

IOWA FEDERATION OF LABOR

AFL-CIO



1996 VOTING RECORD IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Samuel Gompers said it best when he described labor's political mission nearly a century ago: "Stand faithfully by our friends and elect them; oppose our enemies and defeat them, whether they be candidates for President, for Congress, or other offices, whether executive, legislative or judicial."

Not words but the record is the measure of how we separate labor's allies from our adversaries. This voting record by no means covers all the issues that the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO dealt with during the 1996 Legislative session. It does, however, record legislators' votes on a number of key issues of concern to union members and their families and will help Iowa trade unionists determine whether their elected representatives support labor's progressive agenda or have taken their stand with those who want to keep working people down.

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Senate Issues -- 1996

1. Amendment S-5063 to HF 2114 -- limits CEBA grants to businesses that pay wages of at least 100% of the county average. IFL position was "YES." (Adopted 27 - 22)
2. SF 2409 -- provides for the new Workforce Development Department, including statutory state and regional boards with equal representation by business and labor, the labor representatives being appointed by the governor from nominations by statewide labor organizations. Private contractors must pay the same wages and benefits as those paid to public workers for comparable positions. IFL position was "YES." (Adopted 33 - 16)
Amended by the House
3. HF 2416 -- provides for an employer surcharge to continue the Second Injury Fund, protecting benefits for injured workers. IFL position was "YES." (Adopted 31 - 15)
4. SF 2341 -- relates to components of the unemployment system, including the provision that the 125% requirement be eliminated. IFL position was "YES." (Adopted 29 - 20) *Died in House Committee*
5. SF 2443 -- appropriates funds for the Department of Employment Services and the Department of Economic Development; includes reporting of all assistance or benefits provided under state economic development programs and the consideration of a "good neighbor agreement" between businesses and communities. IFL position was "YES." (Adopted 33 - 17) *House amended reporting requirements*
6. S-5767 to S-5700 to HF 2421 -- provides that local bond issues may be passed with a simple majority when funded by a combination of income and property tax, promoting the rebuilding of infrastructure and providing jobs. IFL position was "YES." (Adopted 32 - 17)
Died in Conference Committee
7. SF 2449 -- provides for property tax cuts, business tax cuts and tax credits for family farm operations, but does not include a low-income "circuit breaker," thus excluding tax relief for those who paid for the current state surplus through the regressive 1992 sales tax increase. IFL position was "NO." (Adopted 43-6)
8. SF 2245 -- makes improvements in IPERS, including increasing the minimum monthly benefits, removing the covered wage ceiling, increasing the maximum number of years of employment used to compute benefits, and expanding the early retirement option. IFL position was "YES." (Adopted 48 - 0)

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Banks	Brad	R	2	A	W	A	W	W	W	A	A	0	4	4	0
Bartz	Merlin	R	10	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	2	6	0	25
Bennett	Wayne	R	6	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	2	6	0	25
Bisignano	Tony	D	34	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	A	6	0	2	75
Black	Dennis	D	29	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Boettger	Nancy	R	41	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	7	0	13
Borlaug	Allen	R	15	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	6	0	25
Boswell	Leonard	D	44	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Connolly	Michael	D	18	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Dearden	Dick	D	35	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100
Deluhery	Patrick	D	22	R	R	R	A	R	R	W	R	6	1	1	75
Douglas	JoAnn	R	39	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	7	0	13
Drake	Richard	R	24	W	W	A	W	R	W	W	R	2	6	1	25
Dvorsky	Bob	D	25	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Fink	Bill	D	45	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Flynn	Tom	D	17	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Fraise	Eugene	D	50	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Freeman	Mary Lou	R	5	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	6	0	25
Gettings	Don	D	47	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Giannetto	Randal	D	32	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Gronstal	Mike	D	42	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Halvorson	Rod	D	7	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100
Hammond	Johnie	D	31	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100
Hansen	Steve	D	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88

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Hedge	H. Kay	R	48	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	7	0	13
Horn	Wally	D	27	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Husak	Emil	D	30	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	6	2	0	76
Iverson	Stewart	R	9	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	R	1	6	1	13
Jensen	John	R	11	W	R	R	W	R	R	W	R	5	3	0	63
Judge	Patty	D	46	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Kibbie	John	D	4	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Kramer	Mary	R	37	W	W	A	W	W	R	W	R	2	5	1	25
Lind	Jim	R	13	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	2	6	0	25
Lundby	Mary	R	26	W	R	W	W	R	R	W	R	4	4	0	50
Maddox	O. Gene	R	38	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	R	3	5	0	38
McKean	Andy	R	28	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	R	3	5	0	38
McLaren	Derryl	R	43	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	6	1	13
Murphy	Larry	D	14	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Neuhauser	Mary	D	23	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100
Palmer	William	D	33	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Priebe	Bert	D	8	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Redfern	Don	R	12	W	R	W	R	R	W	W	R	4	4	0	50
Rensink	Wilmer	R	3	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	6	0	25
Rife	Jack	R	20	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	7	0	13
Rittmer	Sheldon	R	19	W	W	R	R	R	R	W	R	5	3	0	63
Sorensen	Albert	D	40	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Szymoniak	Elaine	D	36	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	8	0	0	100
Tinsman	Maggie	R	21	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	7	0	13
Vilsack	Tom	D	49	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	7	1	0	88
Zieman	Lyle	R	16	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	7	0	13

