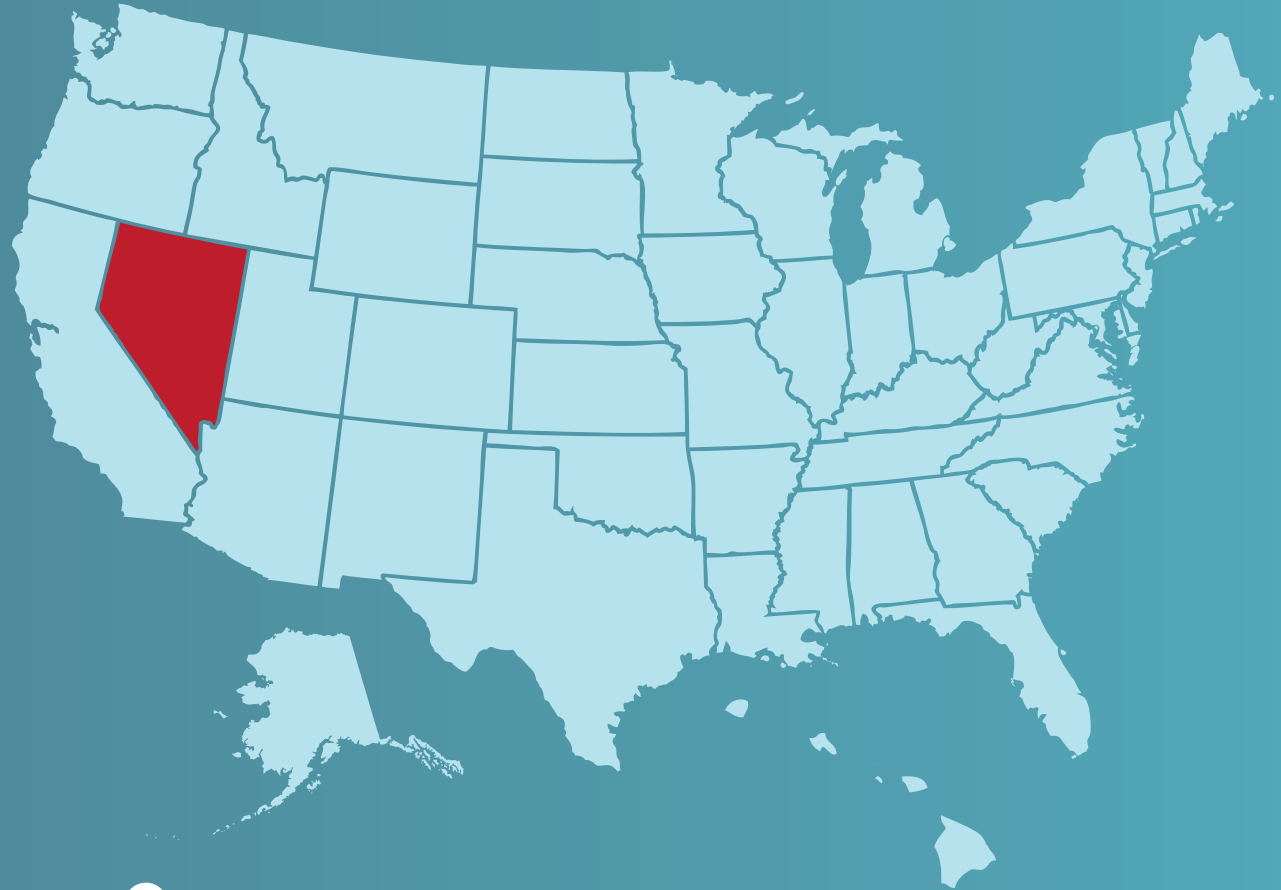
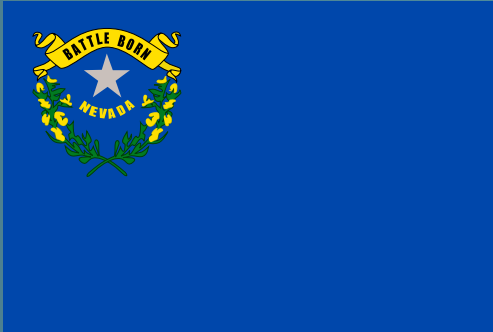




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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Conservatives,

I am pleased to present the American Conservative Union Foundation's ratings for the 2015 meeting of the Nevada Legislature. Like our Congressional Ratings, our State Ratings reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The Nevada 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 Nevada 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 Nevada'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

GUSTAVSON

ASSEMBLY

DICKMAN

FIORE

SHELTON

ELLISON

JONES

TITUS

80-89%

AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT



SENATE

GOICOECHEA

HAMMOND

LIPPARELLI

SETTELMAYER

ASSEMBLY

ANDERSON, P.

