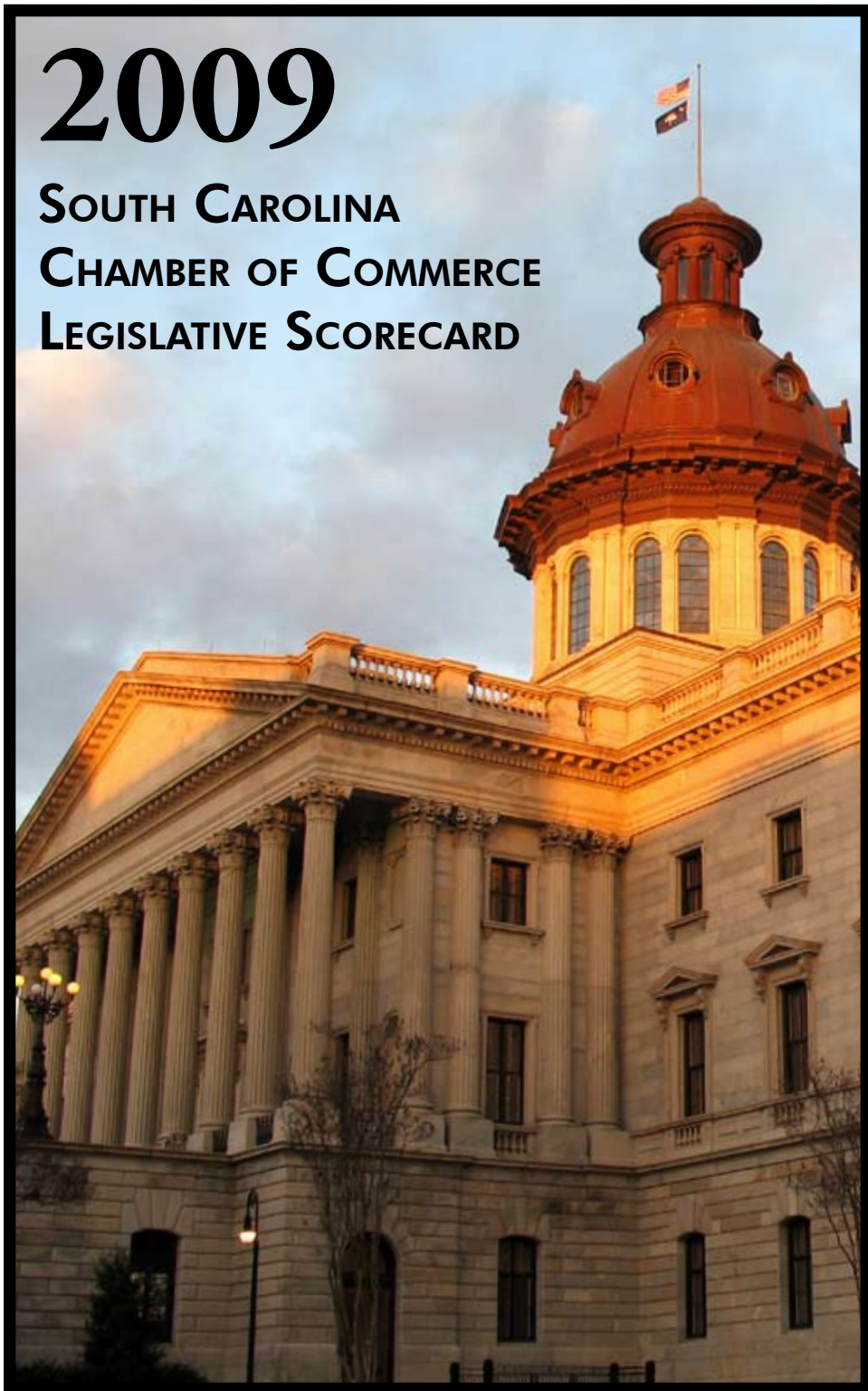


# 2009

## SOUTH CAROLINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



### Our Mission:

The mission of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, as the single, unified voice of business, is to enhance the quality of life for all South Carolinians. The South Carolina Chamber leads the way in achieving global competitiveness and increasing prosperity for citizens by:

- Creating a shared, collaborative vision for South Carolina;
- Increasing productivity through an educated and highly-skilled, capable workforce;
- Advocating a balanced, predictable tax and spending system;
- Fostering a favorable climate among members and their diverse employees; and,
- Promoting the positive impact of a successful business community on citizens.

