



NINETY-SEVENTH ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



URF ACTION is a 501c4 membership organization formed to mobilize those citizens that subscribe to the URF LIFT principles; and are dedicated to changing our culture through grassroots civic action.

URF LIFT Principles



LIMITED GOVERNMENT:

Government should be fiscally responsible. Waste, fraud and duplication must be eliminated. Public debt should be avoided, and government budgets should fit within existing revenues. Spending reductions, not tax increases, are the solutions to revenue shortfalls.

Taxation should be restricted to minimal levels, and the burden of taxation should be spread as equally as possible among all citizens. Taxation should never be employed for the purposes of redistributing wealth or restricting productivity, economic growth, or savings.

Government policy should encourage self-sufficiency and promote the work ethic. Public funds should not be used to support persons who are capable, albeit unwilling, to provide for themselves; and should strive to elevate the dignity of the individual, strengthen families, and encourage self-sufficiency.



INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY:

Laws restrict the free exercise of liberty. Consequently, no law should be passed unless there is a compelling reason to do so. The proponents of any law should have the burden of proof that passage is necessary.

The rights of a citizen include those guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. They also include those God-given rights, not specified in any written document, which exist in a nation where the individual is more important than the state. Conversely, these rights do not negate the responsibility of the individual and their obligation to conduct themselves as a responsible and productive member of society.

Government's primary task is the maintenance of law and order to ensure that individual rights are protected. Accordingly, our system of justice must afford citizens equality before the law, access to representation, and a level playing field to ensure the imperatives of justice can be met.



FREE ENTERPRISE:

Free markets allow individuals and groups to form relationships and exercise self-government. The state should only intervene to establish minimum standards and encourage competition. When the government does regulate, it should use the least burdensome method possible.

Individuals have the right to choose in a free market system, and are vested with the responsibility to inform themselves. While government should actively enforce fraud statutes, it should not attempt to protect the public from poor choices by eliminating those possibilities from the market.

Private property is the cornerstone of a free nation. Therefore, communal or community needs should override private property rights only in the most compelling circumstances. And in those instances, property owners should be justly compensated.



TRADITIONAL VALUES:

Representative democracy cannot survive by inertia alone. It must be led by ethical people who share the values necessary for such government to thrive.

Therefore, traditional American values must be preserved and impressed upon each generation. Duty, honor, country, hard work, and integrity are just some of these values.

The family is the foundation of society, and the state should encourage its formation and interfere in its function as little as possible. Family interdependency is essential for long-term national stability. Hence marriage is intended to be a permanent relationship between one man and one woman, as the basis for strong families.

Human life is sacred and inviolable from conception to natural death. Protection for the unborn and elderly, and compassion for the sick and infirm, are essential elements of all healthy societies.



LIMITED GOVERNMENT

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URF LIFT Leaders | House



Rep. Unes
Score: 90



Rep. Kay
Score: 90



Rep. Brown
Score: 90



Rep. Reis
Score: 85



Rep. Sosnowski
Score: 85



Rep. Morrison
Score: 85



Rep. Bellock
Score: 84



Rep. Sommer
Score: 82



Rep. Ramey
Score: 82



Rep. Mitchell
Score: 81



Rep. Cavaletto
Score: 80



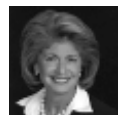
Rep. Tryon
Score: 80



Rep. Connelly
Score: 79



Rep. Schmitz
Score: 78



Rep. Pihos
Score: 78



Rep. Hammond
Score: 78



Rep. Hatcher
Score: 77



Rep. Kosel
Score: 77



Rep. Rose
Score: 77



Rep. Osmond
Score: 76



Rep. Cole
Score: 76



Rep. Pritchard
Score: 75



Rep. Leitch
Score: 75



Rep. Tracy
Score: 75



Rep. Roth
Score: 75



Rep. Rosenthal
Score: 75



Rep. Morthland
Score: 75



Rep. Bost
Score: 75



Rep. Barickman
Score: 75



Rep. Sacia
Score: 75



Rep. Fortner
Score: 75

Illinois State Representatives with a lifetime rating of 75% or higher are LIFT Leaders.

House Bills – 2011 Session

HB 2093: Abortion Clinic Reporting –

Requires Illinois abortion clinic staff to report cases of statutory rape if and when their minor clients provide such information.

