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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



MATT SCHLAPP
CHAIRMAN, CPAC

The CPAC Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our Ratings of the States. Like our Ratings of Congress, CPAC's Foundation's Ratings of the States are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.

Sincerely,

Matt Schlapp
Chairman, CPAC

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The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the CPAC Foundation, is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area.

In 1971, ACUF launched its Ratings of Congress to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress. The Ratings quickly became considered the "gold standard" and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles.

In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, Ratings of the States grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers. Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America's federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected.

To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31.

Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected.

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90-100% - AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

Senate

Julie Frye-Mueller*
Jim Stalzer
Margaret Sutton

House

Jon Hansen	Kevin Jensen	Elizabeth May
Steven Haugaard	Phil Jensen	Scott Odenbach
Taffy Howard	Sam Marty	Marty Overweg

*Perfect 100%



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80-89% - AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

Senate

James Bolin
Brock Greenfield
Lee Schoenbeck
Marsha Symens

House

Aaron Aylward	Lana Greenfield	Carl Perry
Arch Beal	Randy Gross	Sue Peterson
Drew Dennert	Chris Karr	Tom Pischke
Fred Deutsch	John Mills	Tony Randolph
Caleb Finck	Rhonda Milstead	Bethany Soye
Mary Fitzgerald	Tina Mulally	Kaleb Weis



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SOUTH DAKOTA SENATE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE
65%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

