




2007-2008 Senate Scorecard

www.SCClubforGrowth.com

**PO Box 11909
Columbia, SC 29211
(803) 454-1134**

Paid for by SC Club for Growth. Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee.

					2007 Restructuring								2007 Budget					2007 Legal			2007 Treasurer		2008 Restruct.		2008 Budget		
					Vote #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Name	Score	Grade	District	Location	Party	AdG	CG	Ed	Ag	SS	LG	DOT 1	DOT Sub	Comp Grants	Green Bean	Income Tax	S. Budget	2007 LARD	Beatty	Williams	School Choice	Adjourn	Ryberg	Spend. Caps	Dept. of Admin	Budget Vetoes	Comp. Grants
																		Out of 50								Out of 10	
Bryant	99.6	A+	3	Anderson	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9	✓
Campsen	96.7	A+	43	Charleston	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	49		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9	✓
Grooms	95.5	A+	37	Berkeley	R		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	47		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8	✓
Massey**	94.0	A	25	Edgefield	R																			✓	✓	6	✓
Ryberg	90.4	A	24	Aiken	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	41		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	1	✓
Verdin	77.3	B	9	Laurens	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	45		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	
Fair	64.1	C+	6	Greenville	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	2	
Courson	57.4	C	20	Richland	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	2	
Gregory	52.8	C	16	Lancaster	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓					✓		✓	✓		6	✓
Campbell**	52.5	C	44	Berkeley	R																			✓	✓	1	
Cromer	50.8	C-	18	Newberry	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓				✓	✓			✓	✓		
Hawkins	50.4	C-	12	Spartanburg	R		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	42	X		✓		✓				
Thomas	48.7	D+	8	Greenville	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
McConnell	46.6	D+	41	Charleston	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	1		✓	✓			✓	✓		
Martin	40.4	D	2	Pickens	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓			✓	✓	✓	1	
Peeler	40.0	D	14	Cherokee	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓			✓	✓	✓		
Ritchie	37.5	D	13	Spartanburg	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓				✓	✓		
Ceips*	37.5	D	46	Beaufort	R											✓			X		✓			✓	✓	5	✓
Setzler	37.0	D	26	Lexington	D	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓						5		✓			✓	✓	✓		
Vaughn	35.8	D-	5	Greenville	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓					✓		✓	✓			
Cleary	30.4	F	34	Georgetown	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓					✓			✓	✓		
Scott	30.4	F	38	Dorchester	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓			X		✓			✓	✓		
Hayes	25.4	F	15	York	R		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										✓	✓	✓	1	
O'Dell	25.0	F	4	Abbeville	R	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓								X		✓			✓			
Alexander	20.4	F	1	Oconee	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓									✓	✓		
Sheheen	20.0	F	27	Kershaw	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								X				✓	✓	✓		
Leatherman	15.0	F	31	Florence	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓														✓			
Lourie	15.0	F	22	Richland	D	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓								X						✓		
Elliot	12.5	F-	28	Horry	D	✓	✓		✓	✓														✓			
Rankin	10.4	F-	33	Horry	R		✓		✓							✓								✓	✓		
Williams	8.6	F-	30	Marion	D		✓												X								
Knotts	8.3	F-	23	Lexington	R		✓	✓								✓								✓		1	
Hutto	7.5	F-	40	Orangeburg	D	✓		✓		✓									X								
Reese	5.0	F-	11	Spartanburg	D														X					✓	✓		
Drummond	2.5	F-	10	Greenwood	D				✓										X								
Jackson	2.5	F-	21	Richland	D														X						✓		
Short	2.5	F-	17	Chester	D					✓																	
Anderson	0.0	F-	7	Greenville	D														X								
Ford	0.0	F-	42	Charleston	D														X								
Land	0.0	F-	36	Clarendon	D														X								
Leventis	0.0	F-	35	Sumter	D																						
Malloy	0.0	F-	29	Darlington	D														X								
Matthews	0.0	F-	39	Orangeburg	D														X								
McGill	0.0	F-	32	Williamsburg	D														X								
Patterson	0.0	F-	19	Richland	D														X								
Pinckney	0.0	F-	45	Jasper	D														X								

✓ - pro growth vote
X - anti growth vote

* based on combined 2007 House and 2008 Senate record
** based on 2008 record

Scoring Guide

Vote 1 – January 24, 2007, S. 284, 2nd Reading, “Appoint Adjutant General” – A “Yes” vote to allow the governor to appoint the state’s Adjutant General was the pro-growth vote.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070124.htm

Vote 2 – January 24, 2007, S. 285, 2nd Reading, “Appoint Comptroller General” – A “Yes” vote to allow the governor to appoint the state’s Comptroller General was the pro-growth vote.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070124.htm

Vote 3 – January 24, 2007, S. 286, 2nd Reading, “Appoint Superintendent of Education” – A “Yes” vote to allow the governor to appoint the state’s Superintendent of Education was the pro-growth vote.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070124.htm

Vote 4 – January 24, 2007, S. 287, 2nd Reading, “Appoint Commissioner of Agriculture” – A “Yes” vote to allow the governor to appoint the state’s Commissioner of Agriculture was the pro-growth vote.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070124.htm

Vote 5 – January 24, 2007, S. 288, 2nd Reading, “Appoint Secretary of State” – A “Yes” vote to allow the governor to appoint the state’s Secretary of State was the pro-growth vote.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070124.htm

Vote 6 – January 24, 2007, S. 101, 2nd Reading, “Gov and Lt. Gov on same ticket” – A “Yes” vote to allow the governor and lieutenant governor to run on the same ticket was the pro-growth vote.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070124.htm

