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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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SELECTING THE VOTES

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

Senate

Julie Frye-Mueller*
Brent Hoffman
Tom Pischke*
Jim Stalzer

House

Aaron Aylward*	Phil Jensen*
Ben Krohmer	Tony Randolph*
Karla Lems*	John Sjaarda*
Tina Mulally*	

***Perfect 100%**

80-89% - AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

Senate

Arch Beal
Jim Bolin
Ryan Maher
John Wiik

House

Mary Fitzgerald	John Mills
Randy Gross	Scott Odenbach
Jon Hansen	Marty Overweg
Chris Karr	Bethany Soye
Elizabeth May	



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SOUTH DAKOTA SENATE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE
67%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

71%



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

39%



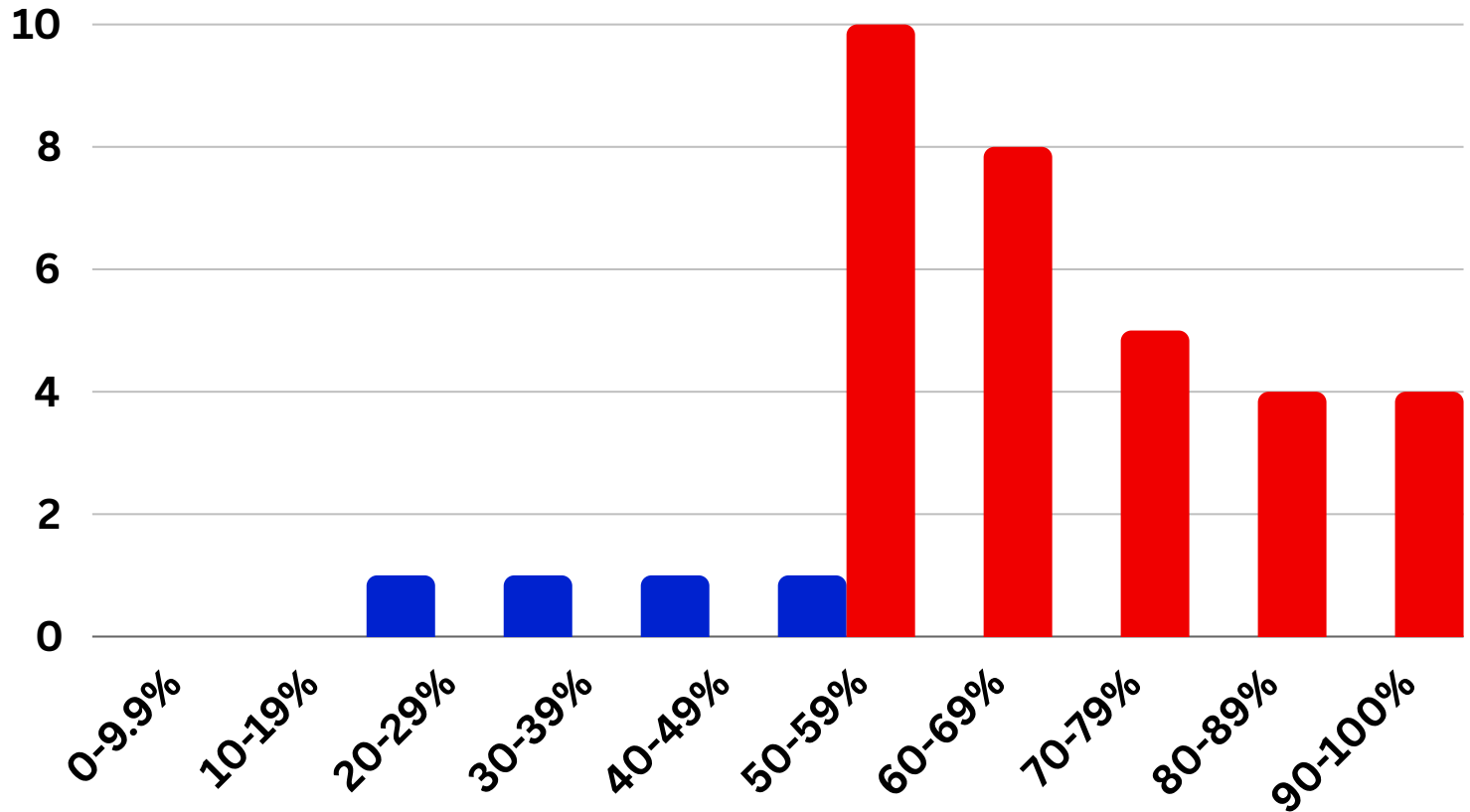
LOWEST REPUBLICAN
MICHAEL DIEDRICH
55%



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
RED DAWN FOSTER
55%



■ Democrat (4 Members) ■ Republican (31 Members)





