

California Chamber Vote Record on Major Business Legislation for 2006

This report for the second 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 31st 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, the charts group together bills in seven main issue areas: economic development, education, employer/employee relations, excessive litigation, health care, resource regulation, and taxes and fees.

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.

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

Two bills sponsored by the Chamber to improve state labor laws were rejected by the first policy committee to review them. 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 following 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 by either the full Senate or Assembly. This year the vote record covers 16 votes in the Senate and 17 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 columns listing actions "in accord with" the Chamber's position, if the legislator

was not absent for the day.

Priority Bills

Economic Development

- **AB 2987 (Núñez; D-Los Angeles) - Telecommunications Competition.** Encourages competition in the video services market, leading to lower prices, enhances investment in our telecommunications infrastructure and creates jobs by removing city-by-city franchising requirements that have prevented new competitors from entering the television entertainment services market. Passed Senate August 30, 33-4. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments August 31, 68-7. Signed by Governor - Chapter 700, Statutes of 2006. Chamber supported.

- **SB 1436 (Figueroa; D-Fremont) - Small Business: Improved Access to Government.** Seeks to re-establish Small Business Ombudsman program to improve small businesses' access to information on proposed regulations affecting their businesses. Passed Senate May 11, 34-1. Passed Assembly, August 17, 78-0. Signed by Governor - Chapter 234, Statutes of 2006. Chamber supported.

Education

- **AB 1381 (Núñez; D-Los Angeles) - School District Governance: Los Angeles Unified School District.**

Gives the Los Angeles mayor and a council of mayors additional means by which to measure pupil achievement in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Passed Senate August 28, 23-14. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments August 29, 43-24. Signed by Governor - Chapter 299, Statutes of 2006. Chamber supported.

- **AB 2975 (Hancock; D-Berkeley) - Public Schools: State and Federal Accountability.** Undermines the effectiveness of the high school exit exam by lowering California student proficiency standards. Passed Assembly May 31, 45-33. Passed Senate August 16, 21-17.

Vetoed. Chamber opposed.

Employer/Employee Relations

- **AB 1884 (Chu; D-Monterey Park)**

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- Unemployment Insurance Compensation Benefits: Strikers. 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 May 31, 44-35. Passed Senate August 16, 23-15. Vetoed. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **SB 815 (Perata; D-Oakland)**

- Workers' Compensation Reform Rollback. Rolls back recent workers' compensation reforms by arbitrarily doubling the permanent disability payments over three years without sound data with which to base the increase. Passed Assembly August 30, 44-33. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments August 31, 23-14. Vetoed. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **SB 1162 (Cedillo; D-Los Angeles)**

- Automatic Minimum Wage Increases. Increases the cost of doing business without regard to the state's economy by increasing the minimum wage with annual automatic increases. Passed Senate June 1, 25-14. Significantly amended in the Assembly to deal with another subject. Chamber opposed/job killer.

Excessive Litigation

● **AB 2371 (Levine; D-Van Nuys)**

- Increases Litigation Costs. Eliminates an employer's ability to mandate the use of the far less expensive and faster process of arbitration rather than court to resolve discrimination claims under the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. Failed passage in Assembly May 31, 38-39. Chamber opposed.

● **SB 832 (Perata; D-Oakland)**

- Punitive Damages. Hampers needed reforms to California's out-of-control punitive damages system by establishing 75 percent of all punitive damages awards as a source of state funding for the next five years. Passed Assembly August 31, 43-36. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments August 31, 24-14. Vetoed. Chamber opposed.

● **SB 1489 (Ducheny; D-San Diego) - Government Agency Potential Harassment of Employers.** Invites unlimited "fishing expeditions" by the Attorney General under numerous statutes, including the Unruh Civil Rights Act and environmental laws, by making defendant

companies pay all the investigation and lawsuit costs, including attorneys' fees, if the Attorney General "prevails." The term "prevail" could include settlements, changes in operation by the defendant or even a minuscule monetary award. Passed Assembly August 28, 44-35. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments August 31, 22-14. Vetoed. Chamber opposed/job killer.

Health Care

● **SB 840 (Kuehl; D-Santa Monica) - Government-Run Health Care.** Imposes a government-run health care system on all Californians. Passed Assembly August 28, 45-33. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments August 31, 24-13. Vetoed. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **SB 1414 (Migden; D-San Francisco) - Health Care Tax.** Imposes a tax on employers with over 10,000 employees to spend the equivalent of 8 percent of their total payroll on health care or pay the equivalent amount to the state. Passed Assembly August 30, 41-37. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments August 31, 23-17. Vetoed. Chamber opposed/job killer.

