

## CLT Legislative Rating -- 2009 Session

CLT compiled the following votes on taxpayer issues over the 2009 legislative session: Requirements for a two-thirds vote for tax increases and to appropriate stabilization fund money; a roll call vote on toll hikes; independent audits of House finances and an independent redistricting commission. There were four votes dealing with state pensions: Capping amounts paid; no “windfall” provisions; no bonus if the pension fund loses money, and; prohibiting vacation time counting as income. Votes for a state hiring freeze, against an alcohol sales tax, and \$25 million to fund the Quinn bill. Votes to eliminate Bunker Hill and Evacuation Day holidays. The vote to increase the sales tax to 6.25% was counted as “bad”.

The Senate was rated on five votes similar to the House: Independent redistricting; capping pensions; “windfall” provisions; a state hiring freeze, and; eliminating the two Suffolk County holidays. There were also votes to hike the state income tax rate to 5.95%, the gas tax by 11 cents and the state sales tax to 6.25%; two votes on the expanded meals tax.

*Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston) was recently elected and didn't take enough votes to be rated.*

<u>State Senate</u>			<u>State House of Representatives</u>		
Baddour	(D-Methuen)	70%	DeLeo	(D-Winthrop)	0%
Berry	(D-Peabody)	10%	Vallee	(D-Franklin)	0%
Brewer	(D-Barre)	40%	Mariano	(D-Quincy)	0%
Brown	(R-Wrentham)	100%	Haddad	(D-Somerset)	0%
Buoniconti	(D-W.Springfield)	30%	Petrolati	(D-Ludlow)	7%
Candaras	(D-Willbraham)	30%	Aguiar	(D-Fall River)	7%
Chandler	(D-Worcester)	20%	Alicea	(D-Charlton)	7%
Chang-Diaz	(D-Boston)	10%	Allen	(D-Boston)	0%
Creem	(D-Newton)	20%	Arciero	(D-Westford)	33%
Donnelly	(D-Arlington)	10%	Ashe	(D-Longmeadow)	13%
Downing	(D-Pittsfield)	20%	Atkins	(D-Concord)	7%
Eldridge	(D-Acton)	20%	Atsalis	(D-Barnstable)	21%
Fargo	(D-Lincoln)	10%	Ayers	(D-Quincy)	48%
Flanagan	(D-Leominster)	30%	Balsler	(D-Newton)	7%
Galluccio	(D-Cambridge)	10%	Barrows	(R-Mansfield)	100%
Hart	(D-Boston)	20%	Basile	(D-Boston)	7%
Hedlund	(R-Weymouth)	100%	Benson	(D-Lunenburg)	7%
Jehlen	(D-Somerville)	10%	Binienda	(D-Worcester)	0%
Joyce	(D-Milton)	42%	Bosley	(D-North Adams)	0%
Kennedy	(D-Brockton)	20%	Bowles	(D-Attleboro)	27%
Knapik	(R-Westfield)	100%	Bradley	(D-Hingham)	7%
McGee	(D-Lynn)	0%	Brady	(D-Brockton)	7%
Menard	(D-Fall River)	11%	Brownsberger	(D-Belmont)	7%
Montigny	(D-New Bedford)	60%	Cabral	(D-New Bedford)	7%
Moore, M	(D-Millbury)	30%	Callahan	(D-Sutton)	73%
Moore, R	(D-Uxbridge)	42%	Calter	(D-Kingston)	41%
Morrissey	(D-Quincy)	50%	Campbell	(D-Methuen)	40%
Murray	(D-Plymouth)	N/A	Canavan	(D-Brockton)	27%
O'Leary	(D-Barnstable)	42%	Canessa	(D-New Bedford)	14%
Pacheco	(D-Taunton)	10%	Cantwell	(D-Marshfield)	13%
Panagiotakos	(D-Lowell)	20%	Clark	(D-Melrose)	13%
Petrucelli	(D-Boston)	20%	Coakley-Rivera	(D-Springfield)	8%
Rosenberg	(D-Amherst)	10%	Conroy	(D-Wayland)	7%
Spilka	(D-Ashland)	21%	Costello	(D-Newburyport)	13%
Tarr	(R-Gloucester)	100%	Creedon	(D-Brockton)	0%
Timilty	(D-Walpole)	60%	Curran	(D-Springfield)	33%
Tisei	(R-Wakefield)	100%	D'Amico	(D-Seekonk)	20%
Tolman	(D-Boston)	0%	deMacedo	(R-Plymouth)	100%
Tucker	(D-Andover)	80%	Dempsey	(D-Haverhill)	20%
Walsh	(D-Boston)	22%	DiNatale	(D-Fitchburg)	13%
			Donato	(D-Medford)	0%
			Donelan	(D-Athol)	7%

