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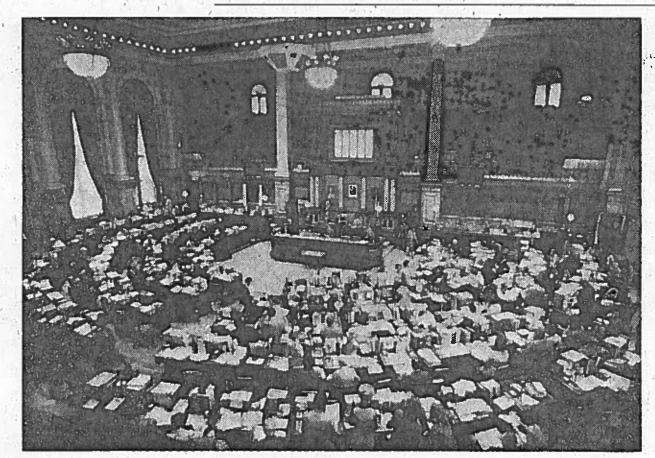
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How Your State Senators and



Representatives Voted in 1975-76

by ALLEN J. MEIER Legislative Director

Explanation of Voting Record

The Legislative Resolutions passed at recent Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO Conventions have dealt with the subject matter in the issues listed. We have compiled the voting record on the basis of action taken by the delegates at these conventions.

The vote is taken from the official Journals of both Houses and the General Assembly, where the vote is recorded as yes, no or absent. We show this vote as Wrong (W) or Right (R) or Absent (A).

In explanation of the issues we indicate why a no vote might be a right (R) vote on one issue and a wrong (W) on another issue. Where a Legislator is listed as voting right (R) on one issue you will find that he has voted the position of the Iowa Labor Movement. Where they are listed as voting wrong (W) you will find they voted in opposition to our Legislative Resolutions.

We feel a more meaningful evaluation can be made by showing the vote on some key amendments to the bills, as well as the vote on final passage.

We suggest that you study this record to find out how your Legislators voted and decide for yourself whether or not their record warrants our support. If not, we urge that you start looking for a replacement for these people.

SENATE

Explanation of the Issues

ISSUE 1. House File 351
Wage Payment, Wage
Collection

See House Issue No. 1. We favored passage. Passed Senate. 31 yes, 28 no. April 15, 1975 (Senate Journal 943). A yes vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 2. House File 863
Workers' Compensation

See House Issue No. 3. We favored passage. Amended and passed Senate.

32 yes, 18 no. January 29, 1976 (Senate Journal 172). A yes vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 3. House File 863
Workers' Compensation Hultman amendment
S. 3978

This amendment would have frozen the maximum weekly benefits at the present levels, they are scheduled to double by July 1, 1981. Needless to say, we opposed passage. Failed to pass Senate. 23 yes, 25 no. January 29, 1976 (Senate Journal 171). A no vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 4. House File 863

Workers' Compensation —
Hultman, and others
amendment S. 5033B

This amendment would have removed most of the worker benefits in the bill. We opposed passage. 22 yes, 28 no. January 29, 1976 (Senate Journal 169). Failed to pass Senate. A no vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 5. Senate File 485
Unemployment Insurance

See House Issue No. 4. We favored passage. Passed the Senate. 35 yes, 14

no, 1 absent. April 30, 1975 (Senate Journal 1161). A yes vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 6. Senate File 485
Unemployment Insurance
Ramsey amendment
S. 3645

This amendment would have allowed the higher benefits in the bill only when the state unemployment rate was at 120 percent of the previous year's rate for at least three consecutive months and would revert back to old levels anytime the unemployment

