



## **VCC VOTE CHARTS – 2009 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION**

During the 46-day Virginia General Assembly session (January 14 to February 28) and the one day “veto session” (April 8), the Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) took formal positions on about 50 bills and budget amendments. An integral facet of the VCC’s mission is to keep Catholics throughout the Commonwealth informed of key decisions made by the state legislature on respect life, social justice, education, and family life issues. As part of that mission, the VCC compiles, at the conclusion of each year’s General Assembly session, the results of votes taken by members of the Senate and House of Delegates on matters of particular interest to many Catholics involved in state advocacy.

Although many VCC-tracked items failed to reach the full body of either chamber, others did receive floor votes. Appearing below are two charts that record eight Senate and 10 House floor votes on policy measures that were focal points of VCC advocacy.

# Senate

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Barker, George (D-39)	X	X	√	X	√	√	√	√
Blevins, Harry B. (R-14)	X	NV	X	X	X	√	√	X
Colgan, Charles J., Sr. (D-29)	NV	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Cuccinelli, Kenneth “Ken” Thomas, II (R-37)	√	√	√	X	X	√	√	X
Deeds, Robert Creigh (D-25)	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Edwards, John S. (D-21)	X	X	√	√	√	√	√	√
Hanger, Emmett W., Jr. (R-24)	X	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
Herring, Mark R. (D-33)	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Houck, R. Edward “Edd” (D-17)	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Howell, Janet D. (D-32)	X	X	√	√	√	√	√	√
Hurt, Robert (R-19)	√	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
Locke, Mamie E. (D-2)	X	X	√	√	√	√	√	√
Lucas, L. Louise (D-18)	X	X	√	√	√	√	√	√

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Marsh, Henry L., III (D-16)	X	X	√	√	√	√	√	√
Martin, Stephen H. (R-11)	√	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
McDougle, Ryan (R-4)	√	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
McEachin, A. Donald (D-9)	X	X	√	√	√	√	√	√
Miller, John (D-1)	X	X	X	√	√	√	√	√
Miller, Yvonne B. (D-5)	X	X	√	√	√	√	√	√
Newman, Stephen D. “Steve” (R-23)	NV	√	X	X	NV	√	√	X
Norment, Thomas K., Jr. (R-3)	X	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
Northam, Ralph S. (D-6)	X	X	√	√	√	√	√	√
Obenshain, Mark D. (R-26)	√	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
Petersen, Chap (D-34)	X	X	√	√	√	√	√	√
Puckett, Phillip P. (D-38)	√	√	X	X	X	√	√	√
Puller, Linda T. “Toddy” (D-36)	X	X	√	√	√	√	√	√
Quayle, Frederick M. (R-13)	X	√	X	X	X	√	√	√

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Reynolds, W. Roscoe (D-20)	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Ruff, Frank M., Jr. (R-15)	√	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
Saslaw, Richard L. (D-35)	X	X	√	√	NV	√	√	√
Smith, Ralph (R-22)	√	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
Stolle, Kenneth W. “Ken” (R-8)	X	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
Stosch, Walter A. (R-12)	√	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
Stuart, Richard H. (R-28)	X	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
Ticer, Patricia Smith (D-30)	X	X	√	√	√	√	√	√
Vogel, Jill Holtzman (R-27)	√	√	X	X	X	√	√	√
Wagner, Frank W. (R-7)	X	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
Wampler, William C., Jr. (R-40)	√	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
Watkins, John C. (R-10)	X	√	X	X	X	√	√	X
Whipple, Mary Margaret (D-31)	X	X	√	√	√	√	√	√

## Descriptions of Senate Floor Votes

**Bioethical Safeguards.** In legislation designed to boost state investment in biotechnology, the Senate originally failed to include VCC-proposed provisions to ensure that the bill could not be used to finance research on embryonic stem cells or aborted fetuses, or entities that conduct such research. After passing the Senate without bioethical safeguards, the measure was amended in the House to include the VCC-endorsed provisions. The Senate, however, then voted to reject those provisions, resulting in the appointment of a “conference committee” to resolve differences between the Senate and House versions of the bill. [Senators’ votes on whether to accept the House-approved bioethical safeguards are reported in the Senate chart.] Ultimately, the conferees’ agreement included safeguards against funding life-destructive research that were supported by the VCC and were approved by the House, Senate, and Governor.

