



**AFSCME  
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LEGISLATIVE  
REPORT CARD**

# 2016 Minnesota Legislative Session

## HOUSE

### BANNING PRIVATE PRISONS

- House Amendment to Omnibus Public Safety Bill to ban private prisons. The amendment would prohibit the State of Minnesota from housing inmates in a privately owned correctional facility.

A “Yes” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

### RATIFYING OUR STATE CONTRACT

- House bill to ratify AFSCME contracts. The bill also contained several “Right to Work provisions”.

A “No” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

### REMOVING DESTRUCTIVE PROVISIONS TO RATIFY STATE CONTRACT

- House Amendment to contract ratification bill. The amendment would put all contracts into one bill for a clean vote on the House Floor.

A “Yes” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

### PROTECTING OUR PENSIONS

- House Amendment to preserve cost of living adjustment to pension plans for retirees. The amendment would maintain the COLA of 2% for public employees.

A “Yes” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

### BONDING TO PRESERVE AND BUILD OUR STATE

- The House bonding bill did not include the Department of Natural Resources full request.
- The House did not include the full request of the Department of Corrections.
- The House did not include the full request for the Department of Human Services

A “No” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

## **SENATE**

### **FUNDING FOR SAFE STAFFING AND STATE AGENCIES**

- The Senate’s supplemental budget included money to fund the deficiency within State Operated Community Services, money for the Minnesota Security Hospital, and money to increase beds and staffing within Direct Care and Treatment.
- The bill funded the Department of Corrections increased staffing levels as well as an appropriation of \$10,442,000 to cover the increased costs of compensation.
- The bill included an increased appropriation of \$5.1 million for Parks and Trails Management.

A “Yes” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

### **SLASHING FUNDING FOR STATE AGENCIES AND EDUCATION**

- The amendment eliminated the appropriations for HHS, Public Safety, E-12 Education, Higher Education and Natural Resources and appropriated over \$463 million in cash for earmarked rather than the historical to bond transportation projects. A dangerous precedent.

A “No” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

### **RATIFYING THE STATE CONTRACT**

- This vote was to ratify our Labor contract.

A “Yes” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

### **RESTRICTING CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

- This amendment would have required all future labor contract settlements to not exceed the appropriation provided by the Legislature to the relevant agency in a given year. This would have inserted the Legislature directly into the negotiating process and diminish our Union’s ability to collectively bargain.

A “No” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

**Key for Scorecard**

"R" = voted to support AFSCME's position

"W" = voted to oppose AFSCME's position

"NV" = did not vote