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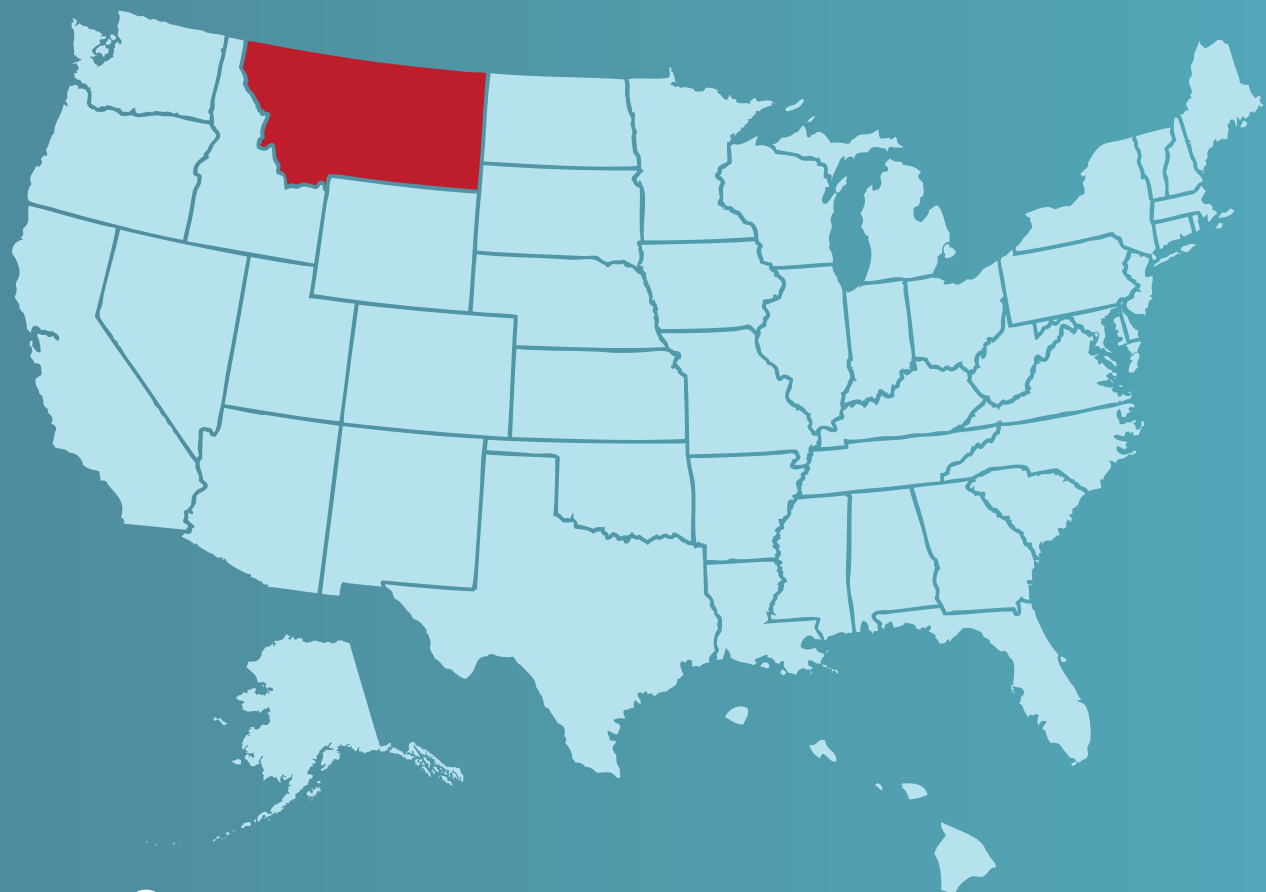
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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

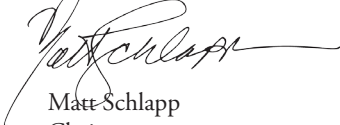
Dear Fellow Conservatives,

I am pleased to present the American Conservative Union Foundation's ratings for the 2015 meeting of the Montana Legislature. Like our Congressional Ratings, our State Ratings reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The Montana legislators with the strongest scores voted most consistently with the ideals articulated in the US Constitution: limited and transparent government, individual rights, personal responsibility, and a healthy culture.

