

2007 Liberty Rating

for the New Hampshire Senate

This is the 4th annual Liberty Rating issued by the *New Hampshire Liberty Alliance*, based on 16 roll call votes in the Senate. Bills have been carefully selected for inclusion which clearly demonstrate the level of respect our elected representatives show for our individual rights and liberties.

The Liberty Rating is based on pro-liberty and anti-liberty votes and their impact on the state of NH.

Pro-liberty votes protect individual freedom of choice and personal responsibility, recognize the superiority of freedom over coercion, respect the citizen's right of self-ownership, promote good government, and recognize the value of voluntary economic decisions.

Anti-liberty votes replace self-governance with interventionist ownership, assume agencies backed by force are superior to voluntary choices backed by personal accountability, and assume a better economy can be designed by a central authority that compels communities to pay for policies people do not willingly support.

The Liberty Rating is the result of hundreds of hours of work by many volunteers who read and analyzed bills, testified before committees, called and wrote their representatives, created spreadsheets and numerous other tasks. We encourage every NH citizen to learn the facts about exactly how their elected representatives are voting in Concord and to use this tool when these same reps are running for re-election in 2008. While this report card bears the seal of the NHLA board, it is the product of our members' commitment to liberty.



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Senate Liberty Rating

Name	District	Town of Residence	% Score	Grade
Gatsas, Theodore	16	Manchester	84%	A
Barnes, John	17	Raymond	78%	B +
Clegg, Robert	14	Hudson	78%	B +
Gallus, John	1	Berlin	78%	B +
Letourneau, Robert	19	Derry	78%	B +
Roberge, Sheila	9	Bedford	78%	B +
Bragdon, Peter	11	Milford	70%	B
Kenney, Joseph	3	Wakefield	68%	B
Downing, Michael	22	Salem	57%	C +
Odell, Bob	8	Lempster	57%	C +
Cilley, Jacalyn	6	Barrington	41%	D +
Foster, Joseph	13	Nashua	34%	D
D'Allesandro, Lou	20	Manchester	32%	D
DeVries, Betsi	18	Manchester	32%	D
Larsen, Sylvia	15	Concord	32%	D
Reynolds, Deborah	2	Plymouth	32%	D
Estabrook, Iris	21	Durham	24%	F
Fuller Clark, Martha	24	Portsmouth	24%	F
Gottesman, David	12	Nashua	24%	F
Hassan, Margaret	23	Exeter	24%	F
Janeway, Harold	7	Webster	24%	F
Sgambati, Kathleen	4	Tilton	24%	F
Kelly, Molly	10	Keene	20%	F
Burling, Peter	5	Cornish	16%	F

SCORING KEY

Grade	Explanation
A+ (Spectacular)	90%-100% pro-liberty score on NHLA scored roll call votes
A (Excellent)	80%-89%
B+ (Good)	75%-79%
B (Pretty Good)	65%-74%
C+ (OK)	55%-64%
C (Not So Good)	45%-54%
D+ (Pretty Bad)	35%-44%
D (Bad)	25%-34%
F (Really Bad)	16%-24%
CT (Constitutional Threat)	0%-15%, considered unfaithful to their oath to uphold the New Hampshire Constitution and the rule of law.
Inc (Incomplete)	Overrides letter grade if Senator missed 50%-69% of NHLA votes
Der (Dereliction of Duty)	Overrides letter grade if Senator missed 70%-100% of NHLA votes

For more details on the Liberty Ranking, including complete voting records and analysis, visit: www.nhliberty.org

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

INDEX OF NHLA SCORED SENATE VOTES

Bill #	Description	NHLA Opinion	Senate Vote
CACR18	State education funding	Oppose	9-15 Killed
HB132	Voting domicile	Oppose	14-10 Passed
HB377	Right-to-Know changes	Oppose	16-8 Passed
HB407	Milk subsidy	Oppose	18-6 Passed
HB514	Increase minimum wage	Oppose	19-5 Passed
HB685	Reject Real ID	Support	24-0 Passed
HB790	Child insurance up to 26	Oppose	13-10 Passed
HB802	Mandatory seatbelts	Oppose	8-16 Killed
HB873	Renewable energy	Oppose	24-0 Passed
HB927	Define adequate education	Oppose	14-10 Passed
SB18	18 yr. min. school age	Oppose	17-7 Passed
SB36	Eliminate straight ticket voting	Support	18-6 Passed
SB42	Smoking ban	Oppose	17-7 Passed
SB44	Concealed carry restrictions	Oppose	1-22 Killed
SB88	3 member unions	Oppose	17-7 Passed
SB115	State employee Right-to-Work	Support	7-17 Killed



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