

# California Chamber Vote Record on Major Business Legislation for 2005

This report for the first year of the 2005-06 legislative session focuses on California legislators' floor votes on bills of priority to the California Chamber of Commerce.

This is the 30th vote record the Chamber has compiled. The Chamber publishes this report in response to numerous requests by member firms and local chambers of commerce that would like a gauge by which to measure their legislator's performance.

To help readers assess legislators' vote records, this year's charts group together bills in six main issue areas: education, excessive litigation, health insurance, labor, resource regulation and tax/fee increases.

## Partial Picture

No vote record can tell the entire story of a legislator's attitude and actions on issues important to business. Each year, legislators cast thousands of votes on thousands of proposed laws. To fully evaluate your legislative representative, consult the legislative journals and examine your legislator's votes in committee and on floor issues. You can view these on the legislative counsel's website at [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov).

A number of anti-business bills were rejected by legislators in policy committees, thus stopping the proposals before they reached the floor for a vote. The vote record does not capture these votes.

All six bills sponsored by the Chamber to improve state labor laws failed to pass the first policy committee to review them; four were voted down, while two were held without a vote. Those committee votes appear on Page 11.

Most bills in this report cover major business issues that are of great concern to both small and large companies.

**The Chamber recognizes that there are many bills supported or opposed by business that are not included in this vote record and analysis.**

## Factors Considered

The Chamber considered the follow-

ing factors in selecting bills for the vote record:

- The bills and votes reflect legislators' attitudes toward private enterprise, fiscal responsibility and the business climate.
- Each bill was a priority for the Chamber in a particular field. Priority bills have appeared in the "Status Report" sections of *Alert*.
- The bills were voted upon on the floor of either the Senate or the Assem-



bly. This year the vote record covers 15 votes in the Senate and 12 votes in the Assembly.

- Unless otherwise noted, final floor votes are shown. Concurrence votes and conference report votes are considered final votes.

## When 'Not Voting' Helps

Sometimes a legislator is unwilling to vote against a colleague, but is willing to support the Chamber's opposition to a bill. In such cases, a legislator may abstain from voting, which will hinder passage of a bill, just as a "no" vote does. To recognize that not voting can aid the Chamber's opposition to a bill, the vote record includes the number of times legislators did not vote "aye" on a

Chamber-opposed bill in the total for the column listing actions "in accord with" the Chamber's position, if the legislator was not absent for the day.

## Priority Bills

### Education

● **AB 1609 (Liu; D-La Cañada Flintridge) - Vocational Education Requirements.** Promotes workplace readiness by informing the public of how many career technical classes are offered, the industries involved in the program, the number of students enrolled in these courses, and the graduation rates of students. Passed Senate September 6, 38-0. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments September 7, 79-0. Signed by Governor - Chapter 354, Statutes of 2005. Chamber supported.

● **SB 665 (Migden; D-San Francisco) - California Career Resource Network.** Promotes workplace readiness by providing students with valuable information about career paths and opportunities by creating the California Career Resources Network. Passed Senate, May 9, 38-0. Passed Assembly, August 18, 72-0. Signed by Governor - Chapter 208, Statutes of 2005. Chamber supported.

### Excessive Litigation

● **SB 109 (Ortiz; D-Sacramento) - Excessive Litigation.** Increases litigation costs and potential lawsuits by allowing for both civil and criminal penalties for specified air quality violations. Passed Senate, May 31, 21-18. Failed passage in Assembly September 7, 32-39. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **SB 174 (Dunn; D-Garden Grove) - New "Sue Your Boss" Lawsuits.** Increases employer liability by providing new incentives for plaintiffs and their attorneys to file lawsuits by establishing new types of "sue your boss" lawsuits. Passed Senate June 1, 23-14. Passed Assembly August 31, 42-35. Vetoed. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **SB 833 (Bowen; D-Redondo Beach) - Onerous Fax Communication Restrictions.** Increases costs by placing onerous administrative and economic bur-

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dens on businesses by in effect requiring written consent from their own customers and clients prior to sending certain fax communications. Passed Assembly, September 6, 47-32. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments, September 8, 34-1. Signed by Governor - Chapter 667, Statutes of 2005. Chamber opposed/job killer.

