

2014 KEY VOTE SCORECARD



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A Message From AFP-Minnesota State Director John Cooney

The 2014 legislative session, like the 2013 session, was an object lesson in why the Founders of America decided to impose checks and balances in the structure of our government: the more obstacles there are to governing, the less our legislators will be able to overreach.

Unfortunately, when the two houses of the legislature and the Governor are of the same party, there are a lot fewer checks on big government. It had been a decade since we last saw that scenario here in Minnesota, and I guess voters forgot what a bad idea it turns out to be...until this biennium.

When politicians bicker, they are annoying. But when they are working together to impose a big government ideology, they can do real damage.

The 2014 session was promoted as the “unsession” by the Governor. Unfortunately, the liberal viewpoint wasn’t “we will undo the damage we created in 2013.” Rather, it was “we will force Minnesota further down the path of radical policies devoted to growing government at an astonishing rate and at a pace the revenue-generating private sector economy simply cannot sustain.”

To continue on this unsustainable path of growing government beyond the means of our economy will suffocate the very people, families and small businesses it claims to protect and promote.

We recently released the 2014 Economic Freedom Scorecard to grade Minnesota state legislators on key votes on issues concerning economic freedom. As the nation’s largest and most effective advocate for economic freedom, we believe reducing the size, scope, cost and intrusiveness of government is the best way to promote individual productivity and prosperity for all Minnesotans. This starts with holding our elected officials accountable for their voting records.

The recent legislative session rapidly advanced the dangerous trend begun in 2013 toward a bigger, more intrusive government that endangers the economic freedom of all. We believe Minnesotans deserve a more responsible approach than that. Our economic freedom and future vitality depend on it.

We hope you find the scorecard to be an informative examination of how all of our 201 legislators voted on important issues that directly impact Minnesota families, businesses and our overall economic freedom and prosperity.

Thank you for all you do for economic freedom,



John Cooney
State Director, Americans for Prosperity-Minnesota



AFP-Minnesota's 2014 Economic Freedom Scorecard

The 2014 Economic Freedom Scorecard includes 2,500 individual votes from all 201 Minnesota state legislators on issues important to economic freedom.

Priority legislative issues areas include Budgets and Spending, Energy and the Environment, Health Care and Entitlements, Labor, Education and Pensions, Property Rights and Taxes. Legislators were scored on their vote as it relates to AFP-Minnesota's stated position. All votes are weighed equally and a missed vote by a legislator does not directly impact his or her score. Final scores for each legislator are determined by their percentage of votes cast with AFP's position.

We encourage our activists to review and compare how their lawmakers voted and hold them accountable for their support of or opposition to economic freedom.

Scorecard Key

-  = Voted with AFP Minnesota's Position
-  = Voted against AFP Minnesota's Position
- NV = Did not vote

Grade Scale	60%-79%...C
100%.....A+	20%-59%...D
90%-99%...A	1%-19%.....D-
80%-89%...B	0%.....F

Economic Freedom

In broad terms, economic freedom is the extent to which you can pursue economic activity without interference from government, as long as your actions do not violate the identical rights of others.¹

Here at Americans for Prosperity, we are dedicated to advancing economic freedom and prosperity in Minnesota and throughout the country as the best means for improving our standard of living and creating a vibrant economy with opportunity for all. Studies show that societies of higher economic freedom enjoy healthier and longer life spans, less unemployment, lower poverty, cleaner environments, higher literacy rates and an overall better quality of life.

Our network of dedicated grassroots activists advocate for public policies that champion entrepreneurship and fiscal and regulatory restraint in the pursuit of increasing our nation's economic freedom. Our continued dedication to these goals is required in order to keep Minnesota one of the best places to live, work and raise a family.

¹ www.embraceeconomicfreedom.com

House Key Votes

2014 Votes

Vote 1 - Min Wage Increase Vote to take off the table

Result: Taken from Table HJ 6618. Rolled into HF 2091

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote on indexing future minimum wage increases applicable to all employers beginning on January 1, 2016. The wage is adjusted annually each January 1 thereafter. Provides the method for adjusting the minimum wage in 2016 and thereafter using the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers.

Vote 2 - Omnibus pensions and retirement bill.

Result: Passed HJ9775

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote on a bill that included the Duluth teachers union bailout.

Vote 3 - Public Employment Relations Board created

Result: Passed HJ9655

AFP's Position: Oppose

This Bill Creates a Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) to hear unfair labor practice charges under the Public Employment Labor Relations Act (PELRA) and unfair labor practice charges involving charitable hospitals.

Vote 4 - Omnibus supplemental appropriations bill.

Result: Passed HJ9375

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote on MnSCU; settlement of employment contracts. Appropriates \$17 million to the Board of Trustees for purposes of settling its outstanding labor contracts. The Board's appropriation base is increased by \$14 million in fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

Vote 5 - Limousine regulation amended.

Result: Passed HJ9881

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote on a bill that raises the minimum required level of per accident insurance for each limousine, from \$300,000 to \$1.5 million.