Resource Regulation

● **AB 32 (Núñez; D-Los Angeles) - Halts Economic Growth.** Increases costs for California businesses, makes them less competitive and discourages economic growth with little or no proven environmental benefit by adopting an arbitrary cap on carbon emissions. Passed Senate August 30, 23-14. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments August 31, 47-32. Signed by Governor - Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **AB 1012 (Nation; D-San Rafael) - Fuel Mandate.** Disrupts California's transportation fuels market by mandating the sale of scarce alternative fuel vehicles and will result in significant gas price spikes. Passed Senate August 29, 21-18. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments August 31, 43-36. Vetoed. Chamber opposed/job killer.

● **AB 1899 (Wolk; D-Davis) - Halts Economic Growth.** Prohibits development in the Central Valley by requiring the creation of a 200-year flood standard that is currently impossible to achieve. Passed Assembly May 31, 42-35. No Senate floor vote. Chamber opposed.

● **AB 1925 (Blakeslee; R-San Luis**

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.

Obispo) - Energy: Electricity: Carbon Dioxide. Requires the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to submit a report to the Legislature with recommendations on strategies and incentives to reduce carbon dioxide emissions during the generation of electricity. Passed Senate August 28, 39-0. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments August 29, 78-0. Signed by Governor - Chapter 471, Statutes of 2006. Chamber supported.

Taxes and Fees

● **AB 1614 (Ruskin; D-Palo Alto) - Limited Liability Companies.** Retroactively changes, back to 2001, the fee for limited liability companies in a manner that violates the Constitution. Passed Senate August 30, 23-13. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments August 31, 41-35. Vetoed. Chamber opposed.

● **SB 927 (Lowenthal; D-Long Beach) - Ports: Goods Movement Consumer Fee.** Increases the cost of exporting and importing goods in California by assessing a \$60 fee per container processed through the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports. Passed Assembly August 30, 42-35. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments August 31, 22-16. Vetoed. Chamber opposed/job killer.

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Aanestad, S. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	15	1	0
Ackerman, D. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	15	1	0
Alarcón, R. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	12	0	
Alquist, E. (D)	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5	11	0	
Ashburn, R. (R)	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	16	0	0	
Battin, J. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	●	N	N	N	Y	15	1	0	
Bowen, D. (D)	—	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	11	1	
Cedillo, G. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	●	Y	●	Y	8	8	0	
Chesbro, W. (D)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	2	13	1	
Cox, D. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	15	1	0	
Denham, J. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	●	N	N	Y	15	1	0	
Ducheny, D. (D)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	11	1	
Dunn, J. (D)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	13	0	
Dutton, B. (R)	Y	Y	—	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	15	0	1	
Escutia, M. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	12	0	
Figueroa, L. (D)	Y	Y	—	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	5	10	1	
Florez, D. (D)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	●	Y	●	●	Y	Y	Y	N	8	8	0	
Harman, T. (R)*	Y	*	N	N	N	N	*	N	N	●	N	N	Y	13*	1*	0	
Hollingsworth, D. (R)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	14	2	0	
Kehoe, C. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	12	0	
Kuehl, S. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	12	0	
Lowenthal, A. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	5	11	0	
Machado, M. (D)	Y	Y	—	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	7	8	1	
Maldonado, A. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	15	1	0	
Margett, B. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	15	1	0	
McClintock, T. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	15	1	0	
Migden, C. (D)	N	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	12	0	
Morrow, B. (R)	—	—	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	●	N	Y	N	13	1	2	
Murray, K. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	6	10	0	
Ortiz, D. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	6	10	0	
Perata, D. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	12	0	
Poochigian, C. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	15	1	0	
Romero, G. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	12	0	
Runner, G. (R)	Y	—	Y	N	N	●	N	●	N	N	N	Y	●	15	0	1	
Scott, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	12	0	
Simitian, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	6	10	0	
Soto, N. (D)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	12	1	
Speier, J. (D)	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	14	0	
Torlakson, T. (D)	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	12	1	
Vincent, E. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	12	0	

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Aghazarian, G. (R)	Y	Y	—	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	16	0	1		
Arambula, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	●	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6	11	0		
Baca, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	5	12	0		
Bass, K. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	13	0		
Benoit, J. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	16	1	0		
Berg, P. (D)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	14	0		
Bermúdez, R. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	13	0		
Blakeslee, S. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	16	1	0		
Bogh, R. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	16	1	0		
Calderon, R. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	●	Y	N	Y	11	6	0
Canciamilla, J. (D)	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	11	6	0
Chan, W. (D)	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	13	1		
Chavez, E. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	8	9	0
Chu, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	13	0		
Cogdill, D. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	16	1	0
Cohn, R. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5	12	0		
Coto, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	13	0		
Daucher, L. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	16	1	0
De La Torre, H. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	13	0		
DeVore, C. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	16	1	0
Dymally, M. (D)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	14	0		
Emmerson, B. (R)	Y	Y	—	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	16	0	1
Evans, N. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	13	0		
Frommer, D. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5	12	0		
Garcia, B. (R)	Y	Y	—	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	16	0	1
Goldberg, J. (D)	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	13	1		
Hancock, L. (D)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	14	0		
Haynes, R. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	16	1	0
Horton, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	13	0		
Horton, S. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	15	2	0
Houston, G. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	16	1	0
Huff, B. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	16	1	0
Jones, D. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	13	0		
Karnette, B. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	13	0		
Keene, R. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	16	1	0
Kleh, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	5	12	0		
Koretz, P. (D)	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	2	13	2
La Malfa, D. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	16	1	0
La Suer, J. (R)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	16	1	0
Laird, J. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	13	0		