Vote 7 – March 21, 2007, S. 355, Amendment No. P-6A, “DOT Reform” – A “Yes” vote on the amendment was the pro-growth vote. The amendment restored Executive Branch authority from the DOT Commission.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070321.htm

Vote 8 – March 21, 2007, S. 355, Amendment No. P-18, “DOT Reform” – A “No” vote on the motion to defeat the amendment was the pro-growth vote. The amendment would have moved the DOT entirely under Executive Branch authority rather than leave a quasi-legislative agency in charge.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070321.htm

Vote 9 – April 24, 2007, H. 3620, Amendment 45, “Competitive Grants Program” – A “No” vote on the motion to defeat the amendment cutting \$9 million from the competitive grants program was the pro-growth vote.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070424.htm

Vote 10 – April 24, 2007, H. 3620, Amendment 51, “Green Bean Museum” – A “No” vote on the motion to defeat the amendment cutting \$950,000 in funding for “Green Bean Museum” was the pro-growth vote.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070424.htm

Vote 11 – April 24, 2007, H. 3620, Amendment 48, “Income Tax Relief” – A “No” vote on the motion to defeat the amendment to provide \$81 million in income tax relief was the pro-growth vote.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070424.htm

Vote 12 – April 25, 2007, H. 3620, 3rd Reading, “2007-2008 State Budget” – A “No” vote was the pro-growth vote. The level of spending in the 2007-2008 South Carolina state budget was called “unprecedented” by some senators and created a recurring \$242 million gap by choosing to pay for recurring items with one time money. Also included in this budget were pork items like the “National Bean Market Museum” and “Pottery Degree” programs.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070425.htm

Vote 13 – June 28-29, 2007, H. 3620, “Lard List - Top 50 Budget Vetoes” – Fifty budget veto overrides of items in the 2007 SC Club for Growth Senate “Lard List.” Voting “No” to uphold these overrides was the pro-growth vote.

<http://www.SCClubforGrowth.org/pdf/2007LardList.pdf> (view description of projects)

<http://www.SCClubforGrowth.org/pdf/Senate2007Lard.pdf> (view individual votes)

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070628.htm

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070629.htm

Click here to view Governor Sanford’s 2007 veto message:

http://www.scgovernor.com/news/releases/june_07/june_27_07-02.htm

Vote 14 – May 23, 2007, “SC Supreme Court Seat 5 Election” – Senators chose between candidates Kaye Hearn, Don Beatty and Bruce Williams. A vote for Williams was the pro-growth vote.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070523.htm

Vote 15 – May 30, 2007, H. 3124, Amendment No. P-2B – “Open Enrollment School Choice” – A “No” vote on the motion to defeat the amendment was the pro-growth vote. The amendment would have given parents a tuition tax credit to send their children to private schools, and would have given tuition vouchers for parents whose children are trapped in public schools with a “D” or “F” designation.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070530.htm

Vote 16 – August 3, 2007, “Motion to Adjourn” – A “Yes” vote to adjourn was the pro-growth vote. Anti-reformers in the House and Senate were pushing to elect Converse Chellis, while fiscal conservatives attempted to block the action by adjourning.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070803.htm

Vote 17 – August 3, 2007, “State Treasurer Election” – A “Yes” vote for Senator Greg Ryberg was the pro-growth vote.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj07/20070803.htm

Vote 18 – May 20, 2008, S. 718, “10 Year Average Spending Cap” – A “Yes” vote for limiting future year state spending to the previous ten years’ average annual revenue growth rate plus prior year spending was the pro-growth vote.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj08/20080520.htm

Vote 19 – May 27, 2008, H. 3590, “Department of Administration” – A “Yes” vote to set H. 3590 for special order was the pro-growth vote. This would have allowed for consideration of creating a Department of Administration, overseen by the governor, to provide more accountability in state government.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj08/2008057.htm

Vote 20 – June 4, 2008, H. 4800, “Lard List – Top 10 Budget Vetoes” – Voting to “No” to uphold ten egregious spending items was the pro-growth vote. Those items are:

- Veto 15 – H.L. Hunley Security (should be left to private groups)
- Veto 34 – State Park Privatization Approval (anti-government efficiency)
- Veto 38 – Economic Development Organizations (anti-government efficiency)
- Veto 44 – Compensation/Agency Head Salary (anti-good government)
- Veto 46 – Competitive Grants Program (legislative slush fund)
- Veto 47 – Competitive Grants Program (legislative slush fund)
- Veto 48 – Competitive Grants Program (legislative slush fund)
- Veto 49 – Competitive Grants Program (legislative slush fund)
- Veto 50 – Competitive Grants Program (legislative slush fund)
- Veto 55 – Lt. Governor Security Detail (unnecessary)

<http://www.SCClubforGrowth.org/pdf/Senate2008Budget.pdf> (view individual votes)
http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj08/20080604.htm

Click here to view Governor Sanford’s 2008 veto message:

http://www.scgovernor.com/news/releases/news_release_may08_05-30-08.htm

Vote 21 – June 4, 2008, H. 4800, Override of Amendment 51 “Competitive Grants Carry Forward” – A “No” vote to uphold Governor Sanford’s veto of the so-called “Competitive Grants Program” was the pro-growth vote. This “legislative slush fund,” with \$18.5 million in cash, was continued despite projections that state revenues were lower than anticipated and agencies would have to prioritize spending.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/sj08/20080604.htm