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RATINGS of VERMONT 2020



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of Vermont* for 2020. Like our *Ratings of Congress*, ACU 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).

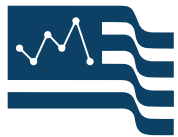
The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

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.



Matt Schlapp
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ABOUT THE CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF), 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 addition to ACUF's Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the largest gathering of conservatives in the world, the CLA develops conservative policy solutions and educates everyday citizens and activists on the proper role of government. 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.

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METHODOLOGY

The CLA's Ratings of Congress and the States illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. When determining a position on a particular issue, the CLA begins by defining conservatism: the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person. Then, we apply the founders' belief that the proper role of government is to protect Life, Liberty and Property.

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.

Each lawmaker is evaluated on a zero to 100 scale, with a score of 100 representing a voting record that is perfectly aligned with conservative principles. Officials who earn a score of 90% or higher are presented with the CLA's highest honor, the Award for Conservative Excellence, while those who earn a score of 80% or higher, but less than 90%, are presented with the Award for Conservative Achievement. Additionally, any lawmaker who earns a score of 10% or lower qualifies for the ACUF's Coalition of the Radical Left.

ANNUAL METRICS


ANALYZE
105,000
BILLS


SELECT
2,000
BILLS


RATE
8,000
ELECTED
OFFICIALS

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. The CLA provides a score for each legislative chamber, which is based upon the average scores of all members within that respective chamber. A legislature's overall score is calculated by averaging each state's two legislative chambers together in order to better reflect the differences in political power between the chambers. (The exception being Nebraska, the nation's only unicameral legislature comprising a single legislative chamber, on which the state's overall score is based.)



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2020 WINNERS & LOSERS



90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

↔ No change since last year*

SENATE

n/a

↑ 12 since last year*

HOUSE

BANCROFT, ROBERT	MARTEL, MARCIA
BURDITT, THOMAS	MORRISSEY, MARY
DICKINSON, EILEEN	QUIMBY, CONSTANCE
GAMACHE, MARIANNA	ROSENQUIST, CARL
HIGLEY, MARK	SMITH, BRIAN
LACLAIR, ROBERT	STRONG, VICKI



80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

↔ No change since last year*

SENATE

n/a

↑ 8 since last year*

HOUSE

BRENNAN, PATRICK	HELM, ROBERT
CUPOLI, LAWRENCE	LEFFLER, FELISHA
DONAHUE, ANNE	MCCOY, PATRICIA
GOSLANT, KENNETH	MORGAN, LELAND
HANGO, LISA	SAVAGE, BRIAN
HARRISON, JAMES	

*Compared to number of qualifying lawmakers in the previous session
Republicans in ALL CAPS, Democrats in initial caps, asterisk indicates Independents/Libertarians/other



 **≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT**

↑ 3 since last year*

SENATE

Ashe, Tim	Lyons, Virginia
Balint, Becca	MacDonald, Mark
Baruth, Philip	McCormack, Dick
Bray, Christopher	Nitka, Alice
Campion, Brian	Pearson, Christopher
Clarkson, Alison	Perchlik, Andrew
Cummings, Ann	Pollina, Anthony
Hardy, Ruth	Sears, Richard
Hooker, Cheryl	Sirotkin, Michael
Ingram, Debbie	White, Jeanette
Kitchel, Jane	

↑ 7 since last year*

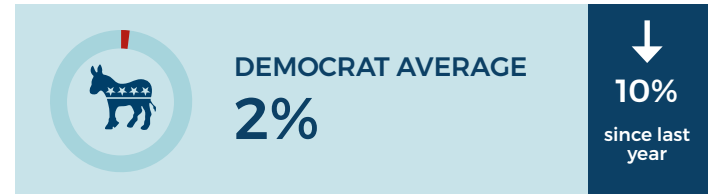
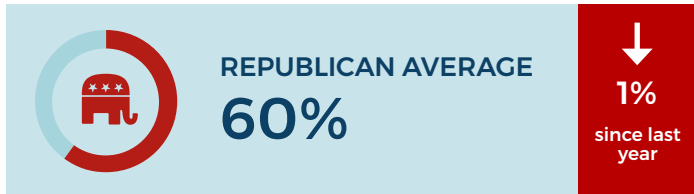
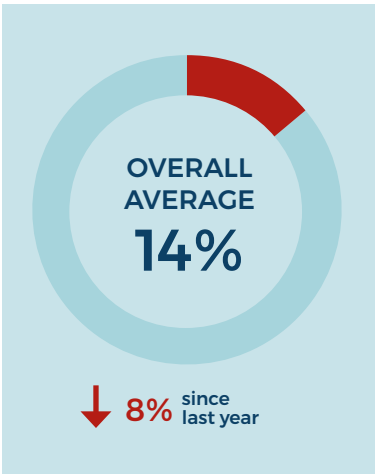
HOUSE

