



HEROES & ZEROS



Who's Representing Your Values in the Minnesota State Legislature?

HEROES

House

- Mark Anderson (09A).....100%
- Paul Anderson (12B).....100%
- Mike Beard (55A).....100%
- Kurt Daudt (31A).....100%
- Greg Davids (28B).....100%
- Bob Dettmer (39A).....100%
- Mary Franson (08B).....100%
- Jerry Hertaus (33A).....100%
- Joe Hoppe (47B).....100%
- Tim Kelly (21A).....100%
- Tara Mack (57A).....100%
- Denny McNamara (54B).....100%
- Pam Myhra (56A).....100%
- Jim Newberger (15B).....100%
- Tim O'Driscoll (13B).....100%
- Cindy Pugh (33B).....100%
- Tim Sanders (37B).....100%
- Joe Schomacker (22A).....100%
- Dean Urdahl (18A).....100%
- Kelby Woodard (20A).....100%
- Nick Zerwas (30A).....100%

Senate

- Michelle Benson (31).....100%
- David Brown (15).....100%
- Roger Chamberlain (38).....100%
- Michelle Fischbach (13).....100%
- Paul Gazelka (9).....100%
- David Hann (48).....100%
- Karin Housley (39).....100%
- Bill Ingebrigtsen (8).....100%
- Mary Kiffmeyer (30).....100%
- Scott Newman (18).....100%
- Sean Nienow (32).....100%
- Julie Rosen (23).....100%
- Carrie Ruud (10).....100%

Career Heroes (lifetime)

House

- Kurt Daudt (31A).....100%

Senate

- Michelle Benson (31).....100%
- Paul Gazelka (9).....100%
- Sean Nienow (32).....100%

Minnesota Majority's 2013 State Legislative Scorecard

Minnesota Majority tracked 11 House votes and 10 Senate votes in the 2013 legislative session, spanning a wide range of issues including taxes, government spending, elections, childcare unionization, property rights and energy policy. This scorecard thus paints a complete picture of where legislators stand on social, fiscal and liberty issues. Their votes represent the front line in defense of Minnesota's core values.

We have scored each state legislator on how well they supported the traditional values position on the issues. In the 2013 session, 34 legislators earned a perfect 100% score and were our top "Heroes."

On the opposite side we have the "Zeros" – legislators who more often than not voted against the interests of everyday Minnesotans. These legislators supported policies that would raise your taxes, expand government and reduce your freedoms. A total of 81 legislators were "Zeros", with scores at 10% or less, including two with 0%.

Career Heroes and Zeros

4 legislators have lifetime scores of 100%. That means that for as long as they have held their current office, they have reliably supported Minnesota Majority's traditional values positions.

Sadly, 39 lawmakers have made careers of consistently working against Minnesota's traditional values and have lifetime scores of 10% or less.

See How Your Senator and Representative Voted

We tracked the voting records of all 201 state legislators. Use the scorecard to see how yours performed this session.

You Can Make a Difference

Contact your legislators and tell them how you feel about their score. Help spread the word by distributing copies of this scorecard to your friends and neighbors. Register to receive our email updates by visiting our website.



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ZEROS

House

- Raymond Dehn (59B).....0%

Senate

- Bobby Joe Champion (59).....0%

Dishonorable Mentions

- Too Many To List.....81
- See The Scorecard.....

Career "Zeros" (lifetime)

House

- Kathy Brynaert (19B).....5%
- Lyndon Carlson Sr. (45A).....5%
- Alice Hausman (66A).....5%
- Frank Hornstein (61A).....4%
- Sheldon Johnson (67B).....4%
- Phyllis Kahn (60B).....5%
- Tim Mahoney (67A).....5%
- Carlos Mariani (65B).....5%
- Jean Wagenius (63B).....5%

Senate

- Jeff Hayden (62).....5%

Minnesota Majority 2013 Legislative Scorecard for the MN House of Representatives