ARMSTRONG

DOOLING

EDWARDS

GARDNER

HAMBRICK

HANSEN

HICKEY

MOORE

NELSON

O'NEILL

OSCARSON

SEAMAN

SILBERKRAUS

WHEELER

<10%

COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT



SENATE

n/a

ASSEMBLY

Araujo

Benitez-Thompson

Carlton

Neal

Sprinkle

Swank

Thompson



NEVADA SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **SB 119 Prevailing Wage.** This bill exempts school construction from Nevada's "prevailing wage" laws. ACU opposes the use of the "prevailing wage" which sets wages above the free market and drives up the cost of projects and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on February 16, 2015 by a vote of 11-9.

2. **SB 175 Second Amendment Rights.** This bill makes a series of reforms to Nevada firearms laws including the elimination of handgun registration in Clarke County and allowing reciprocity in Nevada for concealed carry permits from other states. ACU supports the strengthening of Second Amendment rights and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 23, 2015 by a vote of 14-5.

3. **SB 193 Overtime Regulations.** This bill reforms overtime regulations to apply overtime pay to 40 hours of work per week instead of 8 hours per day. ACU supports common sense reforms that reduce the regulatory burden on businesses and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 3, 2015 by a vote of 11-9.

4. **AB 165 School Choice.** This bill creates a new school choice program that allows businesses tax credits for donations to scholarship programs that allow disadvantaged children to attend private schools, including those with religious affiliations. ACU supports school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 7, 2015 by a vote of 11-9.

5. **SJR 11 Hunting Rights.** This resolution proposes an amendment to the Nevada Constitution that establishes an individual's right to hunt, trap and fish. It includes provisions ensuring that wildlife conservation and management decisions be based on sound science. ACU supports hunting rights and supported this resolution. The Senate passed the resolution on April 8, 2015 by a vote of 16-5.

6. **SB 464 Powdered Alcohol.** This bill creates a new misdemeanor for the sale, purchasing or processing of powdered alcohol. ACU opposes regulations primarily designed to prevent competition in the marketplace and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 15, 2015 by a vote of 21-0.

7. **SB 252 Tax Increase.** This bill creates a new gross receipts tax on businesses as part of a \$1.3 billion tax increase plan. ACU opposes the gross receipts tax which was rejected in another form by Nevada voters and creates a tax liability for businesses regardless of whether they make a profit and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 21, 2015 by a vote of 17-4.

8. **SB 483 Tax Increase.** This bill is the largest tax increase in Nevada history. It raises cigarette taxes and makes "temporary" payroll and sales tax increases permanent. ACU opposes tax increases used for increased spending and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 15, 2015 by a vote of 18-3.

9. **AB 120 Religious Freedom.** This bill gives students the right to the free exercise of their religion, including the right to speak about their religion, distribute literature and organize prayer groups. ACU supports these rights and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 20, 2015 by a vote of 19-2.

10. **AB 121 Freedom of Expression.** This bill prohibits schools from disciplining children who simulate firearms during play or wear clothing that depicts a firearm. It will allow toy guns less than two inches long on school grounds. ACU supports these common sense regulations and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 22, 2015 by a vote of 15-6.

11. **SB 302 Education Savings Account.** This bill would create an Educational Savings Account and allocate \$5,000 to those parents who opt to have their child leave public school and instead attend private school or be home schooled. ACU supports school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 27, 2015 by a vote of 11-8.

12. **SB 92 Teacher Layoff Rules.** This bill eliminates "last to hire, first to fire" rules for teacher layoffs and allows performance standards to be used when deciding how layoffs are to be administered. ACU supports the use of performance standards for the hiring and firing of teachers and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 31, 2015 by a vote of 19-0.

13. **AB 394 Local Control of Education.** This bill decentralizes the Clarke County School District and creates smaller, more manageable districts within Clarke County. ACU supports local control of education and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2015 by a vote of 13-7.