### **Health Insurance**

● **SB 399 (Escutia; D-Norwalk)**

- **Health Care Cost Increase.** Increases litigation costs on insurers and the self-insured by requiring medical payments in excess of Medi-Cal reimbursement rates and increasing non-economic damage awards. Passed Assembly, September 7, 43-34. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments, September 8, 21-12. Vetoed. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **SB 840 (Kuehl; D-Santa Monica) - Government-Run Health Care.**

Imposes a government-run health care system on all Californians. Passed Senate, May 31, 25-15. In Assembly Rules Committee. Chamber opposed/job killer.

### **Labor**

● **AB 391 (Koretz; D-West Hollywood)**

- **Unemployment Insurance Benefit Expansion.** Increases the cost of doing business in California by forcing California employers to subsidize a strike against their own company by providing unemployment insurance benefits to workers unemployed due to a strike. Passed Assembly, June 1, 45-33. Passed Senate, August 31, 22-13. Vetoed. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **AB 875 (Koretz; D-West Hollywood) - Government Agency Potential Harassment of Employers.** Opens the door to potential harassment by government labor and taxing agencies by requiring the referral of an unspecified labor violation to taxing agencies for a tax audit, exposing employers to an expensive, time-consuming fishing expedition for possible employer tax code violations. Passed Senate, September 1, 21-12. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments, September 6, 46-32. Vetoed. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **AB 1310 (Nuñez; D-Los Angeles) - Severance Offers; Increased Litigation.**

Establishes new reasons to sue certain private sector employers by setting in statute a very detailed notice process that an employer must follow exactly in order to be able to utilize any severance agreement. Passed Senate, September 6, 21-15. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments, September 8, 43-34. Vetoed. Chamber opposed/job killer.

### **Resource Regulation**

● **AB 1101 (Oropeza; D-Long Beach) - Ports: Regulatory Complexity.** Hampers operations at ports, rail yards, distribution centers and airports by shifting regulatory authority over mobile emissions from state to local entities, creating a patchwork of potentially inconsistent regulations statewide, creating conflicts with federal law. Failed passage in Assembly June 2, 31-33. Placed on Assembly inactive file on motion of author. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **SB 757 (Kehoe; D-San Diego) - Gas Reduction Mandate.**

Introduces a new mandate to reduce gasoline use without taking population growth into consideration, which would likely lead to a massive gas tax causing

higher gasoline prices, increased costs for consumer goods and thousands of lost jobs for California. Passed Senate, May 31, 21-15. Failed passage in Assembly Transportation Committee June 27, 6-5. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **SB 764 (Lowenthal; D-Long Beach) - Ports: Goods Movement Cost Increase.** Increases the costs of goods movement and drives business and jobs from California ports by requiring the City of Los Angeles and the City of Long Beach to prohibit any growth at their respective ports unless that growth can be accomplished with no air pollution increases. Passed Senate, June 1, 22-15. In Assembly Transportation Committee. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **SB 820 (Kuehl; D-Santa Monica) - New Groundwater Use Reporting Requirements.** Burdens landowners by imposing new groundwater use reporting requirements; levies penalties for failure

## Key to Using This Section

- Y means voted for bill.
- N means voted against bill.
- means not voting "aye" on a California Chamber-opposed bill.
- means not voting or absent.

**Boldface type indicates votes in accord with Chamber position.**

The last three columns are a tabulation of votes in accord with the Chamber position, not in accord with the Chamber and not voting or absent.



to report water usage; and requires small water districts to develop ag management plans. Passed Assembly, September 7, 49-27. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments, September 8, 21-16. Vetoed. Chamber opposed.