HB 2987: Project Labor Agreements –

Codified into law Governor Pat Quinn's Executive Order mandating that only union labor could bid on, and receive, state contracts for taxpayer-funded construction projects.

HB 929: Illegal Aliens – Prohibits state law enforcement from coordinating with Federal immigration officials in determining if arrested or convicted individuals are illegal aliens.

HB 148: Personal Protection Act – Allows State Police to issue licenses to law-abiding citizens allowing them to carry handgun in Illinois.

SB 2170: School District Taxing Authority – Provides school districts the authority to impose new or additional sales taxes on citizens within their districts.

SB 1177: State Legislative Redistricting – Approved the new General Assembly district map, which was gerrymandered by political leadership rather than generated by computer as done in other states.

SB 1178: Congressional Redistricting – Approved the new Illinois congressional district map, which was gerrymandered by political leadership rather than generated by computer as done in other states.

SB 2185: DREAM Fund – Established a state-directed scholarship fund to pay for the college education of children of illegal aliens.

SB 744: Gambling Expansion – Expanded Illinois gambling by adding five new casinos, nine riverboat casinos, and slot machines at seven horse racing tracks.

HB 1698: Workmen's Comp Reform – Illinois House bill that made weak and basically meaningless adjustments to the Illinois' Workmen's Compensation program.

HB 3036: Smart Grid – Allows Illinois energy companies to increase customer fees every year for ten years in order to pay for the questionable "Smart Grid" system upgrade.

SB 1652: Smart Grid Veto Override – Overrode the Governor's veto of the "Smart Grid" bill.

SB 965: Speed Cameras – Establishes zones throughout Chicago for the installation of speed camera surveillance to automatically ticket citizens.

HR 610: Occupy Wall Street Resolution – Commended and encouraged the activities of the Illinois Occupy Wall Street protestors.

HB 1883: CME/Sears Tax Deal – Amended the income tax code to benefit the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Sears, Inc. while providing no tax relief to smaller businesses already overburdened by Illinois' recent 50% corporate tax hike.

SB 400: Earned Income Tax Credit – Adjusts Illinois' Earned Income Tax Credit to benefit targeted groups of citizens over others based on state income tax brackets.

SB 397: CME/Sears Tax Deal II – Set up an alternate CME/Sears deal to provide tax breaks for a select number of marquee businesses and forcing smaller businesses to pay it. Also expanded state government by setting up a "Tribunal" to make recommendations on state income tax appeals.

HB 3156: Abortion Clinic Health Regulation – Mandates that Illinois abortion clinics abide by the same health standards already required in other Illinois medical clinics.

SB 2193: Drano Bill – Requires all Illinois citizens to produce a photo ID and sign a police-monitored log before purchasing Drano or other caustic acid household products.

SB 1933: Workmen's Comp Reform II – Illinois Senate attempt at Workmen's Compensation reform that ended up removing needed changes and leaving in place expensive burdens on Illinois businesses.



The Illinois House of Representatives is the lower house of the Illinois General Assembly. It's made up of representatives elected from legislative house districts for a two-year term with no limits.

Before 1980, the state was divided into 59 "legislative districts", each of which elected three representatives, yielding a House of 177 members. The election was conducted by a modified form of cumulative voting in which each voter was given three legislative votes to cast, and could cast either one vote each for three candidates, all three votes for one candidate (known as a "bullet vote"), or 1½ votes each for two candidates. A change adopted in 1970 formalized the arrangement by which each party would run only two candidates in each district. Thus, in most districts, only four candidates were running for three seats, guaranteeing not only that there would be a single loser, but that each party would have significant representation—a minimum of one-third of the seats—in the House.

The Illinois House of Representatives meets at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield. It is required to convene on the second Wednesday of January each year. Its primary duties are to make laws (including the state budget), act on federal constitutional amendments, and propose constitutional amendments for Illinois. The Illinois House of Representatives also holds the power to impeach executive and judicial officials.

