

# RATINGS of MINNESOTA 2020





The nation's gold standard to hold nearly 8,000 lawmakers accountable for their voting records.





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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of Minnesota* for 2020. Like our *Ratings of Congress*, ACU 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.



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# ABOUT THE CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF), 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 addition to ACUF's Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the largest gathering of conservatives in the world, the CLA develops conservative policy solutions and educates everyday citizens and activists on the proper role of government. 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.

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#### **METHODOLOGY**

The CLA's Ratings of Congress and the States illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. When determining a position on a particular issue, the CLA begins by defining conservatism: the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person. Then, we apply the founders' belief that the proper role of government is to protect Life, Liberty and Property.

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.

Each lawmaker is evaluated on a zero to 100 scale, with a score of 100 representing a voting record that is perfectly aligned with conservative principles. Officials who earn a score of 90% or higher are presented with the CLA's highest honor, the Award for Conservative Excellence, while those who earn a score of 80% or higher, but less than 90%, are presented with the Award for Conservative Achievement. Additionally, any lawmaker who earns a score of 10% or lower qualifies for the ACUF's Coalition of the Radical Left.

#### **ANNUAL METRICS**







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. The CLA provides a score for each legislative chamber, which is based upon the average scores of all members within that respective chamber. A legislature's overall score is calculated by averaging each state's two legislative chambers together in order to better reflect the differences in political power between the chambers. (The exception being Nebraska, the nation's only unicameral legislature comprising a single legislative chamber, on which the state's overall score is based.)



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# **2020 WINNERS & LOSERS**





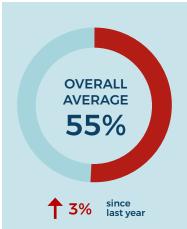




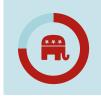
↓ 13 since last year*			
HOUSE			
ALBRIGHT, TONY	GRUENHAGEN, GLENN	NORNES, BUD	THEIS, TAMA
ANDERSON, PAUL	GUNTHER, BOB	O'DRISCOLL, TIM	TORKELSON, PAUL
BACKER, JEFF	KIEL, DEBRA	RUNBECK, LINDA	
DANIELS, BRIAN	KRESHA, RON	SCHOMACKER, JOE	
DAVIDS, GREG	LUECK, DALE	SCOTT, PEGGY	
GAROFALO, PAT	MILLER, TIM	SWEDZINSKI, CHRIS	

<sup>\*</sup>Compared to number of qualifying lawmakers in the previous session Republicans in ALL CAPS, Democrats in initial caps, asterisk indicates Independents/Libertarians/other

# **MINNESOTA SENATE STATISTICS**







**REPUBLICAN AVERAGE 75**%





**DEMOCRAT AVERAGE** 24%

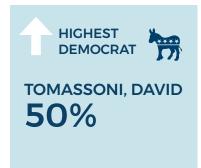


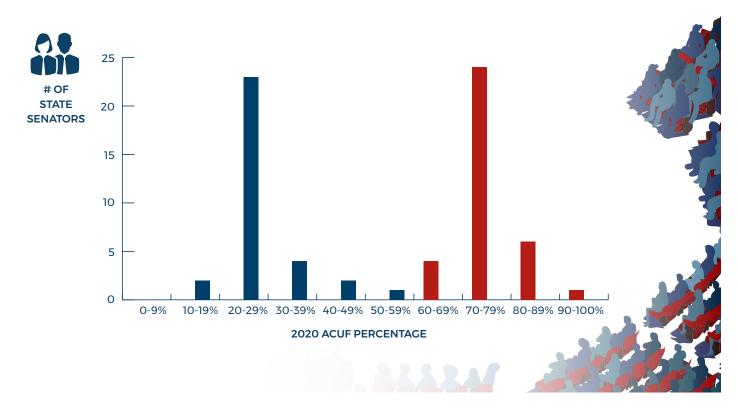
#### MINNESOTA SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS













# MINNESOTA SENATE SCORES

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ANDERSON, BRUCE	R	29	80%	94%	86%	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
ANDERSON, PAUL	R	44	68%	<b>7</b> 1%	76%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	х
Bakk, Thomas	D	3	32%	0%	11%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	х	+	+	-	-	+
BENSON, MICHELLE	R	31	80%	94%	89%	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bigham, Karla	D	54	20%	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Carlson, Jim	D	51	20%	0%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
CHAMBERLAIN, ROGER	R	38	75%	88%	81%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Champion, Bobby Joe	D	59	20%	6%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Clausen, Gregory	D	57	20%	6%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Cohen, Richard	D	64	30%	n/a	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Cwodzinski, Steve	D	48	20%	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
DAHMS, GARY	R	16	75%	82%	78%	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dibble, Scott	D	61	20%	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-

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DRAHEIM, RICH	R	20	74%	82%	81%	+	-	+	х	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dziedzic, Kari	D	60	20%	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Eaton, Chris	D	40	20%	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
EICHORN, JUSTIN	R	5	80%	82%	84%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Eken, Kent	D	4	45%	0%	22%	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
Franzen, Melisa	D	49	25%	0%	13%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Frentz, Nick	D	19	25%	0%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
GAZELKA, PAUL	R	9	70%	82%	81%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
GOGGIN, MICHAEL	R	21	<b>7</b> 8%	82%	82%	+	-	+	х	х	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
HALL, DAN	R	56	70%	82%	85%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hawj, Foung	D	67	20%	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Hayden, Jeff	D	62	15%	6%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Hoffman, John	D	36	35%	6%	17%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-
HOUSLEY, KARIN	R	39	75%	82%	78%	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
HOWE, JEFF	R	13	95%	94%	89%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
INGEBRIGTSEN, BILL	R	8	75%	88%	77%	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Isaacson, Jason	D	42	20%	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
JASINSKI, JOHN	R	24	70%	82%	80%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
JENSEN, SCOTT	R	47	75%	82%	81%	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
JOHNSON, MARK	R	1	80%	94%	86%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
Kent, Susan	D	53	20%	0%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
KIFFMEYER, MARY	R	30	80%	94%	88%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Klein, Matt	D	52	25%	0%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	_	-

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Laine, Carolyn	D	41	15%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
LANG, ANDREW	R	17	75%	88%	83%	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Latz, Ron	D	46	20%	0%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
LIMMER, WARREN	R	34	<b>72</b> %	82%	80%	+	-	+	х	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	х
Little, Matt	D	58	30%	0%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Marty, John	D	66	21%	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	х	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
MATHEWS, ANDREW	R	15	75%	94%	84%	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
MILLER, JEREMY	R	28	70%	81%	69%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
NELSON, CARLA	R	26	68%	81%	67%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	х	+	+	+	+	+
NEWMAN, SCOTT	R	18	75%	88%	84%	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Newton, Jerry	D	37	20%	0%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
OSMEK, DAVID	R	33	79%	88%	86%	+	-	+	+	х	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pappas, Sandra	D	65	20%	7%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
PRATT, ERIC	R	55	70%	82%	77%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
RARICK, JASON	R	11	75%	76%	82%	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+