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SOUTH DAKOTA HOUSE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE
71%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

75%



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

30%



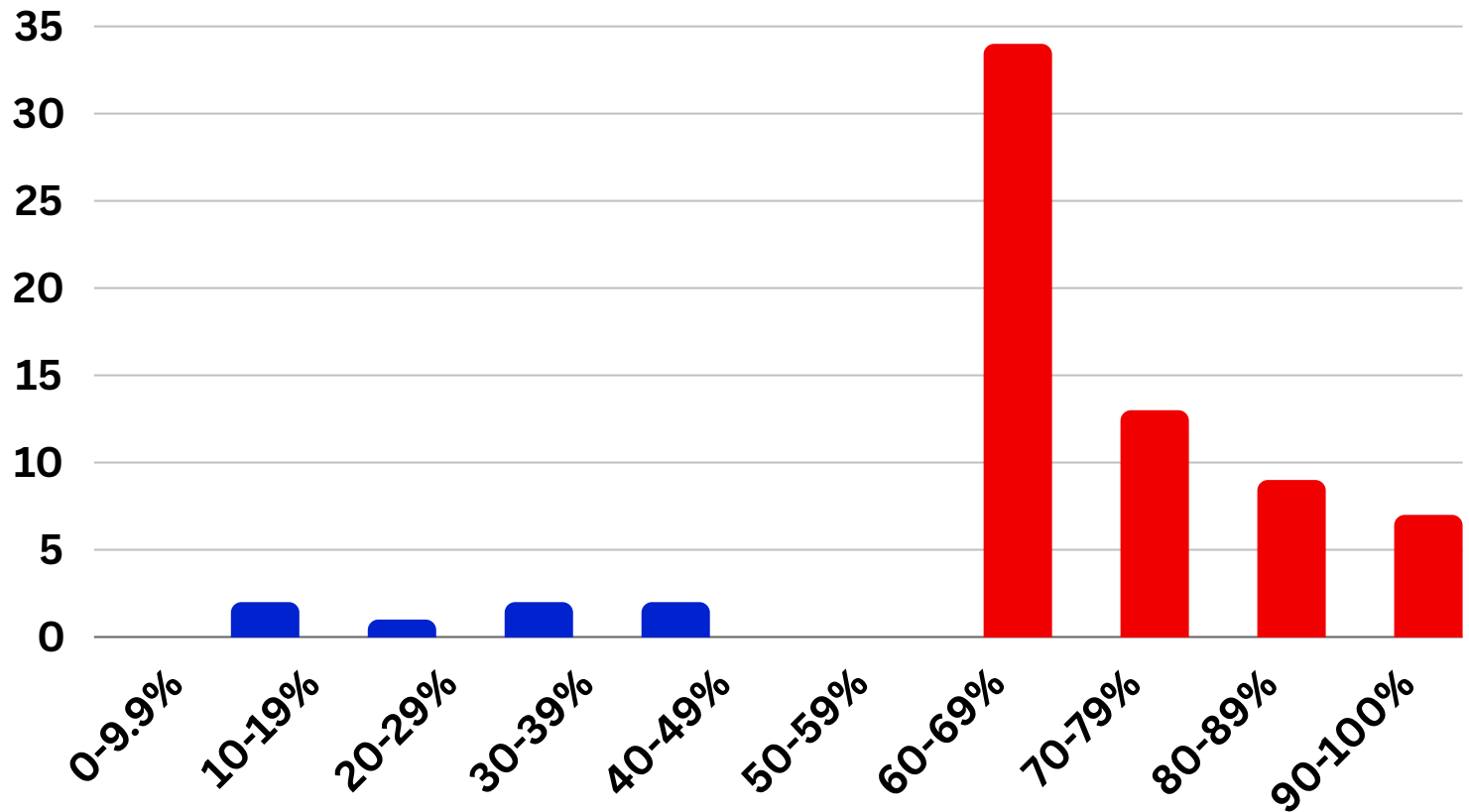
LOWEST REPUBLICAN
ROGER CHASE
62%



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
ERIC EMERY
46%



■ Democrat (7 Members) ■ Republican (63 Members)