Ancel, Janet	Conlon, Peter	Hooper, Robert	McCormack, Curt	Stevens, Thomas
Anthony, Peter	Copeland-Hanzas, Sarah	Houghton, Lori	McCullough, James	Sullivan, Mary
Austin, Sarah	Cordes, Mari	Howard, Mary	Morris, Kristi	Taylor, Curt
Bartholomew, John	Demrow, Carl	James, Kathleen	Mrowicki, Michael	Till, George
Bock, Thomas	Dolan, Katherine	Jerome, Stephanie	Nicoll, Logan	Toleno, Tristan
Briglin, Timothy	Donovan, Johannah	Jessup, Kimberly	Noyes, Daniel	Toll, Catherine
Brownell, Nelson	Durfee, David	Killacky, John	O'Brien, John	Townsend, Maida
Brumsted, Jessica	Elder, Caleb	Kimbell, Charles	Ode, Carol	Troiano, Joseph
Burke, Mollie	Emmons, Alice	Kitzmiller, Warren	O'Sullivan, Jean	Walz, Tommy
Campbell, Scott	Gannon, John	Kornheiser, Emilie	Partridge, Carolyn	Webb, Kathryn
Chase, Seth	Gardner, Marcia	Krowinski, Jill	Patt, Avram	White, Rebecca
Chesnut-Tangerman, Robin	Giambatista, Dylan	LaLonde, Martin	Pugh, Ann	Wood, Theresa
Christensen, Annmarie	Gonzalez, Diana	Lanpher, Diane	Rachelson, Barbara	Yacovone, David
Christie, Kevin	Grad, Maxine	Lippert, William	Ralph, Zachariah	Yantachka, Michael
Cina, Brian	Haas, Sandy	Long, Emily	Redmond, Marybeth	Young, Samuel
Coffey, Sara	Hashim, Nader	Macaig, Terence	Scheu, Robin	
Colburn, Selene	Hill, Matthew	Masland, James	Sheldon, Amy	
Colston, Harold	Hooper, Mary	McCarthy, Michael	Squirrell, Trevor	

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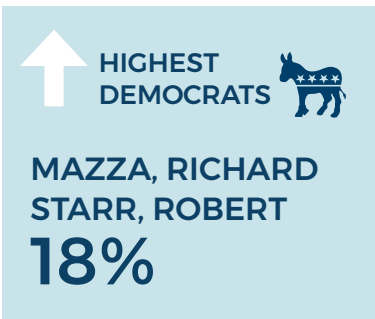
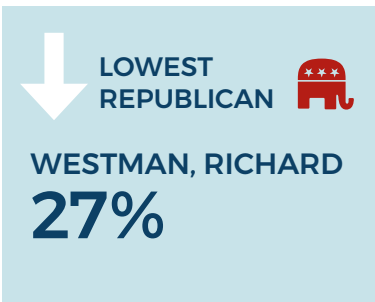
VERMONT SENATE STATISTICS



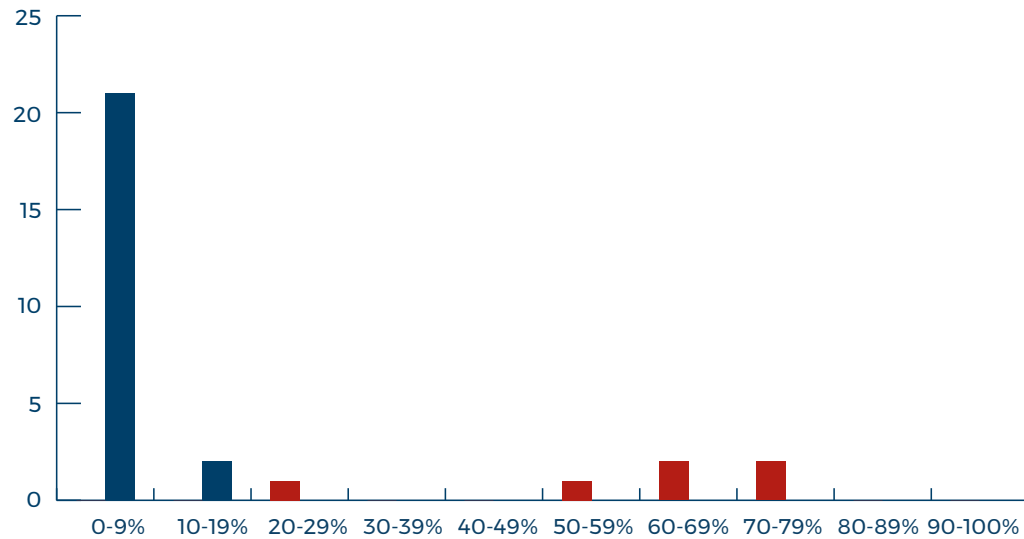
VERMONT SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS
6 TOTAL IN SENATE

