



LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

2001 – 2002 GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

November 1, 2002

House Votes

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Sponsored by Sen. Charles Walker (D-Augusta), this bill raised the minimum wage from \$3.25 to \$5.15 per hour. While there were exemptions made for farm workers and those employees who rely on gratuities for their main source of income, this proposal brought Georgia in line with the Federal Minimum wage for many jobs not previously covered. Despite previous attempts to increase the Georgia minimum, this was the first successful bill in 30 years. Advocates opposed any amendments that would change or weaken the bill, such as an amendment to add more exemptions by Rep. Barbara Bunn (R-Conyers). *A vote against the Bunn amendment was considered a positive vote according to GRUS.*

3. HR 1372 – “Economic Development Study Committee” with hostile anti-choice amendment proposed

This routine House Resolution was used as a vehicle for an anti-choice amendment by Rep. Brian Joyce (R-Lookout Mtn). This amendment proposed to create a study committee to study the effects on women’s health

after abortion. Since no other anti-choice legislation was being voted out of committee, this amendment was an attempt to force House members into a token recorded vote on the issue of choice. The amendment failed and the original Resolution passed. *A vote against the Joyce amendment was considered a positive vote according to GRUS.*

4. HB 1361 – “Georgia Fair Lending Act”

Sponsored by Rep. Charlie Smith (D-St. Mary’s), this bill was the Governor’s version of Sen. Vincent Fort’s original attempt to protect home buyers and homeowners from unscrupulous lenders. While ultimately passing and becoming the nation’s strongest anti-predatory lending legislation, many attempts were made to weaken the bill. Over two dozen amendments were proposed during the House and Senate debates and most were significantly

anti-consumer. An intense effort was made to defeat all weakening amendments. The strong version of the bill passed. This recorded vote is on the amendment proposed by Rep. Ralph Hudgens (R-Colbert) which would have left a loophole for predatory lenders. *A vote against the Hudgens amendment was considered a favorable vote according to GRUS.*

5. HB 1492 – “Add Diabetes Insurance Coverage”

Sponsored by Rep. Bobby Parham (D-Milledgeville) this bill requires insurance companies to cover medically necessary equipment, therapies and treatment for diabetes patients. At the expense of people in need, those opposed to this effort argued that they did not want to force insurance companies to assume additional costs. The bill passed 105-46. *A vote in favor of this bill was considered a positive vote according to GRUS.*

SCORECARD KEY

+ Voted in favor of the Georgia Rural Urban Summit position

- Voted against the Georgia Rural Urban Summit position

X Did not vote

E Excused

Blank Not in office at time of vote, partial term

D Democrat

R Republican

***** When presiding, Speaker Murphy generally does not vote

Name	Party	Issue 1: Flag Change	Issue 2: Minimum Wage	Issue 3: Anti- Choice Amdmt	Issue 4: Fair Lending	Issue 5: Diabetes Insurance Cvg
Allen, Ben	D	+	x	x	+	+
Amerson, Amos	R	-	-	+	-	-
Anderson, Alberta	D	+	+	+	+	+
Ashe, Kathy	D	+	+	+	+	+
Bannister, Charles	R	-	x	-	e	+
Barnard, Terry	R	-	-	-	-	x
Barnes, Mike	D	+	+	+	+	+
Beasley-Teague, Sharon	D	+	+	+	+	+
Bell, Pat	D	-	+	x	+	+
Benfield, Stephanie Stuckey	D	+	+	+	+	+
Birdsong, Kenneth	D	+	+	+	+	+
Black, Ellis	D	-	+	x	+	+
Boggs, Michael	D	-	+	-	+	+
Bordeaux, Tom	D	+	+	+	+	+
Borders, Ron	D	x	+	x	+	+
Bridges, Sr., Ben	R	-	-	-	-	x
Brooks, Tyrone	D	+	+	+	+	+
Broome, Hugh	D	+	+	+	-	+
Brown, Jeff	R	-	-	-	-	-
Buck, III, Thomas	D	+	+	+	+	x
Buckner, Gail	D	+	+	x	+	+
Bulloch, Jr., John	R	-	-	-	-	+
Bunn, Barbara	R	-	-	x	-	-
Burkhalter, Mark	R	-	-	-	-	e
Burmeister, Sue	R	-	-	-	-	-
Byrd, Roger	D	+	+	-	+	+
Callaway, Gene	R	-	e	-	-	-
Campbell, Jr, Tom	R	-	-	-	-	x
Cash, J. Steven	R	-	-	-	-	-
Channell, Mickey	D	+	+	+	+	+
Childers, Buddy	D	-	+	+	+	+
Coan, Michael	R	-	-	-	-	-
Coleman, Brooks	R	+	-	-	-	e
Coleman, Terry	D	+	+	+	+	+
Collins, Ginger	R	-	-	-	-	e
Connell, Jack	D	+	+	x	+	x
Cooper, Sharon	R	-	-	-	-	-
Cox, Kathy	R	+	-	-	-	+
Crawford, Robert	R	+	+	-	-	+
Cummings, Bill	D	-	+	-	+	+
Davis, J. Max	R	-	-	-	-	-
Day, Burke	R	+	e	e	-	-
Dean, Doug	D	+	x	x	+	+
DeLoach, Buddy	R	-	x	x	-	-
DeLoach, George	R	-	-	e	-	x
Dix, Scott	R	-	x	-	e	e