67%



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

35%

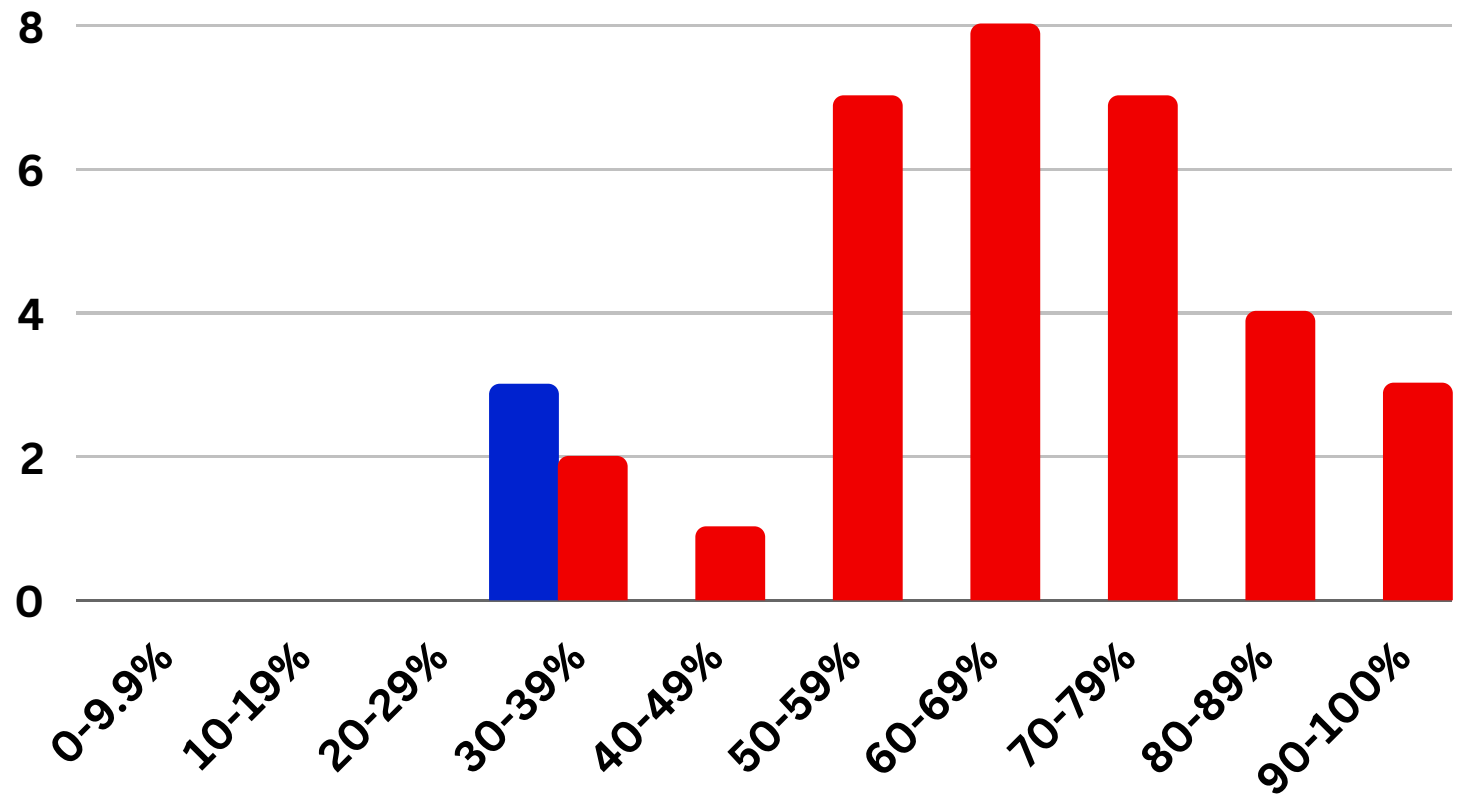
LOWEST REPUBLICAN
Timothy Johns
38%



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
Red Dawn Foster
36%



■ Democrat (3 Members) ■ Republican (32 Members)





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SOUTH DAKOTA HOUSE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE
63%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

