



2009 Senate Scorecard

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						Vote #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
						Date	2/17	2/25	4/23	4/28	4/29	5/13	5/20	5/20	5/13	6/17
						Topic/ Legislation	SC Ports Less Accountable	Allow TRAC Tax Increases	Home Rule Budget Amendment	Davis- Ryberg Budget	Stimulus on Recurring Expenses	Stimulus Budget Passage	Budget Vetoes	Penalties for Flip-Flops on Budget Vetoes	Supreme Court Slate	SC Ports Less Accountable Override
						Max Points	5	10	9	7	7	7	42	Max of -12	8	5
District	County	Senator	Party	Score	Grade											
12	Spartanburg	Bright, Lee	R	100	A+	5	10	9	7	7	7	42	-	8	5	
3	Anderson	Bryant, Kevin	R	100	A+	5	10	9	7	7	7	42	-	8	5	
24	Aiken	Ryberg, Greg	R	98	A+	5	10	9	7	7	7	40	-	8	5	
16	Lancaster	Mulvaney, Mick	R	97	A+	5	10	9	7	7	7	39	-	8	5	
46	Beaufort	Davis, Tom	R	88	A	5	10	9	7	7	7	38	-	-	5	
5	Greenville	Shoopman, Phil	R	78	B+	5	10	9	7	7	7	33	-	-	-	
38	Dorchester	Rose, Mike	R	77	B+	5	A	9	7	7	7	37	-	-	5	
37	Berkeley	Grooms, Larry	R	74	B	-	A	9	7	7	7	39	-3	8	-	
25	Edgefield	Massey, Shane	R	73	B	5	10	9	7	-	7	30	-	-	5	
43	Charleston	Campsen, Chip	R	72	B	5	A	9	7	7	7	35	-3	-	5	
9	Laurens	Verdin, Danny	R	72	B	5	10	9	7	7	7	22	-3	8	-	
13	Spartanburg	Martin, Shane	R	65	C+	5	10	A	7	7	7	29	-	-	-	
34	Georgetown	Cleary, Ray	R	51	C-	-	-	9	7	-	7	26	-3	-	5	
8	Greenville	Thomas, David	R	38	D-	5	10	9	-	-	-	17	-3	-	A	
6	Greenville	Fair, Mike	R	34	F	-	10	9	-	-	-	13	-6	8	-	
20	Richland	Courson, John	R	23	F	5	10	-	-	-	-	14	-6	-	-	
27	Kershaw	Sheheen, Vincent	D	23	F	5	-	9	A	-	-	9	-	-	-	
44	Berkeley	Campbell, Paul	R	22	F	-	10	9	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	
2	Pickens	Martin, Larry	R	20	F	-	10	9	-	-	-	4	-3	-	-	
41	Charleston	McConnell, Glenn	R	15	F	-	10	-	-	-	7	4	-6	-	-	
23	Lexington	Knotts, Jake	R	13	F	-	10	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	
14	Cherokee	Peeler, Harvey	R	13	F	-	10	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	
28	Horry	Elliott, Dick	D	11	F	-	10	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
33	Horry	Rankin, Luke	R	11	F	-	10	-	-	-	-	4	-3	-	-	
4	Abbeville	O'Dell, Billy	R	10	F	-	-	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
32	Williamsburg	McGill, Yancey	D	9	F-	-	-	9	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	
26	Lexington	Setzler, Nikki	D	9	F-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	
30	Marion	Williams, Kent	D	9	F-	-	-	9	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	
35	Sumter	Leventis, Phil	D	5	F-	5	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	
18	Newberry	Cromer, Ronnie	R	4	F-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	
15	York	Hayes, Wes	R	3	F-	-	A	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	
29	Darlington	Malloy, Gerald	D	2	F-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-3	-	-	
1	Oconee	Alexander, Thomas	R	1	F-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
11	Spartanburg	Reese, Glenn	D	1	F-	-	-	-	-	A	-	4	-3	-	-	
7	Greenville	Anderson, Ralph	D	0	F-	-	A	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	
42	Charleston	Ford, Robert	D	0	F-	-	-	A	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	
40	Orangeburg	Hutto, Brad	D	0	F-	A	-	A	-	-	-	0	-	-	A	
21	Richland	Jackson, Darrell	D	0	F-	A	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	
36	Clarendon	Land, John	D	0	F-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	
31	Florence	Leatherman, Hugh	R	0	F-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	
22	Richland	Lourie, Joel	D	0	F-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	
39	Orangeburg	Matthews Jr., John	D	0	F-	-	A	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	
10	Greenwood	Nicholson, Floyd	D	0	F-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	
45	Jasper	Pinckney, Clementa	D	0	F-	-	A	A	A	A	-	0	-	-	-	
19	Richland	Scott Jr., John	D	0	F-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	
17	Chester	Coleman, Creighton	D	-2	F-	A	-	-	-	-	-	1	-3	-	-	

