

# 2007-2008 SENATE

NAME	1	2	3
Alting	✓		✓
Arnold	✓		
Becker	✓	✓	✓
Boots	✓		✓
Bray	✓	✓	✓
Breaux			
Broden			✓
Charbonneau	✓	✓	✓
Deig	✓		✓
Delph	✓	✓	✓
Dillon	✓	✓	✓
Drozda	✓	✓	✓
Errington			
Gard	✓	✓	✓
Hershman	✓	✓	✓
Howard	E	E	E
Hume	✓		✓
Jackman	✓		✓
Kenley	✓		✓
Kruse	✓	✓	✓
Lanane			
Landske	✓		✓
Lawson	✓	✓	✓
Lewis	✓		✓
Long	✓		✓
Lubbers	✓	✓	✓
Meeks, R.	✓	E	✓
Merritt	✓	✓	✓
Miller	✓	✓	✓
Mishler	✓	✓	✓
Mrvan	✓		✓
Nugent	✓	✓	
Paul	✓		✓
Riegsecker	✓		✓
Rogers			
Simpson			
Sipes			✓
Skinner	✓		
Smith			
Steele	✓	✓	✓
Tallian			
Walker	✓	✓	✓
Waltz	✓	✓	✓
Waterman	✓		✓
Weatherwax	✓		✓
Wyss	✓	✓	✓
Young, M.	✓	✓	✓
Young, R.	✓		✓
Zakas	✓	✓	✓

# Description of SENATE VOTES

## 1. Protecting Marriage (SRJ 7) 2008

In order to protect marriage between one man and one woman and to stop the courts from creating same sex civil unions, SJR 7 needed to be adopted to the Indiana Constitution. The Amendment was adopted by the Senate and the House in 2005 and needed to be passed again in 2008 in order for the voters to vote in November, 2008. The Senate passed SJR 7 in 2008, but unfortunately the Amendment died in the House of Representatives without any debate or vote. The Senate voted on January 29, 2008 by a vote of 39-9 to approve SJR 7

## 2. Gambling (House Bill 1153) 2008

The State of Indiana doesn't need to expand legalized gambling. Unfortunately, the House and Senate both voted for House Bill 1153 which will expand legalized gambling by permitting thousands of bars and taverns around the state to offer pull-tabs and other forms of gambling.. Governor Daniels signed the bill into law. The bill passed the Senate on February 27, 2008 by a vote of 26-21.

## 3. Abortion (Senate Bill 146) 2008

Senate Bill 146 dealt with informed consent for an abortion. Under current law a woman seeking an abortion must be provided with certain written information at least 18 hours before the abortion can be performed. Senate Bill 146, as it passed the Senate, would require that a woman be advised that life begins at conception, that the unborn baby may feel pain during the abortion, and adoption alternatives are available. The bill passed the Senate on January 29, 2008 by a vote of 39-9. Unfortunately the House of Representatives refused to consider the bill and it died in the House.

## How To Read CHART

✓ Pro-Family  
Pro-Business  
Pro-Church

? Did Not Vote

E Legislator  
Excused  
From Voting

S Speaker of House  
Not Required to  
Vote: No Vote  
Cast

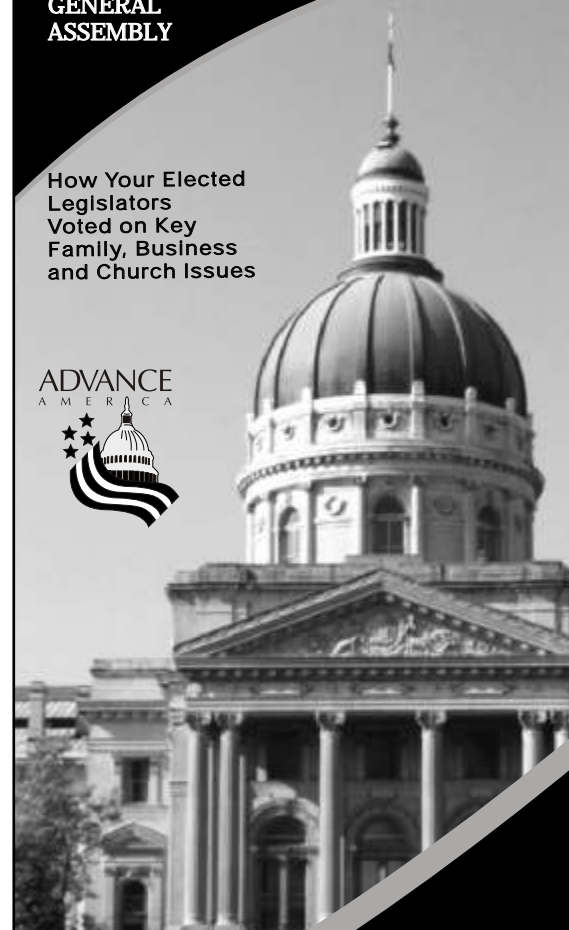
O Individual Not a  
Member of the  
Legislature at the  
Time of the Vote

