

California Chamber Vote Record on Major Business Legislation for 2000

This report for the second year of the 1999-2000 legislative session focuses on California legislators' floor votes on bills of high priority to the California Chamber.

This is the 25th 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.

Partial Picture

No vote record can tell the entire story of a legislator's attitude and actions on issues important to business, including labor issues, overregulation, taxes and the environment. 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.

This year the vote record covers seven votes in the Assembly and six votes in the Senate. Although this is a smaller sample of bills than in past years, the votes reflect a legislator's support to sustain a healthy economy.

There are many bills that the Chamber followed which never received a vote on the floor of either house. Some of these bills the Chamber supported, such as AB 2737 (Margett), providing independent contractors greater certainty in their tax status. Others the Chamber opposed, such as AB 1751 (Kuehl), limiting the use of arbitration. Many bills that the Chamber opposed were amended and the Chamber removed its opposition. Votes on these bills are not covered.

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

If a chapter number is listed after the summary of floor action on the bill, the bill has been signed by the Governor and will become law on January 1, 2001, unless it is an urgency measure or tax levy. Numbering of chaptered bills begins again each year.

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

● 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 a column tallying the number of times legislators did not vote "aye" on a Chamber-opposed bill. The "not voting" tally is included in the total for the column listing actions "in accord with" the Chamber's position.

Priority Bills

SB 546 (Solis) Unemployment Insurance (UI) Tax Increase. Increases unemployment benefits by 65 percent without any reforms to mitigate the cost impact. Increases the UI tax rate for employers. Passed Assembly August 28, 46-31. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments August 30, 24-14. Vetoed. Chamber opposed.

SB 996 (Johnston) Workers' Compensation Benefit Increase. Increases the cost of workers' compensation by \$2.7 billion without comparable savings through program reform. Assembly adopted conference report August 31, 42-31. Senate adopted conference report August 31, 24-14. Vetoed. Chamber opposed.

SB 1149 (Hayden) Family Leave for Non-Family Members. Makes it an unlawful employment practice to deny an employee's request to use leave provided by the California Family Rights Act to care for an expanded list of non-family

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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 appeared in the "Status Report" sections of *Alert*.

● The bills were voted upon on the floor of either the Senate or the Assembly.

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members who have a serious health condition. Passed Assembly August 30, 42-33. Senate concurred in Assembly amendments August 31, 23-14. Vetoed. Chamber opposed.

AB 398 (Migden) Property Acquisition. Makes steady and timely progress in expanding the runways at the San Francisco International Airport if mitigation is required for the expansion, by authorizing the acquisition of salt ponds in the San Francisco Bay. Passed Senate August 31, 33-4. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments August 31, 57-11. Chapter 395. Chamber supported.

AB 1856 (Kuehl) Employee Liability for Sexual Harassment. Imposes personal liability on co-workers for sexual harassment in the workplace. Significant litigation costs for employers, who are legally obligated to indemnify all workers for issues arising out of or in the course of their employment. Passed

Assembly June 1, 42-31. Passed Senate August 22, 21-12. Chapter 1047. Chamber opposed.

AB 2222 (Kuehl) Conflict with Federal Disability Law. Deletes current definitions of physical and mental disabilities and creates new, expansive definitions of what constitutes discrimination under both Unruh Civil Rights Act and Fair Employment and Housing Act in direct conflict with several recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions. Passed Senate August 29, 21-13. Assembly concurred in Senate amendments August 31, 44-32. Chapter 1049. Chamber opposed.

AB 2468 (Romero) Farm Operator Liability. Makes farm operators jointly and severally liable for labor violations involving agricultural workers employed through labor contractors. Makes the farm operator automatically liable for violations committed by someone else without regard to actual fault. Assembly refused adoption June 1, 27-35. Assembly Inactive File. Chamber opposed.

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.
- † means absent due to illness (noted in the *Assembly* or *Senate Daily Journal*).

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.