Passed Assembly as a different subject.

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Leno, M. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	4	13	0
Leslie, T. (R)	N Y	— N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N ●	15	1	1
Levine, L. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	4	13	0
Lieber, S. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	4	13	0
Lieu, T. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	4	13	0
Liu, C. (D)	Y Y	— Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	3	13	1
Matthews, B. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	N N	N N N	N N	N Y N Y	Y N	14	3	0
Maze, B. (R)	Y Y	— N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N N	16	0	1
McCarthy, K. (R)	Y Y	N N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N N	16	1	0
Montañez, C. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	4	13	0
Mountjoy, D. (R)	Y Y	— N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N N	16	0	1
Mullin, G. (D)	N Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	3	14	0
Nakanishi, A. (R)	Y Y	— N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N N	16	0	1
Nation, J. (D)	— Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	N Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	4	12	1
Nava, P. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	● Y	5	12	0
Negrete McLeod, G. (D)	— Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y N Y	● N	6	10	1
Niello, R. (R)	— Y	Y N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N N	16	0	1
Núñez, F. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	4	13	0
Oropeza, J. (D)	Y —	N Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	2	14	1
Parra, N. (D)	N Y	Y N	N ●	N N N	● N	N N N Y	N N	16	1	0
Pavley, F. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	4	13	0
Plescia, G. (R)	Y Y	N N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N N	16	1	0
Richman, K. (R)	Y Y	N N	N N	N N N	N N	N N ● Y	N N	16	1	0
Ridley-Thomas, M. (D)	Y Y	— Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	3	13	1
Runner, S. (R)	Y Y	N N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N N	16	1	0
Ruskin, I. (D)	N Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	3	14	0
Saldaña, L. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	4	13	0
Salinas, S. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	4	13	0
Spitzer, T. (R)	Y Y	Y N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N N	17	0	0
Strickland, A. (R)	Y Y	N N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N N	16	1	0
Torricono, A. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	● Y Y	Y Y	Y N N Y	Y N	8	9	0
Tran, V. (R)	Y Y	— N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N N	16	0	1
Umberg, T. (D)	Y Y	Y ●	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	● ●	7	10	0
Vargas, J. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y ●	● Y Y	Y Y	Y Y ● Y	Y Y	7	10	0
Villines, M. (R)	Y Y	N N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N N	16	1	0
Walters, M. (R)	Y Y	N N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N N	16	1	0
Wolk, L. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	● Y Y	Y N	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	6	11	0
Wyland, M. (R)	Y Y	N N	N N	N N N	N N	N N N Y	N N	16	1	0
Yee, L. (D)	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Y	Y Y Y Y	Y Y	4	13	0

Passed Assembly as a different subject.

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

Ashburn, Roy (R)	16-0
Dutton, Bob (R)	15-0
Runner, George (R)	15-0
Aanestad, Samuel (R)	15-1
Ackerman, Dick (R)	15-1
Battin, Jim (R)	15-1
Cox, Dave (R)	15-1
Denham, Jeff (R)	15-1
Maldonado, Abel (R)	15-1
Margett, Bob (R)	15-1
McClintock, Tom (R)	15-1
Poohigian, Charles (R)	15-1
Hollingsworth, Dennis (R)	14-2
Harman, Tom (R)*	13-1
Morrow, Bill (R)	13-1
Cedillo, Gilbert (D)	8-8
Florez, Dean (D)	8-8
Machado, Mike (D)	7-8
Murray, Kevin (D)	6-10
Ortiz, Deborah (D)	6-10
Simitian, Joseph (D)	6-10
Figueroa, Liz (D)	5-10
Alquist, Elaine (D)	5-11
Lowenthal, Alan (D)	5-11
Bowen, Debra (D)	4-11
Ducheny, Denise Moreno (D)	4-11
Alarcón, Richard (D)	4-12
Escutia, Martha (D)	4-12
Kehoe, Christine (D)	4-12
Kuehl, Sheila James (D)	4-12
Migden, Carole (D)	4-12
Perata, Don (D)	4-12
Romero, Gloria (D)	4-12
Scott, Jack (D)	4-12
Vincent, Edward (D)	4-12
Soto, Nell (D)	3-12
Torlakson, Tom (D)	3-12
Dunn, Joe (D)	3-13
Chesbro, Wes (D)	2-13
Speier, Jackie (D)	2-14