**Choose Life Plates.** A VCC-supported Senate floor amendment sought to add Choose Life license plates to a bill seeking to create several new Virginia plates. By a one-vote margin, the Senate approved the Choose Life plates, the purchase of which would help fund pregnancy resource centers that offer life-affirming assistance to pregnant women. [Senators’ votes on the amendment to add Choose Life plates are reported in the Senate chart.] The House also approved the plates, and the Governor signed the bill into law.

**Death Penalty – Preserving Triggerman Limitation.** For the third straight year, the General Assembly enacted VCC-opposed legislation that would have permitted, under a wide range of circumstances, murder accomplices to receive death sentences (which under current law are reserved for the actual perpetrators with few exceptions). As in 2007 and 2008, Governor Kaine vetoed this year’s legislation. The Senate sustained (upheld) his veto, thus defeating the bill. [Senators’ votes on whether to override the veto are reported in the Senate chart.]

**Preventing Fire Marshal DP Expansion.** VCC-opposed legislation allowing the death penalty for the murder of a fire marshal or assistant fire marshal with law enforcement powers passed the General Assembly but was vetoed by the Governor. The Senate sustained (upheld) his veto, thus defeating the bill. [Senators’ votes on whether to override the veto are reported in the Senate chart.]

**Preventing Auxiliary Police DP Expansion.** VCC-opposed legislation allowing the death penalty for the murder of an auxiliary police officer or an auxiliary deputy sheriff passed the General Assembly but was vetoed by the Governor. The Senate sustained (upheld) his veto, thus defeating the bill. [Senators’ votes on whether to override the veto are reported in the Senate chart.]

**Instruction on Marriage.** VCC-supported legislation to require that Virginia’s public-school curriculum guidelines on family-life education include instruction on the value, benefits, challenges, and responsibilities of marriage was approved by both chambers and signed by the Governor. [Senators’ votes on the bill are reported in the Senate chart.]

**Reducing Nonprofits’ Expenses.** VCC-supported legislation was enacted to eliminate the requirement that a nonprofit entity with gross annual revenue of at least \$1 million must provide an annual financial audit performed by an independent certified public accountant to be exempt from state and local sales and use taxes. Approved by the General Assembly and the Governor, the bill permits those entities

instead to provide a (less expensive) annual financial review (performed by an independent CPA). [Senators' votes on the bill are reported in the Senate chart.]

**Housing Trust Fund.** A VCC-endorsed measure to assign 10 percent of future budget surpluses to a newly-created Virginia Housing Trust Fund for the development of affordable housing for low-income households passed the Senate before being defeated in a House Appropriations subcommittee. [Senators' votes on the bill are reported in the Senate chart.]

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Abbitt, Watkins M., Jr. (I-59)	√	√	NV	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Albo, David B. (R-42)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Alexander, Kenneth C. (D-89)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	X	√	X
Amundson, Kristen J. (D-44)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	X
Armstrong, Ward L. (D-10)	√	√	X	√	√	√	X	X	√	X
Athey, Clifford L., Jr. (R-18)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
BaCote, Mamy E. (D-95)	X	X	NV	X	X	X	√	√	√	X

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Barlow, William K. (D-64)	√	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	√	X
Bell, Rob B., III (R-58)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Bouchard, Joseph F. (D-83)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	X
Bowling, Daniel C. (D-3)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	X
Brink, Robert H. (D-48)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	X	X
Bulova, David L. (D-37)	X	X	NV	X	√	X	X	X	√	X
Byron, Kathy J. (R-22)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Caputo, C. Charles (D-67)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√	X
Carrico, Charles “Bill” W., Sr. (R-5)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	X
Cline, Ben L. (R-24)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Cole, Mark L. (R-88)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Cosgrove, John A. (R-78)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Cox, M. Kirkland “Kirk” (R-66)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√

