

HOW THEY VOTED

Pro-Life Voting Records WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE 2007-2008 Session

Senator	VOTE:	1	2	3	4	% RATING
BRESKE, Roger (D-12)	O	O	O			0%
CARPENTER, Tim (D-3)	O	O	O	O		0%
COGGS, Spencer (D-6)	O	O	O			0%
COWLES, Robert (R-2)	X	X	O			67%
DARLING, Alberta (R-8)	X	X	O			67%
DECKER, Russell (D-29)	O	O	O			0%
ELLIS, Michael (R-19)	X	X	O			67%
ERPENBACH, Jon (D-27)	O	O	O	O		0%
FITZGERALD, Scott (R-13)	X	X	X			100%
GROTHMAN, Glenn (R-20)	X	X	X			100%
HANSEN Dave (D-30)	O	O	O			0%
HARSDORF, Sheila (R-10)	X	X	O			67%
JAUCH, Robert (D-25)	O	O	O			0%
KANAVAS, Ted (R-33)	X	X	X	X		100%
KAPANKE, Dan (R-32)	X	X	O			67%
KEDZIE, Neal (R-11)	X	X	X			100%
KREITLOW, Pat (D-23)	O	O	O			0%
LASEE, Alan (R-1)	X	X	O			67%
LASSA, Julie (D-24)	O	O	O			0%
LAZICH, Mary (R-28)	X	X	X	X		100%
LEHMAN, John (D-21)	O	O	O			0%
LEIBHAM, Joseph (R-9)	X	X	X			100%
MILLER, Mark (D-16)	O	O	O			0%
OLSEN, Luther (R-14)	X	X	O			67%
PLALE, Jeff (D-7)	O	O	O			0%
RISSER, Fred (D-26)	O	O	O			0%
ROBSON, Judith (D-15)	O	O	O			0%
ROESSLER, Carol (R-18)	X	X	X	X		100%
SCHULTZ, Dale (R-17)	X	X	O			67%
SULLIVAN, Jim (D-5)	O	O	O			0%
TAYLOR, Lena (D-4)	O	O	O	O		0%
VINEHOUT, Kathleen (D-31)	O	O	O	X		25%
WIRCH, Robert (D-22)	O	O	O			0%

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SB 40 – This is the 2007-2008 state budget bill. The State Senate Democratic amendment to SB 40 contained a publicly financed health care plan, known as the “Healthy Wisconsin” plan, which included abortion coverage. The Conference Committee version of SB 40, which did not contain the “Healthy Wisconsin” plan, was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor. *Wisconsin Right to Life is the lead organization opposing publicly financed health care plans which include abortion coverage.*

SB 77 – This campaign finance legislation imposes prison sentences and fines on citizens and citizen organizations if they disseminate objective information regarding politicians’ voting records and stands on issues within 60 days of an election, and fail to provide the State of Wisconsin with certain information such as personal donor information. The authors of SB 77 are Senator Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton) and Representative Dave Travis (D-Waunakee). SB

77 was passed by the State Senate, but was not acted upon by the State Assembly. *Wisconsin Right to Life is one of the lead organizations opposing campaign finance legislation.*

SB 232 – This legislation changes the definition of “unborn child” and the definitions of “abortion” in a manner that seriously jeopardizes the constitutionality of Wisconsin laws regulating abortion. Senator Kathleen Vinehout (D-Alma) introduced Amendment 1 to SB 232 which removed the changes in these definitions from SB 232. Amendment 1 was adopted by the Senate Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation. The authors of SB 232 are Senator Judy Robson (D-Beloit) and Representative Christine Sinicki (D-Milwaukee). SB 232 was passed by the State Senate, but was not acted upon by the State Assembly. *Wisconsin Right to Life is the lead organization opposing these unconstitutional changes to the definition of “unborn child” and the definitions of “abortion” in Wisconsin laws regulating abortion.*

Vote #1: Senate floor vote on a motion to pull AB 427 from the Senate Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation and give the full State Senate an opportunity to vote on AB 427. This motion required a 2/3 vote. Motion failed, 15-18 (*WRL position did not prevail*).

Vote #2: Senate floor vote to adopt an amendment to SB 40 (SA 1 to SSA 1 to SB 40) that contained a publicly financed health care plan, known as the “Healthy Wisconsin” plan, which included abortion coverage. Amendment adopted, 18-15 (*WRL position did not prevail*).

Vote #3: Senate floor vote on passage of SB 77. Passed, 26-7 (*WRL position did not prevail*).

