



# **2011 Legislative Scorecard**

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**2010/2011 Roll Call Vote Scores**

***South Carolina Business & Industry  
Political Education Committee***

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# SC BIPEC Legislative Scorecard

For every session of the South Carolina General Assembly since 1985, SC BIPEC has used roll call votes on business and industry issues to calculate a Vote Score for each member of the South Carolina Senate and House of Representatives. BIPEC's Vote Scores accurately reflect a legislator's voting record on business and industry issues. The process for calculating a Vote Score is as follows: 1) the BIPECPAC Executive Board rates bills Business Positive or Business Negative; 2) roll call votes on BIPECPAC Rated Bills are recorded from the official legislative journals; 3) each bill vote is weighted relative to all bills under consideration; 4) a raw vote score is calculated based on each legislator's recorded votes; and 5) points are awarded for sponsoring Business Positive legislation and deducted for sponsoring Business Negative legislation.

The BIPEC District Score represents the strength of business and industry in each legislative district and is determined by applying numerous demographic variables and algorithms. Districts with higher scores are more likely to elect pro-business legislators and result in higher expectations on the part of business and industry. District Scores change approximately every ten years with reapportionment.

## **South Carolina House of Representatives 2010 & 2011**

| <u>Legislator</u>   | <u>District</u> | <u>District Score</u> | <u>Vote Score</u> |             | <u>Legislator</u>      | <u>District</u> | <u>District Score</u> | <u>Vote Score</u> |             |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|                     |                 |                       | <u>2010</u>       | <u>2011</u> |                        |                 |                       | <u>2010</u>       | <u>2011</u> |
| Agnew, Paul L.      | 11              | 40                    | 63.60             | 49.67       | Govan, Jerry           | 95              | 42                    | 77.12             | 42.97       |
| Alexander, Terry    | 59              | 29                    | 41.90             | 30.06       | Hamilton, Dan          | 20              | 95                    | 100               | 90.00       |
| Allen, Karl         | 25              | 23                    | 53.55             | 57.10       | Hardwick, Nelson       | 106             | 85                    | 94.30             | 86.56       |
| Allison, Rita       | 36              | 56                    | 94.70             | 79.44       | Harrell, Bobby         | 114             | 100                   | 90.20             | 75.89       |
| Anderson, Carl      | 103             | 20                    | 62.40             | 48.35       | Harrison, James H.     | 75              | 100                   | 90.30             | 71.47       |
| Anthony, Mike       | 42              | 37                    | 44.50             | 71.23       | Hart, Chris            | 73              | 12                    | 33.10             | 24.33       |
| Atwater, Todd K.    | 87              | 100                   | NS                | 82.67       | Hayes, Jackie          | 55              | 27                    | 55.70             | 68.56       |
| Bales, Jimmy        | 80              | 63                    | 72.80             | 55.00       | Hearn, George          | 105             | 64                    | 88.00             | 88.44       |
| Ballentine, Nathan  | 71              | 100                   | 100               | 68.68       | Henderson, Phyllis     | 21              | 100                   | NS                | 80.67       |
| Bannister, Bruce    | 24              | 100                   | 84.10             | 67.00       | Herbkersman, Bill      | 118             | 26                    | 58.00             | 73.89       |
| Barfield, Liston    | 58              | 47                    | 81.78             | 73.28       | Hiott, David           | 4               | 57                    | 92.00             | 88.93       |
| Battle, James       | 57              | 18                    | 80.00             | 61.33       | Hixon, Bill            | 83              | 80                    | NS                | 90.21       |
| Bedingfield, Eric   | 28              | 89                    | 100               | 94.89       | Hodges, Kenneth        | 121             | 31                    | 31.60             | 58.80       |
| Bikas, Eric J.      | 26              | 54                    | NS                | 71.44       | Home, Jenny            | 94              | 77                    | 88.30             | 75.53       |
| Bingham, Kenny      | 89              | 70                    | 97.10             | 86.89       | Hosey, Lonnie          | 91              | 21                    | 27.40             | 52.89       |
| Bowen, Don          | 8               | 60                    | 75.70             | 80.00       | Howard, Leon           | 76              | 40                    | 30.90             | 43.11       |
| Bowers, Bill        | 120             | 41                    | 26.20             | 56.06       | Huggins, Chip          | 85              | 100                   | 95.02             | 78.89       |