Illinois House

+ IS A CORRECT "LIFT" VOTE

SCORING

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Acevedo (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	44	5	25	20	21
Arroyo (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	44	5	13	20	18
Barickman (R)	+	+	+	+	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	E	75	*	*	*	*	75
Beaubien* (R)	E	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NV	E	-	20	72	55	88	45	56
Beiser (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	P	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	30	60	20	50	55	43
Bellock (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	80	84	70	100	85	84
Berrios (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	40	10	25	10	19
Biss (D)	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	35	*	*	*	*	35
Bost (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	70	72	70	88	75	75
Bradley (D)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	30	56	30	75	45	47
Brady (R)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	P	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	60	72	60	75	75	68
Brauer (R)	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	60	72	25	38	85	56
Brown (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	90	*	*	*	*	90
Burke, D. (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	44	10	38	35	27
Burke, K. (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	P	-	-	P	-	P	-	-	15	*	*	*	*	15
Burns* (D)	A	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	28	10	*	*	13
Carli* (D)					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	*	*	*	*	5
Cassidy* (D)					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	15	*	*	*	*	15
Cavaletto (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	85	76	80	*	*	80
LaVia (D)	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	P	P	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	20	48	30	38	20	31
Coladipietro (R)	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	E	E	E	E	+	-	+	+	-	+	60	72	60	63	70	65
Cole (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	85	80	75	88	50	76
Collins* (D)																					5	40	15	0	5	13
Colvin (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	NV	-	-	-	-	10	28	15	13	15	16
Connelly (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	P	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	70	88	80	*	*	79
Costello, II* (D)												+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	30	*	*	*	*	30
Crespo (D)	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	50	48	20	63	30	42
Cross (R)	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	50	76	55	88	60	66
Cunningham (D)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	P	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	25	*	*	*	*	25
Currie (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	28	5	0	5	9
D'Amico (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	48	15	25	25	26
Davis, M. (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	40	10	25	15	20
Davis, W. (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	20	36	15	13	5	18
DeLuca (D)	+	-	P	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NV	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	25	48	10	*	*	28
du Buclet* (D)																					5	*	*	*	*	5
Dugan (D)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	35	32	20	63	40	38
Dunkin (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	P	15	44	15	13	25	22
Durkin (R)	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	P	-	+	+	-	+	P	+	+	+	+	60	84	50	100	55	70
Eddy (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	P	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	60	64	55	88	70	67
Evans* (R)												+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	30	*	*	*	*	30
Farnham (D)	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	50	48	30	*	*	43
Feigenholtz (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	25	32	10	13	5	17
Flowers (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	44	10	25	20	22
Ford (D)	+	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	20	36	10	13	10	18
Fortner (R)	E	+	+	+	-	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	60	84	70	75	85	75
Franks (D)	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	NV	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	45	60	35	75	30	49
Gabel (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	25	20	*	*	*	23
Gaffney* (R)												+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	25	*	*	*	*	25
Golar (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	30	36	10	25	25	25
Gordon (D)	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	P	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	48	35	*	*	43
Hammond (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	85	70	*	*	*	78
Harris, D. (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	-	-	P	+	+	-	65	*	*	*	*	65
Harris, G. (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	25	28	5	25	5	18
Hatcher (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	NV	-	75	72	85	*	*	77
Hays (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	80	67	*	*	*	74
Hernandez (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	E	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	10	36	5	38	25	23
Holbrook* (D)	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	25	56	35	50	40	41
Howard (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	5	40	10	13	10	16
Jackson (D)	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	NV	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	40	15	25	5	22
Jakobsson (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	40	15	13	25	22
Jefferson (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	15	40	30	38	35	32
Jones (D)	+	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	*	*	*	*	5
Kay (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	90	*	*	*	*	90
Kosel (R)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	75	68	90	63	90	77
Lang (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	10	32	5	13	5	13
Leitch (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	65	76	70	100	65	75
Lilly (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	14	*	*	*	12

