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How legislators voted in the 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

For the Virginia Catholic Conference, this year's 47-day Virginia General Assembly session featured successful defenses of protections for the unborn and conscience rights, expansion of the scholarship tax credit program and historic movement in the death penalty debate.

This report details key votes by Virginia Senate and House of Delegates members in these and other areas of Conference advocacy.

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Barker, George L. (D-39)	X	X	■	X	√	X	X
Black, Richard H. (R-13)	√	√	√	√	X	√	√
Boysko, Jennifer B. (D-33)	x	x	■	X	√	X	√
Carrico, Charles W., Sr. (R-40)	√	√	■	√	X	√	√
Chafin, A. Benton, Jr. (R-38)	■	■	√	√	X	X	√
Chase, Amanda F. (R-11)	√	√	■	√	X	√	√
Cosgrove, John A., Jr. (R-14)	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Dance, Rosalyn R. (D-16)	■	■	X	X	√	X	X
Deeds, R. Creigh (D-25)	x	■	■	X	√	X	X
DeSteph, Bill R., Jr. (R-8)	■	■	■	X	√	X	√
Dunnavant, Siobhan S. (R-12)	√	√	■	X	√	X	√
Ebbin, Adam P. (D-30)	x	■	■	X	√	X	X
Edwards, John S. (D-21)	■	■	■	X	√	X	NV
Favola, Barbara A. (D-31)	x	■	x	X	√	X	X

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Hanger, Emmett W., Jr. (R-24)	■	■	■	X	X	√	√
Howell, Janet D. (D-32)	X	X	■	X	√	X	X
Lewis, Lynwood W., Jr. (D-6)	X	X	■	X	√	X	X
Locke, Mamie E. (D-2)	X	X	x	X	√	X	X
Lucas, L. Louise (D-18)	X	X	X	X	√	X	X
Marsden, David W. (D-37)	x	x	■	X	√	X	X
Mason, T. Montgomery "Monty" (D-1)	x	x	■	X	√	X	X
McClellan, Jennifer L. (D-9)	x	x	x	X	√	X	NV
McDougle, Ryan T. (R-4)	■	■	√	√	X	√*	√
McPike, Jeremy S. (D-29)	x	■	■	X	√	X	X
Newman, Stephen D. (R-23)	√	√	√	√	X	√	√
Norment, Thomas K., Jr. (R-3)	■	■	■	X	X	X	√
Obenshain, Mark D. (R-26)	■	■	√	√	X	√*	√
Peake, Mark J. (R-22)	√	√	■	√	X	√*	√

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Petersen, J. Chapman (D-34)	X	X	■	X	√	X	X
Reeves, Bryce E. (R-17)	■	■	■	√	X	√*	√
Ruff, Frank M., Jr. (R-15)	■	■	■	√	X	X	√
Saslaw, Richard L. (D-35)	X	X	X	X	√	X	X
Spruill, Lionell, Sr. (D-5)	x	■	X	X	√	X	√
Stanley, William M., Jr. (R-20)	■	■	√	√	√	√*	√
Stuart, Richard H. (R-28)	■	■	√	√	X	X*	√
Sturtevant, Glen H., Jr. (R-10)	■	■	√	X	√	√*	√
Suetterlein, David R. (R-19)	√	√	■	√	X	√	√
Surovell, Scott A. (D-36)	x	x	■	X	√	X	X
Vogel, Jill Holtzman (R-27)	■	■	■	X	X	X	√
Wagner, Frank W. (R-7)	■	■	√	X	X	X	√

*Voted for the Conference-supported pro-life Peake Amendment in a recorded committee vote. The Peake Amendment would have prevented surrogacy contracts from requiring abortion for "selective reduction" or other reasons.