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Rest, Ann	D	45	20%	0%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
ROSEN, JULIE	R	23	75%	82%	74%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
RUUD, CARRIE	R	10	65%	88%	83%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
SENJEM, DAVID	R	25	70%	82%	73%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-
Simonson, Erik	D	7	25%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Sparks, Dan	D	27	40%	0%	22%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-
Tomassoni, David	D	6	50%	18%	21%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+
Torres Ray, Patricia	D	63	20%	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
UTKE, PAUL	R	2	80%	88%	84%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
WEBER, BILL	R	22	75%	82%	78%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
WESTROM, TORREY	R	12	75%	100%	82%	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wiger, Charles	D	43	20%	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Wiklund, Melissa	D	50	25%	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-

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# MINNESOTA SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. SCR 1 (Special Session #1) Ending the Governor's Disastrous Economic Shutdowns. This resolution invokes the legislature's statutory power under Minnesota's peacetime emergency law to end the Governor's executive orders that imposed economically-devastating shutdowns during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. ACU opposes heavy-handed business shutdowns which have resulted in devastating results for working families and the economy, believes that individuals should be permitted to manage their own risks related to illnesses and supported this resolution. The Senate passed the resolution on June 12, 2020 by a vote of 38-29. (The House failed to pass a corresponding resolution.)
- 2. HF1 (Special Session #5) Indebting Taxpayers to Fund \$1.87 Billion in Additional Wasteful Spending Despite a \$2.6 Billion Budget Deficit. This fiscally irresponsible omnibus bonding bill forces taxpayers to take on nearly \$2 billion in new debt at a time when lawmakers recognized the state was projected to face a \$2.6 billion budget deficit. Under the bill, only a small fraction of the spending is dedicated to essential government initiatives such as repairing aging bridges and wastewater infrastructure. Instead, the bill duplicates funding under the state budget and the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief Economic Security (CARES) Act to fulfill a leftist lobbyist wish-list of funding initiatives. For example, the bill includes \$165 million for public universities, (plus \$400 million from state budget) and \$55 million for public transportation (plus \$400 million from state budget) and \$2 million for electric vehicle charging stations. A variety of state agencies, tourist attractions and private nonprofits favored by government collected an additional \$45 million from the bill's raffle. ACU believes taxpayer funds should be reserved for essential purposes of government—not to subsidize government-favored entities while shutting down others—opposes indebting taxpayers to duplicate existing programs that provide relief from government-imposed shutdowns and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on October 15, 2020 by a vote of 64-3 and the bill was signed into law.
- 3. SR 5 (Special Session #2) Allowing Local Officials Flexibility to Respond to Implement Education Policies During the Peacetime Emergency. This resolution urges the governor to exclude public schools from any further executive order imposed in reaction to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Furthermore, the resolution opposes the governor's one-size-fits-all shutdown of in-person learning and states that "public school leaders should be able to determine the need for school closures in their community." ACU opposes "unions first, students" last approaches to education—including mandating online learning while enriching public school unions (as proposed under HF 2768)—opposes exiling a generation of students to unproductive learning environments that obstruct academic achievement and supported this resolution. The Senate passed the resolution on July 20, 2020 by a vote of 37-30.
- 4. HF 331 Advancing the War on Individual Liberties by Raising the Tobacco Age to 21. This bill violates individual liberties by prohibiting adults under age 21 from purchasing tobacco, nicotine or vaping and e-cigarette products such as Juul. Under previous law, the prohibition was imposed on minors under age 18 and only applied to tobacco products and not tobacco cessation devices such as e-cigarettes. This bill is in response to federal policy changes which threaten to withhold from states Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding if states do not align their policies with the new federal restrictions on sales and use for individuals under age 21. While the bill also reduced penalties for individuals under age 21 who violate the ban, the bill also increases penalties on tobacco licensees by 300%. ACU believes tobacco and nicotine usage is a personal liberty issue, believes those who are old enough to fight for our country are old enough to decide whether to use these products and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 13, 2020 by a vote of 43-21 and the bill was signed into law.
- 5. SF 1098 Imposing Draconian Regulations to Advance a Pharmaceutical Drug Price Control Scheme. This bill imposes draconian reporting requirements on pharmaceutical drug manufacturers to advance a government-imposed price control scheme. The bill contains numerous other reporting requirements and ultimately acts as a hidden price control by providing the state and leftist activists an opportunity to pressure manufacturers against raising prices. Specifically, the bill establishes a new government price review board and forces drug manufacturers to report a variety of proprietary information to government. For example, manufacturers must notify the state within 60 days of raising the price of a drug by arbitrary amounts, depending on various bureaucratic measurements. Furthermore, the bill requires brand name manufacturers to provide lists of international drug prices. ACU opposes government interference in the marketplace and price control mechanisms that threaten innovation, believes the best way to lower drug prices is by fostering free-market principles in international markets and streamlining the approval process at the Federal Drug Administration and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 20, 2020 by a vote of 63-2 and the bill was signed into law.