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2000 Senate Vote Record

Member	SB 546 - UI Tax Hike	SB 996 - Workers' Comp	SB 1149 - Family Leave	AB 398 - Property Acquisition	AB 1856 - Employee Liability	AB 2222 - Disability Law	AB 2468 - Farm Operator Liability	In Accord with Chamber	Not Voting "Aye" on Oppose Bill	Total in Accord with Chamber	Not in Accord with Chamber	Not Voting or Absent
Alarcon, Richard	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Assembly Refused Passage - Died.	1	0	1	5	0
Alpert, Dede	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●		1	1	2	4	0
Bowen, Debra	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		0	0	0	6	0
Brulte, James	N	N	N	Y	N	●		5	1	6	0	0
Burton, John	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		1	0	1	5	0
Chesbro, Wes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		1	0	1	5	0
Costa, Jim	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N		3	0	3	3	0
Dunn, Joe	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		1	0	1	5	0
Escutia, Martha	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		1	0	1	5	0
Figueroa, Liz	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		1	0	1	5	0
Hayden, Tom	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		0	0	0	6	0
Haynes, Ray	N	N	N	Y	N	N		6	0	6	0	0
Hughes, Teresa	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		1	0	1	5	0
Johannessen, M.	N	N	N	Y	N	N		6	0	6	0	0
Johnson, Ross	N	N	●	—	●	●		2	3	5	0	1
Johnston, Patrick	●	Y	Y	Y	●	Y		1	2	3	3	0
Karnette, Betty	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		1	0	1	5	0
Kelley, David	N	N	N	Y	N	N		6	0	6	0	0
Knight, Pete	N	●	N	Y	N	N		5	1	6	0	0
Leslie, Tim	N	N	N	Y	●	●		4	2	6	0	0
Lewis, John	N	N	N	—	●	N		4	1	5	0	1
McPherson, Bruce	N	N	●	Y	N	N		5	1	6	0	0
Monteith, Dick	N	N	N	Y	N	N		6	0	6	0	0
Morrow, Bill	●	N	N	Y	N	N	5	1	6	0	0	
Mountjoy, Richard	N	N	N	—	N	N	5	0	5	0	1	
Murray, Kevin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	5	0	
O'Connell, Jack	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	5	0	
Ortiz, Deborah	Y	Y	Y	Y	†	Y	1	0	1	4	1	
Peace, Steve	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	1	1	2	4	0	
Perata, Don	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	5	0	
Polanco, Richard	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	5	0	
Poochigian, Chuck	N	N	N	Y	N	N	6	0	6	0	0	
Rainey, Richard	N	N	N	Y	N	N	6	0	6	0	0	
Schiff, Adam	Y	●	Y	Y	●	●	1	3	4	2	0	
Sher, Byron	Y	Y	●	N	Y	Y	0	1	1	5	0	
Solis, Hilda	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	5	0	
Soto, Nell	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	1	1	2	4	0	
Speier, Jackie	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	5	0	
Vasconcellos, John	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	0	0	0	6	0	
Wright, Cathie	N	N	N	Y	N	N	6	0	6	0	0	

2000 Assembly Vote Record

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Aanestad, Sam	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	6	0	6	1	0
Ackerman, Dick	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	6	0	6	1	0
Alquist, Elaine	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Aroner, Dion	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	0	0	0	6	1
Ashburn, Roy	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Baldwin, Steve	N	N	N	N	N	N	●	5	1	6	1	0
Bates, Patricia	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Battin, Jim	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Baugh, Scott	N	N	N	Y	N	N	●	6	1	7	0	0
Bock, Audie	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	●	0	1	1	5	1
Brewer, Marilyn	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	6	0	6	1	0
Briggs, Mike	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	6	0	6	1	0
Calderon, Thomas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	2	0	2	5	0
Campbell, Bill	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Cardenas, Tony	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	1	1	2	5	0
Cardoza, Dennis	Y	●	●	Y	N	Y	N	3	2	5	2	0
Cedillo, Gil	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	1	1	2	5	0
Corbett, Ellen	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	0	0	0	6	1
Correa, Lou	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	●	1	2	3	4	0
Cox, Dave	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Cunneen, Jim	N	N	Y	N	●	N	N	4	1	5	2	0
Davis, Susan	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	1	2	5	0
Dickerson, Dick	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Ducheny, Denise	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	1	1	2	5	0
Dutra, John	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	●	1	2	3	4	0
Firebaugh, Marco	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Florez, Dean	Y	Y	N	—	Y	N	N	3	0	3	3	1
Floyd, Dick	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Frusetta, Peter	†	†	†	†	N	†	●	1	1	2	0	5
Gallegos, Martin	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	Y	Y	1	1	2	5	0
Granlund, Brett	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Havice, Sally	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	●	2	1	3	4	0
Hertzberg, Bob	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Honda, Mike	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
House, George	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	6	0	6	1	0
Jackson, Hannah-Beth	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Kaloogian, Howard	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	6	0	6	1	0
Keeley, Fred	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Knox, Wally	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	0	0	0	6	1
Kuehl, Sheila James	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0

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Leach, Lynne	N	N	●	Y	N	N	N	6	1	7	0	0
Lempert, Ted	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	●	0	1	1	5	1
Leonard, Bill	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Longville, John	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Lowenthal, Alan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Machado, Mike	Y	Y	N	Y	●	Y	●	2	2	4	3	0
Maddox, Ken	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Maldonado, Abel	N	N	N	N	●	N	N	5	1	6	1	0
Margett, Bob	N	N	N	—	N	N	N	6	0	6	0	1
Mazzoni, Kerry	●	N	Y	Y	●	Y	N	3	2	5	2	0
McClintock, Tom	N	N	N	N	N	N	●	5	1	6	1	0
Migden, Carole	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Nakano, George	Y	●	●	Y	Y	●	●	1	4	5	2	0
Olberg, Keith	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Oller, Rico	N	N	N	—	N	N	N	6	0	6	0	1
Pacheco, Robert	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Pacheco, Rod	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	6	0	6	1	0
Papan, Lou	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	2	0	2	5	0
Pescetti, Anthony	N	●	N	Y	N	N	N	6	1	7	0	0
Reyes, Sarah	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	3	0	3	4	0
Romero, Gloria	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Runner, George	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Scott, Jack	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Shelley, Kevin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Steinberg, Darrell	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Strickland, Tony	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Strom-Martin, Virginia	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	1	1	2	5	0
Thompson, Bruce	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0
Thomson, Helen	Y	●	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	1	2	3	4	0
Torlakson, Tom	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Villaraigosa, Antonio	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Vincent, Edward	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	0	0	0	6	1
Washington, Carl	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Wayne, Howard	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Wesson, Herb	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	6	0
Wiggins, Patricia	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	2	0	2	5	0
Wildman, Scott	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	0	0	0	6	1
Wright, Roderick	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	●	1	1	2	5	0
Zettel, Charlene	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	7	0	7	0	0