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Adams, Dawn M. (D-68)	■	■	X	■	X	X	X
Adams, Les R. (R-16)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Aird, Lashrecse D. (D-63)	■	■	X	■	X	X	X
Austin, Terry L. (R-19)	■	■	√	■	X	√	√
Ayala, Hala S. (D-51)	x	■	X	x	X	X	√
Bagby, Lamont (D-74)	■	X	X	■	X	X	X
Bell, John J. (D-87)	■	■	X	■	X	X	X
Bell, Richard P. (R-20)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Bell, Robert B. (R-58)	√	√	√	■	√	√	√
Bloxom, Robert S., Jr. (R-100)	■	■	√	■	X	√	X
Bourne, Jeffrey M. (D-71)	X	X	X	■	X	X	X
Brewer, Emily M. (R-64)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Bulova, David L. (D-37)	■	■	X	■	X	X	X
Byron, Kathy J. (R-22)	■	√	√	■	√	√	√

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Campbell, Jeffrey L. (R-6)	√	■	√	■	X	√	√
Campbell, Ronnie R. (R-24)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Carr, Betsy B. (D-69)	■	■	X	x	X	X	X
Carroll Foy, Jennifer D. (D-2)	x	■	X	x	X	X	X
Carter, Lee J. (D-50)	x	■	X	■	X	X	√
Cole, Mark L. (R-88)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Collins, Christopher E. (R-29)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Convirs-Fowler, Kelly K. (D-21)	■	■	X	x	X	X	√
Cox, M. Kirkland (R-66)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Davis, Glenn R., Jr. (R-84)	■	■	√	■	X	√	√
Delaney, Karrie K. (D-67)	■	■	X	■	X	X	X
Edmunds, James E., II (R-60)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Fariss, C. Matthew (R-59)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Filler-Corn, Eileen (D-41)	■	X	X	■	X	X	X
Fowler, Hyland F. "Buddy", Jr. (R-55)	■	■	√	√	√	√	√

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Freitas, Nicholas J. (R-30)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Garrett, T. Scott (R-23)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Gilbert, C. Todd (R-15)	√	■	√	■	√	√	√
Gooditis, Wendy W. (D-10)	x	■	X	■	X	X	X
Guzman, Elizabeth R. (D-31)	x	■	X	x	X	X	X
Hayes, C. E. "Cliff", Jr. (D-77)	■	■	X	■	X	X	X
Head, Christopher T. (R-17)	■	√	√	■	√	√	√
Helsel, Gordon C., Jr. (R-91)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Heretick, Steve E. (D-79)	■	X	X	■	X	X	√
Herring, Charniele L. (D-46)	■	■	X	■	X	X	X
Hodges, M. Keith (R-98)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Hope, Patrick A. (D-47)	x	■	X	x	X	X	X
Hugo, Timothy D. (R-40)	■	NV	√	■	X	√	X
Hurst, Chris L. (D-12)	■	■	X	x	X	X	X
Ingram, Riley E. (R-62)	■	■	√	√	√	√	√

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James, Matthew (D-80)	■	■	X	■	X	X	X
Jones, Jerrauld C. "Jay" (D-89)	x	■	X	■	X	X	X
Jones, S. Chris (R-76)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Keam, Mark L. (D-35)	■	X	X	x	X	X	X
Kilgore, Terry G. (R-1)	■	√	√	■	X	√	√
Knight, Barry D. (R-81)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Kory, Kaye (D-38)	x	X	X	x	X	X	X
Krizek, Paul E. (D-44)	x	■	X	■	X	X	X
Landes, R. Steven (R-25)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
LaRock, David A. (R-33)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Leftwich, James A. "Jay", Jr. (R-78)	√	■	√	■	√	√	√
Levine, Mark H. (D-45)	x	x	X	x	X	X	X
Lindsey, Joseph C. (D-90)	■	X	X	x	X	X	X
Lopez, Alfonso H. (D-49)	x	x	X	■	X	X	X
Marshall, Daniel W., III (R-14)	■	√	√	■	√	√	√