- 6. HF 1842 Expanding Wasteful Spending to Advance a Politicized "Renewable" Energy Agenda. This bill expands the growth of wasteful spending under the 1994 Xcel Energy agreement to advance a politicized "renewable" energy agenda that drives up ratepayer electricity, heating, and cooling costs. Specifically, the bill forces Xcel, one of the state's utility providers, to allocate spending (derived from public ratepayers) to a variety of "renewable" energy projects. For example, the bill includes \$46 million for California- and North Carolina-based companies to create a "net-zero emissions" energy project in the Prairie Island Indian Community and \$2.75 million to repair a hydroelectric facility in Granite Falls. Additionally, the bill makes permanent the solar panel inventive program that was set to expire in 2022 and appropriates another \$20 million in addition to the \$50 million already spent since 2014. ACU recognizes the bill merely replaces the since-repealed biomass production mandates with new mandates to comply with government's newly favored energy sources, and that the biomass debacle drove up ratepayer costs by 5% for industrial customers and 2.5% for residential customers, according to legislative testimony from Xcel. ACU supports all sources of energy, believes government should not favor one source over another, opposes spending on initiatives which raise ratepayer costs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 17, 2020 by a vote of 59-8 and the bill was signed into law.
- 7. HF 2542 Improving Housing Availability by Limiting Regulations. The Senate version of the omnibus housing bill would abandon the House version's reckless socialized housing schemes and instead reduce anti-competitive housing restrictions and improve oversight of the programs. Specifically, the bill would prohibit municipalities from denying a variety of building permits based on government's preference for certain materials, designs or other aesthetics that are not included in the state building code. Additionally, the bill would remove the ability of the Minnesota Housing Commissioner to implement new, more-restrictive building codes and require a review of the code by 2024 (previously 2026). Furthermore, the bill would increase the accountability of local governments by requiring them to comply with increased fee disclosure requirements. Finally, the bill would encourage comprehensive municipal plans to include unsubsidized affordable housing, including smaller lot sizes for single-family homes and allowing mixed-use development. ACU recognizes that the bill also included \$100 million in housing infrastructure bonding authority and \$100 million allocated from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act but that this version was a marked improvement compared to the House version. ACU believes the best way to make housing truly affordable is by eliminating excessive zoning and building regulations and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on May 17, 2020 by a vote of 35-32. (The bill failed to advance in conference committee.)
- 8. HF 2796 Freezing Pay for Government Employees In Light of the \$2.5 Billion Budget Deficit. The Senate version of this bill blocks a 2.5% raise for 50,000 government employees that was set to go into effect in July of 2020. The pay raise would be reimplemented if the state achieves a budget surplus by July of 2021. These raises were previously negotiated during a period of economic growth which was quickly ended during the government-imposed shutdowns due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and has resulted in a projected \$4 billion loss of tax collections for the state. ACU believes it is absurd to increase state employee pay at a time of extreme budget deficits and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 16, 2020 by a vote of 34-33. (The bill failed to advance in conference committee.)
- 9. **SF 2898 Exempting Hairstyling and Makeup Services from Anti-Competitive Occupational Licensing Requirements**. This bill helps expand employment opportunities by exempting the practices of hairstyling and makeup services from the state's anti-competitive licensing requirements for cosmetologists. Instead of obtaining three separate licenses and permits, hair and makeup artists would be free to work as soon as they finish a four-hour course on health, safety, and infection control. The bill maintains licensing requirements to perform other beauty services such as haircuts and manicures. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements that reduce available goods and services, raise consumer costs, and are primarily designed to restrict competition and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on May 13, 2020 by a vote of 64-3 and the bill was signed into law.
- 10. SF 2919 Expanding Scope of Practice for Athletic Trainers to Provide Care. This bill is designed to improve access to health care by expanding the ability of athletic trainers to treat patients. Under current law, athletic trainers are prohibited from providing care to individuals who are not "athletes." Additionally, the services they may provide are often conditioned on a referral from a physician, thereby creating costs and delays for patients. Under this bill, athletic trainers would have greater ability to provide a range of noninvasive and preventative treatments without needing a consultation or referral in some cases. ACU supports expanding access to care by removing anti-competitive restrictions and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 27, 2020 by a vote of 42-24. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)



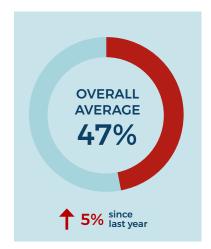
- 11. SF 3258 Ensuring Safe and Sanitary Conditions in Correctional Facilities. This bill is designed to strengthen the safety and sanitary conditions of state correctional facilities for both inmates and correctional staff. Under the bill, a framework is established to ensure female inmates are provided with feminine hygiene products. Additionally, this bill strengthens the security of correctional facilities by prohibiting individuals from using an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) to obtain images of the facility or deliver contraband. ACUF's Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports efforts to improve the safety and sanitary conditions of correctional facilities, supports protecting human dignity and lowering taxpayer costs by avoiding more serious health conditions through daily hygiene and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 14, 2020 by a vote of 67-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 12. SF 3358 Preventing Labor Mandates from Stopping Young Minnesotans from Finding Work Experience. This bill helps protect youth job opportunities from anti-competitive labor restrictions by strengthening the rights of 16- and 17-year-old employees. Under the bill, such employees may now operate amusement park rides and lawn care equipment with certain training and supervision requirements. Under previous law, employing an individual of those ages required obtaining a waiver, which has been increasingly difficult to obtain, according to employers. ACU supports protecting the ability for youths to earn valuable life skills through work and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 16, 2020 by a vote of 67-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 13. HF 3429 Weakening Ballot Security by Bankrolling Taxpayer-Funded Campaigns to Encourage "No-Excuse" Absentee Voting. This bill spends over \$17 million on initiatives including taxpayer-funded politicized election communications while eliminating safeguards that protect the integrity of elections. Under the bill, the multi-million spending effort includes initiatives to "increase absentee voting" through outreach to voters. Additionally, the bill permits localities to exceed statutory deadlines governing the conclusion of vote counting and designating polling places. Furthermore, the bill permits election officials to violate election procedures and authorize medical professionals to provide absentee voting services rather than authorized officials. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards such as reserving absentee voting for individuals who otherwise would be incapable of voting (due to illness or absence from the state, for example) are designed to ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU opposes this measure that compromises election integrity and increases the possibility of fraud which disenfranchises eligible voters and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 7, 2020 by a vote of 66-1 and the bill was signed into law.
- 14. SF 4073 Imposing Greater Restrictions than the EPA by Outright Banning the Industrial Solvent Trichloroethylene. This bill makes Minnesota the first state to ban the use of an industrial solvent known as trichloroethylene (TCE) which is in a number of cleaning solutions and adhesives. This bill outright bans the use of TCE by June 1, 2022, with the possibility of a one-year delay for small businesses. While the bill grants the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency substantial authority to grant waivers from the ban, the bill represents a significant burden on businesses. This bill was being considered as the EPA was finishing their comprehensive evaluation of TCE, which was eventually released in November and determined there are ways to mitigate risk outside of outright banning TCE. ACU opposes heavy-handed regulation which drives up costs for consumers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 30, 2020 by a vote of 66-1 and the bill was signed into law.
- 15. SF 4481 Deciding the Recipients of COVID-19 Relief Funding Based on Race. The Hawj (ACUF Lifetime 9%) amendment to the bill providing grants for businesses impacted by the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak would mandate that a large portion of the funds be spent based on the ethnicity of the recipients. Under the amendment, \$5 million of the grant program would be required to be spent on operators of permanent indoor retail spaces that have a "strong ethnic cultural orientation." The amendment would also specify that the grants would not be subject to amount limits. ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all, that it is the duty of government to ensure all laws are applied equally, opposes awarding taxpayer funds based on racial discrimination and opposed this amendment. The Senate defeated the amendment on May 12, 2020 by a vote of 29-36.
- 16. SF 4486 Ensuring Oversight and Limiting Misuse of Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds. This bill prevents misuse of federal COVID-19 relief funding by requiring legislative oversight of how the funds are spent. Specifically, this bill would create a special relief account for the federal funds that can only be accessed by passage of an appropriation bill approved by the full legislature. This ensures the governor cannot bypass the legislature to irresponsibly spend the money. ACU supports reasonable oversight to COVID-19 relief funding and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 27, 2020 by a vote of 42-25. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