### **Tax/Fee Increases**

● **AB 6 (Chan; D-Oakland) - Personal Income Tax Increase.** Increases the tax burden on small business by increasing personal income tax rate to 10 and 11 percent and the alternative tax rate to 8.5 percent. Failed passage in Assembly; urgency clause refused adoption June 15, 46-32. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **SB 760 (Lowenthal; D-Long Beach) - Ports: Goods Movement Cost Increase.** Increases the cost of goods movement in California by assessing a \$30 fee per twenty-foot equivalent unit on containers processed through the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports. Passed Senate, May 31, 22-15. Assembly Appropriations Committee hearing cancelled at request of author. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **SB 762 (Lowenthal; D-Long Beach) - Ports: Cost Increase.** Makes California ports less competitive by assessing a fee on motor carriers and creating a government-run bureaucracy to regulate truck movement in and out of the state's major ports. Passed Senate, June 1, 25-14. Assembly Transportation hearing cancelled at request of author. Chamber opposed/job killer.

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	<b>Education</b>		<b>Excessive Litigation</b>		<b>Health Insurance</b>		<b>Labor</b>		<b>Resource Regulation</b>			<b>Tax/Fee Increases</b>			<b>Total in Accord with Chamber</b>	<b>Not in Accord with Chamber</b>	<b>Not Voting or Absent</b>			
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Aanestad, S. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N									13	2	0
Ackerman, D. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	●	N	N	N									14	1	0
Alarcón, R. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		2	13	0
Alquist, E. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		2	13	0
Ashburn, R. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N			N	N	N	N	N		14	1	0
Battin, J. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	●	●	N								14	1	0
Bowen, D. (D)	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								3	12	0
Campbell, J. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N								14	1	0
Cedillo, G. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	●	Y								4	11	0
Chesbro, W. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								2	13	0
Cox, D. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N								14	1	0
Denham, J. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	●								14	1	0
Ducheny, D. (D)	Y	Y	N	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	●								9	6	0
Dunn, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								2	13	0
Dutton, B. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	●	N	N	N	N	N								15	0	0
Escutia, M. (D)	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								1	13	1
Figueroa, L. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●								4	11	0
Florez, D. (D)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								6	9	0
Hollingsworth, D. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N								15	0	0
Kehoe, C. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								2	13	0
Kuehl, S. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								2	13	0
Lowenthal, A. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								2	13	0
Machado, M. (D)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	●	N								9	6	0
Maldonado, A. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N								14	1	0
Margett, B. (R)	Y	—	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N								12	2	1
McClintock, T. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	●	N	N	N	N	N								15	0	0
Migden, C. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								2	13	0
Morrow, B. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	●	N	N	●	N								14	1	0
Murray, K. (D)	—	Y	Y	Y	●	●	Y	—	●	—								5	7	3
Ortiz, D. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								3	12	0
Perata, D. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y								3	12	0
Poochigian, C. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N								14	1	0
Romero, G. (D)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								1	13	1
Runner, G. (R)	Y	Y	N	●	●	N	N	●	●	N								15	0	0
Scott, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								4	11	0
Simitian, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y								3	12	0
Soto, N. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								2	13	0
Speier, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y								4	11	0
Torlakson, T. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								2	13	0
Vincent, E. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	—	Y	Y	Y	Y								2	10	3

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Aghazarian, G. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	In Assembly Rules.	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	12	0	0
Arambula, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7	5	0
Baca, J. (D)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5	7	0
Bass, K. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Benoit, J. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	12	0	0
Berg, P. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Bermúdez, R. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Blakeslee, S. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	12	0	0
Bogh, R. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	11	1	0
Calderon, R. (D)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6	6	0
Canciamilla, J. (D)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6	6	0
Chan, W. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Chavez, E. (D)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5	7	0
Chu, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Cogdill, D. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	12	0	0
Cohn, R. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	8	0
Coto, J. (D)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	8	0
Daucher, L. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	11	1	0
De La Torre, H. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
DeVore, C. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	12	0	0
Dymally, M. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Emmerson, B. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	11	1	0
Evans, N. (D)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	10	1
Frommer, D. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	9	0
Garcia, B. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N		N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	11	1	0
Goldberg, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Gordon, M. (D)	**	**	**	**	**	**		**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Hancock, L. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Harman, T. (R)	Y	—	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	10	1	1
Haynes, R. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	12	0	0
Horton, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	8	0
Horton, S. (R)	Y	—	N	N	Y	N		N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	9	2	1
Houston, G. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	12	0	0
Huff, B. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	12	0	0
Jones, D. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Karnette, B. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	9	0
Keene, R. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N		N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	11	1	0
Klehs, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Koretz, P. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
La Malfa, D. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	12	0	0