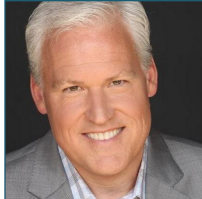
The 2014 election completed a political transformation that began in 2010 and resulted in voters of almost half the states, 23 in all, entrusting Republicans with the governorships as well as control of both chambers in the respective state, the biggest sweep since the first half of the 20th Century.

By examining all our State Ratings (which cover a wide variety of issues) we can see which states have best used their Republican majorities to apply conservative principles, how others have struggled, and in yet other states, how conservatives have stood up against liberal majorities. I know that this guide will provide you with the most comprehensive evaluative tool to learn how your legislators measure up.

Sincerely,



Matt Schlapp  
Chairman  
American Conservative Union





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## SELECTING THE VOTES

ACU researched and selected a range of bills before the Montana Legislature that determine a member's adherence to conservative principles. We selected bills that focus on Ronald Reagan's philosophy of the "three-legged stool": 1) *fiscal and economic*: taxes, budgets, regulation, spending, healthcare, and property; 2) *social and cultural*: 2nd amendment, religion, life, welfare, and education; and 3) *government integrity*: voting, individual liberty, privacy, and transparency. This wide range of issues are designed to give citizens an accurate assessment that conveys which of Montana's elected leaders best defend the principles of a free society: Life, Liberty and Property.

## 2015 WINNERS & LOSERS

### 90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

#### SENATE

ARNTZEN  
 BARRETT, DEBBY  
 BLASDEL  
 BRENDEN  
 FIELDER  
 HANSEN  
 HINKLE  
 HOWARD  
 KARY  
 KEENAN  
 MOORE  
 ROSENDALE  
 SALES  
 SMITH  
 SWANDAL  
 TAYLOR  
 THOMAS  
 VANCE  
 WEBB

#### HOUSE

BALLANCE	HERTZ	PINOCCI
BENNETT, J.	HESS	RANDALL
BERGLEE	HOLMLUND	REDFIELD
BERRY	JONES	REGIER
BRODEHL	KNUDSEN	RICCI
BURNETT	LAMM	RICHMOND
CUFFE	LANG	SCHWADERER
DOANE	LASZLOFFY	STAFFANSON
EHLI	LAVIN	TSCHIDA
FITZPATRICK	MANDEVILLE	WAGONER
FLYNN	McKAMEY	WHITE
GLIMM	MONFORTON	WITTICH
GREEF	MORTENSEN	ZOLNIKOV
HAGSTROM	NOLAND	
HARRIS	OSMUNDSON	

### 80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

#### SENATE

BROWN, D.  
 RIPLEY  
 VINCENT

#### HOUSE

BROWN, B.	MANZELLA	SALOMON
ESSMANN	MEYERS	SHAW
FISCUS	MILLER	WELBORN
HOLLAND-SWORTH	MOORE	
	OLSZEWSKI	

### <10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

#### SENATE

Driscoll  
 Moe

#### HOUSE

Bennett, B.	Kipp	Price
Brown, Z.	Lieser	Smith
Curdy	MacDonald	Steenberg
Dudik	McClafferty	Swanson
Dunwell	McConnell	Tropila
Eck	Olsen	Webber
Ellis	Pease-Lopez	Williams
Hayman	Peppers	Wilson
Hill	Perry	Woods
Hunter	Person	
Karjala	Pierson	
Kelker	Pope	