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# 2008 VOTING RECORD

INDIANA  
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How Your Elected  
Legislators  
Voted on Key  
Family, Business  
and Church Issues



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# Description of HOUSE VOTES

## 1. Hate Crimes (SB 45) 2007

An amendment to Senate Bill 45 would have created special protection for homosexuals and cross dressers. The amendment would have established a very dangerous precedent because it would create two classes of victims and punish someone more because of their alleged thoughts. The amendment failed by a vote of 46-50 on April 9, 2007.

## 2. Gambling (HB 1153) 2008

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## 3. Property Tax Repeal (SB 500) 2007

Representative Jeff Thompson offered an amendment to Senate Bill 500 to set up the Property Tax Elimination Fund. This was a positive step in the effort led by Advance America to permanently repeal property taxes. As the state does well financially, money would have flowed into the Property Tax Elimination Fund to help provide revenue when property taxes are repealed. The amendment was adopted on April 9, 2007 by a vote of 76-21.

## 4. Tax Increases (HB 1007) 2007

The bill would have permitted a county to impose an additional 1% county adjusted gross income tax rate or a county option income tax rate on individuals and corporations to provide property tax relief and additional revenue for the taxing units in the county. This would have resulted in a potential tax increase of over \$400 million! Additionally, the bill provided no property tax relief for 2007 property taxes which are estimated to increase by 24%. The bill failed by a vote of 49-48 on February 13, 2007.

## 5. Mental Health Screening (SB 566) 2007

Representative Jackie Walorski offered an amendment to Senate Bill 566 which would have prevented the development of a state sponsored effort to conduct mental health screenings of children. Various agencies of state government are working on a plan which could lead to the mental health screening of all children in the State of Indiana from birth through age 22 for potential social, emotional, behavioral and mental health problems. This would affect hundreds of thousands of children in private, public and homeschool settings. This is an improper role for government. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 38-60 on April 9, 2007.

# 2007-2008 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NAME	1	2	3	4	5
Austin			✓		
Avery		✓			
Bardon			✓		
Bartlett	O		O	O	O
Battles		✓	✓		
Bauer			S		
Behning	✓	✓	✓	E	
Bell	✓		✓	✓	
Bischoff	✓		✓		
Blanton	O		O	O	O
Borders	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Borror	✓		✓	✓	
Bosma	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brown, C.					
Brown, T.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buck	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buell	✓		✓	✓	✓
Burton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Candelaria Reardon			✓		
Cheatham	✓	✓	✓		
Cheney					
Cherry	E		✓	✓	✓
Cochran	✓	?			
Crawford					
Crooks					
Crouch	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Davis	✓		✓	✓	✓
Day					
Dembowski			✓		
Dermody	✓		✓	✓	✓
Dobis		?	✓		
Dodge	✓		✓	✓	
Duncan			✓	✓	
Dvorak			✓	✓	
Eberhart	✓		✓	✓	✓
Elrod		✓	✓	✓	
Espich	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Foley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Friend	✓		✓	✓	✓
Frizzell	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fry			✓	✓	
GiaQuinta			✓		
Goodin	E		E		E
Grubb			✓		
Gutwein	✓	E	✓	✓	✓
Harris, E.					
Harris, T.	✓		✓	✓	✓
Herrell		✓	✓		?
Hinkle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hoy		✓			

NAME	1	2	3	4	5
Kersey			✓		
Klinker			✓		
Knollman	✓		✓	✓	✓
Koch	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lawson		E			
Lehe	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Leonard	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lutz	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mays			✓		
McClain	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Micon					
Moses			✓		
Murphy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Neese	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Niezgodski			✓		
Noe	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orentlicher			✓		
Oxley			✓		
Pelath					
Pflum			✓		
Pierce		✓			
Pond	✓		✓	E	✓
Porter					
Reske					
Richardson	✓	✓	✓	E	
Ripley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robertson	✓		✓		
Ruppel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Saunders	✓		✓	✓	
Simms	O		O	O	O
Smith, M.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Smith, V.		✓			
Soliday	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Stemler	✓	✓	✓		
Steuerwald	O	✓	O	O	O
Stevenson			✓		
Stilwell					
Stutzman	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Summers					
Thomas		E	✓	✓	✓
Thompson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tincher	?		✓		✓
Torr	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tyler			✓		
Turner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ulmer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Van Haafden					
Walorski	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Welch		✓	✓		
Wolkins	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