SOUTH DAKOTA SENATE SCORES

	Party	2023%	2022%	Life time%	HB 1055	HB 1080	HB 1109	HB 1116	HB 1137	HB 1239	SB 18	SB 55	SB 149	SB 174	SB 189	SCR 602
Arch Beal	R	83%	N/A	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Jim Bolin	R	83%	81%	70%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Shawn Bordeaux	D	42%	N/A	42%	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-
Bryan Breitling	R	67%	63%	66%	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Jessica Castleberry	R	70%	69%	74%	-	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	+	X	+	+
Casey Crabtree	R	67%	75%	73%	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Sydney Davis	R	58%	N/A	58%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Randy Deibert	R	67%	N/A	67%	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Michael Diedrich	R	55%	53%	59%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	X	+
Helene Duhamel	R	58%	69%	63%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Red Dawn Foster	D	55%	36%	43%	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	X
Julie Frye-Mueller	R	100%	100%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X
Brent "B.R." Hoffman	R	92%	N/A	92%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jean Hunhoff	R	67%	50%	51%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
David Johnson	R	64%	N/A	64%	-	+	-	X	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Jack Kolbeck	R	75%	75%	69%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Steve Kolbeck	R	58%	N/A	58%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Joshua Klumb	R	73%	69%	72%	-	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+

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Liz Larson	D	33%	N/A	33%	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-
Ryan Maher	R	83%	75%	79%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Jim Mehlhaff	R	67%	N/A	67%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Reynold Nesiba	D	25%	33%	31%	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-
Al Novstrup	R	67%	63%	71%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Herman Otten	R	75%	56%	70%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Tom Pischke	R	100%	N/A	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tim Reed	R	58%	N/A	58%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Michael Rohl	R	58%	60%	63%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Lee Schoenbeck	R	58%	81%	62%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Kyle Schoenfish	R	58%	56%	62%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Jim Stalzer	R	91%	94%	80%	x	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Erin Tobin	R	73%	50%	67%	-	+	+	x	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
David Wheeler	R	58%	50%	58%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
John Wiik	R	83%	75%	73%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Dean Wink	R	58%	N/A	58%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Larry Zikmund	R	64%	75%	69%	-	+	-	+	x	+	-	+	-	+	+	+

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This bill increases the occupation tax levied on transient guests staying at lodging establishments in so-called “business improvement districts.” CPAC opposes measures that wantonly increase the tax burden on the people and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 23, 2023 by a vote of 19-16 but the bill was vetoed by the Governor.

HB 1116 No State Funds for Lewd Content.

This bill prohibits government entities and public schools from using public resources to promote or depict lewd or lascivious content. CPAC does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to pay for sexual performances and supported this bill. The Senate failed to place this bill on the calendar on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 15-18.

HB 1137 Temporary Cut to a Variety of Taxes.

This bill reduces the state’s gross receipts tax rate from 4.5% to 4.2%. The specific provisions of the bill reduce the amusement device, sales and use, and vehicle gross receipts taxes. While CPAC would prefer to see legislation establishing permanent tax cuts, it still supports tax relief measures and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 9, 2023 by a vote of 31-2 and the bill later became law.



HB 1239 Preventing the Creation of a Democrat-Backed Gas Stove Ban.

This bill prohibits municipalities from adopting any ordinances or regulations that prohibit consumers from using gas stoves. CPAC opposes efforts to implement gas stove bans and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 6, 2023 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill later became law.

SB 18 Forcing Taxpayers to Subsidize Attractions at the State Fair.

This bill apportions \$29,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources such that they may construct a livestock and equestrian complex at the State Fair. CPAC believes that taxpayers should not be forced to pay for equestrian complexes and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 23, 2023 by a vote of 26-9 and the bill later became law.