69%



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

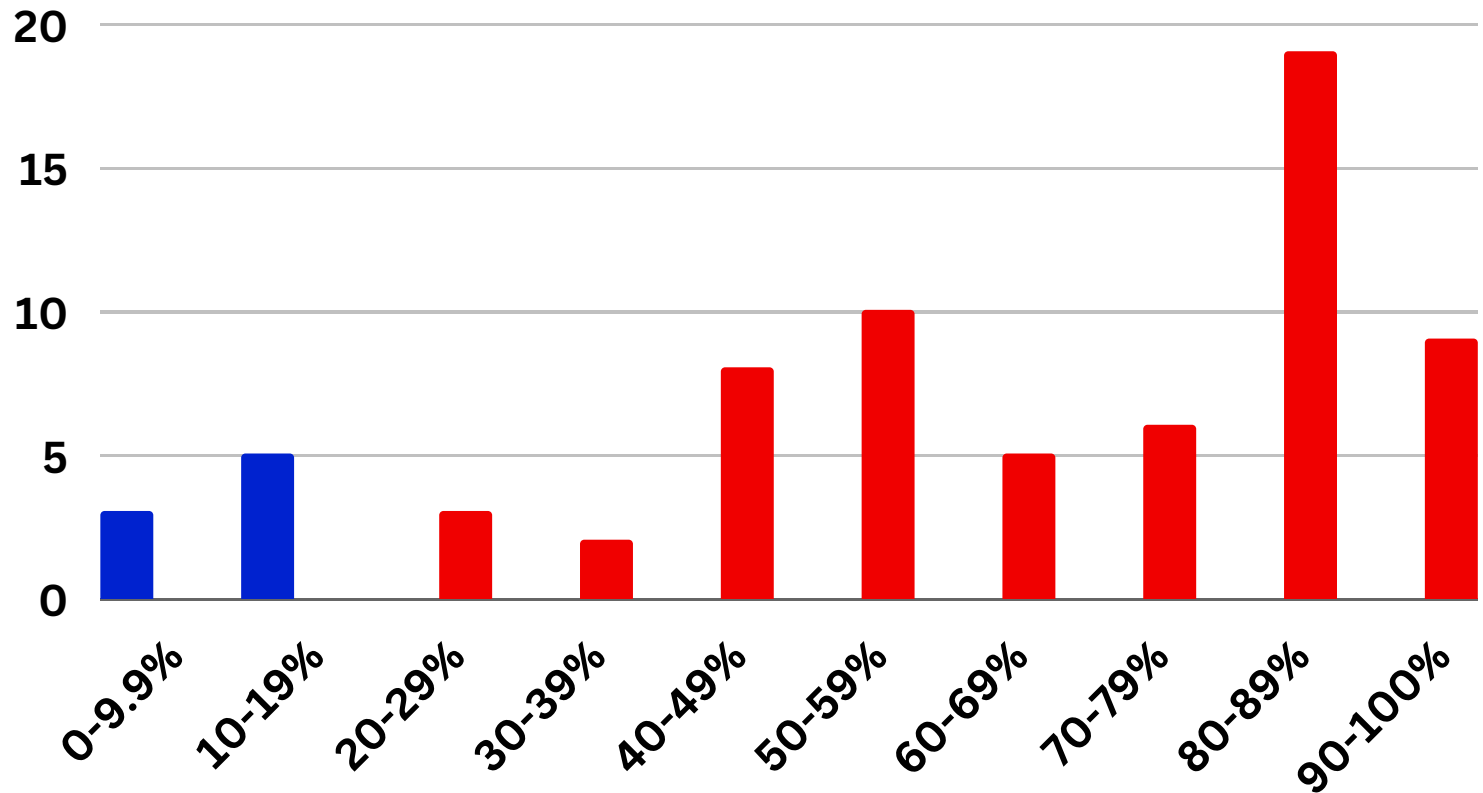
10%



LOWEST REPUBLICAN
Jess Olson
29%



■ Democrat (8 Members) ■ Republican (62 Members)



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
Oren Lesmeister
13%





SOUTH DAKOTA SENATE SCORES

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James Bolin	R	81%	77%	69%	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Bryan Breitling	R	63%	68%	65%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-
Gary Cammack	R	75%	81%	69%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Jessica Castleberry	R	69%	81%	75%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Casey Crabtree	R	75%	77%	76%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
R. Blake Curd	R	69%	60%	69%	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Michael Diedrich	R	53%	65%	60%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	+	+	-	-	-
Helene Duhamel	R	69%	61%	64%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Mary Duvall	R	69%	77%	61%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Red Dawn Foster	D	36%	39%	39%	+	-	+	+	-	-	X	X	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Julie Frye-Mueller	R	100%	81%	87%	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brock Greenfield	R	88%	81%	78%	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Troy Heinert	D	36%	39%	35%	+	-	+	+	-	-	X	-	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	-
Jean Hunhoff	R	50%	65%	53%	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-
Timothy Johns	R	38%	60%	55%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
David Johnson	R	73%	74%	71%	+	+	+	+	-	-	X	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Joshua Klumb	R	69%	87%	72%	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Jack Kolbeck	R	75%	74%	68%	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+

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Ryan Maher	R	75%	77%	78%	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Reynold Nesiba	D	33%	32%	32%	+	-	+	+	-	-	x	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Al Novstrup	R	63%	84%	71%	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+
Herman Otten	R	56%	65%	68%	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
Michael Rohl	R	60%	71%	66%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	x	+
Arthur Rusch	R	38%	68%	58%	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Lee Schoenbeck	R	81%	71%	64%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kyle Schoenfish	R	56%	61%	62%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
V. J. Smith	R	40%	63%	54%	+	-	x	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Jim Stalzer	R	94%	83%	80%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wayne Steinhauer	R	56%	74%	64%	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Margaret Sutton	R	94%	84%	80%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Marsha Symens	R	81%	81%	81%	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Erin Tobin	R	50%	77%	64%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
David Wheeler	R	50%	67%	59%	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
John Wiik	R	75%	87%	72%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Larry Zikmund	R	75%	68%	69%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+

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HCR 6002 Affirming Free Market Solutions to Housing Crises.

This concurrent resolution explains how fees and regulations have slowed housing construction and added thousands of dollars to the cost of a new home. It also affirms the free market system as the best and most effective solution to meet the need for affordable housing in South Dakota. CPAC has consistently opposed needless taxes and regulations in the housing market and supported this resolution. The Senate passed the resolution on March 7, 2022 by a vote of 34-0 and it passed the House as well.

HB 1012 Cracking Down on Radical Leftist Ideology in Public Universities.

This bill prohibits public institutions of higher education from compelling students to affirm or adopt certain “divisive concepts.” These concepts include those that state that one’s morality derives from their race or that one should feel guilt because of their race. CPAC opposes the teaching of CRT-adjacent and other racist principles in public schools and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 7, 2022 by a vote of 27-8 and the bill later became law.

HB 1053 Authorizing Local Counties to Increase Taxes.

This bill authorizes counties to issue bonds that will be paid for by a county gross receipts tax. CPAC opposes allowing for increases in taxation in this way and opposed this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on February 28, 2022 by a vote of 4-30.

HB 1177 Strengthening Property Rights.