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Crockett-Stark, Anne (R-6)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	X
Dance, Rosalyn R. (D-63)	√	X	X	√	X	NV	√	X	X	X
Ebbin, Adam P. (D-49)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	X	X
Eisenberg, Albert C. (D-47)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√	X
Englin, David L. (D-45)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	X	X
Fralin, William H., Jr. (R-17)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Frederick, Jeffrey M. (R-52)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Gear, Thomas D. “Tom” (R-91)	√	√	√	√	√	√	NV	NV	√	√
Gilbert, C. Todd (R-15)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Griffith, H. Morgan (R-8)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Hall, Franklin “Frank” P. (D-69)	X	X	√	X	X	X	√	√	√	X
Hamilton, Phillip A. (R-93)	√	√	NV	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Hargrove, Frank D., Sr. (R-55)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√



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Herring, Charniele L. (D-46)	X	X	√	X	X	X	√	X	√	X
Hogan, Clarke N. (R-60)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Howell, Algie T., Jr. (D-90)	√	√	X	X	X	√	√	√	√	√
Howell, William J. (R-28)	√	NV	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Hugo, Timothy D. (R-40)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	X
Hull, Robert D. “Bob” (D-38)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	X	X
Iaquinto, Sal R. (R-84)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Ingram, Riley E. (R-62)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Janis, Bill (R-56)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Joannou, Johnny S. (D-79)	√	√	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√
Johnson, Joseph P., Jr. (D-4)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	X
Jones, S. Chris (R-76)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Kilgore, Terry G. (R-1)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√

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Knight, Barry D. (R-81)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Landes, R. Steven “Steve” (R-25)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Lewis, Lynwood W., Jr. (D-100)	√	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	√	X
Lingamfelter, L. Scott (R-31)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Lohr, Matt (R-26)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	NV
Loupassi, Manoli (R-68)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Marsden, Dave W. (D-41)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	X	√	X
Marshall, Danny, III (R-14)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Marshall, Robert G. “Bob” (R-13)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Massie, James P. “Jimmie”, III (R-72)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Mathieson, Robert W. “Bobby” (D-21)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	X
May, Joe T. (R-33)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
McClellan, Jennifer L. (D-71)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	X	X

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McQuinn, Delores L. (D-70)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√	X
Melvin, Kenneth R. “Ken” (D-80)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	X	X
Merricks, Donald (R-16)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Miller, Jackson H. (R-50)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Miller, Paula J. (D-87)	X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	√	X
Morgan, Harvey B. (R-98)	NV	√	NV	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Morrissey, Joe (D-74)	X	X	X	√	√	X	√	√	√	√
Nichols, Paul F. (D-51)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	X
Nixon, Samuel A. “Sam”, Jr. (R-27)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Nutter, Dave (R-7)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	X
O’Bannon, John M., III M.D. (R-73)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Oder, G. Glenn (R-94)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Orrock, Robert “Bobby” Dickson, Sr. (R-54)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√

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Peace, Chris (R-97)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Phillips, Clarence E. “Bud” (D-2)	√	√	X	√	√	√	X	X	√	X
Plum, Kenneth R. “Ken” (D-36)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	X	X
Pogge, Brenda (R-96)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Poindexter, Charles (R-9)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Poisson, David E. (D-32)	X	X	X	NV	NV	X	X	X	X	NV
Pollard, Albert C., Jr. (D-99)	√	√	X	√	X	√	X	X	√	X
Purkey, Harry R. “Bob” (R-82)	√	√	NV	√	√	NV	X	X	√	√
Putney, Lacey E. (I-19)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Rust, Thomas Davis (R-86)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	X
Saxman, Chris B. (R-20)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	√	√
Scott, Edward T. (R-30)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Scott, James M. “Jim” (D-53)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√	X