SB 55 Prohibiting Ranked Choice Voting in South Dakota.

This bill bans political subdivisions of the state from using ranked choice voting methods in order to determine the winners of their elections. Ranked choice voting allows, in some instances, for those who receive the second highest number of votes in an election to win the election by allotting votes from other losing candidates to that candidate. CPAC opposes this consequence and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 2, 2023 by a vote of 31-4 and the bill later became law.

SB 149 Massive Expansion to the Medicaid Program.

This bill sets up the Medicaid Expansion Fund, the likes of which will use federal and state funds to expand Medicaid. The bill additionally assigns \$53,000,000 to this cause, \$5,300,000 of which will be taken from state coffers. CPAC opposes the expansion of Medicaid and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 22, 2023 by a vote of 28-7 but the bill was never signed into law.

SB 174 Preventing Municipal Overreach in South Dakota.

This bill prohibits localities from enacting ordinances that prohibit the use of propane or natural gas as a service. CPAC supports efforts to reduce municipal overreach on matters relating to energy and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 7, 2023 by a vote of 34-0 and the bill later became law.



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SOUTH DAKOTA SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

SB 189 No Contracts for Foreign Opposition.

This bill prohibits the government from awarding contracts to companies owned or controlled by China, Venezuela, Iran, North Korea, Cuba, or Russia. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to further the US' security interests and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 21, 2023 by a vote of 32-2 and the bill later became law.

SCR 602 Expressing Support for the Supreme Court's Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.

This resolution expresses support for the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, the likes of which arrogated the power to regulate abortion back to the states. CPAC supports the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and supported this resolution. The House passed this resolution on January 26, 2023 by a vote of 30-3.



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SOUTH DAKOTA HOUSE SCORES

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Amber Arlint	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Julie Auch	R	77%	N/A	77%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Aaron Aylward	R	100%	88%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jessica Bahmuller	R	77%	N/A	77%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Hugh Bartels	R	69%	41%	62%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Rocky Blare	R	77%	65%	67%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Byron Callies	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Gary Cammack	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Kirk Chaffee	R	77%	59%	75%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Roger Chase	R	62%	41%	57%	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Roger DeGroot	R	62%	N/A	62%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-
Mike Derby	R	62%	47%	62%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Fred Deutsch	R	77%	88%	74%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Joe Donnell	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Becky Drury	R	69%	41%	62%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Linda Duba	D	15%	6%	25%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Steve Duffy	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Eric Emery	D	46%	N/A	46%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-
Mary Fitzgerald	R	82%	82%	83%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	X	+	+
Randy Gross	R	85%	88%	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Jon Hansen	R	85%	94%	86%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Erin Healy	D	31%	12%	32%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Mellissa Heermann	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Greg Jamison	R	62%	59%	74%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+

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Kevin Jensen	R	77%	94%	75%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Phil Jensen	R	100%	94%	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Chris Karr	R	85%	88%	77%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Chris Kassin	R	77%	N/A	77%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Lance Koth	R	69%	50%	66%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Ben Krohmer	R	92%	N/A	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+
Dennis Krull	R	62%	N/A	62%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
David Kull	R	62%	N/A	62%	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Trish Ladner	R	69%	88%	78%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Karla Lems	R	100%	N/A	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Oren Lesmeister	D	38%	13%	41%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-
Curt Massie	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Elizabeth May	R	85%	100%	81%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
John Mills	R	85%	88%	76%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Scott Moore	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Will Mortenson	R	62%	52%	61%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+
Tina Mulally	R	100%	88%	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brian Mulder	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Kameron Nelson	D	15%	N/A	15%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Scott Odenbach	R	85%	94%	91%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Jess Olson	R	67%	29%	54%	-	-	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+
Ernie Otten	R	77%	75%	75%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
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Drew Peterson	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Sue Peterson	R	77%	81%	77%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Neal Pinnow	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Peri Pourier	D	42%	13%	31%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	X
Tony Randolph	R	100%	88%	87%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Taylor Rehfeldt	R	69%	63%	70%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Rebecca Reimer	R	69%	53%	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Tim Reisch	R	67%	N/A	67%	-	+	-	+	+	+	X	-	+	-	+	+	+
Stephanie Sauder	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Brandei Schaeffbauer	R	77%	N/A	77%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Lynn Schneider	R	69%	65%	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
William Shorma	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
John Sjaarda	R	100%	N/A	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bethany Soye	R	85%	88%	89%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Tamara St. John	R	64%	N/A	64%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	X	-	+	X	+
Mike Stevens	R	77%	29%	52%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Kenneth Teunissen	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Tyler Tordsen	R	75%	N/A	75%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	+
Tony Venhuizen	R	77%	N/A	77%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
James Wangsness	R	69%	N/A	69%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Mike Weisgram	R	69%	53%	61%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Kadyn Wittman	D	23%	N/A	23%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-

