

# Voting Record

YOUR LEGISLATORS'  
VOTING RECORD ON  
SMALL BUSINESS ISSUES

**ISSUES:** Votes cast by members of the Nebraska Legislature on bills of interest to small-business owners during the past two legislative sessions are listed below. While the Voting Record cannot reflect every consideration that legislators take into account when casting votes, it can serve as a guide to evaluating lawmakers' understanding of the issues of importance to small-business. Please thank those legislators who helped maintain a good business climate in our state.

**1 Repeal of Alternative Minimum Tax (LB308):** Repeals Nebraska's alternative minimum tax (AMT), established in the 1960s to target very wealthy taxpayers. Over time, the AMT had adversely impacted more middle-class taxpayers and Nebraska was one of only nine states that continued to impose the AMT. **A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position.** The bill passed on a vote of 48-0 (2013 vote). Signed by the governor.

**2 Carryforward Business Operating Losses (LB308):** Allows businesses up to 20 years to claim their net operating losses for income tax purposes, rather than only five years under prior law. Nebraska had been one of only five states with a five-year carry-forward limitation and the new law is consistent with provisions of federal law. **A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position.** The amendment was adopted on a vote of 34-0 (2013 vote). Signed by the governor.

**3 Nebraska Internship Act (LB476):** Enhances the existing statewide internship program by allowing greater flexibility for businesses, educational institutions and students. Expands eligibility

to first- and second-year students and replaces minimum weekly and hourly requirements with a focus on quality internships in technical and professional areas. **A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position.** The bill passed on a vote of 46-0 (2013 vote). Signed by the governor.

**4 Ag Repairs and Replacement Parts Sales Tax Exemption (LB 96):** Exempts agricultural repairs and replacement parts from the state sales tax. Places Nebraska on par with our surrounding states and eliminates "border bleeding" resulting from purchases of repairs and replacement parts in states where the tax did not exist. **A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position.** The bill passed on a vote of 40-0 (2014 vote). Signed by the governor.

**5 Minimum Wage Increase (LB 943):** Increases the state's minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$9.00 per hour over the next three years. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** The bill failed to advance on a vote of 20-20 (2014 vote).

**6 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund Increase (LB 905):** A vote on General File to adopt an

amendment to LB 905 that provides an additional \$20 million in funding for the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. **A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position.** The amendment failed on a vote of 20-18 (2014 vote).

**7 Minimum Wage Increase (LB 943 – Tipped Employees):** A vote on General File to adopt an amendment to LB 943 that would have increased the state's minimum wage for employees who receive tips. **A "No" vote supports the NFIB position.** The amendment failed on a vote of 24-11 (2014 vote).

**8 Income Tax Relief (LB 987):** A vote on comprehensive income tax legislation that indexes income tax brackets for inflation and exempts a portion of military retirement benefits and social security benefits from income taxation. **A "Yes" vote supports the NFIB position.** The bill passed on a vote of 44-0 (2014 vote). Signed by the governor.

## VOTING KEY

- y = Voted "Yes"
- n = Voted "No"
- = Not Voting
- % = Percentage of Votes for the NFIB Position
- N/A = At Least Five Recorded Votes Are Needed to Assign a Percentage

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STATE LEGISLATURE ISSUE NUMBER NFIB POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	%
	y	y	y	y	n	y	n	y	100%
Adams, Greg (York)	y	y	y	y	--	n	y	y	71%
Ashford, Brad (Omaha)	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	63%
Avery, Bill (Lincoln)	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	63%
Bloomfield, Dave (Hoskins)	y	y	y	y	n	y	--	y	100%
Bolz, Kate (Lincoln)	y	--	y	y	y	--	y	y	67%
Brasch, Lydia (Bancroft)	y	y	y	y	n	y	n	y	100%
Campbell, Kathy (Lincoln)	y	--	y	y	y	n	y	y	57%
Carlson, Tom (Holdrege)	y	y	y	y	n	n	n	y	88%
Chambers, Ernie (Omaha)	y	--	--	--	y	n	y	--	n/a
Christensen, Mark (Imperial)	y	--	y	y	n	y	--	y	100%
Coash, Colby (Lincoln)	y	--	y	--	n	n	--	y	80%
Conrad, Danielle (Lincoln)	y	y	--	y	y	n	y	y	57%
Cook, Tanya (Omaha)	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	63%
Crawford, Sue (Bellevue)	y	--	y	y	y	n	y	y	57%
Davis, Al (Hyannis)	y	y	y	--	n	y	--	--	100%
Dubas, Annette (Fullerton)	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	63%
**Garrett, Tommy (Bellevue)	--	--	--	y	n	y	--	y	N/A

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	y	y	y	y	n	y	n	y	100%
Gloor, Mike (Grand Island)	y	y	y	--	n	n	n	y	86%
Haar, Ken (Malcolm)	y	--	y	y	y	n	y	y	57%
Hadley, Galen (Kearney)	y	y	y	y	n	y	--	y	100%
Hansen, Tom (North Platte)	y	y	y	--	n	y	--	y	100%
Harms, John N. (Scottsbluff)	y	y	y	--	y	--	y	--	60%
Harr, Burke (Omaha)	y	--	y	y	y	--	y	y	67%
Howard, Sara (Omaha)	y	--	y	y	--	--	--	y	N/A
Janssen, Charlie (Fremont)	y	--	y	--	--	y	--	--	N/A
Johnson, Jerry (Wahoo)	y	y	y	y	--	y	--	y	100%
Karpisek, Russ (Wilber)	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	75%
Kintner, Bill (Papillion)	y	y	--	y	n	y	n	y	100%
Kolowski, Rick (Omaha)	y	y	y	--	y	n	y	y	57%
Krist, Bob (Omaha)	y	y	y	y	--	n	y	y	71%
Larson, Tyson (O'Neill)	y	--	y	y	n	y	n	y	100%
Lathrop, Steve (Omaha)	y	y	y	y	y	--	y	y	71%
Lautenbaugh, Scott (Omaha)	y	--	y	--	n	n	--	--	N/A
McCoy, Beau (Omaha)	y	y	y	y	n	y	n	y	100%

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McGill, Amanda (Lincoln)	y	--	y	y	y	n	y	--	50%
Mello, Heath (Omaha)	y	--	y	y	y	--	y	y	67%
Murante, John (Gretna)	y	y	y	y	n	y	n	y	100%
Nelson, John E. (Omaha)	y	y	y	y	n	--	n	y	100%
Nordquist, Jeremy J. (Omaha)	y	y	y	y	y	--	y	y	71%
Pirsch, Pete (Omaha)	y	y	y	y	n	y	n	y	100%
**Price, Scott (Bellevue)	y	y	y	--	--	--	--	--	n/a
Scheer, Jim (Norfolk)	y	y	y	y	--	y	--	y	100%
Schilz, Ken (Ogallala)	y	y	y	y	n	--	n	y	100%
Schumacher, Paul (Columbus)	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	y	88%
Seiler, Les (Hastings)	--	y	y	y	--	n	--	y	80%
Smith, Jim (Papillion)	y	--	y	y	n	--	n	y	100%
Sullivan, Kate (Cedar Rapids)	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	75%
Wallman, Norm (Cortland)	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	75%
Watermeier, Dan (Syracuse)	y	y	y	y	--	y	--	y	100%
Wightman, John (Lexington)	y	y	y	y	--	--	y	y	83%

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