BLUE = DEMOCRATS
24 TOTAL IN SENATE



OF STATE SENATORS



2020 ACUF PERCENTAGE



VERMONT SENATE SCORES

VERMONT SENATE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	Dist.	2020 %	2019 %	LIFETIME AVG	S. 23	H. 99	H. 107	S. 119	S. 254	S. 337	S. 346	S. 348	S. 348 (Benning Amd.)	H. 688	H. 926
Ashe, Tim	D	Chittenden	0%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balint, Becca	D	Windham	0%	6%	1%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baruth, Philip	D	Chittenden	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BENNING, JOE	R	Caledonia	67%	63%	73%	+	+	+	-	X	-	X	+	+	+	-
Bray, Christopher	D	Addison	0%	6%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BROCK, RANDY	R	Franklin	73%	56%	66%	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Campion, Brian	D	Bennington	0%	6%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clarkson, Alison	D	Windsor	0%	6%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COLLAMORE, BRIAN	R	Rutland	73%	69%	70%	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Cummings, Ann	D	Washington	0%	6%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hardy, Ruth	D	Addison	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hooker, Cheryl	D	Rutland	0%	6%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ingram, Debbie	D	Chittenden	0%	6%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kitchel, Jane	D	Caledonia	9%	25%	19%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lyons, Virginia	D	Chittenden	0%	7%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MacDonald, Mark	D	Orange	0%	6%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mazza, Richard	D	Grand Isle	18%	38%	31%	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McCormack, Dick	D	Windsor	0%	6%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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MCNEIL, JAMES	R	Rutland	55%	69%	62%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-
Nitka, Alice	D	Windsor	0%	25%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
PARENT, COREY	R	Franklin	64%	69%	70%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Pearson, Christopher	D	Chittenden	0%	7%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perchlik, Andrew	D	Washington	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pollina, Anthony	D	Washington	0%	6%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rodgers, John	D	Essex-Orleans	n/a†	56%	39%	-	-	+	X	X	-	-	X	X	+	-
Sears, Richard	D	Bennington	0%	20%	11%	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-
Sirotkin, Michael	D	Chittenden	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Starr, Robert	D	Essex-Orleans	18%	50%	34%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
WESTMAN, RICHARD	R	Lamoille	27%	38%	46%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
White, Jeanette	D	Windham	0%	6%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-

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VERMONT SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **S. 23 Increasing Unemployment by Annually Raising the Minimum Wage.** This bill reduces employment opportunities by tying the minimum wage rate to inflation, ultimately hiking the minimum wage to over \$15 an hour. Under the bill, the state's previous \$10.78 minimum wage rate is annually increased by 2.25 times the percentage increase of inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index. Once the minimum wage reaches \$15 per hour (2027, if inflation increases at its current rate), the minimum wage rate will continue to rise at the regular rate of inflation. ACU opposes increases in the minimum wage which harm those who especially need employment experience, such as students and inexperienced workers, supports the ability of employees to negotiate their own benefits and opposed this bill. The Senate voted to override the governor's veto on February 13, 2020 by a vote of 24-6 and the bill became law.
2. **H. 99 Fueling a Black Market through a Ban on the Sale or Trade of Certain Animal Products.** This bill would place the welfare of countless endangered animals at significant new risk by preventing individuals from lawfully selling, trading, or purchasing products that are made from certain animals. Under the bill, anyone who transfers a product made from a species of animal from the following list: cheetah; elephant; giraffe; hippopotamus; jaguar; leopard; lion; mammoth; mastodon; pangolin; endangered ray; rhinoceros; sea turtle; endangered shark; tiger; whale; gorillas; bonobos; orangutans; gibbons; chimpanzees, would be subject to an administrative penalty issued by the Secretary of Natural Resources or criminal prosecution by the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife. This bill has slight exemptions if the product is 100 years old or older or if the total weight is affixed to a firearm, knife or musical instrument and weighs less than 200 grams. ACU believes it is absurd to place endangered animals at further risk by creating a black market and preventing the market from efficiently allocating the supply of existing animal products that individuals possess and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 25-5 and the bill was signed into law. (Vermont Representatives failed to disclose their position on the bill by passing the bill through a voice vote.)
3. **H. 107 Imposing a New \$29 Million Payroll Tax on Employees for "Paid Leave" and Creating a New State-Run Program.** This bill would impose a new income tax to fund a socialized paid leave program known as the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. Under the bill, all employers would be required to remit 0.2% of each employee's wages to government for deposit into a new paid leave insurance fund or establish an "alternative option" to provide similar benefits. The bill would guarantee up to 12 weeks of paid parental or bonding leave and up to 8 weeks of paid family care leave, also providing the opportunity for individuals to opt-in to a personal medical leave policy. Additionally, employers would be prohibited from taking any action against any employee who abuses the paid leave program. ACU opposes this new tax on employees and instead supports the right for employees to purchase their own paid leave insurance through the private sector and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 17, 2020 by a vote of 20-9 but the bill was vetoed by the governor. (The veto was sustained lacking the necessary two-thirds vote to override in the House.)
4. **S. 119 Advancing the Left's Attack on the Police.** This bill serves as an attack on law enforcement and would have tremendous negative consequences on local communities and public safety. This bill contains numerous provisions that expose officers to criminal and legal liabilities that impede their ability to properly carry out their duties as public servants. ACU supports responsible restrictions on law enforcement in order to protect the equal and fair application of the law, however, opposes vague measures which harm public safety and opposes this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 23, 2020 by a vote of 28-0 and the bill became law without the governor's signature.
5. **S. 254 Providing Union Bosses New Avenues to Harass Public Employees and their Families.** This bill provides public employer labor union bosses a shocking list of new powers and rights, thereby expanding their ability to harass employees and forcefully increase membership. Under the bill, unions would have the right to obtain a wide range of employees' personal contact information prior to representation elections, including home addresses, personal emails, and home and cellphone numbers. Additionally, the bill grants unions the right to meet with new hires during their orientation. ACU supports the Supreme Court's Janus decision and the right to work without joining a union, opposes subjecting public employees and their families to union harassment and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 3, 2020 by a vote of 28-0 and the bill was signed into law. (Vermont Representatives failed to disclose their position on the bill by passing the bill through a voice vote.)