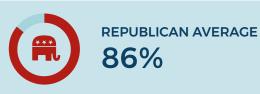


- 17. SF 4489 Allowing Restaurants to Sell Alcoholic Beverages To-Go during Forced Economic Shutdowns. This bill helps businesses survive the devastating consequences of Governor Walz's economic shutdowns by permitting restaurants and bars to sell certain alcoholic beverages to-go. The reform only applies as long as Walz's Executive Order 20-04 continues to shutter establishments for on-site consumption. Under the bill, establishments that hold "on-sale" licenses (for on-site consumption) may begin selling to-go beer, wine, hard seltzer and cider as long as the customer also buys take-out food. Establishments must also limit sales to 72 ounces of most beverages per order (750 milliliters of wine), sell beverages only in their original unopened packaging and verify that the customer is at least age 21. ACU supports ending excessive, anti-competitive regulations in the alcoholic beverage industry, supports lifting regulatory barriers to business especially considering the draconian economic shutdown orders and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on April 16, 2020 by a vote of 65-2 and the bill was signed into law.
- 18. SF 4511 Ensuring the Safe Reopening of Businesses Decimated by Government Shutdowns. This bill provides a crucial check on part of Governor Walz's gross abuse of executive power through forced shutdowns of businesses due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Specifically, the bill would allow businesses that were shut down to reopen if they follow applicable public health guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). ACU supports providing regulatory relief from heavy-handed economic shutdown orders, believes many of the government's responses to COVID-19 have done more harm than good, supports the right of Americans to manage their own risks related to illnesses and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 11, 2020 by a vote of 39-28. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
- 19. Leppink Nomination (Special Session #3)—Confirming a Union Pawn as Commissioner of Labor. This vote would confirm Nancy Leppink, a radical anti-business union-backed attorney as Commissioner of Minnesota's Department of Labor and Industry, a position she has held in a provisional role since being appointed in February of 2019. Leppink has a long history of using her power to impose new regulations on businesses. As an assistant attorney general and as general counsel and director of legal lervices for the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Leppink fought to raise constriction costs of public projects by defending prevailing wage from preemption, fought to pass legislation limiting the ability for individuals to be independent contractors and set precedent in a case that opened employers in the state up to lawsuit abuse. It is evident that Leppink has used her taxpayer-funded jobs to do the bidding for labor unions, as the Minnesota AFL-CIO and a coalition of several unions were the loudest voices opposing her ouster. ACU opposes heavy-handed and anti-competitive regulations that drive up consumer costs and eliminate job opportunities, opposes executive branch nominees who advance such tactics at the behest of powerful union bosses and opposed this nomination. The Senate rejected the nomination of Leppink on August 12, 2020 by a vote of 32-35.
- 20. Kelley Nomination (Special Session #4)—Confirming Environmental Activist Former Democrat Lawmaker as Commissioner of Commerce. This vote would confirm former Democrat state senator Steve Kelley as Commissioner of Minnesota's Department of Commerce, a position he has held in a provisional role since January 2019. After his time as a state senator, Kelley spent three years as an Executive Committee Member of the Sierra Club's North Star Chapter. As one of his first moves as commissioner, he used his office to advance far-left environmental activism by advancing a challenge to Enbridge Energy's \$2.6 billion plan to replace its aging Line 3 pipeline across northern Minnesota. This privately-funded pipeline project protects the environment by providing a safer way to transport affordable crude oil to Minnesota's refineries, but faced new challenges due to Mr. Kelley's actions. ACU opposes driving up consumer energy costs to advance a politicized energy agenda, opposes executive branch nominees who advance such agendas at the behest of far-left environmental activists and opposed the nomination. The Senate rejected the nomination of Kelley on September 11, 2020 by a vote of 31-33.

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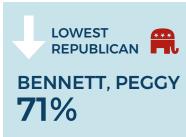


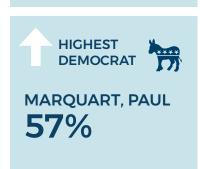


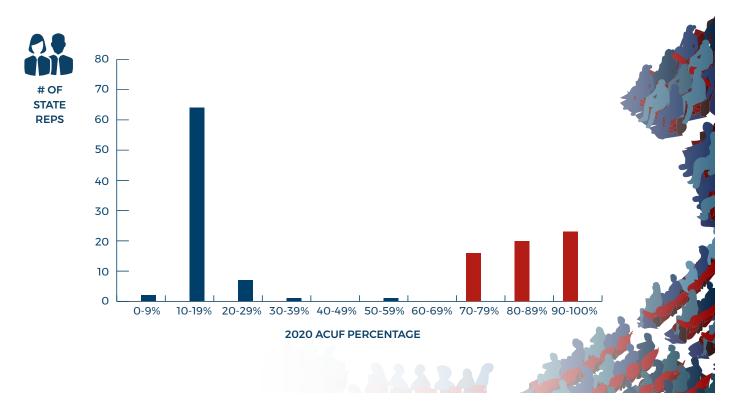
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ALBRIGHT, TONY	R	55B	80%	83%	87%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
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- HF 5 Imposing New Payroll Taxes on Employers and Employees to Create a State-Run Paid Family and Medical Leave Program.
- HF 8 Establishing a Costly and Burdensome Barrier to Exercise Second Amendment Rights.
- HF 9 Seizing Firearms without Due Process through "Red Flag" Confiscations.
- HCR 9 (Special Session #1) Ending the Governor's Disastrous Economic Shutdowns.
- HF 132 (Special Session #1) Increasing Wasteful Spending and Increasing Taxes to Advance Leftist Political Initiatives.

- HF 163 Allowing In-Person Graduation Ceremonies If Social Distancing Possible.
- HF 331 Advancing the War on Individual Liberties by Raising the Tobacco Age to 21.
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  Funds to Provide Ratepayers Relief.
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- HF 2542 Protecting the Ability for Landlords to Accurately Assess Risk.
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- HF 2768 Spending \$1.2 Billion on Public Union Contracts Despite a \$2.5 Billion Budget Deficit.
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- HF 4582 Raiding the TANF Fund to Expand Cash Welfare.
- HF 4605 Protecting Second Amendment Rights during Peacetime Emergencies.
- HF 4606 Ensuring the Safe Reopening of Businesses Decimated by Government Shutdowns.