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Dodson, Ron	D	+	+	+	+	x
Drenner, Karla	D	+	+	+	+	+
Dukes, Winfred	D	+	+	+	+	+
Ehrhart, Earl	R	-	-	-	-	-
Epps, Carl Von	D	+	+	+	+	+
Everett, Doug	R	+	-	-	-	+
Floyd, Johnny	D	-	+	+	+	+
Forster, Ron	R	-	e	-	-	-
Franklin, Robert	R	-	-	-	-	-
Gardner, Pat	D			x	+	+
Golick, Rich	R	-	-	-	+	+
Grasse, Diane	R			-	-	-
Graves, David	R	-	-	-	-	x
Greene, Gerald	D	+	-	+	+	+
Hammontree, Allen	R	-	-	-	-	-
Hanner, Bob	D	+	+	+	+	-
Harbin, Ben	R	-	-	-	+	+
Harrell, Sally	D	+	e	+	e	e
Heard, Keith	D	+	+	+	+	+
Heckstall, Joe	D	+	+	+	+	x
Hembree, Bill	R	e	+	-	-	+
Henson, Michele	D	+	x	+	+	+
Hines, Roger	R	-	-	-	-	-
Holland, Ray	D	+	+	x	+	+
Holmes, Bob	D	+	+	+	+	+
Houston, Penny	D	-	+	+	+	+
Howard, Henry	D	+	+	+	+	+
Hudgens, Ralph	R	-	-	-	-	-
Hudson, Newt	D	+	+	+	+	+
Hudson, Sistie	D	+	+	+	+	+
Hugley, Carolyn	D	+	+	+	+	+
Irvin, Robert	R	+	-	-	-	-
Jackson, III, Lester	D	+	+	+	-	+
Jackson, William	R	-	-	x	+	+
James, Lynmore	D	+	+	+	+	+
Jamieson, M. Jeanette	D	-	+	+	+	+
Jenkins, Curtis	D	+	+	X	+	+
Jennings, Paul	R	+	-	-	-	-
Johnson, Terry	D	+	+	+	+	+
Jordan, Darryl	D	+	+	+	+	+
Joyce, Brian	R	-	-	-	-	-
Kaye, Mitchell	R	-	-	-	-	e
Keen, Jerry	R	-	-	-	-	-
Knox, Thomas	R	-	-	-	+	-
Lane, Bob	D	-	+	+	+	+
Lanier, Craig	R	-	-	-	-	+

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Lewis, W. Jeff	R	-	-	-	-	-
Lord, Jimmy	D	+	+	+	+	+
Lucas, David	D	+	x	+	+	+
Lunsford, John	R	-	-	x	-	-
Maddox, George	D	+	+	+	+	+
Mangham, Randal	D	+	+	+	+	+
Manning, Judith	R	+	-	x	-	+
Massey, Warren	R	-	-	e	-	-
McBee, Louise	D	+	+	e	-	+
McCall, Tom	D	-	+	+	+	+
McClinton, JoAnn	D	+	+	+	+	+
McKinney, Billy	D	+	+	+	+	x
Millar, Fran	R	+	-	-	-	+
Mills, James	R	-	-	-	e	e
Mobley, Barbara	D	+	+	+	+	+
Morris, Greg	D	-	+	-	+	+
Mosley, Hinson	D	-	+	-	+	+
Mueller, Anne	R	-	-	-	-	x
Muntean, Michael	R			-	-	-
Murphy, Thomas*	D	x	x	x	x	+
O'Neal, Larry	R			-	-	-
Orrock, Nan Grogan	D	+	+	+	+	+
Parham, Bobby	D	+	+	+	+	+
Parrish, Butch	D	-	+	+	+	+
Parsons, Don	R	+	-	-	-	+
Pelote, Dorothy	D	+	+	e	e	e
Pinholster, Garland	R	-	-	x	-	x
Poag, Judy	D	-	x	-	+	x
Porter, DuBose	D	-	+	+	+	+
Powell, Alan	D	-	+	+	+	+
Purcell, Ann	D	-	+	x	+	+
Ragas, Arnold	D	+	+	+	+	+
Randall, Nikki	D	+	+	+	+	x
Ray, Robert	D	-	+	+	+	+
Reece, Barbara Massey	D	-	+	+	+	+
Reed, Kasim	D	+	+	+	+	+
Reichert, Robert A. B.	D	+	+	+	+	+
Rice, Tom	R	+	-	-	-	-
Richardson, Glenn	R	-	-	-	-	-
Roberts, Danae	R	-	-	-	-	-
Roberts, Lawrence	D	+	+	x	+	x
Rogers, Carl	D	-	+	-	+	-
Royal, A. Richard	D	+	+	+	+	+
Sailor, Jr., Ron	D	+	+	+	+	x
Sanders, Bill	R	-	-	-	-	-
Scheid, III, Chuck	R	-	-	-	-	+