6. **S. 337 Increasing Utility Costs to Fund “Green” Energy Projects.** This bill will increase ratepayer costs by allowing electric utility companies to increase spending purportedly to reduce emissions. Specifically, the bill would give electric utilities like Efficiency Vermont the option to spend up to \$2 million of their ratepayer-generated funds on transportation (electric cars) and heating efficiency projects. The spending is authorized for the next 3 years and is in addition to the spending on existing electricity efficiency projects. ACU opposes driving up ratepayer costs in order to advance a politicized global warming agenda, supports all forms of energy, believes government should not favor special interests over consumers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 19, 2020 by a vote of 28-2 and the bill was signed into law.

 7. **S. 346 Providing \$60 Million in Grants to Government-Favored Workers.** This bill provides \$60 million in grants to so-called “essential” workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. These taxpayer-funded grants (roughly \$1,000 per month) are on top of the normal pay and overtime pay provided to workers in industries such as grocery, nursing home, and retail. ACU believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good, opposes this measure which awards certain workers with bonuses while shutting down businesses and placing financial hardships on other workers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 1, 2020 by a vote of 28-0. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

 8. **S. 348 Eroding Election Integrity by Implementing a Vote-By-Mail Scheme Without Safeguards to Prevent Fraud.** This bill threatens the integrity of elections by allowing the Secretary of State to implement a full-scale vote-by-mail operation during the 2020 general election. Under the bill, the Secretary is authorized to change election procedures, such as requiring ballots to be mailed to all registered voters, creating mail ballot collection stations, permitting early counting of ballots, and allowing drive-up voting. The bill implements all of these changes without imposing any penalties for ballot harvesting and without adequately cleaning the state’s election rolls. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving mail-in voting only for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU opposes efforts to weaken the integrity of elections by introducing opportunities for voter fraud which disenfranchise legal voters and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 2, 2020 by a vote of 21-7 and the bill became law without the governor’s signature.

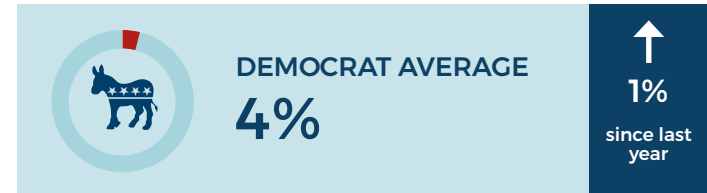
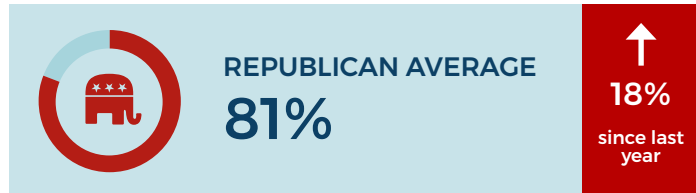
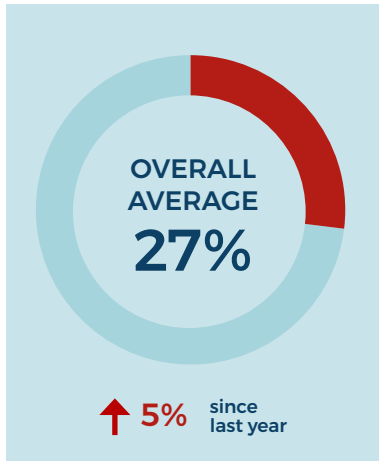
 9. **S. 348 (Benning Amd.) Combatting Vote Fraud by Creating Penalties for “Ballot Harvesting.”** This Benning (ACUF Lifetime 73%) amendment strengthens the integrity of Vermont’s elections by combatting ballot harvesting, the practice of allowing political operatives and others to collect voters’ ballots and turn them in en masse to polling stations. Specifically, the amendment makes it a criminal penalty to send in an absentee voter ballot application with another person’s name and personal information, unless expressly authorized by law. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and protect against “ballot harvesting” and supported this amendment. The Senate failed to adopt the amendment on June 3, 2020 by a vote of 5-24.

 10. **H. 688 Threatening Economic Catastrophe by Imposing Draconian Mandates on Carbon Dioxide Emissions.** This bill will have a devastating effect on the state economy by imposing draconian mandates on carbon dioxide emissions. Specifically, the bill requires a “Climate Council” to develop the “Vermont Climate Action Plan,” proposing regulations and legislation to meet drastic emission reduction goals. These regulations will affect the transportation, building, utility, industrial, commercial, and agricultural sectors, in an attempt to reduce the emissions these sectors produce. Under the bill greenhouse gasses are required to be cut by 26% below 2005 emissions by 2025; 40% below 1990 emissions by 2030; and 80% below 1990 emissions by 2050. ACU opposes significantly raising consumer costs and harming the economy in order to advance a politicized, leftist climate change agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate voted to override the Governor’s veto on September 22, 2020 by a vote of 22-8 and the bill became law.