| Brady, Joan         | 78              | 100                   | 69.70             | 71.56       | Jefferson, Jr., Joseph | 102             | 32                    | 30.20             | 39.83       |
| Branham, Lester     | 61              | 35                    | 68.00             | 66.22       | Johnson, Kevin L.      | 64              | 28                    | NS                | NS          |
| Brannon, Doug       | 38              | 66                    | NS                | 78.00       | King, John             | 49              | 41                    | 29.40             | 37.23       |
| Brantley, Curtis    | 122             | 34                    | 38.90             | 51.11       | Knight, Patsy          | 97              | 46                    | 71.90             | 44.82       |
| Brown, Boyd         | 41              | 19                    | 71.55             | 51.72       | Limehouse, Chip        | 110             | 100                   | 88.54             | 76.61       |
| Brown, Grady A.     | 50              | 17                    | 55.50             | 47.46       | Loftis, Dwight         | 19              | 64                    | 86.66             | 76.44       |
| Brown, Robert L.    | 116             | 40                    | 40.84             | 42.11       | Long, Deborah          | 45              | 50                    | 78.70             | 87.89       |
| Butler Garrick, Mia | 79              | 100                   | NS                | 52.76       | Lowe, Phillip          | 60              | 59                    | 78.60             | 85.22       |
| Chumley, Bill       | 35              | 74                    | NS                | 76.67       | Lucas, Jay             | 65              | 47                    | 75.90             | 90.00       |
| Clemmons, Alan      | 107             | 90                    | 83.10             | 85.36       | Mack, David            | 109             | 25                    | 46.80             | 36.33       |
| Clyburn, Bill       | 82              | 26                    | 76.90             | 57.11       | McCoy, Jr., Peter M.   | 115             | 100                   | NS                | 88.00       |
| Cobb-Hunter, Gilda  | 66              | 18                    | 45.70             | 32.11       | McEachern, Joe         | 77              | 53                    | 69.70             | 75.67       |
| Cole, Derham        | 32              | 74                    | 90.50             | 79.89       | McLeod, Walt           | 40              | 45                    | 62.40             | 65.64       |
| Cooper, Daniel T.   | 10              | 79                    | 78.10             | 68.16       | Merrill, James         | 99              | 60                    | 86.12             | 67.86       |
| Corbin, Thomas D.   | 17              | 69                    | NS                | 93.04       | Mitchell, Harold       | 31              | 8                     | 51.86             | 46.33       |
| Crawford, Kris      | 63              | 100                   | 85.39             | 68.01       | Moss, Dennis C.        | 29              | 52                    | 94.30             | 93.44       |
| Crosby, Bill        | 117             | 53                    | NS                | 82.89       | Moss, Steve            | 30              | 38                    | 79.70             | 78.83       |
| Daning, Joe         | 92              | 82                    | 83.90             | 84.44       | Munnertyn, Elizabeth   | 54              | 20                    | NS                | 57.11       |
| Delleney, Greg      | 43              | 54                    | 88.10             | 85.11       | Murphy, Chris          | 98              | 96                    | NS                | 76.89       |
| Dillard, Chandra    | 23              | 20                    | 59.30             | 54.11       | Nanney, Wendy          | 22              | 90                    | 91.64             | 85.58       |
| Edge, Tracy         | 104             | 64                    | 54.80             | 61.63       | Neal, Jimmy            | 44              | 42                    | 68.90             | 69.78       |
| Erickson, Shannon   | 124             | 75                    | 84.00             | 96.78       | Neal, Joe              | 70              | 25                    | 24.70             | 27.56       |
| Forrester, Mike     | 34              | 75                    | 99.80             | 78.67       | Neilson, Denny         | 56              | 42                    | 57.30             | 54.89       |
| Frye, Marion        | 39              | 44                    | 79.80             | 76.44       | Norman, Ralph W.       | 48              | 100                   | 100               | 77.56       |
| Funderburk, Laurie  | 52              | 52                    | 72.70             | 58.16       | Ott, Harry             | 93              | 42                    | 61.60             | 68.00       |
| Gambrell, Michael   | 7               | 49                    | 77.40             | 71.56       | Owens, Phillip         | 5               | 67                    | 93.90             | 89.33       |
| Gilliard, Wendell   | 111             | 33                    | 24.40             | 36.33       | Parker, Steve          | 37              | 54                    | 97.60             | 83.67       |