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Seay, Valencia	D	+	+	+	+	+
Shanahan, Tom	D	+	+	-	+	+
Shaw, Jay	D	x	+	+	+	-
Sholar, Wallace	D	+	+	+	x	+
Sims, Chuck	D	-	+	+	+	+
Sinkfield, Georganna	D	+	+	+	+	+
Skipper, Jimmy	D	+	+	+	+	+
Smith, Bob	R	-	-	-	-	-
Smith, Clint	R	-	x	-	-	+
Smith, Jr., Charlie	D	+	+	x	+	+
Smith, Jr., Vance	R	-	-	e	-	-
Smith, Lynn	R	+	-	x	-	+
Smith, Paul	D	-	+	-	+	+
Smith, Tommy	D	-	+	-	+	+
Smyre, Calvin	D	+	+	+	+	+
Snelling, Bob	R	+	-	-	e	e
Snow, Mike	D	-	+	-	-	-
Squires, Mary	D	+	+	+	+	+
Stallings, Tracy	D	+	+	x	+	+
Stancil, Steve	R	-	-			
Stanley, Pamela	D	+	+	+	+	+
Stanley-Turner, Lanett	D	+	x	+	+	+
Stephens, Ron	R	-	x	-	-	+
Stokes, Jim	D	+	+	+	+	+
Taylor, Maretta	D	+	-	+	+	x
Teper, Doug	D	+	+	+	+	+
Tillman, Eugene	D	+	+	+	e	e
Turnquest, Henrietta	D	+	+	+	+	+
Twiggs, Ralph	D	-	+	x	+	+
Unterman, Renee	R	+	-	-	-	+
Walker, Larry	D	+	+	+	e	e
Walker, R. Len	R	-	-	-	-	-
Watson, Stanley	D	+	-	+	+	+
West, Jack	D	-	+	x	e	e
Westmoreland, Lynn	R	-	+	-	-	+
Wiles, John	R	-	+	-	-	-
Wilkinson, Jr., Joseph	R	+	x	-	-	-
Willard, Wendell	R	+	-	-	+	-
Williams, Jeffrey	R	-	+	e	-	-
Williams, Roger	R			x	-	-
Wix, Don	D	+	+	+	+	+
Yates, John	R	-	-	-	-	-

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3. HB 1368 – “Drivers License Renewal” with anti-immigrant proposal

Sponsored by Rep. Charlie Smith (D-St. Mary’s), this bill was introduced on behalf of Governor Barnes to address the issue of long lines at drivers license renewal centers. The proposal established mail or electronic applications as additional options for obtaining a new license. An amendment proposed by Sen. Eric Johnson (R-Savannah) would have directed the Dept. of Motor Vehicles to put a green stripe on the licenses of non-citizens. In effect, this second type of license would be like a “scarlet letter” and was in fact a rewrite of the same idea contained in SB 480 introduced by Sen. Phil Gingrey. The Gingrey bill failed to make it out of committee, thus the attempted floor amendment. In floor debate Sen. Gingrey delivered mean spirited and vituperative comments that went beyond the stated purpose of the

amendment and were clearly anti-immigrant. The amendment ultimately failed by a 19-30 vote and the original bill passed. *A vote against the amendment was considered a positive vote according to GRUS.*