 11. **H. 926 Further Infringing Property and Development Rights in Forested Areas.** This bill further infringes property rights by amending land use law to make it even more difficult to develop property in rural areas. Specifically, the bill places new barriers to obtain a permit if a development impacts a “forest block” or “connecting habitat”. ACU Foundation’s Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect the property rights of all landowners. ACU opposes further infringing property rights when the state and localities have already imposed numerous other environmental regulations and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 17, 2020 by a vote of 26-3 but the bill was vetoed by the Governor.
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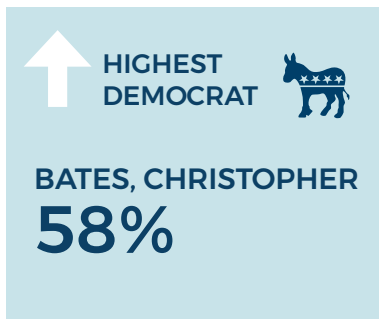
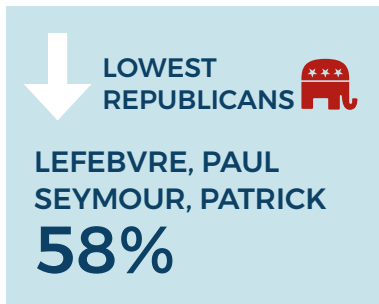
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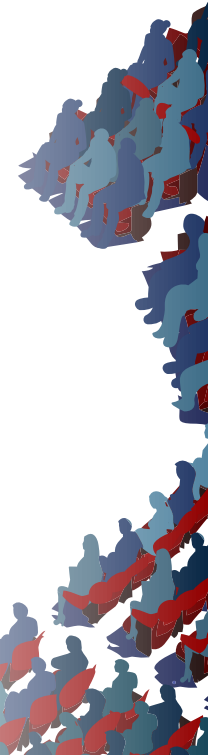
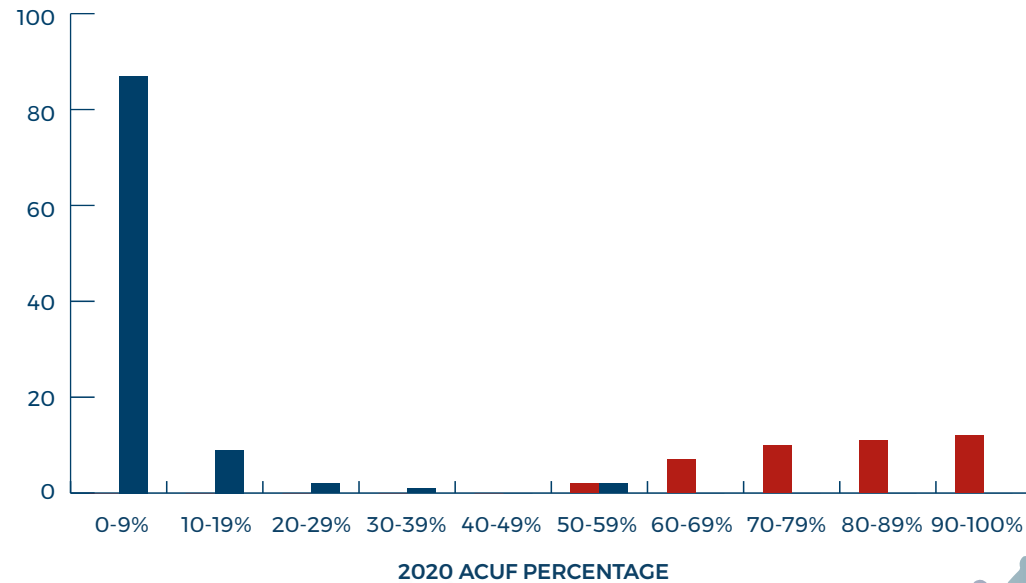
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43 TOTAL IN HOUSE

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Ancel, Janet	D	Washington-6	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anthony, Peter	D	Washington-3	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Austin, Sarah	D	Chittenden-9-2	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BANCROFT, ROBERT	R	Chittenden-8-3	91%	68%	79%	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Bartholomew, John	D	Windsor-1	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BATCHELOR, LYNN	R	Orleans-1	75%	68%	79%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Bates, Christopher	D	Bennington-2-1	58%	21%	40%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
BECK, SCOTT	R	Caledonia-3	64%	37%	56%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	X	+
Birong, Matthew	D	Addison-3	17%	5%	11%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Bock, Thomas	D	Windsor-3-1	0%	6%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BRENNAN, PATRICK	R	Chittenden-9-2	82%	69%	67%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	X
Briglin, Timothy	D	Windsor-Orange-2	0%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brownell, Nelson	D	Bennington-1	0%	11%	5%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Browning, Cynthia	D	Bennington-4	50%	42%	54%	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-
Brumsted, Jessica	D	Chittenden-5-2	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BURDITT, THOMAS	R	Rutland-2	100%	47%	81%	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Burke, Mollie	D	Windham-2-2	0%	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Campbell, Scott	D	Caledonia-3	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CANFIELD, WILLIAM	R	Rutland-3	75%	68%	76%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+