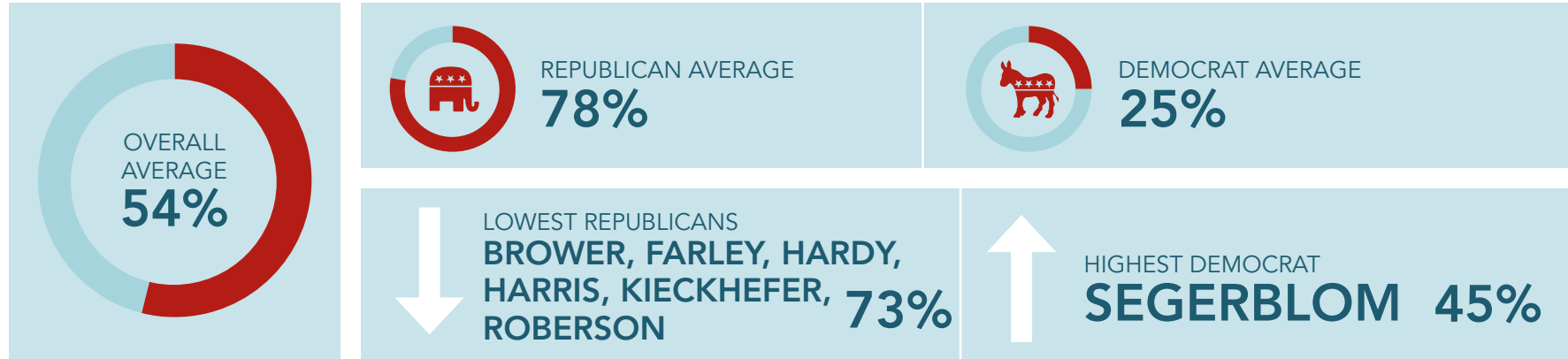
14. **AB 493 Local Government.** This bill allows local governments more control over "matters of local concern," including zoning, jail operations and public health. ACU supports more local control over these issues and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 1, 2015 by a vote of 14-6.

15. **AB 1 (Special Session) Corporate Subsidies.** This bill provides \$335 million of tax credits, abatements and infrastructure improvements for the benefit of one company, Faraday Futures, an electric car manufacturer financed by Chinese multibillionaire Jia Yuting that wants to compete with Tesla. This legislation follows a major tax increase on businesses and residents earlier in the year. ACU opposes government actions that favor one specific company and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 18, 2015 by a vote of 17-1.



NEVADA SENATE SCORES

NEVADA SENATE STATISTICS



NEVADA SENATE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	District	SB 119	SB 175	SB 193	AB 165	SJR 11	SB 464	SB 252	SB 483	AB 120	AB 121	SB 302	SB 92	AB 394	AB 493	AB 1	ACU Votes	Votes Cast	2015 %	2013 %*	LIFETIME AVG*
Atkinson	D	4	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	E	4	14	29%	7%	14%
BROWER	R	15	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	11	15	73%	53%	75%
Denis	D	2	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	4	15	27%	7%	16%
FARLEY	R	8	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	11	15	73%	n/a	73%
Ford	D	11	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	3	15	20%	7%	14%
GOICOECHEA	R	19	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	13	15	87%	53%	65%
GUSTAVSON	R	14	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	14	15	93%	80%	91%
HAMMOND	R	18	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	12	15	80%	47%	67%
HARDY	R	12	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	11	15	73%	47%	58%
HARRIS	R	9	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	11	15	73%	n/a	73%
KIECKHEFER	R	16	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	11	15	73%	40%	62%
Kihuen	D	10	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	4	15	27%	7%	16%
LIPPARELLI	R	6	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	12	15	80%	n/a	80%
Manendo	D	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	5	15	33%	7%	18%
Parks	D	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	2	15	13%	7%	15%
ROBERSON	R	20	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	11	15	73%	47%	73%
Segerblom	D	3	-	E	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	E	E	+	+	E	5	11	45%	7%	19%

NEVADA SENATE VOTE DETAIL

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SETTELMEYER	R	17	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	12	15	80%	80%	87%
Smith†	D	13	E	E	E	E	+	-	-	-	+	-	E	E	E	E	E	2	6	n/a	7%	n/a
Spearman	D	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	2	15	13%	7%	10%
Woodhouse	D	5	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	2	15	13%	8%	11%

*The ACU only rated Nevada in 2011 and 2013. The lifetime average reflects 2011, 2013, and 2015.

†Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result the 2015 percentage and the lifetime average was not rated.



NEVADA ASSEMBLY VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **AB 165 School Choice.** This bill creates a new school choice program. Businesses will be given tax credits for donations to scholarship programs that allow disadvantaged children to attend private schools, including those with religious affiliations. ACU supports school choice and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 1, 2015 by a vote of 25-17.