This bill allows hotels and RV parks to eject patrons for various offenses, one of which is for the nonpayment of rent. CPAC supports strengthening property rights in this way and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 28, 2022 by a vote of 32-3 and the bill later became law.

HB 1209 Expanding the National Music Museum.

This bill appropriates \$2,000,000 in taxpayer funds to the National Music Museum and declares an “emergency” such that the funds may be expended immediately. CPAC believes that private funding should be used to principally support the arts, sees no reason why this appropriation should be given emergency status, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 9, 2022 by a vote of 29-6 and the bill later became law.



HB 1223 Weakening Parental Consent.

This bill authorizes a minor child to give consent to certain medical procedures without receiving parental consent to the procedure. CPAC believes parents should be provided with authority over the healthcare decisions of their children and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 2, 2022 by a vote of 30-5 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.

HB 1228 Right to Try.

This bill allows patients with “serious illnesses” to use drugs that have not been formally approved by government entities. CPAC has long supported the ability of seriously ill patients to try experimental drugs and supported this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on March 7, 2022 by a vote of 6-25.

HB 1318 Ending Abortion by Telemedicine.

This bill prohibits physicians from prescribing certain abortion drugs over electronic channels and increases the penalty for the unlicensed practice of medicine when performing an abortion. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 2, 2022 by a vote of 32-2 and the bill later became law.

HB 1328 Modest Reform of Asset Forfeiture Law.

This bill requires the Attorney General to maintain a searchable public website that includes the nature and details of property seized under the law. CPAC wholly opposes laws that allow for property seizure without a criminal conviction but supported this bill as a small step toward real reform. The Senate passed the bill on March 7, 2022 by a vote of 34-0 and the bill later became law.

SB 46 Protecting Women’s Sports.

This bill requires schools to designate their teams as being for males, for females or as coed. It then prohibits these schools from allowing males to play on the teams designated for females. CPAC supports creating a safe and fair environment of play in school sports and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 19, 2022 by a vote of 26-7 and the bill later became law.



SB 102 Expanding Medicaid.

This bill expands the number of people eligible for the Medicaid program. CPAC opposes expanding a program that is already rife with fraud and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 8, 2022 by a vote of 21-14 but the bill was not taken up by the House.

SB 122 Banning Zuckerbucks.

This bill prohibits outside groups from funding election costs. CPAC supports efforts to strengthen the integrity of the election process and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 22, 2022 by a vote of 32-3 and the bill later became law.

SB 149 Taking Government Nutritional Programs to New Lengths.

This bill funds food vouchers that can be redeemed at certain restaurants. CPAC opposes this unnecessary expansion of the voucher program, opposes forcing taxpayers to foot the bill for restaurant purchases that other people make, and opposed this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on February 15, 2022 by a vote of 12-23.

SB 157 Exempting Government Favored Businesses from a Business Tax.

This bill exempts qualifying data centers from the gross receipts tax. CPAC opposes carve outs that put those who are not included in them at a disadvantage and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 15, 2022 by a vote of 20-15 but the bill was not taken up by the House.

SB 163 Drug Price Controls.

This bill meddles in how pharmacy benefit managers exact fees, set reimbursement rates, and form contracts with certain entities. CPAC opposes government interference in the marketplace and private contract negotiations and opposed this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on February 23, 2022 by a vote of 17-17.

S186 Expanding Medicaid to All Low-Income Adults.

This bill allows any low-income person between the age of 18 and 65 to qualify for Medicaid, claiming that it will cancel the program if the federal government does not pay 90 percent of the cost. CPAC opposes expanding this program, the likes of which is already rife with fraud and is in dire need of reforms, and opposed this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on February 15, 2022 by a vote of 12-23.