Vote #4: Senate committee vote on an amendment to SB 232 that removed unconstitutional changes to the definition of “unborn child” and the definitions of “abortion” in Wisconsin laws regulating abortion. Amendment adopted, 4-3 (*WRL position prevailed*). Senate Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation members only.

% RATING: The pro-life voting percentage for each Senator is a straight average.

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Representative	VOTE:	1	2	3	4	5	% RATING
ALBERS, Sheryl (R-50)		X	X	X			100%
BALLWEG, Joan (R-41)		X	X	X			100%
BENEDICT, Chuck (D-45)		O	O	O			0%
BERCEAU, Terese (D-76)		O	O	O			0%
BIES, Garey (R-1)		X	X	X			100%
BLACK, Spencer (D-77)		O	O	O			0%
BOYLE, Frank (D-73)		O	O	O			0%
COLON, Pedro (D-8)		O	O	O			0%
CULLEN, David (D-13)		O	O	X			33%
DAVIS, Brett (R-80)		X	X	X			100%
FIELDS, Jason (D-11)		A	O	O			0%
FITZGERALD, Jeff (R-39)		X	X	X			100%
FRISKE, Donald (R-35)		X	X	X	X	X	100%
GARTHWAITE, Phil (D-49)		O	O	O			0%
GOTTLIEB, Mark (R-60)		X	X	X			100%
GRIGSBY, Tamara (D-18)		O	O	O			0%
GRONEMUS, Barbara (D-91)		O	O	O			0%
GUNDERSOON, Scott (R-83)		X	X	X			100%
GUNDRUM, Mark (R-84)		X	A	A	X		100%
HAHN, Eugene (R-47)		X	X	X			100%
HEBL, Gary (D-46)		O	O	O			0%
HILGENBERG, Steve (D-51)		O	O	O			0%
HINES, J.A. (R-42)		X	X	X			100%
HINTZ, Gordon (D-54)		X	O	O	X	O	40%
HIXSON, Kim (D-43)		O	O	X			33%
HONADEL, Mark (R-21)		X	X	X			100%
HRAYCHUCK, Ann (D-28)		X	O	O			33%
HUBLER, Mary (D-75)		X	O	X			67%
HUEBSCH, Michael (R-94)		X	X	X			100%
JESKEWITZ, Suzanne (R-24)		X	X	X			100%
JORGENSEN, Andy (D-37)		X	O	X			67%
KAUFERT, Dean (R-55)		X	X	X			100%
KERKMAN, Samantha (R-66)		X	X	X	X	X	100%

Explanation of Key State Assembly Votes 2007-2008 Session

Key Assembly votes are recorded for the following bills:

AB 427 – The Coercive Abortion Prevention Act protects women who are being coerced into having an abortion by requiring the abortion provider to determine whether or not the woman’s consent is, in fact, voluntary; and to inform her that it is against the law for an abortion to be performed on her against her will. In situations where a pregnant woman is being threatened with physical harm unless she submits to an unwanted abortion, this bill would require the abortion provider to inform her about resources available for victims of domestic abuse. The authors of AB 427 are Representative Mark Gundrum (R-New Berlin) and Senator Roger Breske (D-Eland). AB 427 was passed by the State Assembly, but the pro-abortion Democratic leadership of the State Senate refused to take action on AB 427. *Wisconsin Right to Life is the lead organization promoting the Coercive Abortion Prevention Act.*

AB 710 – The Wisconsin Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act creates a state ban on partial-birth abortion that mirrors the language of the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 which was ruled to be constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court on April 18, 2007. The authors of AB 710 are Representative Jim