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McGuire, John J., III (R-56)	■	■	√	√	√	√	√
McNamara, Joseph P. (R-8)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
McQuinn, Delores L. (D-70)	x	■	X	■	X	X	X
Miyares, Jason S. (R-82)	■	■	√	■	X	√	√
Morefield, James W. "Will" (R-3)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Mullin, Michael P. (D-93)	X	X	X	x	X	X	X
Murphy, Kathleen J. (D-34)	■	■	X	■	X	X	X
O'Quinn, Israel D. (R-5)	■	√	√	■	X	√	√
Orrock, Robert D., Sr. (R-54)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Peace, Christopher K. (R-97)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Pillion, Todd E. (R-4)	■	■	√	■	X	√	√
Plum, Kenneth R. (D-36)	■	■	X	x	X	X	X
Pogge, Brenda L. (R-96)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Poindexter, Charles D. (R-9)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Price, Marcia S. "Cia" (D-95)	■	x	X	x	X	X	X

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Ransone, Margaret B. (R-99)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Rasoul, Sam (D-11)	x	■	X	x	X	X	X
Reid, David A. (D-32)	x	■	X	■	X	X	X
Robinson, Roxann L. (R-27)	■	■	√	x	X	√	√
Rodman, Debra H. (D-73)	x	■	X	■	X	X	X
Roem, Danica A. (D-13)	■	■	X	■	X	X	√
Rush, L. Nick (R-7)	■	■	√	■	X	√	√
Samirah, Ibraheem S. (D-86)	**	**	**	**	X	**	**
Sickles, Mark D. (D-43)	■	■	X	X	X	X	X
Simon, Marcus B. (D-53)	x	■	X	■	X	X	X
Stolle, Christopher P. (R-83)	■	■	√	x	X	√	√
Sullivan, Richard C. "Rip", Jr. (D-48)	■	■	X	■	X	X	X
Thomas, Robert M. "Bob", Jr. (R-28)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Torian, Luke E. (D-52)	■	■	X	x	X	X	X
Toscano, David J. (D-57)	■	X	X	x	X	X	X
Tran, Kathy (D-42)	x	■	X	x	X	X	X

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Turpin, Cheryl B. (D-85)	x	■	X	■	X	X	X
Tyler, Roslyn C. (D-75)	x	■	X	■	X	X	X
VanValkenburg, Schuyler T. (D-72)	x	■	X	X	X	X	X
Ward, Jeion A. (D-92)	■	NV	X	■	X	X	X
Ware, R. Lee (R-65)	■	√	√	■	√	√	X
Watts, Vivian E. (D-39)	X	■	X	x	X	X	X
Webert, Michael J. (R-18)	■	√	√	■	√	√	√
Wilt, Tony O. (R-26)	■	√	√	■	√	√	√
Wright, Thomas C., Jr. (R-61)	■	■	√	■	√	√	√
Yancey, David E. (R-94)	■	√	√	■	X	√	√

** Delegate Ibraheem Samirah was sworn in as a member of the House on February 20, 2019 after being elected in a Feb. 19 special election to fill the 86th District seat vacated by Jennifer Boysko. Six of the votes reported in the House chart occurred before Samirah became a Delegate.

Descriptions of Senate and House chart votes

Opposing “fundamental right” to abortion: Virginia saw unprecedented legislation similar to that seen in New York that sought to make the “right to reproductive choice,” aka “right to abortion,” a “fundamental right” in the Virginia Human Rights Act. The bill’s “right to abortion” would have superseded even conscience rights and would have been used to eliminate abortion restrictions. The Conference strongly opposed this legislation, which was defeated in an [8-7](#) party-line Senate committee vote (see Senate chart).

Opposing third-trimester abortion expansion: The Conference opposed and defeated extreme abortion legislation that would have eliminated most restrictions on third-trimester abortions up until birth and eliminated most of Virginia’s current protections for unborn children and expectant mothers. The measures were rejected in an [8-7](#) party-line Senate committee vote (see Senate chart) and a [5-3](#) party-line House subcommittee vote (see House chart).

Opposing abortion health plan mandate: Conference-opposed legislation, which failed in a party-line [10-4](#) vote in a Senate committee (see Senate chart) and [11-9](#) in a House committee (see House chart), would have mandated private health plans in Virginia to cover abortions, contraceptives, sterilizations and abortion-inducing drugs. The bill would have forced employers with religious or moral objections to violate their consciences.