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David Anderson	R	47%	61%	58%	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
Aaron Aylward	R	88%	88%	88%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hugh Bartels	R	41%	58%	62%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Doug Barthel	R	29%	71%	55%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Arch Beal	R	82%	88%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Rocky Blare	R	65%	81%	66%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Shawn Bordeaux	D	12%	39%	26%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Kirk Chaffee	R	59%	81%	74%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Roger Chase	R	41%	58%	57%	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Ryan Cwach	D	12%	32%	27%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Sydney Davis	R	41%	63%	52%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Drew Dennert	R	82%	90%	83%	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Mike Derby	R	47%	77%	62%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
Fred Deutsch	R	88%	84%	73%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Becky Drury	R	41%	77%	59%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Linda Duba	D	6%	39%	28%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Caleb Finck	R	81%	80%	73%	+	+	+	-	-	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Mary Fitzgerald	R	82%	84%	83%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Tim Goodwin	R	65%	81%	79%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+
Spencer Gosch	R	76%	81%	78%	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lana Greenfield	R	88%	75%	80%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Randy Gross	R	88%	90%	84%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Jon Hansen	R	94%	84%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Steven Hugaard	R	94%	81%	79%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-

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Erin Healy	D	12%	42%	32%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Charles Hoffman	R	71%	87%	75%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Taffy Howard	R	94%	90%	87%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Greg Jamison	R	59%	79%	77%	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Kevin Jensen	R	94%	87%	82%	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Phil Jensen	R	94%	93%	90%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Chris Johnson	R	76%	87%	85%	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Chris Karr	R	88%	84%	76%	X	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jennifer Keintz	D	7%	29%	18%	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	+
Lance Koth	R	50%	74%	65%	X	+	-	X	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	X	+	-	+
Trish Ladner	R	88%	79%	84%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Oren Lesmeister	D	13%	46%	42%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	+
Sam Marty	R	94%	87%	84%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Elizabeth May	R	100%	87%	81%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
John Mills	R	88%	83%	76%	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rhonda Milstead	R	82%	87%	75%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Paul Miskimins	R	41%	71%	59%	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Will Mortenson	R	53%	70%	61%	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
Tina Mulally	R	88%	81%	87%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Scott Odenbach	R	94%	94%	94%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jess Olson	R	29%	62%	45%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
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Kent Peterson	R	53%	71%	63%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Sue Peterson	R	81%	87%	77%	x	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Tom Pischke	R	88%	87%	86%	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Peri Pourier	D	13%	41%	28%	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Tony Randolph	R	88%	84%	84%	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+
Tim Reed	R	41%	66%	57%	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Taylor Rehfeldt	R	63%	78%	70%	x	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
Rebecca Reimer	R	53%	81%	69%	+	+	-	-	x	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	x	-	+
Lynn Schneider	R	65%	74%	69%	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Jamie Smith	D	6%	43%	33%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Bethany Soye	R	88%	93%	91%	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tamara St. John	R	64%	81%	68%	+	-	x	-	+	x	-	+	+	+	+	x	+	-	+	-	+
Mike Stevens	R	29%	65%	48%	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Richard Thomason	R	53%	65%	59%	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Larry Tidemann	R	35%	55%	45%	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Richard Vasgaard	R	76%	81%	79%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Kaleb Weis	R	88%	86%	87%	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mike Weisgram	R	53%	61%	57%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Marli Wiese	R	79%	87%	80%	+	+	x	-	+	x	-	-	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+
Mark Willadsen	R	35%	58%	59%	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Dean Wink	R	53%	77%	67%	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
Nancy York	R	53%	65%	62%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+

(+) : Member voted with the conservative position (-) : Member voted liberal (x) : Member was absent for the vote (N/a) : Member did not vote on 2/3 of the scored votes and did not receive a score for the 2022 ratings.



HCR 6002 Affirming Free Market Solutions to Housing Crises.

This concurrent resolution explains how fees and regulations have slowed housing construction and added thousands of dollars to the cost of a new home. It also affirms the free market system as the best and most effective solution to meet the need for affordable housing in South Dakota. CPAC has consistently opposed needless taxes and regulations in the housing market and supported this resolution. The House passed the concurrent resolution on February 10, 2022 by a vote of 50-15.

HB 1012 Cracking Down on Radical Leftist Ideology in Public Universities.

This bill prohibits public institutions of higher education from compelling students to affirm or adopt certain “divisive concepts.” These concepts include those that state that one’s morality derives from their race or that one should feel guilt because of their race. CPAC opposes the teaching of CRT-adjacent and other racist principles in public schools and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2022 by a vote of 60-10 and the bill later became law.

HB 1052 Maintaining Second Amendment Rights.

This bill prohibits state personnel from enforcing federal laws that weaken Second Amendment rights. Under the bill, such personnel would not be permitted to order the confiscation of firearms or prevent one from owning certain firearms at the exclusive behest of federal legislation. CPAC supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The House defeated the bill on February 22, 2022 by a vote of 28-39.