Vote Guide:

Number = Supported the pro-growth position. The number indicates the points earned for the vote.

A = Absent from vote.

- = No Number. Voted against the pro-growth position.

Scoring Guide

Vote 1

February 17, 2009 - Final passage on Senate Bill 351: This bill dramatically expands the General Assembly's control over the State Ports Authority and diminishes the governor's role, growing the politicization and mismanagement that has crippled the state's uncompetitive port system. The pro-growth vote is NAY. The bill passed 28-15.

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/sj09/20090217.htm

Vote 2

February 25, 2009 - Motion to table Bryant Amendment to TRAC: This amendment would have forbidden the proposed Tax Realignment Commission from issuing recommendations that increase the net tax burden. The pro-growth vote is NAY. The motion to table passed 20-19.

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/sj09/20090225.htm

Vote 3

April 23, 2009 - Motion to table Rose Amendment to FY2009-2010 Budget Resolution: This amendment would have allowed local governments to reduce funding for compliance with state mandates and programs in proportion to the reduction in funding for the Local Government Fund. The pro-growth vote is NAY. The motion to table passed 22-20.

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/sj09/20090423.htm

Vote 4

April 28, 2009 - Motion to table Davis-Ryberg Amendment to FY2009-2010 Budget Resolution: This amendment would have fully funded law enforcement, healthcare, and education at higher levels than the Finance Committee's budget and would have used part of the "stimulus" funds to pay down debt. The pro-growth vote is NAY. The motion to table passed 30-13.

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/sj09/20090428.htm

Vote 5

April 29, 2009 - Vote on Leatherman Amendment #72: This amendment forces Governor Sanford to accept over \$700 million in "stimulus" funds for recurring expenses. The pro-growth vote is NAY. The amendment passed 33-11.

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/sj09/20090429.htm

Vote 6

May 13, 2009 - Vote on Budget: This vote was for final passage of the proposed budget containing disputed "stimulus" dollars. The pro-growth vote is NAY. The budget passed 32-14.

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/sj09/20090513.htm

Vote 7

May 20-21, 2009 - Overrides of Governor Sanford's budget vetoes. A total of 42 possible points. See supplemental files.

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/sj09/20090520.htm

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/sj09/20090521.htm

Vote 8

May 20-21, 2009 - Penalties for flip-flopping on budget vetoes. Specifically, voting to sustain a veto then later voting for or being absent for a motion to reconsider or override.

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/sj09/20090520.htm

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/sj09/20090521.htm

Vote 9

May 13, 2009 – Reject SC Supreme Court slate. Selecting South Carolina’s judges is a process fraught with politics and back room deals. This vote would have rejected the slate of Supreme Court judges until important reforms were made in the process.

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/sj09/20090513.htm

Vote 10

June 17, 2009 - Override of Governor Sanford's veto of Senate Bill 351: This bill dramatically expands the General Assembly's control over the State Ports Authority and diminishes the governor's role, exacerbating the politicization and mismanagement that has crippled the state's uncompetitive port system. The pro-growth vote is NAY. The override passed 35-9.

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/sj09/20090617.htm