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Lyons (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	A	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	10	52	15	25	30	26
Madigan (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	5	32	15	25	10	17
Mathias (R)	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	E	-	-	+	55	72	45	63	40	55
Mautino (D)	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	52	25	75	30	41
May (D)	+	-	-	-	+	-	NV	+	-	-	-	-	E	E	-	-	-	-	-	20	32	15	38	0	21	
Mayfield (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	P	-	10	20	*	*	*	15	
McAsey (D)	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	P	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	40	48	30	*	*	39	
McAuliffe (R)	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	P	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	50	84	60	63	75	66	
McCarthy* (D)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	15	44	30	63	20	34	
McGuire (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	+	-	15	40	15	25	10	21	
Mell (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	25	40	15	*	*	27	
Mendoza* (D)	+	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	36	10	38	10	20	
Mitchell, B. (R)	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	80	76	80	88	80	81	
Mitchell, J. (R)	E	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	65	64	70	88	75	72	
Moffitt (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	65	72	60	88	75	72	
Morrison (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85	*	*	*	*	85	
Morthland (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	75	*	*	*	*	75	
Mulligan (R)	E	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	E	E	-	NV	E	40	40	40	50	30	40	
Mussman (D)	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	P	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	45	*	*	*	*	45	
Nekritz (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	35	40	15	38	5	27	
Nybo (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	NV	+	-	-	+	P	-	+	P	+	+	-	60	*	*	*	*	60	
Osmond (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	65	80	70	88	75	76	
Osterman* (D)	A	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	5	25	0	12	
Penny* (D)												-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	*	*	*	*	5	
Phelps (D)	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	35	56	35	75	50	50	
Pihos (R)	+	+	P	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	P	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	65	88	75	88	75	78	
Poe (R)	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	60	68	55	75	80	68	
Pritchard (R)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	65	76	65	100	70	75	
Ramey (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	80	68	65	100	95	82	
Reboletti (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	65	76	70	88	70	74	
Reis (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	75	76	80	100	95	85	
Reitz* (D)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	15	48	25	63	45	39	
Riley (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	32	15	0	0	12	
Rita (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	48	10	13	25	20	
Rose (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	80	72	60	88	85	77	
Rosenthal (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	P	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	75	*	*	*	*	75	
Roth (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	75	*	*	*	*	75	
Sacia (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	65	76	60	88	85	75	
Saviano (R)	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	40	64	50	75	60	58	
Schmitz (R)	+	+	-	+	-	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	65	72	80	100	75	78	
Senger (R)	+	+	P	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	P	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	55	84	80	*	*	73	
Sente (D)	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	NV	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	45	44	*	*	*	45	
Smith (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	P	-	P	-	10	44	25	50	30	32	
Sommer (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	90	68	90	88	75	82	
Sosnowski (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85	*	*	*	*	85	
Soto (D)	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	5	36	10	25	15	18	
Stephens* (R)	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	50	80	70	75	80	71	
Sullivan (R)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	65	68	75	88	60	71	
Thapedi (D)	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	NV	+	-	P	-	25	36	10	*	*	24	
Tracy (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	70	72	60	88	85	75	
Tryon (R)	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	80	76	70	88	85	80	
Turner (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	44	15	25	20	23	
Unes (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	90	*	*	*	*	90	
Verschore (D)	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	48	20	50	25	34	
Watson (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	75	68	80	25	90	68	
Williams (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	25	*	*	*	*	25	
Winters (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	60	68	70	88	75	72	
Yarbrough (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	40	5	13	20	17	
Zalewski (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	P	+	-	-	-	-	P	-	15	48	15	*	*	26	

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Sen. Johnson
Score: 90



Sen. McCann
Score: 85



Sen. Cultra
Score: 85



Sen. Schmidt
Score: 80



Sen. LaHood
Score: 80



Sen. Sandack
Score: 79



Sen. Righter
Score: 78



Sen. Murphy
Score: 76



Sen. McCarter
Score: 75



Sen. Johnson
Score: 75



Sen. Lauzen
Score: 75

Illinois State Senators with a lifetime rating of 75% or higher are LIFT Leaders.

Senate Bills – 2011 Session

SB 1349: Workmen’s Comp Reform III – Makes several positive changes to the Workers’ Compensation Act in regards to primary cause, medical providers, fee schedule and several other initiatives.

SB 2185: DREAM Fund – Established a state-directed scholarship fund to pay for the college education of children of illegal aliens.

HB 2093: Abortion Clinic Reporting – Requires Illinois abortion clinic staff to report cases of statutory rape if and when their minor clients provide such information.

SB 2450: 2011 Illinois State Budget – Proposed Senate version of state budget, which increased Illinois’ debt with no reduction in the size and spending of government.

SB 2170: School District Taxing Authority – Provides school districts the authority to impose new or additional sales taxes on citizens within their districts.