HB 1053 Authorizing Local Counties to Increase Taxes.

This bill authorizes counties to issue bonds that will be paid for by a county gross receipts tax. CPAC opposes allowing for increases in taxation in this way and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 15, 2022 by a vote of 45-22 but the bill was defeated in the Senate.

HB 1177 Strengthening Property Rights.

This bill allows hotels and RV parks to eject patrons for various offenses, one of which is for the nonpayment of rent. CPAC supports strengthening property rights in this way and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 3, 2022 by a vote of 42-26 and the bill later became law.



HB 1208 Eliminating Drug-Induced Abortion.

This bill prohibits a physician from performing an abortion using chemical drugs. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 22, 2022 by a vote of 40-27 but the bill was not taken up by the Senate.

HB 1209 Expanding the National Music Museum.

This bill appropriates \$2,000,000 in taxpayer funds to the National Music Museum and declares an “emergency” such that the funds may be expended immediately. CPAC believes that private funding should be used to principally support the arts, sees no reason why this appropriation should be given emergency status, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 9, 2022 by a vote of 47-21 and the bill later became law.

HB 1223 Weakening Parental Consent.

This bill authorizes a minor child to give consent to certain medical procedures without receiving parental consent to the procedure. CPAC believes parents should be provided with authority over the healthcare decisions of their children and opposed this bill. The House sustained the governor’s veto of the bill on March 28, 2022 by a vote of 23-47.

HB 1228 Right to Try.

This bill allows patients with “serious illnesses” to use drugs that have not been formally approved by government entities. CPAC has long supported the ability of seriously ill patients to try experimental drugs and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 23, 2022 by a vote of 57-13 but the bill was defeated in the Senate.

HB 1318 Ending Abortion by Telemedicine.

This bill prohibits physicians from prescribing certain abortion drugs over electronic channels and increases the penalty for the unlicensed practice of medicine when performing an abortion. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 23, 2022 by a vote of 62-8 and the bill later became law.



HB 1327 Decreasing the Gross Receipts Tax.

This bill reduces the gross receipts tax from 4.5 to 4%. While CPAC would prefer measures that diminish the gross receipts tax further, it supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on February 23, 2022 by a vote of 39-31 but the bill was not taken up by the Senate.

HB 1328 Modest Reform of Asset Forfeiture Law.

This bill requires the Attorney General to maintain a searchable public website containing the nature and details of property seized under the law. CPAC opposes laws that allow for property seizures without a criminal conviction but supported this bill as a small step toward real reform. The House passed the bill on February 22, 2022 by a vote of 38-29 and the bill later became law.

HB 1335 Increasing Transparency in How Federal Funds Are Used.

This bill requires that certain appropriation requests from government entities include the exact purposes for which the funds will be used.. CPAC supports increased transparency in the appropriation of taxpayer dollars and supported this bill. The House defeated the bill on February 16, 2022 by a vote of 30-39.

HB 1337 Attempt to Crack Down on CRT in Public Schools.

This bill prohibits public schools from teaching certain “divisive concepts.” These concepts include those that claim that one race is inherently superior or inferior to another and that one should feel discomfort because of their race. CPAC opposes the teaching of CRT-adjacent theories in the public school system and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 15, 2022 by a vote of 50-18 but the bill was not taken up by the Senate.

SB 46 Protecting Women’s Sports.

This bill requires schools to designate their teams as being for males, for females or as coed. It then prohibits these schools from allowing males to play on the teams designated for females. CPAC supports creating a safe and fair environment of play in school sports and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 1, 2022 by a vote of 50-17 and the bill later became law.



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SOUTH DAKOTA HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

SB 65 (Amd. 65E) Forcing Taxpayers to Further Subsidize Housing.

This amendment allocates \$150 million to the South Dakota Housing Opportunity fund and outlines how these funds should be used. CPAC opposes government interference in the housing market and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 2, 2022 by a vote of 46-22 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.

SB 122 Banning Zuckerbucks.

This bill prohibits outside groups from funding election costs. CPAC supports efforts to strengthen the integrity of the election process and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 3, 2022 by a vote of 68-2 and the bill later became law.