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Carroll, James	D	Bennington-2-2	18%	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Chase, Seth	D	Chittenden-9-1	0%	5%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chesnut-Tangerman, Robin	D	Rutland-Bennington	0%	0%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Christensen, Annmarie	D	Windsor-2	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Christie, Kevin	D	Windsor-4-2	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cina, Brian	D	Chittenden-6-4	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coffey, Sara	D	Windham-1	8%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Colburn, Selene	D	Chittenden-6-4	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colston, Harold	D	Chittenden-6-7	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conlon, Peter	D	Addison-2	0%	0%	0%	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-
Conquest, Charles	D	Orange-Caledonia	17%	0%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Copeland-Hanzas, Sarah	D	Orange-2	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corcoran II, Timothy	D	Bennington-2-1	17%	26%	23%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Cordes, Mari	D	Addison-4	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CUPOLI, LAWRENCE	R	Rutland-5-2	83%	68%	79%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Demrow, Carl	D	Orange-1	8%	11%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
DICKINSON, EILEEN	R	Franklin-3-2	100%	71%	85%	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dolan, Katherine	D	Washington-7	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-
DONAHUE, ANNE	R	Washington-1	83%	53%	67%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Donovan, Johannah	D	Chittenden-6-5	0%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durfee, David	D	Bennington-3	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Elder, Caleb	D	Addison-4	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emmons, Alice	D	Windsor-3-2	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
FAGAN, PETER	R	Rutland-5-1	75%	50%	57%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Fegard, Charen	D	Franklin-5	25%	21%	23%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
FELTUS, MARTHA	R	Caledonia-4	67%	42%	55%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+
GAMACHE, MARIANNA	R	Franklin-4	100%	79%	86%	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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Gannon, John	D	Windham-6	0%	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gardner, Marcia	D	Chittenden-1	8%	6%	4%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ciambatista, Dylan	D	Chittenden-8-2	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-
Gonzalez, Diana	D	Chittenden-6-7	0%	n/a	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
GOSLANT, KENNETH	R	Washington-1	83%	61%	72%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Grad, Maxine	D	Washington-7	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAHAM, RODNEY	R	Orange-1	n/a†	63%	79%	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	X	-	X	X
GREGOIRE, JAMES	R	Franklin-6	67%	65%	66%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Haas, Sandy	D	Windsor-Rutland	0%	0%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HANGO, LISA	R	Franklin-5	83%	61%	72%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
HARRISON, JAMES	R	Rutland-Windsor-1	83%	53%	70%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Hashim, Nader	D	Windham-4	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HELM, ROBERT	R	Rutland-3	82%	89%	74%	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	-	+	+
HIGLEY, MARK	R	Orleans-Lamoille	100%	83%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hill, Matthew	D	Lamoille-2	0%	n/a	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hooper, Jay	D	Orange-Washington-Addison	17%	6%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Hooper, Mary	D	Washington-4	0%	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hooper, Robert	D	Chittenden-6-1	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Houghton, Lori	D	Chittenden-8-2	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Howard, Mary	D	Rutland-5-3	0%	n/a	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James, Kathleen	D	Bennington-4	8%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Jerome, Stephanie	D	Rutland-6	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Jessup, Kimberly	D	Washington-5	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Johnson, Mitzi	D	Grand Isle-Chittenden	n/a†	n/a	8%	X	-	-	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X
Killacky, John	D	Chittenden-7-3	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kimbell, Charles	D	Windsor-5	8%	17%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Kitzmiller, Warren	D	Washington-4	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-
Kornheiser, Emilie	D	Windham-2-1	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Krowinski, Jill	D	Chittenden-6-3	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LACLAIR, ROBERT	R	Washington-2	92%	63%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
LaLonde, Martin	D	Chittenden-7-1	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lanpher, Diane	D	Addison-3	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LEFEBVRE, PAUL	R	Essex-Caledonia-Orleans	58%	33%	55%	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
LEFFLER, FELISHA	R	Franklin-7	80%	58%	69%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	X
Lippert, William	D	Chittenden-4-2	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long, Emily	D	Windham-5	0%	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Macaig, Terence	D	Chittenden-2	0%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-
MARCOTTE, MICHAEL	R	Orleans-2	67%	56%	68%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
MARTEL, MARCIA	R	Caledonia-1	100%	73%	81%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Masland, James	D	Windsor-Orange-2	0%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
MATTOS, CHRISTOPHER	R	Chittenden-10	75%	65%	68%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
McCarthy, Michael	D	Franklin-3-1	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McCormack, Curt	D	Chittenden-6-3	0%	n/a	5%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MCCOY, PATRICIA	R	Rutland-1	83%	68%	70%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
McCullough, James	D	Chittenden-2	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MCFAUN, FRANCIS	R	Washington-2	75%	68%	66%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
MORGAN, LELAND	R	Grand Isle-Chittenden	83%	53%	68%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Morris, Kristi	D	Windsor-3-2	8%	n/a	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MORRISSEY, MARY	R	Bennington-2-2	91%	61%	75%	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+

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Murphy, Barbara	I	Franklin-2	25%	37%	41%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
MYERS, LINDA	R	Chittenden-8-1	75%	53%	65%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
Nicoll, Logan	D	Rutland-Windsor-2	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norris, Terry	I	Addison-Rutland	64%	59%	65%	-	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	+	+
Notte, William	D	Rutland-5-4	17%	16%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Noyes, Daniel	D	Lamoille-2	8%	21%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
O'Brien, John	D	Windsor-Orange-1	0%	6%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
O'Sullivan, Jean	D	Chittenden-6-2	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ode, Carol	D	Chittenden-6-1	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PAGE, WOODMAN	R	Orleans-2	67%	65%	66%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
Pajala, Kelly	I	Windham-Bennington-Windsor	25%	21%	22%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
PALASIK, JOHN	R	Chittenden-10	75%	61%	68%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Partridge, Carolyn	D	Windham-3	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Patt, Avram	D	Lamoille-Washington	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Potter, David	D	Rutland-2	17%	12%	17%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
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QUIMBY, CONSTANCE	R	Essex-Caledonia	100%	79%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rachelson, Barbara	D	Chittenden-6-6	8%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Ralph, Zachariah	D	Windsor-1	0%	6%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Redmond, Marybeth	D	Chittenden-8-1	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reed, Peter	I	Orange-Washington-Addison	25%	n/a	25%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-