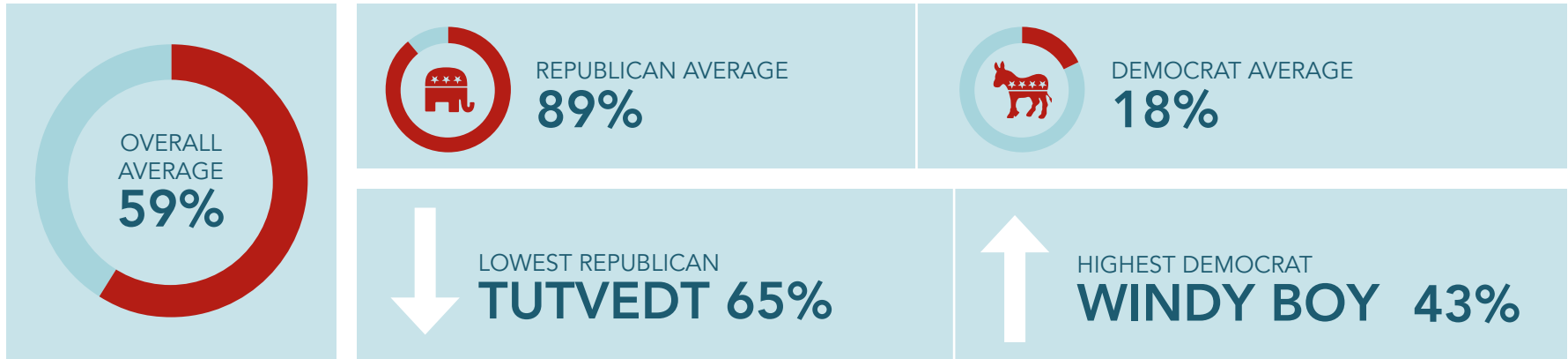
## MONTANA SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **SB 114 Hydropower.** This bill allows hydropower to be classified as a renewable energy source. ACU believes that all forms of energy should compete within the free market and government should refrain from helping favored energy sources and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 21, 2015 by a vote of 34-16.
2. **SB 148 Welfare Fraud.** This bill directs the state to hire an outside contractor to audit the eligibility of welfare recipients, including those receiving Medicaid and food stamps. ACU supports every attempt to remove waste, fraud and abuse in welfare programs and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 24, 2015 by a vote of 29-21.
3. **SB 321 Energy Regulation.** This bill removes propane companies from the legal definition of a public utility so they would not be regulated by the state Public Utility Commission. ACU supports a freer energy market and supported this bill. The Senate voted to pass this bill on February 24, 2015 by a vote of 41-9.
4. **HB 166 Tax Cuts.** This bill calls for an across-the-board income tax cut by cutting each bracket by 20 percent. ACU supports pro-growth tax relief and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 25, 2015 by a vote of 29-21.
5. **SB 328 Children Savings Account.** This bill creates a "Children Savings Account" for every parent, which would start with handing out government checks to every parent. ACU opposes this misguided use of the taxpayer's money and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 26 by a vote of 26-24.
6. **HB 16 Telephone Subsidies.** This bill repeals the Montana low income telephone subsidy program. ACU opposes this program that pays for often unneeded landline telephone service without verifying eligibility for the program and supported this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on March 6, 2015 by a vote of 22-26.
7. **HB 203 Second Amendment Rights.** This bill prevents the state from enforcing any federal ban on firearms or magazines. ACU supports protecting our founder's belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 12, 2015 by a vote of 27-22.
8. **HB 298 Concealed Carry.** This bill allows for lawful concealed carry without a permit. ACU supports protecting our founder's belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 12, 2015 by a vote of 28-21.
9. **SB 241 Minimum Wage.** This bill prohibits localities from setting the minimum wage higher than those of the state. ACU opposes these artificial wages at all levels of government that costs jobs among those who are most in need and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 19, 2015 by a vote of 27-20.
10. **HB 297 Driving Laws.** This bill prohibits the use of any wireless device to read a message as well as write or send a message but exempts the use of navigation devices or citizens band radios. ACU opposes these discriminatory bans as a primary offense and opposed this bill. The Senate voted to "indefinitely postpone," or kill, the bill on March 28, 2015 by a vote of 29-18. (A "yes" vote reflects the ACU position).
11. **HB 256 Obamacare Implementation.** This bill requires General Assembly approval of any proposal to expand Medicaid under Obamacare. ACU opposes the expansion of a program rife with waste and abuse with no reforms and supported this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on March 28, 2015 by a vote of 23-27.
12. **SB 414 Seasonal Employer Regulations.** This bill eases unemployment insurance regulations for those businesses which are seasonal employers. ACU supports labor reforms that recognize the problem of "one size fits all" regulations and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 31, 2015 by a vote of 30-20.
13. **HB 587 Abortion Restrictions.** This bill requires the presence of a physician during abortion procedures. ACU views abortion as a human tragedy and supports efforts to restrict the practice and educate patients, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 9, 2015 by a vote of 29-21.
14. **HB 29 Professional Services Regulation.** This bill streamlines regulations governing real estate appraisers, making it easier for a new appraiser to obtain a license. ACU opposes licensing requirements for every professional service that are primarily designed to prevent competition and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 9, 2015 by a vote of 39-11.
15. **SB 289 Campaign Finance.** This bill requires the disclosure of every donor to any "incidental committee," a non-political committee that has been deemed by the government to commit a political act. ACU believes that it would chill political speech to categorize social welfare advocacy groups as political committees and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 15, 2015 by a vote of 30-20.