Tightening abortion funding restrictions: By a [51-48](#) party-line vote (see House chart), the House adopted a Conference-supported budget amendment preventing state dollars from funding abortions to the fullest extent possible under federal law. The amendment incorporates into the state budget the federal Hyde Amendment, which for more than 40 years has prohibited federal funding of abortions under various programs – such as Medicaid – except in cases of danger to the life of the mother, rape or incest.

Opposing Equal Rights Amendment: The movement to “ratify” the now-moot ERA into the U.S. Constitution failed in Virginia during the 2019 session. In New Mexico and Alaska, where their state constitutions include ERA language, arguments of NARAL and Planned Parenthood succeeded in invalidating limitations on taxpayer funding of abortions. The Conference opposed the ERA due to its clear threat to the unborn. The Senate passed the ERA [26-14](#) (see Senate chart), but a House subcommittee stopped the ERA in a [4-2](#) party-line vote (see House chart).

Supporting death penalty exemption: The Conference supported a bill that would have exempted people with severe mental illness from the death penalty. The legislation saw historic passage by the Senate [23-17](#) (see Senate chart) before being rejected [4-1](#) by a House subcommittee.

Opposing surrogacy expansion: Conference-opposed legislation to expand Virginia’s surrogacy law passed the Senate [28-12](#) (see Senate chart) and the House [62-38](#) (see House chart). An estimated 620,000 frozen embryos are now stored in the U.S. and that number could greatly increase with state surrogacy law expansions. In an especially disappointing development, a pro-life amendment to the bill that Senator Peake offered twice was defeated both times – first in a recorded Senate committee vote and then in a voice vote (unrecorded) on the Senate floor. The amendment would have prevented surrogacy contracts from requiring abortion for “selective reduction” or other reasons. The Governor signed the bill and it will take effect on July 1, 2019.

Requiring parental consent for FLE: The Conference supported a parental rights bill that would have required parental consent to enroll children in public school Family Life Education programs (offered in some schools). Following party-line passage by the full House [51-48](#) (see House chart), a Senate committee rejected the bill [10-5](#). Currently, parents only have the ability to opt out their children, but the opt-out process can be burdensome, socially awkward for the child and ineffective. Last year, the ever-evolving FLE curriculum made [headlines](#) in Albemarle County after an explicit video was shown to 14-year-old girls without their parents’ knowledge.

Helping at-risk pre-K students: Thousands of low-income Virginia students receive financial assistance to attend Catholic and other nonpublic K-12 schools through the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits Program. Conference-supported legislation to expand the program to include low-income pre-K children passed the Senate [23-15](#) (see Senate chart) and the House [53-46](#) (see House chart). The Governor signed the bill and it will take effect on July 1, 2019. Passage of the bill is a victory for unserved pre-K children, parental choice and Virginia’s Catholic school community in its efforts to provide more educational opportunities for at-risk children.

Other key votes (not included in preceding Senate and House charts)

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Defunding abortion industry: By a [51-48](#) party-line vote (see vote below), the House adopted a Conference-supported budget amendment to divert public health funds away from Planned Parenthood and others that provide abortion on demand and toward community health centers that provide primary care. Ultimately not included in the final budget, the amendment also would have prohibited the state from contracting with or providing grants to the abortion industry.

√: Adams, L.R. (R-16); Austin (R-19); Bell, Richard P. (R-20); Bell, Robert B. (R-58); Bloxom (R-100); Brewer (R-64); Byron (R-22); Campbell, J.L. (R-6); Campbell, R.R. (R-24); Cole (R-88); Collins (R-29); Cox (R-66); Davis (R-84); Edmunds (R-60); Fariss (R-59); Fowler (R-55); Freitas (R-30); Garrett (R-23); Gilbert (R-15); Head (R-17); Helsel (R-91); Hodges (R-98); Hugo (R-40); Ingram (R-62); Jones, S.C. (R-76); Kilgore (R-1); Knight (R-81); Landes (R-25); LaRock (R-33); Leftwich (R-78); Marshall (R-14); McGuire (R-56); McNamara (R-8); Miyares (R-82); Morefield (R-3); O'Quinn (R-5); Orrock (R-54); Peace (R-97); Pillion (R-4); Pogge (R-96); Poindexter (R-9); Ransone (R-99); Robinson (R-27); Rush (R-7); Stolle (R-83); Thomas (R-28); Ware (R-65); Webert (R-18); Wilt (R-26); Wright (R-61); Yancey (R-94)