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Rogers, Lucy	D	Lamoille-3	17%	16%	16%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
ROSENQUIST, CARL	R	Franklin-1	92%	84%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
SAVAGE, BRIAN	R	Franklin-4	83%	76%	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Scheu, Robin	D	Addison-1	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCHEUERMANN, HEIDI	R	Lamoille-1	75%	42%	63%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
SEYMOUR, PATRICK	R	Caledonia-4	58%	63%	61%	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
SHAW, CHARLES	R	Rutland-6	67%	58%	64%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
Sheldon, Amy	D	Addison-1	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sibilia, Laura	I	Windham-Bennington	42%	20%	35%	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
SMITH, BRIAN	R	Orleans-1	100%	72%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
SMITH, HARVEY	R	Addison-5	67%	65%	75%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
Squirrell, Trevor	D	Chittenden-3	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stevens, Thomas	D	Washington-Chittenden	0%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
STRONG, VICKI	R	Orleans-Caledonia	92%	71%	84%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Sullivan, Linda	D	Bennington-Rutland	25%	0%	15%	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Sullivan, Mary	D	Chittenden-6-5	0%	11%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Szott, Randall	D	Windsor-4-1	17%	11%	14%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Taylor, Curt	D	Chittenden-9-1	8%	5%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
TERENZINI, THOMAS	R	Rutland-4	75%	74%	76%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Till, George	D	Chittenden-3	0%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Toleno, Tristan	D	Windham-2-3	0%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toll, Catherine	D	Caledonia-Washington	0%	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
TOOF, CASEY	R	Franklin-3-1	75%	68%	72%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Townsend, Maida	D	Chittenden-7-4	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trieber, Matthew	D	Windham-3	n/a†	13%	15%	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Troiano, Joseph	D	Caledonia-2	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Tully, Kelley	D	Windham-3 District	30%	n/a	30%	-	x	x	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+
Walz, Tommy	D	Washington-3	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Webb, Kathryn	D	Chittenden-5-1	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White, Rebecca	D	Windsor-4-2	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wood, Theresa	D	Washington-Chittenden	8%	12%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Yacovone, David	D	Lamoille-Washington	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yantachka, Michael	D	Chittenden-4-1	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Young, Samuel	D	Orleans-Caledonia	0%	17%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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- S. 348 Eroding Election Integrity by Implementing a Vote-By-Mail Scheme Without Safeguards to Prevent Fraud.
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- H. 959 Hiking Property Taxes and Further Fueling Out-of-Control Spending.
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VERMONT HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. HR 21 Abusing the Legislative Resolution Process to Attack President Trump.** This highly politicized resolution meant to commemorate Juneteenth was instead used to attack President Trump and declare his use of social media as “highly inflammatory and racist.” ACU opposes this abuse of the legislative resolution process to attack President Trump and opposed this resolution. The House passed the resolution on June 19, 2020 by a vote of 128-17.
- 2. S. 23 Increasing Unemployment by Annually Raising the Minimum Wage.** This bill reduces employment opportunities by tying the minimum wage rate to inflation, ultimately hiking the minimum wage to over \$15 an hour. Under the bill, the state’s previous \$10.78 minimum wage rate is annually increased by 2.25 times the percentage increase of inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index. Once the minimum wage reaches \$15 per hour (2027, if inflation increases at its current rate), the minimum wage rate will continue to rise at the regular rate of inflation. ACU opposes increases in the minimum wage which harm those who especially need employment experience, such as students and inexperienced workers, supports the ability of employees to negotiate their own benefits and opposed this bill. The House voted to override the governor’s veto on February 25, 2020 by a vote of 100-49 and the bill became law.
- 3. H. 107 Imposing a New \$29 Million Payroll Tax on Employees for “Paid Leave” and Creating a New State-Run Program.** This bill would impose a new income tax to fund a socialized paid leave program known as the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. Under the bill, all employers would be required to remit 0.2% of each employee’s wages to government for deposit into a new paid leave insurance fund or establish an “alternative option” to provide similar benefits. The bill would guarantee up to 12 weeks of paid parental or bonding leave and up to 8 weeks of paid family care leave, also providing the opportunity for individuals to opt-in to a personal medical leave policy. Additionally, employers would be prohibited from taking any action against any employee who abuses the paid leave program. ACU opposes this new tax on employees and instead supports the right for employees to purchase their own paid leave insurance through the private sector and opposed this bill. The House voted to override the governor’s veto on February 5, 2020 by a vote of 99-51. (The veto was sustained lacking the necessary two-thirds vote to override.)
- 4. S. 119 Advancing the Left’s Attack on the Police.** This bill serves as an attack on law enforcement and would have tremendous negative consequences on local communities and public safety. This bill contains numerous provisions that expose officers to criminal and legal liabilities that impede their ability to properly carry out their duties as public servants. ACU supports responsible restrictions on law enforcement in order to protect the equal and fair application of the law, however, opposes vague measures which harm public safety and opposes this bill. The House passed the bill on September 22, 2020 by a vote of 106-37 and the bill became law without the governor’s signature.
- 5. S. 348 (Beck Amd.) Combatting Vote Fraud by Creating Penalties for “Ballot Harvesting.”** This Beck (ACUF Lifetime 56%) amendment strengthens the integrity of Vermont’s elections by combatting ballot harvesting, the practice of allowing political operatives and others to collect voters’ ballots and turn them in en masse to polling stations. Specifically, the bill makes it a criminal penalty for campaign staff, labor organizations, political action committees, corporations, or lobbyists to knowingly send in an absentee voter ballot application with another person’s name and personal information, unless expressly authorized by law. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and protect against “ballot harvesting” and supported this amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on June 12, 2020 by a vote of 50-94.
- 6. S. 348 Eroding Election Integrity by Implementing a Vote-By-Mail Scheme Without Safeguards to Prevent Fraud.** This bill threatens the integrity of elections by allowing the Secretary of State to implement a full-scale vote-by-mail operation during the 2020 general election. Under the bill, the Secretary is authorized to change election procedures, such as requiring ballots to be mailed to all registered voters, creating mail ballot collection stations, permitting early counting of ballots, and allowing drive-up voting. The bill implements all of these changes without imposing any penalties for ballot harvesting and without adequately cleaning the state’s election rolls. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving mail-in voting only for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU opposes efforts to weaken the integrity of elections by introducing opportunities for voter fraud which disenfranchise legal voters and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 12, 2020 by a vote of 115-29 and the bill became law without the governor’s signature.