**South Carolina  
House of Representatives  
2010 & 2011 (Continued)**

| Legislator        | District | District Score | Vote Score |       |
|-------------------|----------|----------------|------------|-------|
|                   |          |                | 2010       | 2011  |
| Parks, Anne       | 12       | 16             | 49.60      | 44.67 |
| Patrick, Andy     | 123      | 100            | NS         | 79.90 |
| Pinson, Gene      | 13       | 62             | 71.60      | 83.67 |
| Pitts, Mike       | 14       | 48             | 70.60      | 76.78 |
| Pope, Tommy       | 47       | 69             | NS         | 85.21 |
| Quinn, Rick       | 69       | 100            | NS         | 78.44 |
| Rutherford, Todd  | 74       | 29             | 1.00       | 25.22 |
| Ryan, Kevin R.    | 108      | 74             | NS         | 86.42 |
| Sabb, Ronnie A.   | 101      | 17             | NS         | 31.78 |
| Sandifer, Bill    | 2        | 68             | 87.80      | 98.12 |
| Sellers, Bakari   | 90       | 30             | 36.80      | 37.65 |
| Simrill, Gary     | 46       | 80             | 80.30      | 91.78 |
| Skelton, B.R.     | 3        | 78             | 80.60      | 64.78 |
| Smith, G. Murrell | 67       | 60             | 79.10      | 87.25 |
| Smith, Gary       | 27       | 100            | 99.80      | 96.78 |
| Smith, J. Roland  | 84       | 47             | 97.10      | 84.57 |
| Smith, James      | 72       | 88             | 45.70      | 40.81 |
| Sottile, Mike     | 112      | 100            | 82.70      | 82.89 |
| Spires, Kit       | 96       | 51             | 80.20      | 70.21 |
| Stavrinakis, Leon | 119      | 100            | 65.40      | 66.27 |
| Stringer, Tommy   | 18       | 65             | 97.40      | 64.78 |
| Tallon, Eddie     | 33       | 65             | NS         | 70.33 |
| Taylor, Bill      | 86       | 51             | NS         | 93.44 |
| Thayer, Anne J.   | 9        | 54             | NS         | 87.44 |
| Toole, Mac        | 88       | 73             | 100        | 73.33 |
| Tribble, David    | 15       | 43             | NS         | 85.56 |
| Umphlett, David   | 100      | 60             | 79.70      | NS    |
| Vick, Ted Martin  | 53       | 36             | 39.70      | NS    |
| Viers, Thad       | 68       | 73             | 86.20      | 87.73 |
| Weeks, David      | 51       | 16             | 48.50      | 37.89 |
| Whipper, J. Seth  | 113      | 27             | 7.10       | 33.00 |
| White, Brian      | 6        | 66             | 86.90      | 81.00 |
| Whitmire, Bill    | 1        | 58             | 96.30      | 77.11 |
| Williams, Robert  | 62       | 20             | 56.30      | 47.61 |
| Willis, Mark      | 16       | 42             | 93.20      | 86.67 |
| Young, Tom        | 81       | 100            | 100        | 93.44 |