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Shannon, Stephen C. (D-35)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sherwood, Beverly J. (R-29)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√
Shuler, James M. (D-12)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√	X
Sickles, Mark D. (D-43)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	X
Spruill, Lionell, Sr. (D-77)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	X	√	X
Tata, Robert “Bob” (R-85)	√	√	NV	√	√	√	√	√	√	X
Toscano, David J. (D-57)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	X	X
Tyler, Roslyn C. (D-75)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	X	√	X
Valentine, Shannon R. (D-23)	X	X	X	√	√	X	√	√	√	X
Vanderhye, Margaret “Margi” (D-34)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	X	√	X
Ward, Jeion Antonia (D-92)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√	X
Ware, Onzlee (D-11)	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	X	√	X
Ware, R. Lee, Jr. (R-65)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√

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Watts, Vivian E. (D-39)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	X
Wright, Thomas “Tommy” C., Jr. (R-61)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√

## Descriptions of House Floor Votes

**Prohibiting Abortion Funding.** The House approved a VCC-supported budget amendment to prohibit state funding of abortions. [Delegates’ votes on the amendment are reported in the House chart.] The amendment eventually failed, however, when it was not included in the final budget package approved by the General Assembly and the Governor.

**Prohibiting Planned Parenthood Funding.** The House approved a VCC-endorsed budget amendment to prohibit the provision of state money to Planned Parenthood. [Delegates’ votes on the amendment are reported in the House chart.] The amendment eventually failed, however, when it was not included in the final budget package approved by the General Assembly and the Governor.

**Bioethical Safeguards.** In legislation providing state tax credits for investment in science and technology-based businesses, a VCC-opposed amendment was offered on the House floor to allow tax credits for investments in businesses that conduct embryonic stem-cell research. The amendment failed. [Delegates’ votes on the amendment are reported in the House chart.] Ultimately, enacted legislation addressing both the tax credit and a state science and technology fund included VCC-supported provisions ensuring that neither program

would finance (1) embryonic stem-cell research or research on aborted fetuses, or (2) any businesses that conduct such research in Virginia.

**Informed Consent – Ultrasound.** A VCC-supported bill requiring that, prior to receiving an abortion, a pregnant woman be given an opportunity to view an ultrasound image of her unborn child passed the House but was then defeated in the Senate Committee on Education and Health. [Delegates' votes on the bill are reported in the House chart.]

**Information on Fetal Pain.** VCC-endorsed legislation requiring that, prior to receiving an abortion, a pregnant woman be given information about an unborn child's ability to experience pain by 20 weeks gestation passed the House but then failed in the Senate Committee on Education and Health. [Delegates' votes on the bill are reported in the House chart.]

**Abortion Clinic Licensing/Regulation.** The House approved a VCC-supported budget amendment to require the State Board of Health to develop a program for the licensure, inspection, and regulation of outpatient surgical centers and physicians' offices that perform 25 or more abortions per year. [Delegates' votes on the amendment are reported in the House chart.] The amendment eventually failed, however, when it was not included in the final budget package approved by the General Assembly and the Governor.

**Death Penalty – Preserving Triggerman Limitation.** For the third straight year, the General Assembly enacted VCC-opposed legislation that would have permitted, under a wide range of circumstances, murder accomplices to receive death sentences (which under current law are reserved for the actual perpetrators with few exceptions). As in 2007 and 2008, Governor Kaine vetoed this year's legislation. The House then voted to override the Governor's veto, but the Senate sustained (upheld) his veto, thus defeating the bill. [Delegates' votes on whether to override the veto are reported in the House chart.]

**Preventing Other Death Penalty Expansions.** VCC-opposed legislation allowing the death penalty for the murder of a fire marshal or assistant fire marshal with law enforcement powers, and for the murder of an auxiliary police officer or an auxiliary deputy sheriff, passed the General Assembly but was vetoed by the Governor. The House then voted to override the Governor's veto, but the Senate sustained (upheld) his veto, thus defeating the bill. [Delegates' votes on whether to override the veto are reported in the House chart.]

**Instruction on Marriage.** VCC-supported legislation to require that Virginia's public-school curriculum guidelines on family-life education include instruction on the value, benefits, challenges, and responsibilities of marriage was approved by both chambers and signed by the Governor. [Delegates' votes on the bill are reported in the House chart.]

