing Subsidies for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.**

The McCabe (CPAC Lifetime Rating 75%) amendment to HB 227 removes a provision allowing for the funding of electric vehicle charging stations from a bill that funds certain energy resilience projects. CPAC opposes government favoritism toward the EV industry and supported this amendment. The House defeated the amendment on March 22, 2022 by a vote of 19-20.

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### **HB 234 (Amd. 7) Increasing Transparency in the Election Process.**

The Kurka (CPAC Lifetime Rating 100%) amendment to HB 234 requires the director of the division of elections to post ballot tabulations and vote counts for an election. CPAC supports efforts to increase transparency in the election process and supported this amendment. The House defeated this amendment on March 14, 2022 by a vote of 15-22.



**HB 234 (Amd. 12) Increasing the Security of Absentee Ballots.**

The Vance (CPAC Lifetime Rating 85%) amendment to HB 234 inserted a provision into the bill requiring that the director of the division of elections contact a random series of voters who requested an absentee ballot to see if they returned their ballot. CPAC supports efforts to increase the security of the absentee ballot and supported this bill. The House ruled this amendment out of order on March 14, 2022 by a vote of 20-17.

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**HB 281 (Amd. 30) Defunding Critical Race Theory.**

The Eastman (CPAC Lifetime Rating 100%) amendment to the appropriations bill states that it is the intent of the legislature that none of the funds appropriated in the bill are intended to be used to promote the belief that one is inherently racist because of their race or color. CPAC opposes these racist theories and supported this amendment. The House voted against removing the amendment from the table on April 7, 2022 by a vote of 13-24.

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**HB 281 (Amd. 34) (Motion to Defeat) Preventing Excessive Spending.**

The Eastman (CPAC Lifetime Rating 100%) amendment to the appropriations bill states that state agencies may not spend funds in excess of their yearly budget and warns them that, if they do spend beyond their budget, they may have the deficit deducted from their budget the next year. CPAC supports fiscal responsibility and supported this amendment. The House voted to table (kill) the amendment on April 6, 2022 by a vote of 34-5.

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**HB 281 (Amd. 45) Disincentivizing the State Funding of Abortions.**

The Kurka (CPAC Lifetime Rating 100%) amendment to the appropriations bill reduces the salaries of the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Health by \$215,000 if they allow the Department of Health to assist individuals in paying for abortions. CPAC considers abortion a human tragedy, does not believe that the government should use taxpayer funds to support the practice, and supported this amendment. The House voted against removing this amendment from the table on April 6, 2022 by a vote of 8-29.

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**HB 281 (Amd. 46) (Motion to Defeat) Defending Second Amendment Rights on Campus.**

The Kurka (CPAC Lifetime Rating 100%) amendment to the appropriations bill states that it is the intent of the legislature that none of the funds appropriated in the bill be used by the University of Alaska to infringe on people's Second Amendment rights. CPAC supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported this amendment. The House voted to table (kill) the amendment on April 7, 2022 by a vote of 29-7.



### **HB 281 (Amd. 59) Paycheck Protection.**

The Eastman (CPAC Lifetime Rating 100%) amendment to the appropriations bill ends the practice of facilitating or collecting union dues by the state. CPAC opposes this forced collection of union dues and supported this amendment. The House defeated the amendment on April 7, 2022 by a vote of 17-21.

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### **HB 298 Government Largesse for a Favored Industry.**

This bill sets up a “forgivable loan” program for selected meat processing plants in Alaska. Under this program, businesses would receive loans that they could use to invest in the productivity of their business. The government will also forgive the loan if the facility demonstrates an increase in production. CPAC opposes this extraordinary largesse for the meat processing industry, opposes using taxpayer funds to practically subsidize selected businesses, and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on May 17, 2022 by a vote of 37-2 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 298 (Amd. 3) Decreasing Burdensome Regulations on the Food Industry.**

The Eastman (CPAC Lifetime Rating 100%) amendment to SB 298 adds a provision to HB 298 requiring that the government must, while it administers the forgivable loan program, seek out ways in which it can reduce regulations that hinder the production and processing of food in the state. CPAC supports efforts to improve one’s business environment through deregulation and supported this amendment. The House defeated this amendment on April 13, 2022 by a vote of 14-18.

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### **HB 358 Extending the Grant Program for Government-Favored Energy Projects.**

This bill extends to 2033 a grant program that has so far spent \$300 million on renewable energy projects the government favors. CPAC supports all forms of energy, believes that the government should not favor one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 11, 2022 by a vote of 38-2 but the bill was not taken up by the Senate.

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### **HB 416 More Salary Increases for Government Bureaucrats.**

This provides bonuses to certain public employees. CPAC does not believe that the government should be fattening the wallets of certain government employees with taxpayer funds while the taxpayers themselves experience stagnating real wages. CPAC, therefore, opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on May 17, 2022 by a vote of 23-17 and the bill later became law.



### **SB 25 Increasing Government Financial Transparency.**

This bill requires the state to establish a website that provides those who are curious with information about the state government's financial transactions. CPAC supports increased government transparency and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 17, 2021 by a vote of 36-0 and the bill later became law.

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### **SB 33 Tax Credits for a Government-Favored Industry.**

This bill provides for a tax credit for fisheries that invest in certain new properties. CPAC opposes government favoritism towards certain industries and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on April 29, 2022 by a vote of 36-2 and the bill later became law.

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### **SB 174 (Amd. 2) Encouraging Lawsuit Abuse.**

The Thompson (CPAC Lifetime Rating 61%) and Eastman (CPAC Lifetime Rating 100%) amendment to SB 174 removes a provision from a bill that would have prohibited employers from adopting workplace dress codes that prevent employees from wearing hairstyles associated with race. CPAC believes that this provision would open the floodgates for a bevy of frivolous lawsuits against employers falsely claiming termination because of one's hair and supported this bill. The House adopted this amendment on May 9, 2022 by a vote of 23-17.