X: Adams, D.M. (D-68); Aird (D-63); Ayala (D-51); Bagby (D-74); Bell, John J. (D-87); Bourne (D-71); Bulova (D-37); Carr (D-69); Carroll Foy (D-2); Carter (D-50); Convirns-Fowler (D-21); Delaney (D-67); Filler-Corn (D-41); Gooditis (D-10); Guzman (D-31); Hayes (D-77); Heretick (D-79); Herring (D-46); Hope (D-47); Hurst (D-12); James (D-80); Jones, J.C. (D-89); Keam (D-35); Kory (D-38); Krizek (D-44); Levine (D-45); Lindsey (D-90); Lopez (D-49); McQuinn (D-70); Mullin (D-93); Murphy (D-34); Plum (D-36); Price (D-95); Rasoul (D-11); Reid (D-32); Rodman (D-73); Roem (D-13); Sickles (D-43); Simon (D-53); Sullivan (D-48); Torian (D-52); Toscano (D-57); Tran (D-42); Turpin (D-85); Tyler (D-75); VanValkenburg (D-72); Ward (D-92); Watts (D-39)

Supporting death penalty exemption: After passing the Senate [23-17](#) (see Senate chart), a Conference supported bill that would have exempted people with severe mental illness from the death penalty was rejected by a House subcommittee [4-1](#) (see vote below).

√: Watts (D-39)

X: Gilbert (R-15); Bell, Robert B. (R-58); Adams, L.R. (R-16); Ransone (R-99)

NV: Collins (R-29); Herring (D-46); Mullin (D-93)

Religious liberty in housing: Conference-opposed legislation would have created causes of action against faith-based providers for following their beliefs about marriage and sexuality. The bill would have added “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” to existing anti-discrimination criteria for housing. After passing the Senate [31-9](#) (see vote below), the bill failed when the House did not act on it.

√: **Black (R-13); Carrico (R-40); Chase (R-11); McDougle (R-4); Newman (R-23); Obenshain (R-26); Peake (R-22); Reeves (R-17); Stanley (R-20)**

X: **Barker (D-39); Boysko (D-33); Chafin (R-38); Cosgrove (R-14); Dance (D-16); Deeds (D-25); DeSteph (R-8); Dunnivant (R-12); Ebbin (D-30); Edwards (D-21); Favola (D-31); Hanger (R-24); Howell (D-32); Lewis (D-6); Locke (D-2); Lucas (D-18); Marsden (D-37); Mason (D-1); McClellan (D-9); McPike (D-29); Norment (R-3); Petersen (D-34); Ruff (R-15); Saslaw (D-35); Spruill (D-5); Stuart (R-28); Sturtevant (R-10); Suetterlein (R-19); Surovell (D-36); Vogel (R-27); Wagner (R-7)**

Protecting marriage: The Conference opposed legislation to repeal provisions in both the state constitution and the Virginia code that define marriage as exclusively between one man and one woman. Fortunately, a Senate committee preserved both provisions; it rejected the proposed repeal of the state constitutional provision [7-7](#) (see vote below) and rejected the proposed repeal of the code provision [8-7](#) (see vote below). Though not currently in effect due to the U.S. Supreme Court’s 5-4 decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that same-sex couples have a constitutional “right to marry” under the Fourteenth Amendment, these provisions remain on the books and would become effective again if federal law changes.