Vote 6 - Smart phone "kill switch"

Result: Passed HJ10509

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote on a bill that increases regulation through creation of smart phone "kill switch" anti-theft functionality required to deter theft, and wireless communication device acquisition and resale requirements established.

Vote 7 - Labor agreements and compensation plans ratification

Result: Passed HJ7573

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote on a bill that ratifies Labor agreements and provides increases in compensation plans.

Vote 8 - Amends provisions relating to corporations and limited liability companies.

Result: Passed HJ8582

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote on a bill that formalizes the process of the secretary of state conducting a prefiling review of a business document. Imposes a \$250 review fee and requires the fee to be credited to the UCC account.

Vote 9 - WESA

Result: Failed HJ10477

AFP's Position: Support

This was a vote on the Anderson motion to reject the conference committee report and send the report back to the committee.

Vote 10 - Environmental Permitting

Result: Failed HJ1089a

AFP's Position: Support

This was a vote on the Fabian amendment that would have shortened the time to process permits from 90 days to 75 days.

Vote 11 - Recycling Mandate

Result: Passed HJ9867a

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote on the Hornstein amendment that mandated recycling on businesses in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, starting in January 2016.

Vote 12 - Omnibus supplemental tax bill.

Result: Failed HJ9392a

AFP's Position: Support

This was a vote on the Anderson amendment to the omnibus supplemental tax would have mitigated the \$77 million business property tax shift in this bill by lowering the statewide levy.



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Minnesota House Score Card 2014

Representative	Party	District	VOTE 1	VOTE 2	VOTE 3	VOTE 4	VOTE 5	VOTE 6	VOTE 7	VOTE 8	VOTE 9	VOTE 10	VOTE 11	VOTE 12	Grade	Score
Murphy, Erin	DFL	64A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	0%
Murphy, Mary	DFL	03B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	0%
Myhra, Pam	R	56A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A+	100%
Nelson, Michael V.	DFL	40A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	0%
Newberger, Jim	R	15B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A+	100%
Newton, Jerry	DFL	37A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	0%
Nornes, Bud	R	08A	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	92%
Norton, Kim	DFL	25B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	0%
O'Driscoll, Tim	R	13B	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	B	83%
O'Neill, Marion	R	29B	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	C	75%
Paymar, Michael	DFL	64B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	nv	X	X	X	F	0%
Pelowski Jr., Gene	DFL	28A	X	nv	X	X	X	X	X	X	nv	X	X	X	F	0%
Peppin, Joyce	R	34A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A+	100%
Persell, John	DFL	05A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	nv	X	X	X	X	F	0%
Petersburg, John	R	24A	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	92%
Poppe, Jeanne	DFL	27B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	0%
Pugh, Cindy	R	33B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A+	100%
Quam, Duane	R	25A	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A+	100%
Radinovich, Joe	DFL	10B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	0%
Rosenthal, Paul	DFL	49B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	D-	17%
Runbeck, Linda	R	38A	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	B	83%
Sanders, Tim	R	37B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A+	100%
Savick, Shannon	DFL	27A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	0%
Sawatzky, Mary	DFL	17B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	0%
Schoen, Dan	DFL	54A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	0%
Schomacker, Joe	R	22A	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	92%
Scott, Peggy	R	35B	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	nv	B	82%
Selcer, Yvonne	DFL	48A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	D-	17%
Simon, Steve	DFL	46B	X	X	X	nv	X	X	X	X	nv	X	X	nv	F	0%

Senate Key Votes

2014 Votes

Vote 1 - Omnibus pensions and retirement bill

Result: Passed SJ9699

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote on the final passage of the Omnibus Pension Bill Conference Committee report that has a \$26M bailout for FY14/15 for the failing Duluth and St. Paul Teachers Pensions and increases the benefit for Retired Duluth Teachers

Vote 2 - Public Employment Relations Board created

Result: Passed SJ8484

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote on a bill to create a Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) appointed by the Governor and labor allies to circumvent the courts to hear unfair labor practice charges under the Public Employment Labor Relations Act (PELRA) and unfair labor practice charges involving charitable hospitals

Vote 3 - Min Wage increase

Result: Passed SJ8015

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote on private and public employee labor standards, minimum wage increases, and further regulations of state employee use of donated vacation leave

Vote 4 - Environmental Permitting

Result: Failed SJ 8963a

AFP's Position: Support

This was a vote on the Ingebrigtsen amendment offered would have shortened the time to process permits from 90 days to 75 days

Vote 5 - Recycling Mandate Committee report

Result: Passed SJ8715

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote on the conference committee report containing a mandate on all Twin Cities businesses to collect three of four items including, but not limited to: paper; glass; plastic; and metal, effective January 2016

Vote 6 - WESA (Motion to reject conference report)

Result: Failed SJ8990

AFP's Position: Support

This was a vote on the motion made would have rejected the conference committee report and sent the report back to the committee

Vote 7 - Smart phone "kill switch"

Result: Passed SJ8998

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote to increase regulation through creation of smart phone "kill switch" anti-theft functionality required to deter theft, and wireless communication device acquisition and establishing resale requirements