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16. **SB 349 Taxpayer Funding of Abortion.** This bill puts restrictions on abortion coverage in health insurance plans of government approved exchanges. ACU views abortion as a human tragedy and supports efforts to restrict the practice and educate patients, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 15, 2015 by a vote of 29-21.
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17. **HB 479 Fetal Surgery.** This bill requires anesthesia be administered to a fetus during abortion procedures taking place after 19 weeks of gestation. ACU views abortion as a human tragedy and supports efforts to restrict the practice and educate patients, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 15, 2015 by a vote of 29-21.
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18. **HB 154 Tax Credits.** This bill calls for a committee to review special interest tax credits and make recommendations for the termination of those scheduled to expire in the next legislative session. ACU supports this needed review of dozens of credits such as those for certain types of energy and those for an oilseed crush facility, which would lead to increased taxes on those not favored by the government, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 17, 2015 by a vote of 31-19.
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19. **SB 405 Medicaid Expansion.** This bill is a modified version of Medicaid expansion called for under Obamacare, which adds provisions such as some medical malpractice reform and co-payments that would require a federal waiver. ACU opposes the expansion of a program rife with waste and abuse with no reforms, and with provisions that would never receive a federal waiver, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 18, 2015 by a vote of 28-21.
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20. **HB 156 Special Interest Tax Cuts.** This bill reduces taxes for the installation of pollution control and carbon sequestration equipment. ACU supports tax relief but not on behalf special interests that often leads to increased taxes for programs not favored by the government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 20, 2015 by a vote of 34-16.
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21. **HB 463 Asset Forfeiture.** This bill reforms the civil asset forfeiture laws to require a criminal conviction before any forfeiture of property. ACU supports property rights and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 20, 2015 by a vote of 49-1.
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22. **SR 53 Jonathan Motl Nomination.** The Senate voted to confirm Jonathan Motl as the State Commissioner of Political Practices. ACU is opposed to a government office designed to regulate political speech and opposed the nomination of Jonathan Motl who contributed to the campaign of the Governor who appointed him. The Senate voted to confirm the nomination on April 24, 2015 by a vote of 29-21.
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23. **SB 171 Tax Reform.** This bill reduces the seven brackets in the tax code to two and eliminates the “marriage penalty” by adopting different tables for single and married filers. ACU supports all efforts to reduce taxes and simplify the tax code and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 24, 2015 by a vote of 31-18.
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24. **SB 410 Education Tax Credits.** This bill provides a small tax credit capped at \$150 for donations to student scholarship programs at public or private schools. ACU supports school choice and supported this bill as a very modest effort toward that goal. The Senate passed the bill on April 24, 2015 by a vote of 27-22.
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# MONTANA SENATE SCORES