House Issues -- 1996

1. HJR 2003 -- proposes a Constitutional amendment that would limit the terms of state officials and legislators, taking away voters' rights to choose freely who will represent them. IFL position was "NO." (Adopted 61 - 39) *Died in Senate Committee*
2. Amendment H-5078 to H-4229 to HF 258 -- allows employers greater latitude to test employees for drugs and alcohol. IFL position was "NO." (Adopted 59 - 36)
3. HF 258 -- final vote on drug testing bill including anti-labor amendments attached by the House. IFL position was "NO." (Adopted 77 - 18) *Died in Senate; Senate passed a different version which died in the House*
4. HF 61 -- provides employers immunity when giving references on employees to other employers, unless employee can prove employer deliberately provided false information. IFL position was "NO." (Adopted 64 - 32) *Died in Senate*
5. HF 2449 -- puts limits on campaign contributions, but not on campaign spending; makes payroll deductions for PAC's illegal. IFL position was "NO." (Adopted 62 - 35) *Amended by Senate; died in House*
6. Amendment H-5507 to H-5495 to HF 2412 -- allows industrial disability to be considered in awarding benefits for more than one injury. IFL position was "YES." (Failed 35 - 60)
7. Amendment H-5457 to H-5419 to SF 2443 -- provides for reporting of all assistance or benefits provided under state economic development programs and the consideration of a "good neighbor agreement" between businesses and communities. IFL position was "YES." (Failed 37 - 56)
8. HF 2362 -- lessens employer responsibility for hearing loss due to job-related noise. IFL position was "NO." (Adopted 61 - 36) *Died in Senate*
9. Amendment H-5559 to H-5478 to SF 2442 -- increases funding for child care by approximately \$6 million. IFL position was "YES." (Failed 38 - 57)
10. Amendment H-5698 to HF 2481 -- gives incentive benefits to supporting businesses only if the contractor or subcontractor pays at least the prevailing wage. IFL position was "YES." (Failed 39 - 61)
11. Amendment H-5790 to H-5600 to SF 2409 -- retained labor positions on the state Workforce Development Board with Governor's appointments to be made from nominations by statewide labor organizations. IFL position was "YES." (Failed 36 - 58)
12. Amendment H-5789 to H-5600 to SF 2409 -- provides for implementation of a classification plan for the new Workforce Development Department to be agreed upon by the Department of Personnel and the certified employee organization representatives of the bargaining unit. IFL position was "YES." (Failed 35 - 60)
13. Amendment H-5787 to H-5600 to SF 2409 -- reinstates language limiting privatization in the Workforce Development Department to contractors who pay wages and benefits equal to those paid public workers in comparable positions. IFL position was "YES." (Failed 37 - 59)
14. SF 2449 -- provides for property tax breaks, business tax breaks and tax credits for family farm operations, but does not include a low-income "circuit breaker," excluding those who paid for the current state surplus through the regressive 1992 sales tax increase. IFL position was "NO." (Adopted 97 - 0)
15. SF 2245 -- makes improvements in IPERS, including increasing the minimum monthly benefit, removing the covered wage ceiling, increasing the maximum number of years of employment used to compute benefits, and expanding the early retirement option. IFL position was "YES." (Adopted 95 - 0)