SB 1177: State Legislative Redistricting – Approved the new General Assembly district map, which was gerrymandered by political leadership rather than generated by computer as done in other states.

HB 1698: Workmen’s Comp Reform – Illinois House bill that made weak and basically meaningless adjustments to the Illinois’ Workmen’s Compensation program.

SB 744: Gambling Expansion – Expanded Illinois gambling by adding five new casinos, nine riverboat casinos, and slot machines at seven horse racing tracks.

SB 1178: Congressional Redistricting – Approved the new Illinois congressional district map, which was gerrymandered by political leadership rather than generated by computer as done in other states.

SB 1652: Smart Grid Veto Override – Overrode the Governor’s veto of the “Smart Grid” bill.

SB 342: General Obligation Bond – Attempt to borrow an additional \$6 billion to pay overdue state bills.

HB 2987: Project Labor Agreements – Codified into law Governor Pat Quinn’s Executive Order mandating that only union labor could bid on, and receive, state contracts for taxpayer-funded construction projects.

SB 965: Speed Cameras – Establishes zones throughout Chicago for the installation of speed camera surveillance to automatically ticket citizens.

HB 3036: Smart Grid – Allows Illinois energy companies to increase customer fees every year for ten years in order to pay for the questionable “Smart Grid” system upgrade.

HB 1883: CME/Sears Tax Deal – Amended the income tax code to benefit the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Sears, Inc. while providing no tax relief to smaller businesses already overburdened by Illinois’ recent 50% corporate tax hike.

SB 2193: Drano Bill – Requires all Illinois citizens to produce a photo ID and sign a police-monitored log before purchasing Drano or other caustic acid household products.

SB 400: Earned Income Tax Credit – Adjusts Illinois’ Earned Income Tax Credit to benefit targeted groups of citizens over others based on state income tax brackets.

SB 678: Tenaska Subsidy – Government investment of taxpayer money to subsidize the building of the Tenaska Coal plant.

SB 397: CME/Sears Tax Deal II – Set up an alternate CME/Sears deal to provide tax breaks for a select number of marquee businesses and forcing smaller businesses to pay it. Also expanded state government by setting up a “Tribunal” to make recommendations on state income tax appeals.

HB 3027: Sex Education Mandate – Mandates that Illinois schools teach only comprehensive and detailed sex education, and removes requirement to teach an abstinence alternative.



The Illinois Senate is the upper chamber of the Illinois General Assembly. It is made up of senators elected from legislative senate districts determined by population. Under the Illinois Constitution of 1970, senators are divided into three groups, each group having a two-year term at a different part of the decade between censuses, with the rest of the decade being taken up by two four-year terms. Depending on the election year, roughly one-third, two-thirds, or all Senate seats may be contested.

The Illinois Senate convenes at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield. Its first official working day is the second Wednesday of January each year. Its primary duties are to pass bills into law, approve the state budget, confirm appointments to state departments and agencies, act on federal constitutional amendments and propose constitutional amendments for Illinois. It also has the power to override gubernatorial vetoes through a three-fifths majority vote. The Illinois Senate tries impeachments made by the House of Representatives, and can convict impeached officers by a two-thirds vote.

Voting in the Illinois Senate is done by members pushing one of three buttons. Unlike most states, the Illinois Senate allows members to vote yes, no, or present. It takes 30 affirmative votes to pass legislation during final action.

Illinois Senate

+ IS A CORRECT "LIFT" VOTE

SCORING
Each Representative was awarded points for a correct vote in 2011. No points were awarded for not voting (NV), excused (E), absent (A), or present votes (P).