## MONTANA SENATE STATISTICS



## MONTANA SENATE VOTE DETAIL

Party		District	SB 114	SB 148	SB 321	HB 166	SB 328	HB 16	HB 203	HB 298	HB 241	HB 297	HB 256	SB 414	HB 587	HB 29	SB 289	SB 349	HB 479	HB 154	SB 405	HB 463	SR 53	SB 171	SB 410	ACU Votes	Votes Cast	2015 %		
ANKNEY	R	20	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	16	23	70%		
ARNTZEN	R	26	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	23	96%			
BARRETT, DEBBY	R	36	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	22	100%			
Barrett, Dick	D	45	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%		
BLASDEL	R	4	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	20	22	91%			
BRENDEN	R	17	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	21	22	95%	
BROWN, D.	R	2	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	23	83%			
BROWN, T.	R	28	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	18	23	78%		
BUTTREY	R	11	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	E	E	14	21	67%		
Caferro	D	41	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	4	23	17%		
Cohenour	D	42	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	3	23	13%		
CONNELL	R	43	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	17	23	74%		
Driscoll	D	25	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	2	22	9%		
Facey	D	50	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%		
FIELDER	R	7	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	21	22	95%			
Hamlett	D	15	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	8	23	35%		
HANSEN	R	14	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	23	100%			
HINKLE	R	32	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	23	96%			