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KESSLER, Frederick (D-12)		O	O	O	O	O	0%
KESTELL, Steve (R-27)		X	X	X			100%
KLEEFISCH, Joel (R-38)		X	X	X	X	X	100%
KRAMER, Bill (R-97)		X	X	X	X	X	100%
KREUSER, James (D-64)		A	O	O			0%
KRUSICK, Peggy (D-7)		X	X	X			100%
LASEE, Frank (R-2)		X	X	X			100%
LEMAHIEU, Daniel (R-59)		X	X	X			100%
LOTHIAN, Thomas (R-32)		X	X	X			100%
MASON, Cory (D-62)		X	O	O			33%
MEYER, Dan (R-34)		X	X	X			100%
MOLEPSKE JR., Louis (D-71)		X	O	O			33%
MONTGOMERY, Phil (R-4)		X	X	X			100%
MOULTON, Terry (R-68)		X	X	X			100%
MURSAU Jeffrey (R-36)		X	X	X			100%
MURTHA, John (R-29)		X	X	X			100%
MUSSER, Terry (R-92)		X	X	X			100%
NASS, Stephen (R-31)		X	X	X			100%
NELSON, Tom (D-5)		X	O	O			33%
NERISON, Lee (R-96)		X	X	X			100%
NEWCOMER, Scott (R-33)		X	X	X			100%
NYGREN, John (R-89)		X	X	X			100%
OTT Alvin (R-3)		X	X	X			100%
OTT, Jim (R-23)		X	X	X			100%
OWENS, Carol (R-53)		X	X	X			100%
PARISI, Joe (D-48)		O	O	O			0%
PETERSEN, Kevin (R-40)		X	X	X			100%
PETROWSKI, Jerry (R-86)		X	X	X			100%
POCAN, Mark (D-78)		O	O	O			0%
POPE-ROBERTS, Sondy (D-79)		O	O	O			0%
PRIDEMORE, Don (R-99)		X	X	X	X	X	100%
RHOADES, Kitty (R-30)		X	X	X			100%
RICHARDS, Jon (D-19)		O	O	O			0%

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Ott (R-Mequon) and Senator Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau). AB 710 was passed by the State Assembly, but the pro-abortion Democratic leadership of the State Senate refused to take action on AB 710.

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Vote #1: Assembly floor vote on passage of AB 427. Passed, 65-32 (*WRL position prevailed*).

Vote #2: Assembly floor vote to table an amendment to AB 710 which added an exception for a partial-birth abortion that is “necessary to prevent grave, long-lasting physical health damage to a mother.” WRL opposed this amendment because the definition of “health” in the abortion context is defined so broadly that this health exception would have gutted the bill. Amendment tabled, 54-43 (*WRL position prevailed*).

Vote #3: Assembly floor vote on passage of AB 710. Passed, 59-38 (*WRL position prevailed*).

Vote #4: Assembly committee vote to recommend passage of AB 427. Passage recommended, 8-2 (*WRL position prevailed*). Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Ethics members only.

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ROTH JR., Roger (R-56)		X	A	A			100%
SCHNEIDER, Marlin (D-72)		X	O	O			33%
SEIDEL, Donna (D-85)		O	O	O			0%
SHERIDAN, Mike (D-44)		O	O	O			0%
SHERMAN, Gary (D-74)		O	O	O			0%
SHILLING, Jennifer (D-95)		O	O	O			0%
SINICKI, Christine (D-20)		O	O	O			0%
SMITH, Jeff (D-93)		O	O	O			0%
SOLETSKI, James (D-88)		O	O	O			0%
STASKUNAS, Tony (D-15)		X	X	X	X	X	100%
STEINBRINK, John (D-65)		O	O	O			0%
STONE, Jeff (R-82)		X	X	X			100%
STRACHOTA, Pat (R-58)		X	X	X			100%
SUDER, Scott (R-69)		X	X	X		X	100%
TAUCHEN, Gary (R-6)		X	X	X			100%
TOLES, Barbara (D-17)		O	O	O			0%
TOWNSEND, John (R-52)		X	X	X			100%
TRAVIS, David (D-81)		O	O	O			0%
TURNER, Robert (D-61)		O	O	O	O	O	0%
VAN AKKEREN, Terry (D-26)		X	O	X			67%
VAN ROY, Karl (R-90)		X	X	X			100%
VOS, Robin (R-63)		X	X	X			100%
VRUWINK, Amy Sue (D-70)		O	O	O			0%
VUKMIR, Leah (R-14)		X	X	X			100%
WASSERMAN, Sheldon (D-22)		O	O	O			0%
WIECKERT, Steve (R-57)		X	X	X			100%
WILLIAMS, Annette (D-10)		X	X	X			100%
WILLIAMS, Mary (R-87)		X	X	X			100%
WOOD, Jeffrey (R-67)		X	X	X			100%
YOUNG, Leon (D-16)		O	O	O			0%
ZEPNICK, Josh (D-9)		O	O	O			0%
ZIEGELBAUER, Bob (D-25)		X	X	X			100%
ZIPPERER, Rich (R-98)		X	X	X			100%

Vote #5: Assembly committee vote to recommend passage of AB 710. Passage recommended, 7-3 (*WRL position prevailed*). Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Ethics members only.

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