\*\*Assemblyman Mike Gordon (D) passed away on June 25, 2005. His successor, Assemblyman Ted Lieu (D), was sworn into office on September 21, 2005, after the Legislature adjourned for its interim recess.



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La Suer, J. (R)	Y	—	N	N	N	N	In Assembly Rules.	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	10	1	1	
Laird, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Leno, M. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Leslie, T. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	●	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	12	0	0
Levine, L. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	9	0
Lieber, S. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Liu, C. (D)	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	8	0
Matthews, B. (D)	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y		Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	4	0
Maze, B. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	●		Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	12	0	0
McCarthy, K. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	12	0	0
Montañez, C. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Mountjoy, D. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	12	0	0
Mullin, G. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Nakanishi, A. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	12	0	0
Nation, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	9	0
Nava, P. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	9	0
Negrete McLeod, G. (D)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	8	0
Niello, R. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	12	0	0
Núñez, F. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0
Oropeza, J. (D)	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	8	0
Parra, N. (D)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7	5	0	
Pavley, F. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0	
Plescia, G. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	12	0	0	
Richman, K. (R)	Y	Y	●	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	12	0	0	
Ridley-Thomas, M. (D)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	10	1	
Runner, S. (R)	Y	—	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	11	0	1	
Ruskin, I. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	9	0	
Saldaña, L. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	10	0	
Salinas, S. (D)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	9	1	
Spitzer, T. (R)	Y	Y	●	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	●	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	11	1	0	
Strickland, A. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	11	1	0	
Torrico, A. (D)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	8	0	
Tran, V. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	11	1	0	
Umberg, T. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	4	8	0	
Vargas, J. (D)	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5	7	0	
Villines, M. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	12	0	0	
Walters, M. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	12	0	0	
Wolk, L. (D)	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	9	0	
Wyland, M. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	12	0	0	
Yee, L. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	9	0	

## California Chamber Best Business Votes

Legislators are listed in descending order according to how often they voted in accord with the California Chamber of Commerce position (first number) versus how often their votes were not in accord with the Chamber's position (second number) in 2005. Total votes may not match the vote record because the tally for not voting or absent is not included in this list.

80% or more with Chamber	60%-79% with Chamber	40%-59% with Chamber	Less than 40% with Chamber
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### Senate

Dutton, Bob (R)	15-0
Hollingsworth, Dennis (R)	15-0
McClintock, Tom (R)	15-0
Runner, George (R)	15-0
Ackerman, Dick (R)	14-1
Ashburn, Roy (R)	14-1
Battin, Jim (R)	14-1
Campbell, John (R)	14-1
Cox, Dave (R)	14-1
Denham, Jeff (R)	14-1
Maldonado, Abel (R)	14-1
Morrow, Bill (R)	14-1
Poochigian, Charles (R)	14-1
Aanestad, Samuel (R)	13-2
Margett, Bob (R)	12-2
Ducheny, Denise Moreno (D)	9-6
Machado, Mike (D)	9-6
Florez, Dean (D)	6-9
Murray, Kevin (D)	5-7
Cedillo, Gilbert (D)	4-11
Figueroa, Liz (D)	4-11
Scott, Jack (D)	4-11
Speier, Jackie (D)	4-11
Bowen, Debra (D)	3-12
Ortiz, Deborah (D)	3-12
Perata, Don (D)	3-12
Simitian, Joe (D)	3-12
Vincent, Edward (D)	2-10
Alarcón, Richard (D)	2-13
Alquist, Elaine (D)	2-13
Chesbro, Wes (D)	2-13
Dunn, Joe (D)	2-13
Kehoe, Christine (D)	2-13
Kuehl, Sheila James (D)	2-13
Lowenthal, Alan (D)	2-13
Migden, Carole (D)	2-13
Soto, Nell (D)	2-13
Torlakson, Tom (D)	2-13
Escutia, Martha (D)	1-13
Romero, Gloria (D)	1-13