California Chamber: Best Business Votes

Legislators are listed in descending order according to how often they voted in accord with the California Chamber's position (first number) versus how often their votes were not in accordance with the Chamber's position (second number) in 2000. Total votes may not match the vote record because the tally for absent/not voting is not included in this list.

Senate

Brulte, James	6-0
Haynes, Ray	6-0
Johannessen, Maurice	6-0
Kelley, David	6-0
Knight, Pete	6-0
Leslie, Tim	6-0
McPherson, Bruce	6-0
Monteith, Dick	6-0
Morrow, Bill	6-0
Poochigian, Charles	6-0
Rainey, Richard	6-0
Wright, Cathie	6-0
Johnson, Ross	5-0
Lewis, John	5-0
Mountjoy, Richard	5-0
Schiff, Adam	4-2
Costa, Jim	3-3
Johnston, Patrick	3-3
Alpert, Dede	2-4
Peace, Steve	2-4
Soto, Nell	2-4
Ortiz, Deborah	1-4
Alarcon, Richard	1-5
Burton, John	1-5
Chesbro, Wes	1-5
Dunn, Joe	1-5
Escutia, Martha	1-5
Figueroa, Liz	1-5
Hughes, Teresa	1-5
Karnette, Betty	1-5
Murray, Kevin	1-5
O'Connell, Jack	1-5
Perata, Don	1-5
Polanco, Richard	1-5
Sher, Byron	1-5
Solis, Hilda	1-5
Speier, Jackie	1-5
Bowen, Debra	0-6
Hayden, Tom	0-6
Vasconcellos, John	0-6

Assembly

Ashburn, Roy	7-0	Frusetta, Peter	2-0 †
Bates, Patricia	7-0	Calderon, Thomas	2-5
Battin, Jim	7-0	Cardenas, Tony	2-5
Baugh, Scott	7-0	Cedillo, Gil	2-5
Campbell, Bill	7-0	Davis, Susan	2-5
Cox, Dave	7-0	Ducheny, Denise	2-5
Dickerson, Dick	7-0	Gallegos, Martin	2-5
Granlund, Brett	7-0	Papan, Lou	2-5
Leach, Lynne	7-0	Strom-Martin, Virginia	2-5
Leonard, Bill	7-0	Wiggins, Patricia	2-5
Maddox, Ken	7-0	Wright, Roderick	2-5
Olberg, Keith	7-0	Bock, Audie	1-5
Pacheco, Robert	7-0	Lempert, Ted	1-5
Pescetti, Anthony	7-0	Alquist, Elaine	1-6
Runner, George	7-0	Firebaugh, Marco	1-6
Strickland, Tony	7-0	Floyd, Dick	1-6
Thompson, Bruce	7-0	Hertzberg, Bob	1-6
Zettel, Charlene	7-0	Honda, Mike	1-6
Margett, Bob	6-0	Jackson, Hannah-Beth	1-6
Oller, Rico	6-0	Keeley, Fred	1-6
Aanestad, Sam	6-1	Kuehl, Sheila James	1-6
Ackerman, Dick	6-1	Longville, John	1-6
Baldwin, Steve	6-1	Lowenthal, Alan	1-6
Brewer, Marilyn	6-1	Migden, Carole	1-6
Briggs, Mike	6-1	Romero, Gloria	1-6
House, George	6-1	Scott, Jack	1-6
Kaloogian, Howard	6-1	Shelley, Kevin	1-6
Maldonado, Abel	6-1	Steinberg, Darrell	1-6
McClintock, Tom	6-1	Torlakson, Tom	1-6
Pacheco, Rod	6-1	Villaraigosa, Antonio	1-6
Cardoza, Dennis	5-2	Washington, Carl	1-6
Cunneen, Jim	5-2	Wayne, Howard	1-6
Mazzoni, Kerry	5-2	Wesson, Herb	1-6
Nakano, George	5-2	Aroner, Dion	0-6
Machado, Mike	4-3	Corbett, Ellen	0-6
Florez, Dean	3-3	Knox, Wally	0-6
Correa, Lou	3-4	Vincent, Edward	0-6
Dutra, John	3-4	Wildman, Scott	0-6
Havice, Sally	3-4		
Reyes, Sarah	3-4		
Thomson, Helen	3-4		

† Absent due to illness for five votes (noted in the *Assembly* or *Senate Daily Journal*).