### The 2009 Legislative Scorecard:

Each legislative session, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce tracks key business roll call votes and tallies all votes to determine an overall score for each member of the General Assembly. It is imperative the business community holds legislators accountable on votes that directly impact the business climate and competitiveness of the state.

In 2009, the South Carolina Chamber tracked votes on the following issues:

- Capital Reserve Fund
- Cigarette Tax
- Creation of Department of Workforce
- Employee Free Choice Act/Secret Ballot
- Energy Policy
- Healthcare
- Port Restructuring
- Red Tape Reduction
- Reprocessing
- School Flexibility
- State Attorney Fees
- Tax Conformity
- Tax Reform
- Unemployment Credits

Legislative votes are tracked according to the Chamber's position on each issue. Then, a final composite score is given for each legislator with 100 percent being a perfect score.

### Competitiveness Agenda Process:

The process of determining the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce's annual *Competitiveness Agenda* begins with nine annual Grassroots Regional Meetings, held across the state each fall. From there, legislative business issues are presented to the South Carolina Chamber's Legislative Agenda Task Force (LATF), made up of business and industry leaders from small, medium and large companies located throughout the state. The Chamber sends those issues to the Board of Directors for a final vote. The annual *Competitiveness Agenda* is then presented to members, South Carolina legislators and the general public.

To learn more about the Chamber's 2009 *Competitiveness Agenda*, visit [www.sccchamber.net](http://www.sccchamber.net).

### Partnership with SCBIPEC:

In 2009, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce is again partnering with the South Carolina Business & Industry Political Education Committee (SCBIPEC) to present members with a comprehensive view of how the General Assembly addressed key competitiveness issues. To view SCBIPEC's 2009 Legislative Scorecard, visit [www.scbipec.com](http://www.scbipec.com).

### The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce:

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the nation's first state chamber Accredited with Distinction by the U.S. Chamber, is South Carolina's largest statewide broad-based business and industry trade association representing more than 6,500 member companies and more than 600,000 member employees, with 90 percent of membership comprised of small businesses. As the unified voice for business and industry, the South Carolina Chamber is a catalyst for increasing per capita income and enhancing the state's global competitiveness in order to improve the quality of life for all South Carolinians.



# SENATE

## VOTE KEY:

✓: Business Positive Vote    A: Abstain  
 X: Business Negative Vote    NV: No Vote

### State Attorney Fees (S.186)

The legislation controls attorney fees in state initiated actions, limiting the fee based on time expended at a reasonable rate. The Senate voted 41-0 to give the bill second reading. (March 11, 2009)

### School Flexibility (H.3352)

H.3352 provides school districts more flexibility from certain state mandates, including classroom size, teacher and administrator furloughs, required testing and retired teacher salaries. The bill received second reading by a vote of 39-0. (March 26, 2009)

### Energy Policy Reprocessing Amendment (S.232)

An amendment was offered to S.232 that includes nuclear reprocessing in any statewide energy plan. The amendment was tabled by a vote of 23-20. (March 31, 2009)

### Energy Policy (S.232)

S.232 is legislation defining renewable energy sources and promoting nuclear power. The legislation passed the Senate by a vote of 42-0. (March 31, 2009)

### Unemployment Credits (S.690)

S.690 would provide employers with a tax credit to incentivize the hiring of workers currently unemployed and collecting benefits. The maximum credit allowed is \$2,400 per employee. The bill received second reading in the Senate by a vote of 39-0. (April 28, 2009)

### Tax Conformity (H.3721)

H.3721 conforms the South Carolina tax statutes to the Internal Revenue Code through December 31, 2008. The legislation received second reading in the Senate by a vote of 36-0. (April 28, 2009)