4. HB 1568 – “Natural Gas Consumer Relief Act”

Sponsored by Rep. Charlie Smith (D-St. Mary’s) on behalf of the Governor, this bill was introduced to provide some consumer relief from the problems that emerged as a result of the deregulation of natural gas service. The original deregulation bill, proposed by then Sen. Sonny Perdue, proved to be a boon for the industry and a bust for consumers as prices went up, competition was unstable and customer service became nonexistent. HB 1568 protects gas users by establishing ; a consumers bill of rights, a provider of last resort for low-income users, a cap on residential deposits, minimum standards for service and emergency oversight by the Public Service Commission if prices become

obviously inflated. (Note: Although a vote in favor of these reforms was considered pro-consumer, Senators Robert Brown (D-Macon), Horacena Tate (D-Atlanta) and Regina Thomas (D-Savannah) announced opposition because they adamantly favored re-regulation of the gas companies.) *A vote in favor of HB 1568 was considered a favorable vote according to GRUS.*

5. HB 1492 – “Add Diabetes Insurance Coverage”

Sponsored by Rep. Bobby Parham (D-Milledgeville) this bill requires insurance companies to cover medically necessary equipment, therapies and treatment for diabetes patients. Those opposed to this effort to expand coverage for people in need argued that they did not want to force insurance companies to assume additional costs. After a failed amendment by Sen. Don Thomas (R-Dalton) that attempted to gut the intent of the bill, it ultimately passed by a vote of 31-13. *A vote in favor of this bill was considered a positive vote according to GRUS.*

SCORECARD KEY

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X Did not vote

E Excused

Blank Not in office at time of vote, partial term

D Democrat

R Republican

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Balfour, Don	R	+	-	-	+	-
Beatty, Mike	R	-	-	-	-	-
Blitich, Peg	D	-	+	+	+	+
Bowen, Rooney	D	+	+	+	+	+
Brown, Robert	D	+	+	+	-	+
Brush, Jr. "Joey"	R	-	-	-	x	x
Burton, Joe	R	-	-	-	+	+
Butler, Gloria	D	+	+	+	+	+
Cable, Susan	R	+	-	-	-	-
Cagle, Casey	R	-	-	+	-	-
Cheeks, Don	D	-	x	+	+	+
Crotts, Mike	R	-	-	-	-	e
Dean, Nathan	D	+	+	+	+	e
Fort, Vincent	D	+	+	+	x	+
Gillis, Hugh	D	-	+	+	+	+
Gingrey, J. Phil	R	-	+	-	+	+
Golden, Tim	D	+	+	+	+	+
Guhl, A.C. "Bob"	R	-	-	-	-	-
Haines, Doug	D	+	+	+	+	+
Hamrick, Bill	R	-	-	+	+	x
Harbison, Ed	D	+	+	e	+	+
Harp, Seth	R	+	-	-	+	-
Hecht, Greg	D	+	+	+	+	+
Hill, Jack	D	+	+	+	+	x
Hooks, George	D	+	+	+	e	+
Jackson, Carol	D	-	+	+	+	+
James, Donzella	D	+	+	x	+	+
Johnson, Eric	R	-	-	-	-	+
Kemp, René	D	+	+	+	+	x
Ladd, Bart	R	+	e	x	+	-

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Lamutt, Robert	R	-	-	-	-	-
Lee, Daniel	D	+	-	+	-	-
Marable, Richard	D	+	+	+	+	+
Meyer von Bremen, Michael	D	+	+	+	+	+
Moore, Michael	D			+	+	+
Mullis, Jeff	R	-	-	-	+	x
Paul, Rusty	R	-	-	-	+	e
Perdue, Sonny	R	-	-			
Polak, Michael	D	+	+	+	+	+
Price, Thomas	R	-	-	-	-	+
Ragan, Harold	D	+	+	+	+	+
Scott, David	D	+	+	+	+	+
Seabaugh, Mitch	R	-	-	-	-	-
Shafer, David	R			-	+	-
Smith, Faye	D	+	+	+	+	+
Starr, Terrell	D	+	+	+	+	e
Stephens, Bill	R	-	-	-	-	x
Stokes, Connie	D	+	+	+	+	+
Streat, Sr., Van	D	+	+	x	x	x
Tanksley, Charlie	R	+	+	+	+	x
Tate, Horacena	D	+	+	+	-	+
Thomas, Don	R	-	-	-	-	-
Thomas, Nadine	D	+	+	+	+	+
Thomas, Regina	D	+	+	x	-	+
Thompson, Steve	D	+	+	x	+	+
Walker, Charles W.	D	+	+	x	+	+
Williams, Tommie	R	-	-	-	-	-

About Georgia Rural Urban Summit

The mission of the Georgia Rural Urban Summit is to promote communication, cooperation and coalition building among diverse people, groups and communities in support of positive, progressive change.

Founded in 1994, the Summit is a sponsored project of the non-profit, tax-exempt

Fund for Southern Communities, based in Atlanta. The work of the Summit involves many different organizations representing a wide range of issues, including but not limited to: environmental groups, labor unions, civil rights organizations, women's groups and others.

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