2. **AB 121 Freedom of Expression.** This bill prohibits schools from disciplining children who simulate firearms during play or wear clothing that depict a firearm. It will allow toy guns less than two inches long on school grounds. ACU supports these common sense regulations and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 15, 2015 by a vote of 24-17.

3. **AB 405 Parental Notification.** This bill requires a physician to notify a parent 48 hours before an abortion is performed. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 17, 2015 by a vote of 24-17.

4. **AB 120 Religious Freedom.** This bill gives students the right to the free exercise of their religion, including the right to speak about their religion, distribute literature and organize prayer groups. ACU supports these rights and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 20, 2015 by a vote of 34-8.

5. **AB 356 Property Rights.** This bill prohibits picketing on private property without permission and creates misdemeanor penalties for disrupting businesses by activities such as blocking traffic or threatening people entering the building. ACU supports property rights and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 21, 2015 by a vote of 23-19.

6. **SJR 11 Hunting Rights.** This resolution proposes an amendment to the Nevada Constitution that establishes an individual's right to hunt, trap and fish. It includes provisions ensuring that wildlife conservation and management decisions be based on sound science. ACU supports hunting rights and supported this resolution. The Assembly passed the resolution on May 4, 2015 by a vote of 32-10.

7. **SB 119 Prevailing Wage.** This bill exempts school construction from Nevada's "prevailing wage" laws. ACU opposes the use of the "prevailing wage" which sets wages above the free market and drives up the cost of projects and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Assembly passed the bill on May 20, 2015 by a vote of 23-19.

8. **SB 175 Second Amendment Rights.** This bill makes a series of reforms to Nevada firearms laws including the elimination of handgun registration in Clarke County and allowing reciprocity in Nevada for concealed carry permits from other states. ACU supports the strengthening of Second Amendment rights and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 22, 2015 by a vote of 25-17.

9. **SB 193 Minimum Wage.** This bill reforms overtime regulations to apply overtime pay to 40 hours of work per week instead of 8 hours per day. ACU supports common sense reforms that reduce the regulatory burden on businesses and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 22, 2015 by a vote of 22-20.

10. **SB 464 Powdered Alcohol.** This bill creates a new misdemeanor for the sale, purchasing or processing of powdered alcohol. ACU opposes regulations primarily designed to prevent competition in the marketplace and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 22, 2015 by a vote of 34-8.

11. **SB 302 Education Savings Account.** This bill would create an Educational Savings Account and allocate \$5,000 to those parents who opt to have their child leave public school and instead attend private school or be home schooled. ACU supports school choice and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 29, 2015 by a vote of 25-17.

12. **SB 483 Tax Increase.** This bill is the largest tax increase in Nevada history. It raises cigarette taxes and makes "temporary" payroll and sales tax increases permanent. ACU opposes tax increases used for increased spending and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 31, 2015 by a vote of 30-10.

13. **SB 92 Teacher Layoff Rules.** This bill eliminates "last to hire, first to fire" rules for teacher layoffs and allows performance standards to be used when deciding how layoffs are to be administered. ACU supports the use of performance standards for the hiring and firing of teachers and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 1, 2015 by a vote of 28-11.

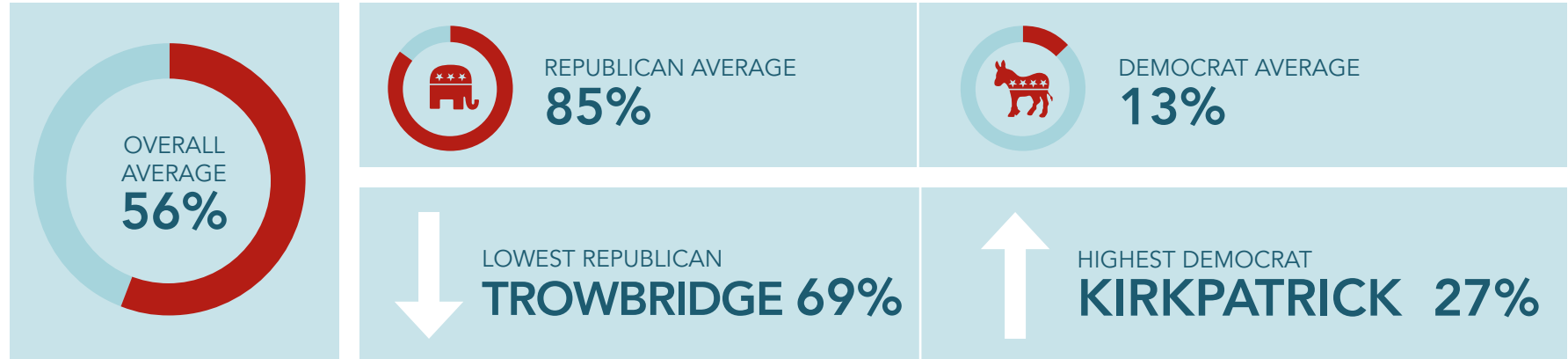
14. **AB 394 Local Control of Education.** This bill decentralizes the Clarke County School District and creates smaller, more manageable districts within Clarke County. ACU supports local control of education and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 1, 2015 by a vote of 35-5.