### Healthcare Accessibility for Young Americans (S.416)

S.416 expands the age dependents can remain on their parents' health insurance coverage, which would result in an additional mandate on employers. The bill received second reading by a vote of 29-10. (April 29, 2009)

### South Carolina Healthnet (S.455)

S.455 creates a five-year pilot program to promote the availability of health insurance coverage to employees of small employer groups by reducing or eliminating mandates in coverage, thus lowering the cost of the health insurance plan. The bill received second reading by a vote of 35-0. (April 29, 2009)

### Tax Reform (S.12)

S.12 contains language to create a tax study commission to review the state's entire tax structure. The Senate voted 41-3 to adopt the conference committee's report on S.12. (June 16, 2009)

### Port Restructuring (S.351)

The Senate overrode the governor's veto of S.351, legislation to restructure and stabilize the South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA), by a vote of 35-9. (June 16, 2009)

SENATOR	Tax Reform S.12	Port Restructuring S.351	State Attorney Fees S.186	Reprocessing Amendment S.232	Energy Policy S.232	Unemployment Credits S.690	Tax Conformity H.3721	School Flexibility H.3352	Healthcare Accessibility for Young Americans S.416	SC Healthnet S.455	SCORE
THOMAS ALEXANDER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	90
RALPH ANDERSON	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	80
LEE BRIGHT	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	78
KEVIN BRYANT	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	80
PAUL CAMPBELL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	100
CHIP CAMPSER	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	80
RAY CLEARY	✓	X	NV	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	67
CREIGHTON COLEMAN	✓	✓	NV	X	✓	NV	NV	✓	NV	✓	83
JOHN COURSON	✓	✓	NV	X	✓	NV	NV	✓	X	NV	67
RONNIE CROMER	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	80
TOM DAVIS	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	80
DICK ELLIOTT	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	NV	88
MIKE FAIR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	90
ROBERT FORD	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	NV	NV	✓	NV	NV	83
LARRY GROOMS	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	100
WES HAYES	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	80
BRAD HUTTO	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	88
DARRELL JACKSON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	NV	89
JAKE KNOTTS	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	80
JOHN LAND	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	NV	X	✓	78
HUGH LEATHERMAN	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	✓	NV	X	✓	83
PHIL LEVENTIS	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	80
JOEL LOURIE	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	80
GERALD MALLOY	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	80
LARRY MARTIN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	90
SHANE MARTIN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
SHANE MASSEY	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	80
JOHN MATTHEWS	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	X	71
GLENN MCCONNELL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	90
YANCEY MCGILL	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	88
MICK MULVANEY	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	89
FLOYD NICHOLSON	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	NV	X	✓	78
BILLY O'DELL	✓	✓	NV	X	NV	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	75
HARVEY PEELER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	90
CLEMENTA PINCKNEY	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	80
LUKE RANKIN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	100
GLENN REESE	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	NV	✓	X	✓	78
MIKE ROSE	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	90
GREG RYBERG	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	80
JOHN SCOTT	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	NV	NV	✓	X	✓	75
NIKKI SETZLER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	90
VINCENT SHEHEEN	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	X	NV	75
PHILLIP SHOOPMAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
DAVID THOMAS	NV	NV	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	75
DANNY VERDIN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	100
KENT WILLIAMS	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	80

# HOUSE

## VOTE KEY:

- ✓ Business Positive Vote
- ✗ Business Negative Vote

- A** – Abstain
- NV** – No Vote
- NYS** – Not Yet Serving

## Capital Reserve Fund (H.3396)

H.3396 increases the amount of the Capital Reserve Fund from three percent to five percent of the prior year's budget in an effort to better build reserves. The legislation received second reading by a vote of 105-0. (February 2, 2009)

## Employee Free Choice Act Resolution (H.3222)

H.3222 is a resolution urging South Carolina's congressional delegation to oppose the federal Employee Free Choice Act, or "card check," legislation that would strip workers' rights to a secret ballot in union elections. The resolution received third reading in the House by a vote of 72-33. (February 12, 2009)

## Secret Ballot Constitutional Amendment (H.3305)

H.3305 is a state constitutional amendment to protect the rights of workers to vote by secret ballot in union elections. The legislation's intent is to combat the dangerous federal "card check" legislation. The constitutional amendment received second reading in the House by a vote of 89-25. (March 25, 2009)