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This bill increases the occupation tax levied on transient guests staying at lodging establishments in so-called "business improvement districts." CPAC opposes measures that wantonly increase the tax burden on the people and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on March 7, 2023 by a vote of 41-29 but the bill was vetoed by the Governor.

HB 1116 No State Funds for Lewd Content.

This bill prohibits government entities and public schools from using public resources to promote or depict lewd or lascivious content. CPAC does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to pay for sexual performances and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on February 15, 2023 by a vote of 60-10 but the bill stalled in the Senate.

HB 1137 Temporary Cut to a Variety of Taxes.

This bill reduces the state's gross receipts tax rate from 4.5% to 4.2%. The specific provisions of the bill reduce the amusement device, sales and use, and vehicle gross receipts taxes. While CPAC would prefer to see legislation establishing permanent tax cuts, it still supports tax relief measures and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 9, 2023 by a vote of 70-0 and the bill later became law.



HB 1239 Preventing the Creation of a Democrat-Backed Gas Stove Ban.

This bill prohibits municipalities from adopting any ordinances or regulations that prohibit consumers from using gas stoves. CPAC opposes efforts to implement gas stove bans and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 7, 2023 by a vote of 67-3 and the bill later became law.

HJR 5004 Attempting to Set Up Work Requirements for Medicaid.

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the state to condition one's reception of Medicaid on one's fulfillment of certain work requirements. CPAC supports efforts to incentivize unemployed people to seek out employment opportunities and supported this resolution. The House passed this resolution on January 31, 2023 by a vote of 60-8.

SB 18 Forcing Taxpayers to Subsidize Attractions at the State Fair.

This bill apportions \$29,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources such that it may construct a livestock and equestrian complex at the State Fair. CPAC believes that taxpayers should not be forced to pay for equestrian complexes and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on February 28, 2023 by a vote of 51-18 and the bill later became law.

SB 55 Prohibiting Ranked Choice Voting in South Dakota.

This bill bans political subdivisions of the state from using ranked choice voting methods in order to determine the winners of their elections. Ranked choice voting allows, in some instances, for those who receive the second highest number of votes in an election to win the election by allotting votes from other losing candidates to that candidate. CPAC opposes this consequence and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 1, 2023 by a vote of 63-5 and the bill later became law.

SB 149 Massive Expansion to the Medicaid Program.

This bill sets up the Medicaid Expansion Fund, the likes of which will use federal and state funds to expand Medicaid. The bill additionally assigns \$53,000,000 to this cause, \$5,300,000 of which will be taken from state coffers. CPAC opposes the expansion of Medicaid and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on March 6, 2023 by a vote of 62-7 but the bill was never signed into law.



SB 174 Preventing Municipal Overreach in South Dakota.

This bill prohibits localities from enacting ordinances that prohibit the use of propane or natural gas as a service. CPAC supports efforts to reduce municipal overreach on matters relating to energy and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 6, 2023 by a vote of 64-5 and the bill later became law.

SB 189 No Contracts for Foreign Opposition.

This bill prohibits the government from awarding contracts to companies owned or controlled by China, Venezuela, Iran, North Korea, Cuba, or Russia. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to further the US' security interests and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 69-0 and the bill later became law.

SCR 602 Expressing Support for the Supreme Court's Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.

This resolution expresses support for the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, the likes of which arrogated the power to regulate abortion back to the states. CPAC supports the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and supported this resolution. The House passed this resolution on February 27, 2023 by a vote of 62-7.