**Education Tax Credit.** Legislation advocated by the VCC would have established income tax credits for business entities and individuals who make contributions to either public-school foundations or scholarship foundations. This proposal narrowly passed the House before being defeated in the Senate Committee on Finance. [Delegates' votes on the bill are reported in the House chart.]

## Report on Committee Votes

Committees made critical, and in some cases final, determinations on several bills of particular concern to the VCC during the 2009 session. The following descriptions are of key votes cast by committees (and subcommittees).

**Abortion Clinic Licensing/Inspection/Equipment.** A VCC-supported bill to require that abortion clinics be licensed, inspected at least once every two years, and have emergency equipment on hand failed 10-5 in the Senate Committee on Education and Health. **Senators Houck, Saslaw, Lucas, Howell, Edwards, Whipple, Locke, Barker, Northam, and John Miller** voted in favor of a motion to “pass by indefinitely” (PBI) – *i.e.*, to defeat the bill. **Senators Quayle, Martin, Newman, Ruff, and Blevins** voted against the PBI motion.

**Informed Consent – Ultrasound.** A House-approved, VCC-supported bill requiring that, prior to receiving an abortion, a pregnant woman be given an opportunity to view an ultrasound image of her unborn child was rejected 11-4 by the Senate Committee on Education and Health. **Senators Houck, Saslaw, Lucas, Howell, Quayle, Edwards, Whipple, Locke, Barker, Northam, and John Miller** voted in favor of a motion to PBI (defeat) the bill. **Senators Martin, Newman, Ruff, and Blevins** voted against the motion.

**Information on Fetal Pain.** House-approved, VCC-endorsed legislation requiring that, prior to receiving an abortion, a pregnant woman be given information about an unborn child’s ability to experience pain by 20 weeks gestation was defeated 11-4 by the Senate Committee on Education and Health. **Senators Houck, Saslaw, Lucas, Howell, Quayle, Edwards, Whipple, Locke, Barker, Northam, and John Miller** voted in favor of a motion to PBI (defeat) the bill. **Senators Martin, Newman, Ruff, and Blevins** voted against the motion.

**Bioethical Safeguards – Biotech Fund.** In legislation that sought to reshape a state science and technology fund, the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology attempted to remove VCC-supported provisions, previously approved by the House, that sought to prohibit fund investments in businesses that conduct embryonic stem-cell research or research on aborted fetuses. The attempt failed, however, in a 7-7 tie vote. **Senators Locke, Houck, Herring, McEachin, Petersen, Barker, and John Miller** voted in favor of stripping the House-approved bioethical safeguards. **Senators Wampler, Stosch, Martin, Ruff, Wagner, Hurt, and Vogel** voted to retain the safeguards.

**Bioethical Safeguards – Tax Credit Program.** In legislation providing state tax credits for investment in science and technology-based businesses, the Senate Committee on Finance voted 10-5 to remove VCC-supported provisions, previously approved by the House, that sought to prohibit tax credits for investments in businesses that conduct embryonic stem-cell research or research on aborted fetuses. **Senators Houck, Howell, Saslaw, Stolle, Watkins, Yvonne Miller, Marsh, Lucas, Whipple, and Reynolds** voted in favor of stripping the House-approved bioethical safeguards. **Senators Colgan, Wampler, Stosch, Norment, and Hanger** voted to retain the safeguards. Ultimately, enacted legislation addressing the tax credit as well as the previously described fund (considered by the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology) included VCC-supported provisions ensuring that neither program would finance (1) embryonic stem-cell research or research on aborted fetuses, or (2) any businesses that conduct such research in Virginia.



**Education Tax Credit.** A House-approved, VCC-endorsed bill that would have established income tax credits for business entities and individuals who make contributions to either public-school foundations or scholarship foundations was defeated 10-4 in the Senate Committee on Finance. **Senators Colgan, Wampler, Houck, Howell, Saslaw, Yvonne Miller, Marsh, Lucas, Whipple, and Reynolds** voted in favor of a motion to PBI (defeat) the bill. **Senators Stosch, Stolle, Norment, and Watkins** voted against the motion. **Senator Hanger** abstained.