



2020 MINNESOTA SCORECARD

2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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**CAL
BAHR**
DISTRICT 31B
State Representative



**JEREMY
MUNSON**
DISTRICT 23B
State Representative



**STEVE
DRAZKOWSKI**
DISTRICT 21B
State Representative



**SHANE
MEKELUND**
DISTRICT 15B
State Representative



ABOUT THIS SCORECARD



Scorecard Key

Action 4 Liberty rates bills positively when they expand individual freedoms and reduce government control. We annotate legislator's vote that are in agreement with our position as "+". When a legislator votes in opposition, we mark the vote as "-". If the legislator was absent for the vote, we annotate it with "A" and that vote does not count towards their overall score.

Scores above 90% would be considered an "A" grade. We expect all Republicans to be at this level which would represent a commitment to the conservative values they profess to have on the campaign trail. Scores below 60% are failing grades.

We separate the presentation of scores between Democrats and Republicans for several reasons. Democrat legislators generally do not profess the same belief in expanding individual freedoms and reducing government control as we do. Their scores can be somewhat misleading. A Democrat legislator might vote for our position on a bill not based on the same principles, but because it does not grow government enough. For information on every year, please visit:

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NOTES ON THE 2020 SESSION

For three straight years, no Republican State Senator has had a passing grade on our scorecard. We only scored senators on nine votes, seven of them are the same as the votes in the house. If a state senator voted the same way as Rep Cal Bahr on those seven votes, he or she would've at least scored a C grade. Instead, the top scoring senators only had a score of 40%.

There's a big difference in scores between the New House Republican Caucus and the Old House Republican Caucus. Three of the four NHRC's members are the top voters (Bahr, Munson & Draskowski).

Action 4 Liberty usually releases our scorecard immediately following the regular legislative session. However, this year was unique because every time the Governor extended his emergency powers, he was required to call back the Legislature. We wanted to capture the entirety of their record in this scorecard.



VOTE TO END WALZ' EMERGENCY POWERS

Action 4 Liberty led the fight against Governor Walz' abuse of Chapter 12 "Emergency Powers" since March. It became clear to our team early on that Walz' shutdown was an illegal act and the biggest threat to our liberties in the modern era. We also knew that it would crush Minnesota's economy.

On April 14th, we worked with Reps Munson & Draskowski to force a procedural vote on the End Walz' Emergency Powers Resolution (HC8). That vote was opposed by Democrat and Republican leadership. Only eleven Republican legislators ignored the order by Minority Leader Kurt Daudt to oppose the Resolution. The vote only received 15 votes in support.

Two weeks later, after Action 4 Liberty pressured Republican legislators, the Resolution received support from all 59 Republicans in the House. Democrats were all sticking by their Party's Governor. The vote did not pass the House.

Action 4 Liberty started putting the heat on the Republican Senate. However, we could not find a champion to go against Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, who continued to kill the Resolution in caucus.

The Senate adjourned sine die in May without even a vote on the Resolution.

We started putting a lot of pressure on Senate Republican leadership in June and targeted vulnerable Democrats in the House to pass the Resolution when Governor Walz was obligated to call the Legislature back for a special session upon extending his emergency powers for another 30 days.

On June 13th, the Senate Republicans passed the Resolution with bipartisan support. In the Minnesota House, the Resolution failed but received two Democrats in support. Action 4 Liberty started to gain momentum on this important issue.

For the next four months we continued gaining more Democrat votes in the House. On the final pre-election vote in October, five Democrats supported the measure. In order to pass the Resolution, we needed four more Democrats. So we took the message to voters in targeted districts and on November 3rd, voters decided to fire those four Democrats.