## Cigarette Tax (H.3584)

The House gave second reading to a 50-cent per pack cigarette tax increase by a vote of 97-22, with an amendment to allocate 70 percent of cigarette tax revenue to small business tax credits and premium assistance for individuals, 20 percent to the high risk pool for individuals with pre-existing conditions and 10 percent to smoking cessation. (April 2, 2009)

## Tax Reform (S.12)

S.12 contains language to create a tax study commission to review the state's entire tax structure. The vote tracked is a motion to table the committee amendment that would have called for two studies instead of one comprehensive study. The amendment was tabled by a vote of 78-29. (April 22, 2009)

## Red Tape Reduction (H.3882)

H.3882 creates a Web-based application for submission of questions and concerns about state agency licensing, permitting and regulation of economic activity. The bill received second reading by a vote of 110-0. (April 22, 2009)

## Creation of Department of Workforce (H.3442)

Legislation to consolidate the South Carolina Employment Security Commission and workforce development functions of the South Carolina Department of Commerce was recommitted to the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 56-54. (April 29, 2009)

## Port Restructuring (S.351)

The House overrode the governor's veto of S.351, legislation to restructure and stabilize the South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA), by a vote of 102-3. (June 16, 2009)





JOSEPH DANING	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
GREG DELLENEY	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88
CHANDRA DILLARD	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	63
JEFF DUNCAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	NV	100
TRACY EDGE	✗	NV	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	67
SHANNON ERICKSON	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
MIKE FORRESTER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
MARION FRYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
LAURIE FUNDERBURK	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
MIKE GAMBRELL	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	63
WENDELL GILLIARD	✓	✗	✗	✗	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	57
JERRY GOVAN	✓	NV	✗	✗	✓	NV	✓	✓	NV	60
CARL GULLICK	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	86
ANTON GUNN	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	75
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DAN HAMILTON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	88
NELSON HARDWICK	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	71
BOBBY HARRELL	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	86
JIM HARRISON	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	100
CHRIS HART	✓	✗	✗	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	71
CATHY HARVIN	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	63
JACKIE HAYES	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88
GEORGE HEARN	✗	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86
BILL HERBKERSMAN	✗	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
DAVID HIOTT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	100
KENNETH HODGES	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	63
JENNY HORNE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
LONNIE HOSEY	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	63
LEON HOWARD	NV	✗	NV	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	67
CHIP HUGGINS	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
ANNE HUTTO	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	63

JOSEPH JEFFERSON	✓	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	63
DOUG JENNINGS	✓	✓	NV	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	86
KEITH KELLY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	100
KEN KENNEDY	✓	×	×	×	✓	NV	×	NV	33
JOHN KING	NV	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	57
HERB KIRSH	×	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	NV	×	57
PATSY KNIGHT	✓	NV	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	71
CHIP LIMEHOUSE	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	86
LANNY LITTLEJOHN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
DWIGHT LOFTIS	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	86
DEBORAH LONG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
PHILLIP LOWE	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	75
JAY LUCAS	×	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	75
DAVID MACK	NV	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	57
JOE MCEACHERN	✓	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	57
WALT MCLEOD	NV	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	57
JAMES MERRILL	×	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	NV	71
VIDA MILLER	✓	✓	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	75
JOEY MILLWOOD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88
HAROLD MITCHELL	✓	NV	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	71
DENNIS MOSS	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	88
STEVE MOSS	NYS	NYS	NYS	NYS	NYS	NYS	NYS	✓	100
WENDY NANNEY	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	×	✓	86
JIMMY NEAL	✓	✓	NV	×	✓	✓	✓	NV	83
JOE NEAL	✓	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	63
DENNY NEILSON	✓	✓	NV	×	✓	✓	×	✓	71
HARRY OTT	✓	✓	NV	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	86
PHIL OWENS	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	86
STEVE PARKER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	NV	86
ANNE PARKS	✓	×	×	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	71
GENE PINSON	✓	✓	✓	×	NV	✓	✓	✓	86