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Explanation of the Issues

ISSUE 1. House File 351 — Wage **Payment, Wage Collection**

This bill assigned the duty to investigate employee claims for unpaid wages and expenses to the Iowa Commissioner of Labor. He is empowered to bring civil action to collect the claim and to assess money penalties against employers in violation of this Act. It also requires some record keeping on the part of the employers. We favored passage. Passed the House, 73 yes, 25 no, 2 absent. March 6, 1975 (House Journal 563). A yes vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 2. House File 351 — Wage **Payment, Wage Collection** - Welden amendment H. 3201

This amendment attempted to remove the civil penalties sections from the bill. Without penalties for nonpayment of wages/there is little reason to obey the law. We opposed passage of amendment. Failed to pass the House. 45 yes, 49 no, 6 absent. March 6, 1975 (House Journal 556). A no vote is shown as right (R).

ISSUE 3. House File 863—Workers' Compensation

The bill increased the number of weeks that benefits could be received for scheduled injuries; shortened the waiting period before the start of weekly benefits to three (3) days and pays the first three (3) days on the second benefit check; outlines procedures to follow to receive alternate medical care if dissatisfied with the medical services provided by the employer; raised the minimum weekly benefit payments and made other administrative changes that should expedite the payment of benefits. We favored passage. Passed the House. 78 yes, 16 no, 6 absent. May 20, 1975 (House Journal 1835). A yes vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 4. Senate File 485 — Unemployment insurance

This bill greatly improved the unemployment insurance law. It raised maximum benefits from 55 percent to 66% percent of the state average weekly wage. Maximum benefits will be \$116.00 July 1, 1976 to July 1, 1977, and it extended the maximum duration that benefits can be drawn from 26 weeks to 39 weeks. It also lets a claimant draw up to one-half of his wage credits in benefits. It also extended coverage to public employees employed by the state political subdivisions (cities, counties and school districts). We favored passage. Passed the House. 61 yes, 26 no, 13 absent. June 4, 1975 (House Journal 2124). A yes vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 5. House File 916 - Unemployment Insurance Funding for 1976

This bill temporarily funded the unemployment insurance program in 1976 by providing for a 7/10 percent (.007) surtax on the first \$6,000.00 of each employees earnings. We preferred a permanent tax structure that would handle the present level of unemployment, but still supported passage. Passed the House. 68 yes, 28 no, 4 absent. June 17, 1975 (House Journal 2605). A yes vote shown as right (R),

This amendment would have cut the benefit increase from 66% percent down to 62 percent of the state average weekly wage. We opposed passage. Failed to pass the House. 39 yes, 53 no, 8 absent. June 17, 1975 (House Journal 2601). A no vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 7. House File 916 — Unemployment Insurance Funding — Schroeder amendment H. 4328

This amendment was an attempt to postpone the benefit increase to 66% percent of the state average weekly wage for one year by limiting the increase to 62 percent until June 30, 1976. We opposed passage of the amendment. Failed to pass the House. 45 yes, 53 no, 2 absent. June 17, 1975 (House Journal 2603). A no vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 8. House File 916 — Unemployment Insurance Funding — West amendment H. 4316

This amendment attempted to eliminate the 7/10 percent (.007) emergency funding provisions in the bill and let the fund go broke. It is questionable as to whether the fund will stay solvent even with the surtax. A very irresponsible amendment. We opposed passage. Failed to pass the House. 34 yes, 64 no, 2 absent. June 17, 1975 (House Journal 2604). A no vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 9. House File 1593 — Unemployment Insurance 1976 — Welden amendment H. 6900A

This bill changed the name of the agency to Department of Job Service; replaced the three member commission with one director and established an appeals board and an advisory council; imposed a 9/10 percent (.009) surtax on a \$6,000.00 base for the calendar year 1977, plus an emergency twenty-five hundredths of one percent if needed. It did some things we liked such as eliminating the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits, and eliminating vacation pay in excess of one week as a deduction from unemployment benefits. It also had some things we did not like such as more restrictive voluntary quit provisions when Iowa already had one of the most restrictive laws in the nation; excluding from unemployment compensation eligibility public school employees under contract for the following year; and by raising the earnings required to qualify for benefits, disqualified many of the working poor. We take no position on final passage, but opposed some amendments that would have made the bill even less desirable.