Senate committee vote on Virginia constitutional provision

√: **Reeves (R-17); Chafin (R-38); DeSteph (R-8); Chase (R-11); Ruff (R-15); Cosgrove (R-14); Peake (R-22)**

X: **Vogel (R-27); Howell (D-32); Deeds (D-25); Edwards (D-21); Ebbin (D-30); Dance (D-16); Spruill (D-5)**

Senate committee vote on Virginia code provision

√: **Obenshain (R-26); Norment (R-3); McDougle (R-4); Stuart (R-28); Stanley (R-20); Reeves (R-17); Chafin (R-38); Peake (R-22)**

X: **Saslaw (D-35); Howell (D-32); Lucas (D-18); Edwards (D-21); Deeds (D-25); Sturtevant (R-10); Petersen (D-34)**

Requiring parental consent for FLE: After passing the House [51-48](#) in a party-line vote (see House chart), a Conference-supported parental rights bill that would have required parental consent to enroll children in public school Family Life Education programs failed in a Senate committee [10-5](#) (see vote below).

√: **Newman (R-23); Black (R-13); Carrico (R-40); Cosgrove (R-14); Chase (R-11)**

X: **Saslaw (D-35); Lucas (D-18); Howell (D-32); Locke (D-2); Barker (D-39); Petersen (D-34); Lewis (D-6); Dunnivant (R-12); Suetterlein (R-19); Peake (R-22)**

Banning weapons in churches: Virginia law restricts guns and other weapons at places of worship during religious gatherings, unless the carrier has a "good and sufficient reason." Conference-opposed legislation would have shifted the burden to places of worship to keep weapons off their property by express communication. The legislation passed in a party-line vote in the Senate [21-19](#) (see vote below) but ultimately failed when the House did not act on it.

√: **Barker (D-39); Boysko (D-33); Dance (D-16); Deeds (D-25); Ebbin (D-30); Edwards (D-21); Favola (D-31); Howell (D-32); Lewis (D-6); Locke (D-2); Lucas (D-18); Marsden (D-37); Mason (D-1); McClellan (D-9); McPike (D-29); Petersen (D-34); Saslaw (D-35); Spruill (D-5); Surovell (D-36)**

X: **Black (R-13); Carrico (R-40); Chafin (R-38); Chase (R-11); Cosgrove (R-14); DeSteph (R-8); Dunnavant (R-12); Hanger (R-24); McDougle (R-4); Newman (R-23); Norment (R-3); Obenshain (R-26); Peake (R-22); Reeves (R-17); Ruff (R-15); Stanley (R-20); Stuart (R-28); Sturtevant (R-10); Suetterlein (R-19); Vogel (R-27); Wagner (R-7)**

Driver privilege cards for immigrants: Legislation that would have authorized certain immigrants to obtain driver privilege cards failed in party-line votes in a Senate committee [7-6](#) (see vote below) and a House subcommittee [4-2](#) (see vote below). The Conference supported these measures to enable safe transportation to church, work and school and to access health care.

Senate committee vote

√: **Deeds (D-25); Marsden (D-37); Favola (D-31); Edwards (D-21); McClellan (D-9); Boysko (D-33)**

X: **Carrico (R-40); Newman (R-23); Cosgrove (R-14); DeSteph (R-8); Chase (R-11); Suetterlein (R-19); Peake (R-22)**

House subcommittee vote

√: **Carr (D-69); Delaney (D-67)**

X: **Adams, L.R. (R-16); Garrett (R-23); Collins (R-29); Miyares (R-82)**

Helping low-income workers' families: Conference-supported legislation to make Virginia's Earned Income Credit refundable for low-income workers failed in a party-line House committee vote [12-10](#) (see vote below). The Conference supported this legislation to lift more working families out of poverty.

√: **Watts (D-39); Keam (D-35); Filler-Corn (D-41); Kory (D-38); Sullivan (D-48); Heretick (D-79); Lindsey (D-90); Ayala (D-51); Jones, J.C. (D-89); Carter (D-50)**

X: **Ware (R-65); Pogge (R-96); Orrock (R-54); Byron (R-22); Cole (R-88); Hugo (R-40); Fariss (R-59); Fowler (R-55); Bloxom (R-100); Freitas (R-30); Brewer (R-64); McNamara (R-8)**

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