### Assembly

Aghazarian, Greg (R)	12-0
Benoit, John J. (R)	12-0
Blakeslee, Sam (R)	12-0
Cogdill, Dave (R)	12-0
DeVore, Chuck (R)	12-0
Haynes, Ray (R)	12-0
Houston, Guy (R)	12-0
Huff, Bob (R)	12-0
La Malfa, Doug (R)	12-0
Leslie, Tim (R)	12-0
Maze, Bill (R)	12-0
McCarthy, Kevin (R)	12-0
Mountjoy, Dennis (R)	12-0
Nakanishi, Alan (R)	12-0
Niello, Roger (R)	12-0
Plescia, George (R)	12-0
Richman, Keith (R)	12-0
Villines, Michael (R)	12-0
Walters, Mimi (R)	12-0
Wyland, Mark (R)	12-0
Runner, Sharon (R)	11-0
Bogh, Russ (R)	11-1
Daucher, Lynn (R)	11-1
Emmerson, Bill (R)	11-1
Garcia, Bonnie (R)	11-1
Keene, Rick (R)	11-1
Spitzer, Todd (R)	11-1
Strickland, Audra (R)	11-1
Tran, Van (R)	11-1
Harman, Tom (R)	10-1
La Suer, Jay (R)	10-1
Horton, Shirley (R)	9-2
Matthews, Barbara (D)	8-4
Arambula, Juan (D)	7-5
Parra, Nicole (D)	7-5
Calderon, Ron (D)	6-6
Canciamilla, Joseph (D)	6-6
Baca, Joe (D)	5-7
Chavez, Ed (D)	5-7
Vargas, Juan (D)	5-7

Cohn, Rebecca (D)	4-8
Coto, Joe (D)	4-8
Horton, Jerome (D)	4-8
Liu, Carol (D)	4-8
Negrete McLeod, Gloria (D)	4-8
Oropeza, Jenny (D)	4-8
Torrico, Alberto (D)	4-8
Umberg, Thomas (D)	4-8
Frommer, Dario (D)	3-9
Karnette, Betty (D)	3-9
Levine, Lloyd (D)	3-9
Nation, Joe (D)	3-9
Nava, Pedro (D)	3-9
Ruskin, Ira (D)	3-9
Wolk, Lois (D)	3-9
Yee, Leland (D)	3-9
Salinas, Simon (D)	2-9
Bass, Karen (D)	2-10
Berg, Patty (D)	2-10
Bermúdez, Rudy (D)	2-10
Chan, Wilma (D)	2-10
Chu, Judy (D)	2-10
De La Torre, Hector (D)	2-10
Dymally, Mervyn (D)	2-10
Goldberg, Jackie (D)	2-10
Hancock, Loni (D)	2-10
Jones, Dave (D)	2-10
Klehs, Johan (D)	2-10
Koretz, Paul (D)	2-10
Laird, John (D)	2-10
Leno, Mark (D)	2-10
Lieber, Sally (D)	2-10
Montañez, Cindy (D)	2-10
Mullin, Gene (D)	2-10
Núñez, Fabian (D)	2-10
Pavley, Fran (D)	2-10
Saldaña, Lori (D)	2-10
Evans, Noreen (D)	1-10
Ridley-Thomas, Mark (D)	1-10

\*\*Assemblyman Mike Gordon (D) - Deceased June 25, 2005.