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Elkins, Steve	D	49B	16%	7%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
ERICKSON, SONDRA	R	15A	92%	80%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
FABIAN, DAN	R	1A	92%	90%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Fischer, Peter	D	43A	16%	7%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
FRANSON, MARY	R	8B	92%	93%	86%	+	Х	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Freiberg, Mike	D	45B	12%	10%	<b>7</b> %	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
GAROFALO, PAT	R	58B	84%	86%	87%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+
Gomez, Aisha	D	62B	13%	7%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	х	-	-	-	-
GREEN, STEVE	R	2B	92%	90%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
GROSSELL, MATTHEW	R	2A	91%	86%	87%	+	+	+	+	+	+	Х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Х	-	-	Х	+	+	+	+

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GRUENHAGEN, GLENN	R	18B	88%	86%	87%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
GUNTHER, BOB	R	23A	84%	83%	79%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
HALEY, BARB	R	21A	76%	86%	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Halverson, Laurie	D	51B	16%	<b>7</b> %	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
HAMILTON, ROD	R	22B	<b>72</b> %	64%	74%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Hansen, Rick	D	52A	16%	<b>7</b> %	12%	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Hassan, Hodan	D	62A	13%	8%	10%	-	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	Х	-	-	-	-
Hausman, Alice	D	66A	16%	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
HEINRICH, JOHN	R	35A	96%	93%	95%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
HEINTZEMAN, JOSH	R	10A	92%	90%	87%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Her, Kaohly	D	64A	16%	10%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
HERTAUS, JERRY	R	33A	96%	96%	93%	-	+	+	+	+	Х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hornstein, Frank	D	61A	16%	<b>7</b> %	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Hortman, Melissa	D	36B	14%	7%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	х	х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	Х	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Howard, Michael	D	50A	16%	<b>7</b> %	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Huot, John	D	57B	16%	<b>7</b> %	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-

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Jordan, Sydney	D	60A	17%	n/a	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	Х	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
JURGENS, TONY	R	54B	72%	77%	76%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
KIEL, DEBRA	R	1B	88%	89%	85%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+
Klevorn, Ginny	D	44A	12%	10%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Koegel, Erin	D	37A	16%	<b>7</b> %	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Kotyza-Witthuhn, Carlie	D	48B	16%	10%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
KOZNICK, JON	R	58A	92%	80%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
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Kunesh-Podein, Mary	D	41B	16%	10%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
LAYMAN, SANDY	R	5B	76%	80%	81%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Lee, Fue	D	59A	16%	10%	<b>7</b> %	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Lesch, John	D	66B	16%	3%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Liebling, Tina	D	26A	12%	7%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Lien, Ben	D	4A	20%	10%	21%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Lillie, Leon	D	43B	16%	7%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Lippert, Todd	D	20B	16%	10%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Lislegard, Dave	D	6B	27%	27%	27%	-	-	+	+	-	-	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	Х	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-
Loeffler, Diane	D	60A	n/a†	10%	8%	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	-	-	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	х	х
Long, Jamie	D	61B	16%	7%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
LUCERO, ERIC	R	30B	100%	90%	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
LUECK, DALE	R	10B	84%	83%	84%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Mahoney, Tim	D	67A	8%	<b>7</b> %	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mann, Alice	D	56B	22%	7%	15%	-	-	х	х	х	-	-	Х	Х	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	х	-	+	-	Х	-	-
Mariani, Carlos	D	65B	16%	10%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-

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Masin, Sandra	D	51A	16%	7%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
McDONALD, JOE	R	29A	96%	90%	92%	+	+	Х	Х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
MEKELAND, SHANE	R	15B	100%	93%	97%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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Moller, Kelly	D	42A	16%	10%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Moran, Rena	D	65A	16%	11%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
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Murphy, Mary	D	3B	17%	10%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
NASH, JIM	R	47A	95%	93%	91%	+	+	+	+	+	х	+	х	х	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	Х	+	+	+	х	+	+
Nelson, Michael	D	40A	12%	7%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
NELSON, NATHAN	R	11B	76%	85%	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
NEU, ANNE	R	32B	92%	83%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Noor, Mohamud	D	60B	17%	3%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	Х
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O'DRISCOLL, TIM	R	13B	84%	90%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
O'NEILL, MARION	R	29B	92%	83%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
Olson, Liz	D	7B	16%	<b>7</b> %	<b>7</b> %	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Pelowski, Gene	D	28A	32%	26%	38%	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Persell, John	D	5A	16%	<b>7</b> %	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
PETERSBURG, JOHN	R	24A	76%	83%	85%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
PIERSON, NELS	R	26B	75%	86%	86%	-	х	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Pinto, Dave	D	64B	16%	10%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Poppe, Jeanne	D	27B	28%	11%	25%	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
POSTON, JOHN	R	9A	72%	84%	81%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Pryor, Laurie	D	48A	16%	10%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
QUAM, DUANE	R	25A	100%	86%	85%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Richardson, Ruth	D	52B	16%	10%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
ROBBINS, KRISTIN	R	34A	76%	80%	78%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
RUNBECK, LINDA	R	38A	88%	83%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Sandell, Steve	D	53B	16%	7%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Sandstede, Julie	D	6A	24%	20%	19%	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Sauke, Duane	D	25B	16%	7%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
SCHOMACKER, JOE	R	22A	88%	87%	82%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Schultz, Jennifer	D	7A	16%	7%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
SCOTT, PEGGY	R	35B	83%	89%	91%	+	+	+	+	+	Х	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Stephenson, Zack	D	36A	16%	17%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Sundin, Mike	D	11A	20%	13%	17%	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-

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SWEDZINSKI, CHRIS	R	16A	88%	86%	82%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Tabke, Brad	D	55A	16%	10%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
THEIS, TAMA	R	14A	84%	83%	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
TORKELSON, PAUL	R	16B	84%	87%	86%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
URDAHL, DEAN	R	18A	76%	79%	78%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Vang, Samantha	D	40B	16%	10%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
VOGEL, BOB	R	20A	92%	83%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Wagenius, Jean	D	63B	16%	10%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Wazlawik, Ami	D	38B	16%	10%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
WEST, NOLAN	R	37B	72%	n/a	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+
Winkler, Ryan	D	46A	16%	<b>7</b> %	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Wolgamott, Dan	D	14B	13%	10%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	Х	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Xiong, Jay	D	67B	9%	7%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	Х	+	-	-	Х	-	-	-	-
Xiong, Tou	D	53A	16%	10%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Youakim, Cheryl	D	46B	16%	10%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
ZERWAS, NICK	R	30A	n/a†	83%	85%	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	+	+	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	Х