		SB 1349	SB 2185	HB 2093	SB 2450	SB 2170	SB 1177	HB 1698	SB 744	SB 1178	SB 1652	SB 342	HB 2987	SB 965	HB 3036	HB 1883	HB 2193	SB 400	SB 678	SB 397	HB 3027	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	LIFE	
Althoff (R)		+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	65	63	55	66	65	63	
Bivins (R)		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	85	80	70	50	*	71
Bomke (R)		+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	NV	+	+	NV	+	-	-	-	NV	-	NV	+	50	80	60	66	65	64	
Brady (R)		+	-	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	60	69	60	89	80	72	
Clayborne (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	P	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	34	20	17	20	23	
Collins, A. (D)		-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	*	*	*	*	15	
Collins, J. (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	P	NV	-	-	NV	+	-	-	+	+	-	30	42	15	17	10	23	
Crotty (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	29	10	33	10	18	
Cullerton (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NV	-	-	-	-	-	10	34	10	33	10	19	
Cultra (R)		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	85	*	*	*	*	85	
Delgado (D)		-	-	+	-	NV	-	NV	-	-	-	NV	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	10	25	10	33	10	18	
Dillard (R)		+	-	+	+	NV	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	55	67	45	50	25	48	
Duffy (R)		+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	NV	+	75	67	75	*	*	72	
Forby (D)		P	NV	+	+	NV	-	P	-	-	+	NV	-	NV	+	NV	-	-	-	-	+	25	38	35	50	50	40	
Frerichs (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	38	25	66	25	37	
Garrett (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	NV	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	35	50	25	17	35	32	
Haine (D)		P	-	+	-	NV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	15	42	15	17	35	25	
Harmon (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	34	15	17	10	17	
Holmes (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	NV	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	38	15	66	20	32	
Hunter (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	29	15	17	10	16	
Hutchinson (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	NV	-	-	-	-	-	NV	-	-	-	10	29	10	*	*	16	
Jacobs (D)		+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	NV	-	-	+	35	25	20	17	40	27	
Johnson, C. (R)		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	90	*	*	*	*	90	
Johnson, T. (R)		+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	75	*	*	*	*	75	
Jones, III (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	15	29	20	17	0	16	
Jones, J. (R)		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	70	63	65	66	80	69	
Koehler (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	29	20	50	10	25	
Kotowski (D)		-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	NV	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	38	15	33	10	24	
LaHood (R)		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	80	*	*	*	*	80	
Landek (D)		-	-	NV	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	15	*	*	*	*	15	
Lauzen (R)		+	+	NV	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	85	84	80	50	75	75	
Lightford (D)		-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	15	38	20	17	10	20	
Link (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	29	10	0	10	11	
Luechtefeld (R)		+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	NV	-	+	+	+	+	65	76	60	66	75	68	
Maloney (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	30	38	15	33	20	27	
Martinez (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	15	34	10	17	15	18	
McCann (R)		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	85	*	*	*	*	85	
McCarter (R)		+	+	+	+	NV	NV	+	+	NV	NV	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	75	76	75	*	*	75	
Meeks (D)		P	-	+	-	NV	-	+	+	-	-	NV	-	NV	NV	NV	-	-	+	NV	NV	15	50	25	0	15	21	
Millner (R)		+	NV	+	NV	NV	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	NV	55	80	60	66	45	61	
Mulroe (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	25	*	*	*	18	
Muñoz (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	38	10	17	25	20	
Murphy (R)		+	-	+	+	+	NV	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	55	76	70	100	80	76	
Noland (D)		P	-	+	NV	-	-	+	P	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	30	63	25	33	10	32	
Pankau (R)		+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	NV	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	NV	65	67	60	100	60	70	
Radogno (R)		+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	65	76	55	89	45	66	
Raoul (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	25	15	17	10	15	
Rezin (R)		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	NV	+	-	+	70	*	*	*	*	70	
Righter (R)		+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	75	76	65	89	85	78	
Sandack (R)		+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	70	87	*	*	*	79	
Sandoval (D)		-	-	+	-	-	-	NV	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	NV	10	29	10	0	20	14	
Schmidt (R)		+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80	*	*	*	*	80	
Schoenberg (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	25	25	20	50	15	27	
Silverstein (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	NV	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	38	10	17	50	27	
Steans (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	NV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	20	38	10	33	*	25	
Sullivan (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	50	40	33	45	40	
Syverson (R)		+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	60	69	50	66	75	64	
Trotter (D)		P	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	29	20	17	20	19	
Wilhelmi (D)		P	-	+	-	NV	-	P	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	10	38	10	0	20	16	

* Not in legislature



We, the People of the State of Illinois — grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political and religious liberty which He has permitted us to enjoy and seeking His blessing upon our endeavors - in order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the people; maintain a representative and orderly government; ...provide opportunity for the fullest development of the individual; ...secure the blessings of freedom and liberty to ourselves and our posterity — do ordain and establish this Constitution for the State of Illinois. -- **Preamble, Illinois State Constitution**

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