The Welden amendment attempted to put the one week waiting period back into the law. We opposed passarge. Failed to pass House. 23 yes, 58 no, 18 absent. May 27, 1976 (House Journal 3275). A no vote shown as a right vote (R).

ISSUE 10. House File 1593 — Unemployment Insurance 1976 — Welden amendment H. 6900B

This amendment attempted to remove the one week maximum deduction of vacation pay from benefits out of the bill. We opposed the amendment. Failed to pass the House. 23 yes, 62 no, 14 absent. May 27, 1976 (House Journal 3275). A no vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 11. House File 1593 — Unemployment Insurance 1976 — Stromer amendment H. 6904

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benefits to a maximum \$107.00 per week or to 60 percent of the state average wage. We opposed the amendment. Failed to pass the House. 24 yes, 63 no, 12 absent. May 27, 1976 (House Journal 3273). A no vote shown as right (R).

Des Moines — 68 WULFF, HENRY C.

Waterloo — 33
D) WYCKOFF, RUSSELL L.

ISSUE 12. House File 1593 — Unemployment Insurance 1976 — Lageschulte amendment H. 6902

This amendment attempted to eliminate state legislative employees from the law. We feel they should receive the same benefits and with the same qualifications as private sector employees. We opposed the amendment.

Failed to pass the House. 39 yes, 44 no, 16 absent. May 28, 1976 (House Journal 3294). A no vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 13. House File 1449 — Employer monitoring

This bill prohibits employers from monitoring their employees. It passed the House May 13, 1976, but failed to get out of committee in the Senate. We favored passage. 57 yes, 35 no, 7 absent. May 13, 1976 (House Journal 2725). A yes vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 14. House File 700 — Postcard Registration

This bill permits Iowans to register

by postcard up to 25 days before an election; requires polls to be open until 9:00 p.m. and in general updates and reforms the Iowa election laws. We favored passage. Passed the House. 60 yes, '37 no, 3 absent. April 24, 1975 (House Journal 1341). A yes vote shown as right (R).

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rate was less than 120 percent of the previous twelve month unemployment rate. Past experience has taught us this is almost never. We opposed passage. Failed to pass the Senate. 11 yes, 35 no, 4 absent, April 30,-1975 (Senate Journal (1159). A no vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 7. Senate File 485
Unemployment insurance
— Robinson and Rabedeaux amendment S. 3636

This amendment extended coverage to public employees working for cities, counties and schools. We supported passage. Passed the Senate. 41 yes, 7 no, 2 absent. April 30, 1975 (Senate Journal 1156). A yes vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 8. House File 916
Unemployment Insurance
Funding

See House Issue No. 5. We favored passage. Passed the Senate. 34 yes, 14 no, 2 absent. June 18, 1975 (Senate Journal 2175). A yes vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 9. House File 916
Unemployment Insurance
Funding — Hultman
amendment S. 4267

This amendment would have reduced the newly acquired benefits passed in Senate File 485 before anyone ever received them. A tie vote on first vote. Vote shown is second vote. We opposed passage. Failed to pass the Senate. 22 yes, 26 no, 2 absent. June 18, 1975 (Senate Journal 2174). A no vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 10. House File 916
Unemployment Insurance Funding, Hultman amendment S. 4273

This amendment would have required the employee to pay part of the cost of unemployment insurance. We opposed passage. Failed to pass the Senate. 14.yec, 34.no, 2 absent. June 18, 1975 (Senate Journal 2175). A no vote shown as right (R).

ISSUE 11. House File 700 Postcard Registration

See House Issue No. 14. We favored passage. Passed the Senate. 32 yes, 15 no, 3 absent. May 22, 1975 (Senate Journal 1535). A yes vote shown as right (R).