\*\*Assemblyman Ted Lieu (D) - Sworn into office September 21, 2005.

## Policy Committee Majorities Block Chamber-Sponsored Labor Law Bills

On this page are the policy committee votes that prevented action this year on California Chamber of Commerce-sponsored bills to improve state labor laws.

The Chamber-sponsored bills and their status at the end of the legislative year are as follows. Two bills were not voted upon by policy committees this year. All bills may be considered again next year.

● **AB 20 (Leslie; R-Tahoe City)**  
**- Stops Predatory ADA Lawsuits.** Helps stop predatory Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) litigation by establishing much-needed definitions of what constitutes an ADA access barrier and to whom it constitutes a barrier, among other provisions. In Assembly Judiciary Committee.

● **AB 640 (Tran; R-Garden Grove)**

**- Flexible Work Hours.** Helps employees achieve greater flexibility in work schedules by allowing individual workers to request and their employers to mutually agree to a four-day workweek. Failed to pass Assembly Labor and Employment Committee, April 20, 2-6. Reconsideration granted.

● **AB 793 (Benoit; R-Riverside)**  
**- Employment Tax Amnesty.** Increases revenue level of nearly insolvent Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund by creating a one-time unemployment insurance tax amnesty program. Failed to pass Assembly Insurance Committee, April 20, 4-6. Reconsideration granted.

● **AB 822 (Benoit; R-Riverside)**  
**- Paycheck Cards.** Expands employer's options for compensating employees to

include electronic paycheck cards. In Assembly Labor and Employment.

● **AB 1709 (Wyland; R-Del Mar) - Workplace Postings.** Reduces confusion and increases understanding of workplace rights and responsibilities by requiring all workplace posters to be written simply and in plain language. Failed to pass Assembly Labor and Employment on April 20, 2-5. Reconsideration granted.

● **SB 855 (Poochigian; R-Fresno)**  
**- Stops Predatory ADA Lawsuits.** Helps stop predatory shakedown ADA lawsuits by requiring a specific notice of intent to sue and brief period of time where a business can repair an ADA access problem. Failed to pass Senate Judiciary Committee, May 3, 2-3. Reconsideration granted.

### Assembly Labor and Employment Committee

#### Vote on AB 640

*Ayes*

**Houston (R-Livermore)**  
**Nakanishi (R-Lodi)**

*Noes*

Chan (D-Oakland)  
 Chu (D-Monterey Park)  
 Klehs (D-Castro Valley)  
 Koretz (D-West Hollywood)  
 Laird (D-Santa Cruz)  
 Leno (D-San Francisco)

#### Vote on AB 1709

*Ayes*

**Houston (R-Livermore)**  
**Nakanishi (R-Lodi)**

*Noes*

Chan (D-Oakland)  
 Chu (D-Monterey Park)  
 Klehs (D-Castro Valley)  
 Koretz (D-West Hollywood)  
 Laird (D-Santa Cruz)

*Absent/abstaining/not voting*  
 Leno (D-San Francisco)

### Assembly Insurance Committee

#### Vote on AB 793

*Ayes*

**Benoit (R-Riverside)**  
**Bogh (R-Beaumont)**  
**Mountjoy (R-Monrovia)**  
**Umberg (D-Santa Ana)**

*Noes*

Calderon (D-Montebello)  
 Frommer (D-Glendale)  
 Karnette (D-Long Beach)  
 Lieber (D-Mountain View)  
 Nava (D-Santa Barbara)  
 Vargas (D-San Diego)

### Senate Judiciary Committee

#### Vote on SB 855

*Ayes*

**Ackerman (R-Tustin)**  
**Morrow (R-Oceanside)**

*Noes*

Cedillo (D-Los Angeles)  
 Figueroa (D-Fremont)  
 Kuehl (D-Santa Monica)

*Absent/abstaining/not voting*  
 Dunn (D-Garden Grove)  
 Escutia (D-Norwalk)