Assembly

Spitzer, Todd (R)	17-0
Aghazarian, Greg (R)	16-0
Emmerson, Bill (R)	16-0
Garcia, Bonnie (R)	16-0
Maze, Bill (R)	16-0
Mountjoy, Dennis (R)	16-0
Nakanishi, Alan (R)	16-0
Niello, Roger (R)	16-0
Tran, Van (R)	16-0
Benoit, John J. (R)	16-1
Blakeslee, Sam (R)	16-1
Bogh, Russ (R)	16-1
Cogdill, Dave (R)	16-1
Daucher, Lynn (R)	16-1
DeVore, Chuck (R)	16-1
Haynes, Ray (R)	16-1
Houston, Guy (R)	16-1
Huff, Bob (R)	16-1
Keene, Rick (R)	16-1
La Malfa, Doug (R)	16-1
La Suer, Jay (R)	16-1
McCarthy, Kevin (R)	16-1
Parra, Nicole (D)	16-1
Plescia, George (R)	16-1
Richman, Keith (R)	16-1
Runner, Sharon (R)	16-1
Strickland, Audra (R)	16-1
Villines, Michael (R)	16-1
Walters, Mimi (R)	16-1
Wyland, Mark (R)	16-1
Leslie, Tim (R)	15-1
Horton, Shirley (R)	15-2
Matthews, Barbara (D)	14-3
Calderon, Ron (D)	11-6
Canciamilla, Joseph (D)	11-6
Chavez, Ed (D)	8-9
Torrico, Alberto (D)	8-9
Umberg, Thomas (D)	7-10
Vargas, Juan (D)	7-10

Negrete McLeod, Gloria (D)	6-10
Arambula, Juan (D)	6-11
Wolk, Lois (D)	6-11
Baca, Joe (D)	5-12
Cohn, Rebecca (D)	5-12
Frommer, Dario (D)	5-12
Klehs, Johan (D)	5-12
Nava, Pedro (D)	5-12
Nation, Joe (D)	4-12
Bass, Karen (D)	4-13
Bermúdez, Rudy (D)	4-13
Chu, Judy (D)	4-13
Coto, Joe (D)	4-13
De La Torre, Hector (D)	4-13
Evans, Noreen (D)	4-13
Horton, Jerome (D)	4-13
Jones, Dave (D)	4-13
Karnette, Betty (D)	4-13
Laird, John (D)	4-13
Leno, Mark (D)	4-13
Levine, Lloyd (D)	4-13
Lieber, Sally (D)	4-13
Lieu, Ted (D)	4-13
Montañez, Cindy (D)	4-13
Núñez, Fabian (D)	4-13
Pavley, Fran (D)	4-13
Saldaña, Lori (D)	4-13
Salinas, Simon (D)	4-13
Yee, Leland (D)	4-13
Chan, Wilma (D)	3-13
Goldberg, Jackie (D)	3-13
Liu, Carol (D)	3-13
Ridley-Thomas, Mark (D)	3-13
Berg, Patty (D)	3-14
Dymally, Mervyn (D)	3-14
Hancock, Loni (D)	3-14
Mullin, Gene (D)	3-14
Ruskin, Ira (D)	3-14
Koretz, Paul (D)	2-13
Oropeza, Jenny (D)	2-14

*Senator Tom Harman (R) - Sworn into office June 12, 2006.

Chamber Sponsored Labor Law Proposals Get Ax in Assembly Policy Committee

Party-line votes of the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee this year killed two California Chamber-sponsored bills to improve state labor laws.

● **AB 2217 (Villines; R-Clovis) - 4-Day Workweek** would have helped employees achieve greater flexibility in work schedules by allowing individual workers to request and their employers to mutually agree to a four-day workweek.

● **AB 2277 (Villines; R-Clovis) - Plain Language Workplace Posters** would have reduced confusion and increased understanding of workplace rights and responsibilities by requiring all workplace posters to be written simply and in plain language.

Both bills failed to pass Assembly Labor and Employment on April 19 on votes of 2-6 (see box). Reconsideration was granted, but the bills were not considered again this year.

Testimony by the Chamber, employers and employees highlighted the need for

Assembly Labor and Employment Committee

Votes on AB 2217, AB 2277

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)

the scheduling flexibility offered by AB 2217 (see April 21 *Alert*).

In sponsoring AB 2277, the Chamber pointed out that plain and simple language in workplace rules would ensure that employers know how to comply with the law and help employees know if

workplace rights have been violated (see April 21 *Alert*).

The Chamber will continue to support sensible changes in state labor laws and regulations aimed at making the workplace easier to administer.