Last	First	District	Term	Party	Energy		Marriage & Family	Education	Life		Gov. & Politics		Rights & Liberties	Spending & Taxes		2013 Score	Career Score
					1	2			3	4	5	6		7	8		
Leidiger	Ernie	47A	2nd	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	91%	95%
Lenczewski	Ann	50B	8th	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	27%	25%
Lesch	John	66B	6th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	13%
Liebling	Tina	26A	5th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	18%	10%
Lien	Ben	04A	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Lillie	Leon	43B	5th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	7%
Loeffler	Diane	60A	5th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	6%
Lohmer	Kathy	39B	2nd	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		+	+	90%	92%
Loon	Jenifer	48B	3rd	R	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91%	88%
Mack	Tara	57A	3rd	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	93%
Mahoney	Tim	67A	8th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	5%
Mariani	Carlos	65B	12th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	5%
Marquart	Paul	04B	7th	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	27%	22%
Masin	Sandra	51A	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
McDonald	Joe	29A	2nd	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	91%	92%
McNamar	Jay	12A	1st	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	36%	na
McNamara	Denny	54B	6th	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	88%
Melin	Carly	06A	2nd	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	17%
Metsa	Jason	06B	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Moran	Rena	65A	2nd	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	8%
Morgan	Will	56B	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Mullery	Joe	59A	9th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	7%
Murphy	Mary	03B	19th	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	27%	19%
Murphy	Erin	64A	4th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	6%
Myhra	Pam	56A	2nd	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	94%
Nelson	Michael V.	40A	6th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	7%
Newberger	Jim	15B	1st	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	na
Newton	Jerry	37A	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Nornes	Bud	08A	9th	R	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	82%	87%
Norton	Kim	25B	4th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	18%	17%
O'Driscoll	Tim	13B	2nd	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	91%
O'Neill	Marion	29B	1st	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	91%	na
Paymar	Michael	64B	9th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	8%
Pelowski Jr.	Gene	28A	14th	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	36%	33%
Peppin	Joyce	34A	5th	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		+	+	90%	94%
Persell	John	05A	3rd	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	11%
Petersburg	John	24A	1st	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	91%	na
Poppe	Jeanne	27B	5th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	17%
Pugh	Cindy	33B	1st	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	na
Quam	Duane	25A	2nd	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	91%	92%
Radinovich	Joe	10B	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Rosenthal	Paul	49B	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Runbeck	Linda	38A	2nd	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	91%	92%
Sanders	Tim	37B	3rd	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	96%
Savick	Shannon	27A	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Sawatzky	Mary	17B	1st	D	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	36%	na
Schoen	Dan	54A	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Schomacker	Joe	22A	2nd	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	91%
Scott	Peggy	35B	3rd	R	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+		+	89%	93%
Selcer	Yvonne	48A	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Simon	Steve	46B	5th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	9%
Simonson	Erik	07B	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Slocum	Linda	50A	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Sundin	Mike	11A	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Swedzinski	Chris	16A	2nd	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	82%	85%
Theis	Tama	14A	1st	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	82%	na
Thissen	Paul	61B	6th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	7%
Torkelson	Paul	16B	3rd	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	91%	89%
Uglen	Mark	36A	1st	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	82%	na
Urdahl	Dean	18A	6th	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	88%
Wagenius	Jean	63B	14th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	5%
Ward	John	10A	4th	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	27%	24%
Ward	JoAnn	53A	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Wills	Anna	57B	1st	R	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+		+	90%	na
Winkler	Ryan	46A	4th	D	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	9%	8%

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					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11					
Woodard	Kelby	20A	2nd	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	94%
Yarusso	Barb	42A	1st	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9%	na
Zellers	Kurt	34B	6th	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91%	95%
Zerwas	Nick	30A	1st	R	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	na

Legend

Supported Our Position "+" Voted Against Our Position "-" Did not vote on the bill "|"

1) Energy (HF729): The energy omnibus bill included new & increased fees, as well as increased mandates on unreliable & expensive renewable energy. The combination means higher energy costs for hardworking Minnesotans. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against higher energy prices. Passed. House Journal p.4722

2) Same Sex Marriage (HF1054): While Minnesotans didn't vote to define traditional marriage in the Constitution, they didn't want same-sex marriage legalized. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a no vote against redefining marriage. Passed. House Journal p.4334

3) Resident tuition for illegal immigrants (SF1236): This legislation allows illegal immigrants to not only receive discounted resident tuition rates, but also for illegal immigrants to apply for, and receive taxpayer funded assistance for college. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against rewarding illegal immigration. Passed. House Journal p.4889

4) Abortion Isn't An Essential Health Benefit (Amendment to HF779): This amendment specified that abortion would not be covered under the State Health Insurance Exchange essential health benefit package except in cases where the life of the mother is at risk, or pregnancies resulting from incest or rape. Our position: For. A "+" indicates a vote against including elective abortion procedures in the State essential health benefit package. Passed and removed in Conference Committee. House Journal p.3782.