Vote 8 - Labor agreements and compensation plans ratification

Result: Passed SJ6084

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote to ratify Labor agreements and increase in compensation plans

Vote 9 - MNsure Rates

Result: Failed SJ7851

AFP's Position: Support

This was a vote on the Rosen amendment that would require the commissioner of Commerce to publish insurance rates inside and outside the health insurance exchange by October 1

Vote 10 - Environmental and natural resources trust fund appropriations

Result: Passed SJ8720

AFP's Position: Oppose

This was a vote on increasing environmental spending and land acquisition, removal of sunset provision for the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

Vote 11 - Sunday Liquor Sales

Result: Failed SJ8742

AFP's Position: Support

This was a vote on the Peterson amendment that allowed Sunday sales of alcohol in MN

Vote 12 - Civil Forfeiture Reform

Result: Passed SJ8275

AFP's Position: Support

This was a vote to require conviction for judicial forfeiture of property associated with controlled substances offenses and vehicles used in drive-by shootings



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Anderson, Bruce	R	29	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	A	92%
Bakk, Tom	DFL	3	nv	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	nv	F	0%
Benson, Michelle	R	31	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A+	100%
Bonoff, Terri	DFL	44	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	D	25%
Brown, Dave	R	15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv	A+	100%
Carlson, Jim	DFL	51	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	D-	17%
Chamberlain, Roger	R	38	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A+	100%
Champion, Bobby Joe	DFL	59	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	nv	F	0%
Clausen, Greg	DFL	57	✗	nv	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	9%
Cohen, Dick	DFL	64	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	nv	F	0%
Dahle, Kevin	DFL	20	✗	nv	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	9%
Dahms, Gary	R	16	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	C	73%
Dibble, Scott	DFL	61	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	D-	17%
Dziedzic, Kari	DFL	60	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	8%
Eaton, Chris	DFL	40	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	8%
Eken, Kent	DFL	4	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	17%
Fischbach, Michelle	R	13	nv	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	C	64%
Franzen, Melisa	DFL	49	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	8%
Gazelka, Paul	R	9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	nv	✗	✓	A	90%
Goodwin, Barb	DFL	41	✗	✓	✗	✗	nv	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	18%
Hall, Dan	R	56	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	A	92%
Hann, David	R	48	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓	A+	100%
Hawj, Foung	DFL	67	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	F	17%
Hayden, Jeff	DFL	62	✗	nv	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	nv	F	0%
Hoffman, John	DFL	36	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	8%
Housley, Karin	R	39	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A+	100%
Ingebrihtsen, Bill	R	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	C	75%
Jensen, Vicki	DFL	24	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D	25%
Johnson, Alice	DFL	37	nv	nv	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	10%



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Susan Kent	DFL	53	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	D-	17%
Mary Kiffmeyer	R	30	nv	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	A	90%
Lyle Koenen	DFL	17	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D	25%
Ron Latz	DFL	46	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	8%
Warren Limmer	R	34	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	A	92%
Tony Lourey	DFL	11	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	8%
John Marty	DFL	66	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	8%
James Metzen	DFL	52	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	8%
Jeremy Miller	R	28	nv	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	C	64%
Carla Nelson	R	26	✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	C	73%
Scott Newman	R	18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	B	83%
Sean Nienow	R	32	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	nv	A	91%
Julianne Ortman	R	47	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	✓	✓	A+	100%
David Osmek	R	33	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	A	92%
Sandy Pappas	DFL	65	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	D-	17%
John Pederson	R	14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	nv	✗	✓	A	90%
Branden Petersen	R	35	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	92%
Eric Pratt	R	55	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	C	75%
Roger Reinert	DFL	7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	nv	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	D-	18%
Ann Rest	DFL	45	✗	✗	✗	✗	nv	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	D	27%
Julie Rosen	R	23	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	C	58%
Carrie Ruud	R	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	nv	✓	✓	A+	100%
Tom Saxhaug	DFL	5	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	D-	8%
Bev Scalze	DFL	42	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	D-	17%
Matt Schmit	DFL	21	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	nv	✗	✓	✓	D-	18%
Dave Senjem	R	25	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	nv	✓	B	82%
Kathy Sheran	DFL	19	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	8%
Katie Sieben	DFL	54	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	nv	D-	9%
Rod Skoe	DFL	2	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	D-	17%

About AFP-MN

Americans for Prosperity is a grassroots movement of over 2.3 million activists nationwide who advocate and promote limited government, lower taxes and more freedom. We have over 19,000 activists across the state of Minnesota who are taking action every day on behalf of the free market movement and influencing decision makers. Whether it's calling members of congress or the legislature, gathering with fellow activists, or attending an AFP event in their neighborhood - AFP activists are making a difference in the fight against big government on the local and national level.

We encourage you to join the over 19,000 members of AFP in Minnesota and the 2.3 million activists nationwide on the front line in the fight against big government. As an AFP activist we will provide you with action alerts that allow you to contact your elected officials, updates on how you can promote limited government and provide you with the tools to make your voice heard.

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