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## MINNESOTA HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. HF1 (Special Session #5) Indebting Taxpayers to Fund \$1.87 Billion in Additional Wasteful Spending Despite a \$2.6 Billion Budget Deficit. This fiscally irresponsible omnibus bonding bill forces taxpayers to take on nearly \$2 billion in new debt at a time when lawmakers recognized the state was projected to face a \$2.6 billion budget deficit. Under the bill, only a small fraction of the spending is dedicated to essential government initiatives such as repairing aging bridges and wastewater infrastructure. Instead, the bill duplicates funding under the state budget and the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief Economic Security (CARES) Act to fulfill a leftist lobbyist wish-list of funding initiatives. For example, the bill includes \$165 million for public universities, (plus \$400 million from state budget) and \$55 million for public transportation (plus \$400 million from state budget) and \$2 million for electric vehicle charging stations. A variety of state agencies, tourist attractions and private nonprofits favored by government collected an additional \$45 million from the bill's raffle. ACU believes taxpayer funds should be reserved for essential purposes of government—not to subsidize government-favored entities while shutting down others—opposes indebting taxpayers to duplicate existing programs that provide relief from government-imposed shutdowns and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on October 14, 2020 by a vote of 100-34 and the bill was signed into law.
- 2. HF 5 Imposing New Payroll Taxes on Employers and Employees to Create a State-Run Paid Family and Medical Leave Program. This bill would impose a new costly payroll tax in order to create a mandatory state-run family and medical benefit insurance program. Under the bill, all employers in the state would be required to enroll in the program and pay a 0.06% payroll tax on wages paid to employees or apply to the state commissioner of Employment and Economic Development to provide an alternative private program. The premiums would supposedly fund up to 90% of an employee's weekly wages for 12 weeks' paid leave annually. Employees would be permitted to take leave for a wide variety of reasons, and employers would be significantly restricted by a litany of regulations concerning reinstatement, ongoing benefits during leave, and many other matters. The bill would also permit employers to deduct up to 50% of annual premiums from their income tax liability. ACU opposes government paid leave mandates, opposing socializing program costs on the backs of employees who do not wish to utilize benefits or participate in such a program and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 70-59. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 3. HF 8 Establishing a Costly and Burdensome Barrier to Exercise Second Amendment Rights. This gun control bill would make it more difficult for law-abiding citizens to exercise their Second Amendment rights by mandating background checks for nearly all private sales of firearms. The existing background check program, run through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) for commercial sales involving strangers, would be expanded to private sales involving friends, coworkers and extended relatives. Additionally, local law enforcement agencies would be directed to scour myriad government databases and deny any applications for individuals the agency believes are a "danger to themselves or others." Additionally, law enforcement would be directed to seek out existing transfer permit holders (both commercial dealers and private owners) to disqualify them and revoke their permits. ACU recognizes that countless studies have found no correlation between imposing universal background checks and reducing unlawful usage of firearms. These sorts of legislative barriers do nothing to stop criminals from engaging in additional criminal behaviors; they just make it more difficult for law-abiding citizens who are not committing crimes to exercise their constitutional rights. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes this political attack intended to prevent law-abiding citizens from accessing firearms and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 27, 2020 by a vote of 69-62. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 4. HF 9 Seizing Firearms without Due Process through "Red Flag" Confiscations. This bill would violate Second Amendment and due process rights by permitting law enforcement and public attorneys to submit an ex-parte (i.e., one-sided) petition to a court for an "extreme risk protection order." This order would allow the seizure of all firearms held by the accused, without a hearing for the accused to defend themselves, if the officials believe they are a danger to themselves or others simply due to the possession of a firearm. Under the bill, a court would be directed to issue the order on the basis of "probable cause," a low standard of evidence. Under the bill, the ban on firearm ownership could be extended for up to two years, while respondents to the order would have one chance annually to challenge the order. ACU opposes this and other so-called "red flag" measures, supports the founders' belief in both in the Second Amendment and due process under the law and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 27, 2020 by a vote of 68-62. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)



- 5. HCR 9 (Special Session #1) Ending the Governor's Disastrous Economic Shutdowns. This resolution invokes the legislature's statutory power under Minnesota's peacetime emergency law to end the Governor's executive orders that imposed economically-devastating shutdowns during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. ACU opposes heavy-handed business shutdowns which have resulted in devastating results for working families and the economy, believes that individuals should be permitted to manage their own risks related to illnesses and supported this resolution. The House defeated the resolution on April 14, 2020 by a vote of 57-76. (The Senate failed to pass a corresponding resolution.)
- 6. HF 132 (Special Session #1) Increasing Wasteful Spending and Increasing Taxes to Advance Leftist Political Initiatives. This bill would exploit citizens' fear of the violent riots during the summer of 2020 in order to force taxpayers to accept a grab-bag of leftist political initiatives. Under the bill, a panel of attorneys chosen by the governor would decide which municipal governments and private politicized nonprofits should receive a portion of \$167 million in taxpayer funds, supposedly in the name of "civil unrest immediate relief." Additionally, the bill would impose a new 0.125% municipal tax on sales and goods delivered in urban areas, only further driving up costs for working families in the cities. Additionally, this bill would decimate property rights by allowing Minneapolis and St. Paul to use eminent domain to take private property and sell it for "redevelopment that would benefit the neighborhood." Lastly, this bill would impose rent control through April 1, 2024 on all commercial and residential properties that receive state funding. ACU supports conservative criminal justice reforms and other conservative solutions to economic prosperity, opposes this measure's blatant cronyism and abuse of taxpayer funds to advance a host of leftist initiatives and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 19, 2020 by a vote of 74-53. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 7. HF 163 Allowing In-Person Graduation Ceremonies If Social Distancing Possible. The Kresha (ACUF Lifetime 83%) amendment to the education omnibus would limit the ability of Governor Walz to cancel all forms of graduation ceremonies for high school and higher education graduates during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Under a spate of executive orders throughout 2020, Governor Walz has ordered the closure of thousands of educational institutions, forcing instruction and other activities to be canceled or diminished to online-only access. Under this amendment, public and private educational institutions would be permitted to host in-person or hybrid in-person and online graduation ceremonies that comply with the Minnesota Department of Health's (MDH) social distancing guidelines. ACU supports the ability of local schools to determine their own policies concerning the recognition of academic achievement, believes Americans are capable of managing their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's responses to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this amendment. The House defeated the amendment on May 17, 2020 by a vote of 61-69.
- 8. HF 331 Advancing the War on Individual Liberties by Raising the Tobacco Age to 21. This bill violates individual liberties by prohibiting adults under age 21 from purchasing tobacco, nicotine or vaping and e-cigarette products such as Juul. Under previous law, the prohibition was imposed on minors under age 18 and only applied to tobacco products and not tobacco cessation devices such as e-cigarettes. This bill is in response to federal policy changes which threaten to withhold from states Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding if states do not align their policies with the new federal restrictions on sales and use for individuals under age 21. While the bill also reduced penalties for individuals under age 21 who violate the ban, the bill also increases penalties on tobacco licensees by 300%. ACU believes tobacco and nicotine usage is a personal liberty issue, believes those who are old enough to fight for our country are old enough to decide whether to use these products and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 9, 2020 by a vote of 89-41 and the bill was signed into law.
- 9. SF 1098 Imposing Draconian Regulations to Advance a Pharmaceutical Drug Price Control Scheme. This bill imposes draconian reporting requirements on pharmaceutical drug manufacturers to advance a government-imposed price control scheme. The bill contains numerous other reporting requirements and ultimately acts as a hidden price control by providing the state and leftist activists an opportunity to pressure manufacturers against raising prices. Specifically, the bill establishes a new government price review board and forces drug manufacturers to report a variety of proprietary information to government. For example, manufacturers must notify the state within 60 days of raising the price of a drug by arbitrary amounts, depending on various bureaucratic measurements. Furthermore, the bill requires brand name manufacturers to provide lists of international drug prices. ACU opposes government interference in the marketplace and price control mechanisms that threaten innovation, believes the best way to lower drug prices is by fostering free-market principles in international markets and streamlining the approval process at the Federal Drug Administration and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 9, 2020 by a vote of 99-33 and the bill was signed into law.