**South Carolina Senate  
2010 & 2011**

| Legislator           | District | District Score | Vote Score |       |
|----------------------|----------|----------------|------------|-------|
|                      |          |                | 2010       | 2011  |
| Alexander, Thomas    | 1        | 65.59          | 83.90      | 81.78 |
| Anderson, Ralph      | 7        | 29.82          | 39.15      | 27.67 |
| Bright, Lee          | 12       | 68.72          | 83.95      | 91.67 |
| Bryant, Kevin        | 3        | 76.59          | 91.00      | 95.00 |
| Campbell, Paul G.    | 44       | 80.33          | 74.78      | 89.90 |
| Campsen, Chip        | 43       | 59.52          | 71.38      | 100   |
| Cleary, Raymond      | 34       | 100            | 62.38      | 81.57 |
| Coleman, Creightman  | 17       | 27.93          | 29.65      | 34.11 |
| Courson, John        | 20       | 100            | 86.75      | 73.80 |
| Cromer, Ronnie       | 18       | 58.57          | 81.93      | 90.56 |
| Davis, Tom           | 46       | 93.89          | 89.00      | 86.89 |
| Elliot, Dick         | 28       | 50.84          | 74.55      | 48.00 |
| Fair, Michael        | 6        | 100            | 78.80      | 91.22 |
| Ford, Robert         | 42       | 22.57          | 12.25      | 25.67 |
| Gregory, Chauncey K. | 16       | 64.19          | NS         | NS    |
| Grooms, Larry        | 37       | 51.87          | 73.85      | 86.19 |
| Hayes, Wes           | 15       | 75.00          | 77.20      | 81.91 |
| Hutto, Brad          | 40       | 33.14          | 36.75      | 42.89 |
| Jackson, Darrell     | 21       | 32.67          | 40.25      | 24.81 |
| Knotts, Jake         | 23       | 100            | 75.15      | 77.78 |
| Land, John           | 36       | 22.38          | 41.05      | 40.44 |
| Leatherman, Hugh     | 31       | 69.20          | 81.90      | 77.78 |
| Leventis, Phil       | 35       | 49.89          | 38.55      | 31.56 |
| Lourie, Joel         | 22       | 100            | 74.02      | 56.43 |
| Malloy, Gerald       | 29       | 34.42          | 55.55      | 60.67 |
| Martin, Larry        | 2        | 64.70          | 75.20      | 78.78 |
| Martin, Shane        | 13       | 66.28          | 80.30      | 88.67 |
| Massey, Shane        | 25       | 40.27          | 82.60      | 82.56 |
| Matthews, John       | 39       | 25.49          | NS         | 43.67 |
| McConnell, Glenn     | 41       | 100            | 79.70      | 84.78 |
| McGill, Yancey       | 32       | 18.14          | 64.75      | 75.00 |
| Nicholson, Floyd     | 10       | 39.50          | 49.72      | 66.67 |
| O'Dell, William      | 4        | 45.21          | 62.30      | 88.56 |
| Peeler, Harvey       | 14       | 53.02          | 78.10      | 91.74 |
| Pinckney, Clementa   | 45       | 32.46          | 26.45      | 33.89 |
| Rankin, Luke         | 33       | 70.11          | 68.10      | 44.65 |
| Reese, Glenn         | 11       | 42.80          | 57.10      | 62.11 |
| Rose, Mike           | 38       | 76.68          | 65.70      | 89.44 |
| Ryberg, Greg         | 24       | 77.65          | 66.80      | 100   |
| Scott, John L.       | 19       | 33.76          | 55.55      | 52.00 |
| Setzler, Nikki       | 26       | 58.61          | 85.60      | 74.00 |
| Sheheen, Vincent     | 27       | 42.19          | 47.12      | 26.67 |
| Shoopman, Phillip    | 5        | 66.55          | 89.00      | 89.74 |
| Thomas, David        | 8        | 100            | 76.09      | 63.22 |
| Verdin, Danny        | 9        | 53.37          | 85.00      | 100   |
| Williams, Kent       | 30       | 18.40          | 42.17      | 72.67 |