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HOVEN	R	13	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	17	23	74%
HOWARD	R	29	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	21	22	95%
JONES	R	9	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	18	23	78%
KARY	R	22	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	21	23	91%
Kaufmann	D	40	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%
Keane	D	38	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	7	23	30%
KEENAN	R	5	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	23	96%
Larsen	D	47	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	3	23	13%
Malek	D	46	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	3	23	13%
McNally	D	24	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%
Moe	D	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	2	23	9%
MOORE	R	19	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	23	96%
Phillips	D	31	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%
Pomnichowski	D	33	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	3	23	13%
RIPLEY	R	10	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	E	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	18	22	82%
ROSENDALE	R	18	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	21	23	91%
SALES	R	35	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	23	96%
Sands	D	49	-	-	+	-	+	-	E	E	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	4	21	19%
Sesso	D	37	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	3	23	13%
SMITH	R	27	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	23	96%
Stewart-Peregoy	D	21	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%
SWANDAL	R	30	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	23	96%
TAYLOR	R	6	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	23	100%
THOMAS	R	44	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	23	96%
TUTVEDT	R	3	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	15	23	65%
VANCE	R	34	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	23	100%
VINCENT	R	1	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	-	18	22	82%
Vuckovich	D	39	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%
WEBB	R	23	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	21	23	91%
Whitford	D	8	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	3	22	14%
Windy Boy	D	16	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	10	23	43%
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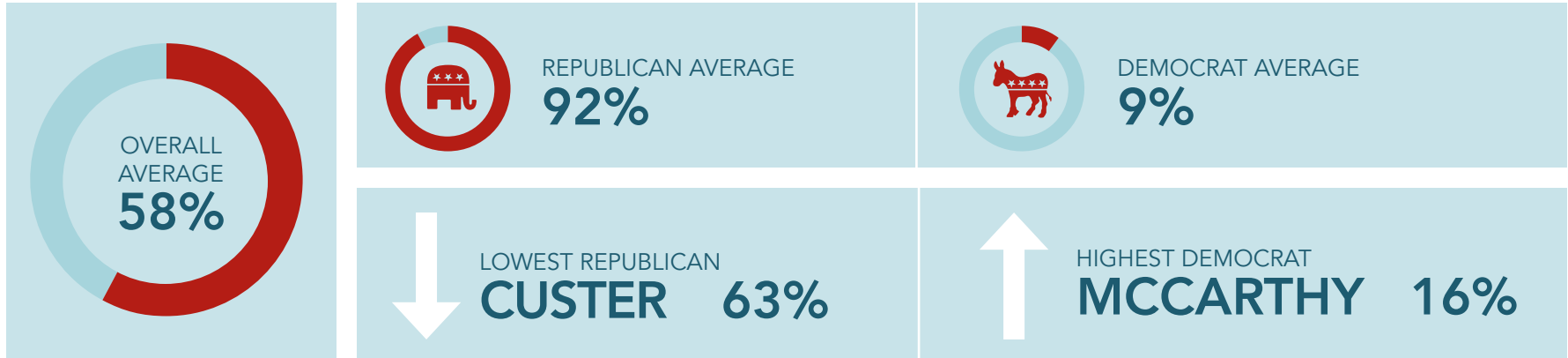
## MONTANA HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **HB 16 Telephone Subsidies.** This bill repeals the Montana low income telephone subsidy program. ACU opposes this program that pays for often unneeded landline telephone service without verifying eligibility for the program and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on January 23, 2015 by a vote of 55-44.
2. **HB 29 Professional Services Regulation.** This bill streamlines regulations governing real estate appraisers, making it easier for a new appraiser to obtain a license. ACU opposes licensing requirements for every professional service that are primarily designed to prevent competition and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on January 31, 2015 by a vote of 86-11.
3. **HB 256 Obamacare Implementation.** This bill requires General Assembly approval of any proposal to expand Medicaid under Obamacare. ACU opposes the expansion of a program rife with waste and abuse with no reforms and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 4, 2015 by a vote of 58-42.
4. **HB 166 Tax Cuts.** This bill calls for an across-the-board income tax cut by cutting each bracket by 20 percent. ACU supports pro-growth tax relief and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 5, 2015 by a vote of 56-41.
5. **HB 203 Second Amendment Rights.** This bill prevents the state from enforcing any federal ban on firearms or magazines. ACU supports protecting our founder's belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 9, 2015 by a vote of 58-42.
6. **HB 348 Interstate Healthcare Compact.** This bill authorizes the state of Montana to join an interstate healthcare compact. ACU supports legislation to give the states more power and the federal government less power over the healthcare system and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 12, 2015 by a vote of 56-44.
7. **HB 298 Concealed Carry.** This bill allows for lawful concealed carry without a permit. ACU supports protecting our founder's belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 19, 2015 by a vote of 56-43.
8. **HB 213 Business Tax Cuts.** This bill gives tax relief to businesses by increasing the tax exemption for business equipment from \$100,000 to \$500,000. ACU supports this pro-growth tax policy and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 10, 2015 by a vote of 58-42.
9. **SB 114 Hydropower.** This bill allows hydropower to be classified as a renewable energy source. ACU believes that all forms of energy should compete within the free market and government should refrain from helping favored energy sources and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 10, 2015 by a vote of 55-45.
10. **HB 413 State OSHA laws.** This bill creates a new state bureaucracy to enforce the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration laws. ACU opposes these heavy-handed regulations that burden small business and opposed this bill. The House defeated the bill on March 11, 2015 by a vote of 41-59.
11. **HB 297 Driving Laws.** This bill prohibits the use of any wireless device to read a message as well as write or send a message but exempts the use of navigation devices or citizens band radios. ACU opposes these discriminatory bans as a primary offense and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 11, 2015 by a vote of 53-46.
12. **SB 241 Minimum Wage.** This bill prohibits localities from setting the minimum wage higher than those of the state. ACU opposes these artificial wages at all levels of government that costs jobs among those who are most in need and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 14, 2015 by a vote of 58-38.
13. **HB 587 Abortion Restrictions.** This bill would require the presence of a physician during abortion procedures. ACU views abortion as a human tragedy and supports efforts to restrict the practice and educate patients, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 17, 2015 by a vote of 53-46.
14. **HB 479 Fetal Surgery.** This bill requires anesthesia be administered to a fetus during abortion procedures taking place after 19 weeks of gestation. ACU views abortion as a human tragedy and supports efforts to restrict the practice and educate patients, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 25, 2015 by a vote of 56-43.
15. **SB 321 Energy Regulation.** This bill removes propane companies from the legal definition of a public utility so they would not be regulated by the state Public Utility Commission. ACU supports a freer energy market and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 25, 2015 by a vote of 64-35.
16. **HB 433 School Choice.** This bill provides a tuition tax credit for K-12 education in the school of the parents' choice. ACU supports school choice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 26, 2015 by a vote of 53-47.