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- 10. HF 1842 Using Unspent Xcel Energy Agreement Funds to Provide Ratepayers Relief. The Swedzinski (ACUF Lifetime 82%) amendment to the renewable energy spending bill would use all remaining funds in the "renewable energy account" created from the 1994 Prairie Island agreement with Xcel Energy to provide bill credits to each retail electric customer. The fund has previously been used to mandate purchases of inefficient and costly "green energy." ACU supports all sources of energy, believes government should not favor one source over another, opposes spending on "green energy" initiatives which raise ratepayer costs and supported this amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on May 27, 2020 by a vote of 58-74.
- 11. HF 1842 Expanding Wasteful Spending to Advance a Politicized "Renewable" Energy Agenda. This bill expands the growth of wasteful spending under the 1994 Xcel Energy agreement to advance a politicized "renewable" energy agenda that drives up ratepayer electricity, heating and cooling costs. Specifically, the bill forces Xcel, one of the state's utility providers, to allocate spending (derived from public ratepayers) to a variety of "renewable" energy projects. For example, the bill includes \$46 million for California- and North Carolina-based companies to create a "net-zero emissions" energy project in the Prairie Island Indian Community and \$2.75 million to repair a hydroelectric facility in Granite Falls. Additionally, the bill makes permanent the solar panel inventive program that was set to expire in 2022 and appropriates another \$20 million in addition to the \$50 million already spent since 2014. ACU recognizes the bill merely replaces the since-repealed biomass production mandates with new mandates to comply with government's newly favored energy sources, and that the biomass debacle drove up ratepayer costs by 5% for industrial customers and 2.5% for residential customers, according to legislative testimony from Xcel. ACU supports all sources of energy, believes government should not favor one source over another, opposes spending on initiatives which raise ratepayer costs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 15, 2020 by a vote of 84-49 and the bill was signed into law.
- 12. HF 2542 Protecting the Ability for Landlords to Accurately Assess Risk. The Theis (ACUF Lifetime 80%) amendment to the omnibus housing bill would help protect the right of rental property owners to manage risk and protect other renters by reforming the bill's proposed mandatory expungement policy. Under existing law, courts are required to expunge eviction cases that occurred due to a variety of reasons not involving the fault of a tenant. Under the bill, courts would now be required to order the expungement of a wide variety of cases just if the court believes a conviction is "no longer a reasonable predictor of future tenant behavior." ACUF's Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect the right of property owners to accurately assess risk and protect neighboring renters. ACU supports protecting property rights, supports efforts to ensure that property owners may protect other renters and their interest in their property and supported this amendment. The House defeated the amendment on May 6, 2020 by a vote of 59-73. (The underlying bill failed to advance in conference committee.)
- 13. HF 2542 Undermining Property Rights Through New Housing Laws. The House version of the omnibus housing bill would impose a series of costly housing mandates that weaken property rights and further socialize housing costs. Firstly, the bill further interferes in the private contracting rights of manufactured housing communities through a series of new mandates. Secondly, the bill socializes even more housing through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency and further distorts the marketplace through 30 year "affordability covenants" and other regulations. Furthermore, the bill prevents landlords from assessing risk and protecting surrounding renters and neighbors through a mass eviction expungement initiative. ACU opposes these new mandates which infringe contracting rights and drive up housing costs, instead believes the state should reduce the cost of housing by eliminating excessive zoning and land use restrictions and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 6, 2020 by a vote of 85-48. (The bill failed to advance in conference committee.)
- 14. HF 2768 Spending \$1.2 Billion on Public Union Contracts Despite a \$2.5 Billion Budget Deficit. This bill would ratify 11 public-sector union labor agreements with the state amid an estimated \$2.5 billion budget deficit in order to dole out \$1.2 billion in pay raises for government employees over three years. As part of these agreements, taxpayers would spend \$1.2 billion to extend a 2.25% raise first implemented in July 2019 and an additional 2.5% raise in July 2020. ACU recognizes that the enormous budget deficit was made possible by the legislature's runaway wasteful spending and the disastrous consequences of Governor Walz's economic shutdowns. ACU opposes this massive increase in taxpayer spending during an historic economic downturn, believes the legislature should eliminate wasteful spending that enriches greedy union bosses and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 11, 2020 by a vote of 74-60. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)