15. **AB 493 Local Government.** This bill allows local governments more control over "matters of local concern," including zoning, jail operations and public health. ACU supports more local control over these issues and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 1, 2015 by a vote of 22-18.

16. **AB 1 (Special Session) Corporate Subsidies.** This bill provides \$335 million of tax credits, abatements and infrastructure improvements for the benefit of one company, Faraday Futures, an electric car manufacturer financed by Chinese multimillionaire Jia Yuting that wants to compete with Tesla. This legislation follows a major tax increase on businesses and residents earlier in the year. ACU opposes government actions that favor one specific company and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on December 18, 2015 by a vote of 37-4.

NEVADA ASSEMBLY SCORES

NEVADA ASSEMBLY STATISTICS



NEVADA ASSEMBLY VOTE DETAIL

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Anderson, E.	D	15	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	3	16	19%	6%	10%
ANDERSON, P.	R	13	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	13	16	81%	59%	70%
Araujo	D	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	1	16	6%	n/a	6%
ARMSTRONG	R	21	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	13	16	81%	n/a	81%
Benitez-Thompson	D	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	1	16	6%	11%	8%
Bustamante Adams	D	42	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	16	13%	0%	6%
Carlton	D	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	16	0%	11%	6%
Carrillo	D	18	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	4	16	25%	17%	16%
Diaz	D	11	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	16	13%	0%	9%
DICKMAN	R	31	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	15	16	94%	n/a	94%
DOOLING	R	41	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	E	E	E	E	-	10	12	83%	n/a	83%
EDWARDS	R	19	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	14	16	88%	n/a	88%
ELLISON	R	33	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	15	16	94%	94%	90%
FIORE	R	4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	15	16	94%	78%	86%
Flores	D	28	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	4	16	25%	0%	15%
GARDNER	R	9	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	14	16	88%	n/a	88%
HAMBRICK	R	2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	13	16	81%	72%	80%



NEVADA ASSEMBLY VOTE DETAIL

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HANSEN	R	32	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	13	16	81%	67%	76%
HICKEY	R	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	13	16	81%	56%	71%
Joiner	D	24	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	16	13%	n/a	13%
JONES	R	35	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	15	16	94%	n/a	94%
Kirkpatrick	D	1	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	X	4	15	27%	17%	21%
KIRNER	R	26	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	12	16	75%	67%	70%
MOORE	R	8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	E	E	E	E	-	10	12	83%	n/a	83%
Munford	D	6	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	3	16	19%	11%	12%
Neal	D	7	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	16	6%	11%	8%
NELSON	R	5	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	13	16	81%	n/a	81%
Ohrnschall	D	12	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	16	13%	6%	11%
O'NEILL	R	40	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	E	+	+	-	12	15	80%	n/a	80%
OSCARSON	R	36	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	13	16	81%	67%	74%
SEAMAN	R	34	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	14	16	88%	n/a	88%
SHELTON	R	10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	16	16	100%	n/a	100%
SILBERKRAUS	R	29	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	13	16	81%	n/a	81%
Spiegel	D	20	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	3	16	19%	6%	12%
Sprinkle	D	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	1	16	6%	6%	6%
STEWART	R	22	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	12	16	75%	44%	54%
Swank	D	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	1	16	6%	0%	3%
Thompson	D	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	16	0%	13%	7%
TITUS	R	38	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	16	16	100%	n/a	100%
TROWBRIDGE	R	37	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	11	16	69%	n/a	69%
WHEELER	R	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	14	16	88%	94%	91%
WOODBURY	R	23	+	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	11	14	79%	67%	72%

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