

Michigan Chamber of Commerce Releases 2005-2006 Legislative Voting Record

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce today released its Job Providers Index (JPI) for the 2005-2006 legislative session.

The 2005-2006 Job Providers Index covers a wide range of business issues. This year, the voting record in the State House includes 21 key votes on topics including: tax policy, energy, environmental quality, health care, human resources, telecommunications, education, and tourism. The voting record in the Michigan Senate consists of 22 key votes on similar issues.

Nine State Senators and 34 State Representatives scored 100 percent on the Chamber's 2005-2006 JPI.

The average score for the Senate Republican Caucus was 89 percent while the average score for the Senate Democratic Caucus was 42 percent. Equally dramatic was the difference between the average scores for the House Republican Caucus at 97 percent and the House Democratic Caucus at 39 percent.

Also striking, when it comes to the issues of jobs and the economy, were the contrasts between the Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema (100 percent) and Senate Minority Leader Bob Emerson (29 percent), and House Speaker Craig DeRoche (100 percent) and House Minority Leader Dianne Byrum (38 percent).

"Job Providers can be thankful that Senator Sikkema and House Speaker Craig DeRoche were setting the agenda this past legislative session rather than Senate Minority Leader Bob Emerson and House Minority Leader Dianne Byrum," concluded Bob LaBrant, Senior Vice President & General Counsel for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

The complete Michigan Chamber's 2005-2006 Job Providers Index is available on the Chamber's website at <http://www.michamber.com/>.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization representing approximately 6,900 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process.

STATE SENATE			2005-06 JPI
Senator	Party-District-City		% Rating
Allen, Jason	R-37 Traverse City		95%
Barcia, James	D-31 Bay City		57%
Basham, Raymond	D-8 Taylor		36%
Bernero, Virg	D-23 Lansing		50%
Birkholz, Patty	R-24 Saugatuck Twp.		91%
Bishop, Michael	R-12 Rochester		100%
Brater, Liz	D-18 Ann Arbor		32%
Brown, Cameron	R-16 Fawn River Twp.		95%
Cassis, Nancy	R-15 Novi		95%
Cherry, Deborah	D-26 Burton		41%
Clark-Coleman, Irma	D-3 Detroit		38%
Clarke, Hansen	D-1 Detroit		38%
Cropsey, Alan	R-33 DeWitt		100%
Emerson, Robert	D-27 Flint		29%
Garcia, Valde	R-22 Howell		100%
George, Thomas	R-20 Kalamazoo		86%
Gilbert, Jud	R-25 Algonac		100%
Goschka, Mike	R-32 Brant		100%
Hammerstrom, Beverly	R-17 Temperance		95%
Hardiman, Bill	R-29 Kentwood		100%
Jacobs, Gilda	D-14 Huntington Woods		36%
Jelinek, Ron	R-21 Three Oaks		91%
Johnson, Shirley	R-13 Royal Oak		88%
Kuipers, Wayne	R-30 Holland		100%
Leland, Burton	D-5 Detroit		36%
McManus, Michelle	R-35 Lake Leelanau		95%
Olshove, Dennis	D-9 Warren		50%
Patterson, Bruce	R-7 Canton		68%
Prusi, Michael	D-38 Ishpeming		36%
Sanborn, Alan	R-11 Richmond		95%
Schauer, Mark	D-19 Battle Creek		41%
Scott, Martha	D-2 Highland Park		37%
Sikkema, Ken	R-28 Wyoming		100%
Stamas, Tony	R-36 Midland		100%

Switalski, Michael	D-10	Roseville	50%
Thomas, Buzz	D-4	Detroit	58%
Toy, Laura	R-6	Livonia	75%
Van Woerkom, Gerald	R-34	Muskegon	91%