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17. **SB 289 Campaign Finance.** This bill requires the disclosure of every donor to any “incidental committee,” a non-political committee that has been deemed by the government to commit a political act. ACU believes that it would chill political speech to categorize social welfare advocacy groups as political committees and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 28, 2015 by a vote of 51-48.
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18. **HB 154 Tax Credits.** This bill calls for a committee to review special interest tax credits and make recommendations for the termination of those scheduled to expire in the next legislative session. ACU supports this needed review of dozens of credits such as those for certain types of energy and those for an oilseed crush facility, which lead to increased taxes on those not favored by the government and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 30, 2015 by a vote of 59-40.
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19. **HB 596 Charter Schools.** This bill allows the establishment of charter schools in Montana, one of only seven states that prohibit them. ACU supports school choice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 31, 2015 by a vote of 52-47.
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20. **SB 349 Taxpayer Funding of Abortion.** This bill puts restrictions on abortion coverage in health insurance plans in government approved exchanges. ACU views abortion as a human tragedy and supports efforts to restrict the practice and educate patients, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 11, 2015 by a vote of 54-42.
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21. **SB 405 Medicaid Expansion.** This bill is a modified version of Medicaid expansion called for under Obamacare, which adds provisions such as some medical malpractice reform and co-payments that would require a federal waiver. ACU opposes the expansion of a program rife with waste and abuse with no reforms, and with provisions that would never receive a federal waiver, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 11, 2015 by a vote of 54-42.
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22. **SB 414 Seasonal Employer Regulations.** This bill eases unemployment insurance regulations for those businesses which are seasonal employers. ACU supports labor reforms that recognize the problem of “one size fits all” regulations and supported this bill. The House defeated the bill on April 16, 2015 by a vote of 41-59.
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23. **HB 463 Asset Forfeiture.** This bill reforms the civil asset forfeiture laws to require a criminal conviction before any forfeiture of property. ACU supports property rights and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 23, 2015 by a vote of 91-8.
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24. **SB 171 Tax Reform.** This bill reduces the seven brackets in the tax code to two and eliminates the “marriage penalty” by adopting different tables for single and married filers. ACU supports all efforts to reduce taxes and simplify the tax code and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 24, 2015 by a vote of 52-48.
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25. **SB 410 Education Tax Credits.** This bill provides a small tax credit capped at \$150 for donations to student scholarship programs at public or private schools. ACU supports school choice and supported this bill as a very modest effort toward that goal. The House passed the bill on April 24, 2015 by a vote of 58-42.
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# MONTANA HOUSE SCORES

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## MONTANA HOUSE VOTE DETAIL

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BALLANCE	R	87	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	25	92%
Bennett, B.	D	91	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
BENNETT, J.	R	1	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	24	25	96%
BERGLEE	R	58	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25	100%
BERRY	R	40	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	25	92%
BRODEHL	R	9	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	25	92%
BROWN, B.	R	13	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	21	25	84%
Brown, Z.	D	63	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	24	8%
BURNETT	R	67	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25	100%
CLARK	R	17	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	16	24	67%
COOK	R	18	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	18	25	72%
Court	D	50	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	3	25	12%
CUFFE	R	2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	23	25	92%
Curdy	D	98	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
CUSTER	R	39	-	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	15	24	63%
DOANE	R	36	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	25	92%
Dudik	D	94	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%