5) No Mandated Abortion Coverage (Amendment to HF779): This amendment updated existing law to include the newly formed Health Insurance Exchange stating that abortion coverage cannot be mandated. Our position: For. A "+" indicates a vote in favor of expanding protections from mandated abortion coverage. Passed and removed in Conference Committee. House Journal p.3783

6) Election Reform (HF894): Minnesota saw real election reform, with policies Minnesota Majority fought for, such as, a reduction in the number of individuals who one person can vouch for, and an e-Poll Book pilot program. Our position: For. A "+" indicates a vote supporting real election reform. Passed. House Journal p. 6346

7) Health Insurance Exchange (HF5): MNSURE, or the Minnesota Health Insurance exchange was called a "gamble" by Governor Dayton, Minnesotans health care is too important to gamble on, especially when it is expected to drive costs of health insurance higher. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against establishing the insurance exchange. Passed. House Journal p.1059

8) Childcare Unionization (SF778): This legislation redefines independent, small business owners as state employees in what appears to be political payback to bailout big government unions on the backs of low-income families. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against unionizing childcare providers. Passed. House Journal p.6345

9) Transportation Fee Increases (HF1444): The Transportation omnibus bill includes a provision which allows for a statewide expansion of the wheelage tax, as well as doubling the fee until 2018, when it quadruples from pre-2012 levels. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against increasing this hidden tax. Passed. House Journal p.5963

10) \$800 Million Bonding Bill (HF270): Before the legislature had even passed their budget or knew how much they would have to spend, an \$800 million bonding bill was voted on. It's simple, budget before you borrow. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against borrowing \$800 million before budgeting was even complete. Failed. House Journal p.4849

11) Everyone Pays More (HF677): The tax plan passed includes new tax hikes that hit all hardworking Minnesotans. A recently published tax incidence study shows low-income families who can afford it the least see their tax burden increase more than the states top earners. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against raising taxes. Passed. House Journal p.6296

Minnesota Majority 2013 Legislative Scorecard for the MN Senate

Last	First	District	Term	Party	Energy		Marriage & Family		Education		Gov. & Politics			Rights & Liberties		Taxes & Spending		2013 Score	Career Score
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
Tomassoni	David	6	5th	D	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20%	18%
Torres Ray	Patricia	63	3rd	D	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%	8%
Webber	Bill	22	1st	R	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	na
Westrom	Torrey	12	1st	R	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+		+				78%	na
Wiger	Charles	43	6th	D	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%	9%
Wiklund	Melissa	50	1st	D	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	20%	na

Legend

Supported Our Position "+" Voted Against Our Position "-" Did not vote on the bill "|"

1)Energy (HF729): The energy omnibus bill included new & increased fees, as well as increased mandates on unreliable & expensive renewable energy. The combination means higher energy costs for hardworking Minnesotans. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against higher energy prices. Passed. Senate Journal p.3932

2)Marriage (HF1054): While Minnesotans didn't vote to define traditional marriage in the Constitution, they didn't want same-sex marriage legalized. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a no vote against redefining marriage. Passed. Senate Journal p.3584

3)No Child Leaves School Hungry (Amendment HF826): Children learn better when they aren't hungry. Combine that fact with the fact meals thrown away every day by schools, this common sense amendment to the bullying bill would have ensured children receiving reduced cost meals at school would not be turned away if their family couldn't afford to purchase it. Our position: For. A "+" indicates a vote in favor of ensuring no child leaves school hungry. Failed. Senate Journal p.5218

4) Resident tuition for illegal immigrants (SF1236): This legislation allows illegal immigrants to not only receive discounted resident tuition rates, but also for illegal immigrants to apply for, and receive taxpayer funded assistance for college. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against rewarding illegal immigration. Passed. Senate Journal p.3995

5) Election Reform (HF894): Minnesota saw real election reform, with policies Minnesota Majority fought for, such as, a reduction in the number of individuals who one person can vouch for, and an e-Poll Book pilot program. Our position: For. A "+" indicates a vote supporting real election reform. Passed. Senate Journal p. 5321

6) Health Insurance Exchange (HF5): MNSURE, or the Minnesota Health Insurance exchange was called a "gamble" by Governor Dayton, Minnesotans health care is too important to gamble on, especially when it is expected to drive costs of health insurance higher. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against establishing the insurance exchange. Passed. Senate Journal p.1055

7) Pay Raises For Themselves (SF1589 1st Engrossment 3rd Reading): This vote included a 35% pay increase for State Senators to themselves. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against politicians increasing their pay 35%. Passed. Amended in Conference Committee. Senate Journal p.1868.

8) Childcare Unionization (SF778): This legislation redefines independent, small business owners as state employees in what appears to be political payback to bailout big government unions on the backs of low-income families. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against unionizing childcare providers. Passed. Senate Journal p.3695

9) Transportation Fee Increases (HF1444): The Transportation omnibus bill includes a provision which allows for a statewide expansion of the wheelage tax, as well as doubling the fee until 2018, when it quadruples from pre-2012 levels. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against increasing this hidden tax. Passed. Senate Journal p.3570

10) Everyone Pays More (HF677): The tax plan passed includes new tax hikes that hit all hardworking Minnesotans. A recently published tax incidence study shows low-income families who can afford it the least see their tax burden increase more than the states top earners. Our position: Opposed. A "+" indicates a vote against raising taxes. Passed. Senate Journal p.5750