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Arnold	Richard	R	91	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	13	0	13
Baker	Tom	D	71	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	14	1	0	93
Bell	Paul	D	57	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	13	2	0	87
Bernau	Bill	D	62	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	14	1	0	93
Blodgett	Gary	R	19	W	A	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	12	2	7
Boddicker	Dan	R	39	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	1	13	1	7
Boggess	Effie Lee	R	87	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	13	0	13
Bradley	Clyde	R	37	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7
Brammer	Philip	D	53	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	A	A	11	0	4	73
Brand	William	D	60	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	13	2	0	87
Branstad	Clifford	R	18	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Brauns	Barry	R	47	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7
Brunkhorst	Bob	R	22	W	W	W	A	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	12	2	7
Burnett	Cecelia	D	61	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	13	2	0	87
Carroll	Danny	R	58	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7
Cataldo	Michael	D	68	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	13	2	0	87
Churchill	Steven	R	76	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Cohoon	Dennis	D	100	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	14	1	0	93
Connors	John	D	69	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	12	2	1	80
Coon	Brian	R	89	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	3	12	0	20
Corbett	Ron	R	52	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7
Cormack	Mike	R	13	W	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	3	12	0	20
Daggett	Horace	R	88	R	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	12	1	13
Dinkla	Dwight	R	78	R	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	3	11	1	20
Disney	Larry	R	66	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7
Doderer	Minnette	D	45	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	13	2	0	87
Drake	Jack	R	81	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	13	0	13
Drees	Jim	D	80	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	W	A	12	1	2	80
Eddie	Russell	R	10	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Erd	Joe	R	33	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7
Fallon	Ed	D	70	W	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	12	3	0	80
Garman	Teresa	R	63	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	3	12	0	20
Gipp	Chuck	R	31	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	13	0	13
Greig	John	R	7	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7

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Greiner	Sandra	R	96	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7
Gries	Don	R	12	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Grubbs	Steve	R	40	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7
Grundberg	Betty	R	73	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	A	A	W	R	2	10	3	13
Hahn	James	R	48	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Halvorson	Roger	R	32	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7
Hamsitt Barry	Donna	R	82	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7
Hanson	Donald	R	24	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	R	1	13	1	7
Harper	Patricia	D	26	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	14	1	0	93
Harrison	Neil	R	44	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7
Heaton	David	R	97	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Holveck	Jack	D	72	R	R	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	12	3	0	80
Houser	Hubert	R	85	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Hurley	Charles	R	28	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Huseman	Daniel	R	9	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Jacobs	Libby	R	74	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Jochum	Pam	D	35	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	14	1	0	93
Klemme	Ralph	R	4	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Koenigs	Deo	D	29	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	13	2	0	87
Kreiman	Keith	D	92	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	12	3	0	80
Kremer	Joseph	R	27	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Lamberti	Jeffrey	R	65	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Larkin	Rick	D	99	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	14	1	0	93
Larson	Chuck	R	55	W	A	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	0	12	3	0
Lord	David	R	77	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Main	Jerry	R	94	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7
Martin	Mona	R	43	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Mascher	Mary	D	46	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	14	1	0	93
May	Dennis	D	20	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	12	3	0	80
McCoy	Matt	D	67	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	12	3	0	80
Mertz	Dolores	D	15	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	12	3	0	80
Metcalf	Janet	R	75	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	13	0	13
Meyer	Jim	R	11	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Millage	David	R	41	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7

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Moreland	Michael	D	93	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	13	2	0	87
Mundie	Norman	D	14	W	R	W	W	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	10	4	1	67
Murphy	Pat	D	36	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	14	1	0	93
Myers	Richard	D	49	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	13	1	1	87
Nelson	Beverly	R	64	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Nelson	Linda	D	83	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	14	1	0	93
Nutt	Ronald	R	1	W	W	W	W	W	A	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	12	2	7
O'Brien	Michael	D	79	W	R	W	R	R	A	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	10	3	2	67
Ollie	Art	D	38	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	13	2	0	87
Osterhaus	Robert	D	34	R	R	W	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	12	2	1	80
Rants	Christopher	R	3	W	A	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	12	2	7
Ranken	Bob	R	21	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Salton	Bill	R	8	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	A	A	1	12	2	7
Schrader	David	D	90	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	14	1	0	93
Schulte	Lynn	R	50	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	A	A	A	W	R	2	10	3	13
Shoultz	Don	D	25	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	W	R	12	2	1	80
Siegrist	Brent	R	84	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	13	1	7
Sukup	Steven	R	18	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Taylor	Todd	D	54	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	14	1	0	93
Teig	Russell	R	17	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Thomson	Rosemary	R	51	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Tyrrell	Phil	R	59	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	2	13	0	13
Van Fossen	James	R	42	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	A	A	A	W	R	1	11	3	7
Van Maanen	Harold	R	95	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Vande Hoef	Richard	R	6	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Veenstra	Ken	R	5	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Warnstadt	Steve	D	2	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	14	1	0	93
Weidman	Dick	R	86	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Weigel	Keith	D	30	R	A	A	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	11	2	2	73
Welter	Jerry	R	56	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	1	14	0	7
Wise	Philip	D	98	R	A	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	A	R	W	R	10	1	4	67
Witt	William	D	23	R	R	W	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	12	2	1	80