## 2007 Interim SC Senate Scorecard

SENATOR	COUNTY	SCORE	<b>GRADE</b>
Kevin Bryant	Anderson	99	A+
Greg Ryberg	Aiken	98	A+
Chip Campsen	Charleston	94	A+
Larry Grooms	Berkeley	87	Α
Danny Verdin	Laurens	83	Α
John Hawkins	Spartanburg	69	B+
Mike Fair	Greenville	57	C+
Ronnie Cromer	Newberry	53	С
David Thomas	Greenville	51	С
John Courson	Richland	49	C-
Glenn McConnell	Charleston	49	C-
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Lewis Vaughn *	Greenville	40	D
Greg Gregory	Lancaster	37	D-
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Catherine Ceips *	Beaufort	18	F

SENATOR	COUNTY	SCORE	GRADE
Harvey Peeler	Cherokee	35	F
Ray Cleary	Georgetown	33	F
Larry Martin	Pickens	32	F
Nikki Setzler	Lexington	31	F
Jim Ritchie	Spartanburg	30	F
Randy Scott	Dorchester	27	F
Billy O'Dell	Abbeville	25	F
Wes Hayes	York	18	F
Thomas Alexander	Oconee	14	F
Hugh Leatherman	Florence	11	F
Vincent Sheheen	Kershaw	10	F
Dick Elliot	Horry	9	F
Jake Knotts	Lexington	8	F
Joel Lourie	Richland	7	F
Luke Rankin	Horry	6	F
Tommy Moore	Aiken	6	F
Brad Hutto	Orangeburg	3	F
John Drummond	Greenwood	2	F
Linda Short	Chester	2	F
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SENATOR	COUNTY	SCORE	GRADE
Phil Leventis	Sumter	0	F-
Kent Williams	Marion	0	F-
Yancy McGill	Williamsburg	0	F-
Gerald Malloy	Darlington	0	F-
Darrell Jackson	Richland	0	F-
Clemanta Pinckney	Jasper	0	F-
Glenn Reese	Spartanburg	0	F-
John Land	Clarendon	0	F-
John Matthews	Orangeburg	0	F-
Kay Patterson	Richland	0	F-
Ralph Anderson	Greenville	0	F-
Robert Ford	Charleston	0	F-

Their scores, while incomplete, were tallied using a mixture of House and Senate votes

<sup>\*</sup> Lewis Vaughn and Catherine Ceips were elected in special mid term elections, and did not serve the full term.

## **Budget/Spending Votes: 48%**

- **2005 Budget Vetoes (15%)**: We scored a vote to uphold the Governor's veto as the pro-growth vote for all 163 budget vetoes.
- 2006 (2%): We scored a vote to uphold the Governor's veto as the pro-growth vote for all seven of the Governor's line item vetoes, as well as the veto of the overall budget.
- 2007 (4%): We scored a NO vote to table the Ryberg Amendment to strip out the Competitive Grants programs from the budget, a NO vote to table the Ryberg Amendment to strip out funding for the Bean museum, and a NO vote on final budget passage as the pro-growth votes.
- **2007 Lard List (27%):** We scored a vote to uphold the Governor's veto as the pro-growth vote for all fifty items we had identified for our Lard List.

## **Tax Cut Votes**

- **2006 (3%):** We scored proposals to give back an extra \$180M in either a rebate or an income tax cut as the pro-growth vote.
- **2007 (2%):** We scored NO Vote to table an amendment to increase the income tax cut by \$81M as the pro-growth vote.

## **Government Restructuring: 16%**

- **Constitutional Officers (12%)**: we scored a YES vote to eliminate each of the 6 offices proposed (and instead make them cabinet level officials) as the pro-growth vote.
  - o AdG: Adjutant General

o **Ag**: Commissioner of Agriculture

o **CG**: Comptroller General

o **SS**: Secretary of State

o **Ed**: Superintendent of Education

- o **LG**: Lieutenant Governor.
- **DOT Courson Amendment (1%)**: we scored a YES vote for the amendment as the progrowth vote. The amendment restored Executive Branch authority from the DOT Commission
- **DOT Substitute Amendment (3%)**: we scored a NO vote to table the amendment at the progrowth vote. The amendment would have moved the DOT entirely under Executive Branch authority rather than leave a quasi-legislative agency in charge.

**School Choice (15%)**: We scored a NO vote to table the school choice amendment as 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.

**Judicial (16%)**: we scored a vote for **Bruce Williams** for Supreme Court as the pro-growth vote, and a vote for Don Beatty as an anti-growth vote. The scorecard reflects the third and decisive ballot only. In 2006, we scored the election of Judge Gossett as the pro-growth vote.

**Treasurer (+6% Bonus):** we scored a vote to adjourn as a bonus vote, as we thought the process was flawed. We also scored a vote for **Greg Ryberg** as the pro-growth vote.