**2011 Session House Roll Call Votes Used in BIPEC  
Legislative Scorecard Calculations**

- 1) Second Reading - Durable Medical Equipment Sales Tax Exemption w/ Nexus Sales Tax Exemption (S36). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative --- 4.33% of Score
- 2) Second Reading - Secret Ballot (S277). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 9% of Score
- 3) Second Reading - Regulations Same Status as Federal Law / Vacating Law (S420). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2.67% of Score
- 4) Second Reading - Increase Time to Appeal Decision of Deputy or Resident Fire Marshall (S693). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2.22% of Score
- 5) Second Reading - Employee Discrimination Charge Forwarded to Dept of Labor (S694). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2.22% of Score
- 6) Second Reading - Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act (S705). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2.11% of Score
- 7) Second Reading - Small Business Credit Initiative (S824). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 3.56% of Score
- 8) Second Reading - State Agency Fee Increases (H3051). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 5.33% of Score
- 9) Second Reading - Workers' Compensation Loss Costs (H3111). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2.44% of Score
- 10) Second Reading - Impact Fee Exemption for Schools (H3192). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative --- 2.33% of Score
- 11) Second Reading - Exemptions for Automobile Insurers (H3373). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2.44% of Score
- 12) Second Reading - S.C. Fairness in Civil Justice Act of 2011 (H3375). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 5.28% of Score
- 13) Third Reading - S.C. Fairness in Civil Justice Act of 2011 (H3375). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 7.28% of Score
- 14) Motion To Table Bill - Educational Opportunity Act (H3407). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Positive --- 2.06% of Score
- 15) Table Motion To Reconsider - Educational Opportunity Act (H3407). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Positive --- 2.28% of Score
- 16) Adopt Ament 1 - Nexus Tax Determination with Sales Tax Exemption Amendment (H3488 A1). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative --- 4.22% of Score
- 17) Second Reading - Broadband Service Definition Changes (H3508). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2.78% of Score
- 18) Table Amendment 1 - Broadband Service Definition Changes, No New Government Telecommunication and Broadband Service after 7/1/2014 (H3508). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Positive --- 2.44% of Score
- 19) Concur w/ Senate Amendments - Third Party Limited Liability (H3584). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 1.44% of Score
- 20) Concur w/ Senate Amendments - Maintenance Dredging Exempt from DHEC (H3587). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 1.89% of Score
- 21) Second Reading - SC Employer Free Speech Act (H3658). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2.44% of Score
- 22) Second Reading - Expands Textiles Revitalization Act to Govt Properties (H3688). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative --- 3.33% of Score
- 23) Third Reading - Expands Textiles Revitalization Act to Govt Properties (H3688). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative --- 3.56% of Score
- 24) Second Reading - Exemption to Eliminate Increase From Assessable Transfer (H3713). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative --- 3.56% of Score
- 25) Concur w/ Senate Amendments - to Eliminate Increase From Assessable Transfer - As amended by Senate (H3713). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative --- 2.89% of Score
- 26) Second Reading - Jobs Tax Credit Expansion (H3720). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 1.44% of Score
- 27) Second Reading - Landplaster and Liming Regulation (H3772). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2% of Score
- 28) Second Reading - Bill Wylie Entrepreneurship Act of 2011 (H3779). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2% of Score

29) Table Motion To Adjourn Debate - Assessment Discount Applies to Five Lots Instead of Ten (H3934). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 3% of Score

30) Second Reading - Unemployment Compensation Revisions - As Amended (H4198). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 7.44% of Score

**2011 Session Senate Roll Call Votes Used in BIPEC  
Legislative Scorecard Calculations**

1) Waive Rule 32C - Allows vote on Durable Medical Equipment Sales Tax Exemption w/ Nexus Sales Tax Exemption without sending S36 to Committee (S36). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative --- 6.78

2) Table Amendment 14 - Durable Medical Equipment Sales Tax Exemption w/ Nexus Sales Tax Exemption, Amendment would Level Playing Field by Requiring all Business to Collect Taxes in Like Fashion (S36). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative --- 6.78

3) Set for Special Order - Secret Ballot (S277). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 10.67

4) Second Reading - Secret Ballot (S277). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 11.33

5) Second Reading - Regulations Same Status as Federal Law / Vacating Law (S420). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 5.56

6) Second Reading - Increase Time to Appeal Decision of Deputy or Resident Fire Marshall (S693). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2.67

7) Second Reading - Employee Discrimination Charge Forwarded to Dept of Labor (S694). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2.78

8) Second Reading - Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act (S705). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2.44

9) Second Reading - Small Business Credit Initiative (S824). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 5.56

10) Second Reading - Health Insurance Premium Mandate (H3344). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative --- 4.67

11) Motion to Reconsider Second Reading - Health Insurance Premium Mandate (H3344). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Negative --- 3.78

12) Second Reading - Exemptions for Auto Insurers (H3373). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 3.22

13) Second Reading - S.C. Fairness in Civil Justice Act of 2011 (H3375). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 8.78

14) Second Reading - Third Party Limited Liability (H3584). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2.56

15) Second Reading - Maintenance Dredging Exempt from DHEC (H3587). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 2.89

16) Third Reading - Exemption to Eliminate Increase From Assessable Transfer - As amended by Senate (H3713). Preferred Vote: Nay; Business Negative --- 6

17) Second Reading - UI Estimates to Repay Debt in 8 Years If Amended (H3762). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 10.44

18) Second Reading - Landplaster and Liming Regulation (H3772). Preferred Vote: Aye; Business Positive --- 3.11