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Dunwell	D	84	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
Eck	D	79	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
EHLI	R	86	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	24	25	96%
Ellis	D	81	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
ESSMANN	R	54	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	25	88%
FISCUS	R	43	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	22	25	88%
FITZPATRICK	R	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	E	+	-	+	-	+	+	21	23	91%
FLYNN	R	70	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	24	25	96%
Funk	D	82	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	3	25	12%
GARNER	R	7	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	E	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	19	24	79%
GLIMM	R	6	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	24	25	96%
GREEF	R	88	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25	100%
HAGSTROM	R	52	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	E	+	+	+	+	23	23	100%
HARRIS	R	29	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	24	25	96%
Hayman	D	66	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
HERTZ	R	12	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25	100%
HESS	R	28	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25	100%
Hill	D	90	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	24	8%
HOLLANDSWORTH	R	27	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	20	25	80%
HOLMLUND	R	38	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	25	92%
Hunter	D	83	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
Jacobson	D	21	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	3	25	12%
JONES	R	46	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	23	100%
Karjala	D	48	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
Kelker	D	47	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
Kipp	D	15	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	0	22	0%
KNUDSEN	R	34	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	24	24	100%
LAMM	R	60	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	23	25	92%
LANG	R	33	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	24	25	96%
LASZLOFFY	R	53	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	24	25	96%
LAVIN	R	8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	23	25	92%



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Candidate	Party	District	2015																										ACU Votes	Votes Cast	2015 %
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Lynch	D	76	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	3	25	12%	
MacDonald	D	51	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%	
MANDEVILLE	R	57	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25	100%	
MANZELLA	R	85	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	22	25	88%	
McCarthy	D	49	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	4	25	16%	
McClafferty	D	73	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%	
McConnell	D	89	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	24	8%	
McKAMEY	R	23	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	24	25	96%	
Mehlhoff	D	22	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	3	25	12%	
MEYERS	R	32	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	20	25	80%	
MILLER	R	80	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	21	25	84%	
MONFORTON	R	69	+	-	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	22	24	92%	
MOORE	R	92	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	-	+	+	+	+	+	E	E	-	+	+	+	18	22	82%	
MORTENSEN	R	44	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	23	25	92%	
NOLAND	R	10	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	22	24	92%	
Noonan	D	74	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	3	25	12%	
Olsen	D	100	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%	
OLSZEWSKI	R	11	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	21	25	84%	
OSMUNDSON	R	30	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	E	+	+	+	+	23	23	100%	
Pease-Lopez	D	42	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%	
Peppers	D	41	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%	
Perry	D	3	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%	
Person	D	96	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%	
Pierson	D	78	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%	
PINOCCI	R	19	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	23	25	92%	
Pope	D	65	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%	
Price	D	24	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%	
RANDALL	R	37	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25	100%	
REDFIELD	R	59	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25	100%	



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REGIER	R	4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	24	25	96%
RICCI	R	55	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25	100%
RICHMOND	R	56	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	23	25	92%
SALOMON	R	93	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	21	24	88%
Schreiner	D	25	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	3	25	12%
SCHWADERER	R	14	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25	100%
SHAW	R	71	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	21	25	84%
Smith	D	31	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
STAFFANSON	R	35	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	23	25	92%
Steenberg	D	99	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
Swanson	D	77	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
Tropila	D	26	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
TSCHIDA	R	97	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	E	-	+	+	+	22	23	96%
WAGONER	R	75	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25	100%
Webber	D	16	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
WELBORN	R	72	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	20	25	80%
WHITE	R	64	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	23	25	92%
Williams	D	61	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
Wilson	D	95	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
WITTICH	R	68	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	23	25	92%
Woods	D	62	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	25	8%
ZOLNIKOV	R	45	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25	100%