STATE HOUSE			2005-06 JPI
Representative	Party-District-City		% Rating
Accavitti Jr., Frank	D-42 Eastpointe		45%
Acciavatti, Daniel	R-32 New Baltimore		100%
Adamini, Stephen	D-109 Marquette		26%
Amos, Fran	R-43 Waterford		100%
Anderson, Glenn	D-18 Westland		38%
Angerer, Kathy	D-55 Dundee		52%
Ball, Richard	R-85 Laingsburg		95%
Baxter, Rick	R-64 Hanover		95%
Bennett, Doug	D-92 Muskegon		30%
Bieda, Steve	D-25 Warren		30%
Booher, Darwin	R-102 Ewart		95%
Brandenburg, Jack	R-24 Harrison Twp.		95%
Brown, Richard	D-110 Bessemer		38%
Byrnes, Pam	D-52 Chelsea		52%
Byrum, Dianne	D-67 Onondaga		38%
Casperson, Tom	R-108 Escanaba		95%
Caswell, Bruce	R-58 Hillsdale		90%
Caul, Bill	R-99 Mt. Pleasant		100%
Cheeks, Marsha	D-6 Detroit		40%
Clack, Brenda	D-34 Flint		35%
Clemente, Ed	D-14 Lincoln Park		45%
Condino, Paul	D-35 Southfield		29%
Cushingberry Jr., George	D-8 Detroit		47%
DeRoche, Craig	R-38 Novi		100%
Dillon, Andy	D-17 Redford		52%
Donigan, Marie	D-26 Royal Oak		38%
Drolet, Leon	R-33 St. Clair Shores		95%
Elsenheimer, Kevin	R-105 Bellaire		100%
Emmons, Judy	R-70 Sheridan		95%
Espinoza, John	D-83 Croswell		62%
Farhat, David	R-91 Muskegon		86%
Farrah, Barbara	D-13 Southgate		50%
Gaffney, Edward	R-1 Grosse Pointe Farms		100%
Garfield, John	R-45 Rochester Hills		95%
Gillard, Matthew	D-106 Alpena		38%
Gleason, John	D-48 Flushing		43%
Gonzales, Lee	D-49 Flint		33%
Gosselin, Robert	R-41 Troy		95%
Green, Kevin	R-77 Wyoming		95%
Hansen, Goeff	R-100 Hart		100%
Hildenbrand, Dave	R-86 Lowell		100%
Hood III, Morris	D-11 Detroit		28%
Hoogendyk, Jacob	R-61 Kalamazoo		95%
Hopgood, Hoon-Yung	D-22 Taylor		29%
Huizenga, Bill	R-90 Zeeland		100%
Hummel, Scott	R-93 DeWitt		100%
Hune, Joe	R-47 Hamburg		100%
Hunter, Tupac	D-9 Detroit		50%
Jones, Rick	R-71 Grand Ledge		100%
Kahn, Roger	R-94 Saginaw		100%
Vacant	D-56 Monroe		--
Kolb, Chris	D-53 Ann Arbor		29%
Kooiman, Jerry	R-75 Grand Rapids		100%
LaJoy, Phillip	R-21 Canton		95%
Law, David	R-39 West Bloomfield		100%
Law, Kathleen	D-23 Gibraltar		43%
Leland, Gabe	D-10 Detroit		38%
Lemmons III, Lamar	D-3 Detroit		53%
Lemmons Jr., Lamar	D-2 Detroit		44%
Lipsey, Alexander	D-60 Kalamazoo		20%
Marleau, James	R-46 Lake Orion		100%
Mayes, Jeff	D-96 Bay City		45%
McConico, William	D-5 Detroit		47%
McDowell, Gary	D-107 Rudyard		62%
Meisner, Andy	D-27 Ferndale		24%
Meyer, Tom	R-84 Bad Axe		100%
Miller, Fred	D-31 Mt. Clemens		29%

Moolenaar, John	R-98	Midland	100%
Moore, Tim	R-97	Farwell	90%
Mortimer, Leslie	R-65	Jackson	100%
Murphy, Michael	D-68	Lansing	40%
Newell, Gary	R-87	Saranac	100%
Nitz, Neal	R-78	Baroda	90%
Nofs, Mike	R-62	Battle Creek	100%
Palmer, Brian	R-36	Romeo	100%
Palsrok, David	R-101	Manistee	100%
Pastor, John	R-19	Livonia	95%
Pavlov, Phillip	R-81	St. Clair	100%
Pearce, Tom	R-73	Rockford	95%
Phillips, Clarence	D-29	Pontiac	29%
Plakas, Jim	D-16	Garden City	22%
Polidori, Gino	D-15	Dearborn	43%
Proos, John	R-79	St. Joseph	100%
Robertson, David	R-51	Grand Blanc	95%
Rocca, Tory	R-30	Sterling Heights	95%
Sak, Michael	D-76	Grand Rapids	52%
Schuitmaker, Tonya	R-80	Lawton	100%
Shaffer, Rick	R-59	Three Rivers	100%
Sheen, Fulton	R-88	Plainwell	95%
Sheltrown, Joel	D-103	West Branch	62%
Smith, Alma Wheeler	D-54	Ypsilanti	29%
Smith, Virgil	D-7	Detroit	33%
Spade, Dudley	D-57	Tipton	52%
Stahl, John	R-82	North Branch	100%
Stakoe, John	R-44	Highland	90%
Steil, Glenn	R-72	Grand Rapids	100%
Stewart, John	R-20	Plymouth	89%
Taub, Shelly Goodman	R-40	Bloomfield Hills	100%
Tobocman, Steve	D-12	Detroit	29%
Vagnozzi, Aldo	D-37	Farmington Hills	43%
Vander Veen, Barb	R-89	Allendale	100%
Van Regenmorter, William	R-74	Jenison	94%
Walker, Howard	R-104	Traverse City	100%
Ward, Chris	R-66	Brighton	100%
Waters, Mary	D-4	Detroit	33%
Wenke, Lorence	R-63	Richland	100%
Whitmer, Gretchen	D-69	East Lansing	38%
Williams, Carl	D-95	Saginaw	29%
Wojno, Lisa	D-28	Warren	40%
Zelenko, Paula	D-50	Burton	37%

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