7. **H. 688 Threatening Economic Catastrophe by Imposing Draconian Mandates on Carbon Dioxide Emissions.** This bill will have a devastating effect on the state economy by imposing draconian mandates on carbon dioxide emissions. Specifically, the bill requires a "Climate Council" to develop the "Vermont Climate Action Plan," proposing regulations and legislation to meet drastic emission reduction goals. These regulations will affect the transportation, building, utility, industrial, commercial, and agricultural sectors, in an attempt to reduce the emissions these sectors produce. Under the bill greenhouse gasses are required to be cut by 26% below 2005 emissions by 2025; 40% below 1990 emissions by 2030; and 80% below 1990 emissions by 2050. ACU opposes significantly raising consumer costs and harming the economy in order to advance a politicized, leftist climate change agenda and opposed this bill. The House voted to override the Governor's veto on September 17, 2020 by a vote of 103-47 and the bill became law.

 8. **H. 926 Further Infringing Property and Development Rights in Forested Areas.** This bill further infringes property rights by amending land use law to make it even more difficult to develop property in rural areas. Specifically, the bill places new barriers to obtain a permit if a development impacts a "forest block" or "connecting habitat". ACU Foundation's Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect the property rights of all landowners. ACU opposes further infringing property rights when the state and localities have already imposed numerous other environmental regulations and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on September 25, 2020 by a vote of 93-56 but the bill was vetoed by the Governor.

 9. **H. 959 Hiking Property Taxes and Further Fueling Out-of-Control Spending.** This bill hikes property taxes by an additional 3 cents per \$100 in assessed value while failing to make any cuts in the state's out of control spending. Due to the economic ramifications of COVID-19, the state's education fund is expected to run a \$100 million deficit. ACU believes the state should make significant cuts in its spending as opposed to further driving up housing costs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 29, 2020 by a vote of 127-20 and the bill was signed into law.

 10. **H. 961 (Browning Amd.) Protecting Taxpayers by Halting Government Employee Pay Raises During the Economic Downturn.** The Browning (ACUF Lifetime 54%) amendment to the budget bill would delay collective bargaining agreements - which give unionized government employees pay raises - until June 30, 2022. ACU supports this fiscally responsible measure at a time when countless individuals in the private sector are being laid off or losing their jobs due to COVID-19 and supported this amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on June 24, 2020 by a vote of 16-129.

 11. **H. 961 (Donahue Amd.) Hiking Lawmaker Pay During the Economic Downturn.** The Donahue (ACUF Lifetime 67%) amendment to the budget bill will lead to future pay raises for legislators through changes in rate of increase provisions. Specifically, this amendment contained a provision that would permanently change how legislators would receive pay raises in the future, decoupling regular cost of living increases from those granted to state employees and tying them to the rate of increase allocated to constitutional officers beginning in July 2021, resulting in a legislative pay increase. ACU opposes hiking lawmaker pay at a time when countless individuals in the private sector are being laid off or losing their jobs due to COVID-19 and opposed this amendment. The House passed the amendment on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 82-61 and the underlying bill was signed into law.

 12. **H. 969 (Briglin Amd.) Expanding Government Bureaucracy to Conduct Superfluous "Climate Research."** The Briglin (ACUF Lifetime 6%) amendment would provide \$586,000 to the Agency of Natural Resources to fund the first year of the draconian Global Warming Solutions Act (H.688). The funds would be used to establish three full-time limited-service positions, cover costs associated with providing administrative, technical, and legal support, and to hire consultations and experts to implement the act. ACU opposes further fueling the Left's politicized environmental agenda, especially at a time the state is facing a significant financial fallout from COVID-19 and opposed this amendment. The House passed the amendment on September 11, 2020 by a vote of 100-42 and the underlying bill was signed into law.
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