- 15. SF 2898 Exempting Hairstyling and Makeup Services from Anti-Competitive Occupational Licensing Requirements. This bill helps expand employment opportunities by exempting the practices of hairstyling and makeup services from the state's anti-competitive licensing requirements for cosmetologists. Instead of obtaining three separate licenses and permits, hair and makeup artists would be free to work as soon as they finish a four-hour course on health, safety, and infection control. The bill maintains licensing requirements to perform other beauty services such as haircuts and manicures. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements that reduce available goods and services, raise consumer costs, and are primarily designed to restrict competition and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on May 17, 2020 by a vote of 128-4 and the bill was signed into law.
- 16. HF 3103 Harming Employment Opportunities for People with Protective Hairstyles by Encouraging Lawsuit Abuse. This bill, modeled after legislation passed in California, harms job opportunities for individuals with protective hairstyles such as braids, dreadlocks and twists by adding the hairstyles to the list of characteristics over which individuals may file lawsuits for discrimination. ACU recognizes this bill may incentivize businesses to avoid hiring anyone with protective hairstyles for fear of litigation, rather than the bill's stated intent of protecting job opportunities for people with hairstyles historically associated with race. ACU believes discrimination is wrong and that business which discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace. ACU opposes this measure which may harm the ability of racial minorities to obtain employment and impose significant new risk of lawsuit abuse for small businesses and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 15, 2020 by a vote of 92-39. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 17. SF 3258 Ensuring Safe and Sanitary Conditions in Correctional Facilities. This bill is designed to strengthen the safety and sanitary conditions of state correctional facilities for both inmates and correctional staff. Under the bill, a framework is established to ensure female inmates are provided with feminine hygiene products. Additionally, this bill strengthens the security of correctional facilities by prohibiting individuals from using an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) to obtain images of the facility or deliver contraband. ACUF's Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports efforts to improve the safety and sanitary conditions of correctional facilities, supports protecting human dignity and lowering taxpayer costs by avoiding more serious health conditions through daily hygiene and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 17, 2020 by a vote of 129-2 and the bill was signed into law.
- 18. SF 3358 Preventing Labor Mandates from Stopping Young Minnesotans from Finding Work Experience. This bill helps protect youth job opportunities from anti-competitive labor restrictions by strengthening the rights of 16- and 17-year-old employees. Under the bill, such employees may now operate amusement park rides and lawn care equipment with certain training and supervision requirements. Under previous law, employing an individual of those ages required obtaining a waiver, which has been increasingly difficult to obtain, according to employers. ACU supports protecting the ability for youths to earn valuable life skills through work and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 14, 2020 by a vote of 126-5 and the bill was signed into law.
- 19. HF 3429 Weakening Ballot Security by Bankrolling Taxpayer-Funded Campaigns to Encourage "No-Excuse" Absentee Voting. This bill spends over \$17 million on initiatives including taxpayer-funded politicized election communications while eliminating safeguards that protect the integrity of elections. Under the bill, the multi-million spending effort includes initiatives to "increase absentee voting" through outreach to voters. Additionally, the bill permits localities to exceed statutory deadlines governing the conclusion of vote counting and designating polling places. Furthermore, the bill permits election officials to violate election procedures and authorize medical professionals to provide absentee voting services rather than authorized officials. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards such as reserving absentee voting for individuals who otherwise would be incapable of voting (due to illness or absence from the state, for example) are designed to ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU opposes this measure that compromises election integrity and increases the possibility of fraud which disenfranchises eligible voters and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 9, 2020 by a vote of 122-10 and the bill was signed into law.



- 20. SF 4073 Imposing Greater Restrictions than the EPA by Outright Banning the Industrial Solvent Trichloroethylene. This bill makes Minnesota the first state to ban the use of an industrial solvent known as trichloroethylene (TCE) which is in a number of cleaning solutions and adhesives. This bill outright bans the use of TCE by June 1, 2022, with the possibility of a one-year delay for small businesses. While the bill grants the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency substantial authority to grant waivers from the ban, the bill represents a significant burden on businesses. This bill was being considered as the EPA was finishing their comprehensive evaluation of TCE, which was eventually released in November and determined there are ways to mitigate risk outside of outright banning TCE. ACU opposes heavy-handed regulation which drives up costs for consumers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 13, 2020 by a vote of 117-17 and the bill was signed into law.
- 21. SF 4489 Allowing Restaurants to Sell Alcoholic Beverages To-Go during Forced Economic Shutdowns. This bill helps businesses survive the devastating consequences of Governor Walz's economic shutdowns by permitting restaurants and bars to sell certain alcoholic beverages to-go. The reform only applies as long as Walz's Executive Order 20-04 continues to shutter establishments for on-site consumption. Under the bill, establishments that hold "on-sale" licenses (for on-site consumption) may begin selling to-go beer, wine, hard seltzer and cider as long as the customer also buys take-out food. Establishments must also limit sales to 72 ounces of most beverages per order (750 milliliters of wine), sell beverages only in their original unopened packaging and verify that the customer is at least age 21. ACU supports ending excessive, anti-competitive regulations in the alcoholic beverage industry, supports lifting regulatory barriers to business especially considering the draconian economic shutdown orders and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on April 17, 2020 by a vote of 129-1 and the bill was signed into law.
- 22. HF 4502 Increasing Utility Costs through New Energy Mandates. This bill, known as the Energy Conservation and Optimization (ECO) Act, would drive up ratepayer heating, cooling and electricity costs in order to advance a politicized global warming agenda. The bill's mandates are designed to advance Governor Walz's "One Minnesota Path to Clean Energy" plan which would require all electric utilities in Minnesota to use only carbon-free energy resources by 2050. Specifically, the bill would expand the state's existing Conservation Investment Program (CIP) by doubling mandatory investments public utilities make into "innovative clean technologies" that supposedly help reduce energy use. Additionally, electric utility providers are forced to abide by even stricter energy efficiency mandates including increased spending (up to \$6 million per provider) for existing CIP "pre-weatherization" measures and other "innovative clean technologies." ACU opposes driving up ratepayer costs in order to advance a politicized global warming agenda, supports all forms of energy, believes government should not favor one form of energy over another and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 11, 2020 by a vote of 79-55. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 23. HF 4582 Raiding the TANF Fund to Expand Cash Welfare. This bill exploits the disastrous consequences of Governor Walz's economic shutdowns to attempt to expand cash welfare under the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP). Under the bill, the legislature would wrest \$13.8 from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) fund in order to give a one-time \$500 payment to each household enrolled in MFIP. ACU recognizes that expanding cash welfare to universal basic income levels is a leftist lobbyist pipedream and that this measure would not be seriously considered if not for the consequences of the economic shutdowns. ACU believes welfare programs should be temporary and designed to help and encourage individuals to return to the workforce and opposes this expansion which can lead to intergenerational poverty and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 9, 2020 by a vote of 73-59. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 24. HF 4605 Protecting Second Amendment Rights during Peacetime Emergencies. The Daudt (ACUF Lifetime 90%) amendment to a bill concerning document filing would have extended the bill's provisions to also apply to protecting the ability of individuals to complete applications for a permit to carry. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, believes government has a duty to ensure the fundamental right to bear arms is protected, especially during emergencies, and supported this amendment. The House defeated the amendment on May 12, 2020 by a vote of 63-71.
- 25. HF 4606 Ensuring the Safe Reopening of Businesses Decimated by Government Shutdowns. This bill provides a crucial check on part of Governor Walz's gross abuse of executive power through forced shutdowns of businesses due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Specifically, the bill would allow businesses that were shut down to reopen if they follow applicable public health guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). ACU supports providing regulatory relief from heavy-handed economic shutdown orders, believes many of the government's responses to COVID-19 have done more harm than good, supports the right of Americans to manage their own risks related to illnesses and supported this bill. The House defeated the bill by a procedural motion on May 13, 2020 by a vote of 62-71.