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Driscoll	(D-Braintree)	33%
Dwyer	(D-Woburn)	27%
Dykema	(D-Holliston)	13%
Ehrlich	(D-Marblehead)	7%
Evangelidis	(R-Holden)	100%
Fagan	(D-Taunton)	14%
Fallon	(D-Malden)	47%
Falzone	(D-Saugus)	7%
Fennell	(D-Lynn)	21%
Fernandes	(D-Milford)	0%
Ferrante	(D-Gloucester)	7%
Finegold	(D-Andover)	7%
Flynn	(D-Bridgewater)	21%
Forry	(D-Boston)	0%
Fox	(D-Boston)	0%
Fresolo	(D-Worcester)	40%
Frost	(R-Auburn)	100%
Galvin	(D-Canton)	0%
Garballey	(D-Arlington)	7%
Garry	(D-Dracut)	33%
Gifford	(R-Wareham)	100%
Gobi	(D-Spencer)	7%
Golden	(D-Lowell)	20%
Grant	(D-Beverly)	7%
Greene	(D-Billerica)	27%
Gregoire	(D-Marlborough)	7%
Guyer	(D-Dalton)	7%
Hargraves	(R-Groton)	100%
Harkins	(D-Needham)	40%
Hecht	(D-Watertown)	13%
Hill	(R-Ipswich)	100%
Hogan	(D-Stow)	0%
Honan	(D-Boston)	0%
Humason	(R-Westfield)	100%
Jones	(R-North Reading)	100%
Kafka	(D-Stoughton)	0%
Kane	(D-Holyoke)	0%
Kaufman	(D-Lexington)	0%
Keenan	(D-Salem)	0%
Khan	(D-Newton)	7%
Kocot	(D-Northampton)	0%
Koczera	(D-New Bedford)	27%
Koutoujian	(D-Waltham)	0%
Kujawski	(D-Webster)	33%
Kulik	(D-Worthington)	7%
Lantigua	(D-Lawrence)	7%
Lewis	(D-Winchester)	14%
Linsky	(D-Natick)	7%
L'Italien	(D-Andover)	7%
Madden	(D-Nantucket)	7%
Malia	(D-Boston)	0%
McCarthy	(D-E. Bridgewater)	7%
McMurtry	(D-Dedham)	20%
Miceli	(D-Wilmington)	53%
Moran	(D-Boston)	0%
Murphy, C	(D-Burlington)	0%
Murphy, J	(D-Weymouth)	20%

Murphy, K	(D-Lowell)	21%
Nangle	(D-Lowell)	20%
Naughton	(D-Clinton)	7%
Nyman	(D-Hanover)	0%
O'Day	(D-West Boylston)	0%
O'Flaherty	(D-Chelsea)	0%
Patrick	(D-Falmouth)	20%
Peake	(D-Provincetown)	7%
Pedone	(D-Worcester)	0%
Peisch	(D-Wellesley)	7%
Perry	(R-Sandwich)	100%
Peterson	(R-Grafton)	97%
Pignatelli	(D-Lenox)	7%
Poirier	(R-North Attleboro)	100%
Polito	(R-Shrewsbury)	100%
Provost	(D-Somerville)	7%
Puppolo	(D-Springfield)	33%
Quinn	(D-Dartmouth)	47%
Reinstein	(D-Revere)	0%
Rice	(D-Gardner)	27%
Richardson	(D-Framingham)	13%
Rodrigues	(D-Westport)	7%
Rogers	(D-Norwood)	29%
Rosa	(D-Leominster)	40%
Ross	(R-Wrentham)	100%
Rush	(D-Boston)	35%
Rushing	(D-Boston)	0%
Sanchez	(D-Boston)	0%
Sandlin	(D-Springfield)	20%
Sannicandro	(D-Ashland)	7%
Scaccia	(D-Boston)	0%
Scibak	(D-South Hadley)	0%
Sciortino	(D-Medford)	13%
Smith	(D-Everett)	20%
Smizik	(D-Brookline)	0%
Smola	(R-Palmer)	100%
Speliotis	(D-Danvers)	0%
Spellane	(D-Worcester)	7%
Speranzo	(D-Pittsfield)	7%
Spiliotis	(D-Peabody)	13%
Stanley, H.	(D-West Newbury)	7%
Stanley, T	(D-Waltham)	55%
St. Fleur	(D-Boston)	0%
Story	(D-Amherst)	0%
Straus	(D-Mattapoisett)	7%
Sullivan	(D-Fall River)	7%
Swan	(D-Springfield)	0%
Timilty	(D-Milton)	27%
Tobin	(D-Quincy)	21%
Toomey	(D-Cambridge)	7%
Torrisi	(D-North Andover)	22%
Turner	(D-Dennis)	0%
Wagner	(D-Chicopee)	0%
Wallace	(D-Boston)	0%
Walsh, M	(D-Boston)	14%
Walsh, S	(D-Lynn)	0%
Walz	(D-Boston)	7%
Webster	(R-Pembroke)	100%
Welch	(D-West Springfield)	7%
Wolf	(D-Cambridge)	0%

**2009 Key House Roll Calls**

Index	Roll Call	Date	CLT Favored	Description
1	13	2/10/2009	Y	Independent audit of House finances to federal standards
2	14	2/10/2009	Y	Need two thirds roll call vote for a tax increase
3	21	2/10/2009	Y	Need two thirds vote to appropriate stabilization fund money
4	26	3/4/2009	Y	Sets up independent redistricting commission
5	51	4/6/2009	Y	Toll increases must be approved by roll call vote of House and Senate
6	75	4/13/2009	Y	Prohibits state pension fund from bonus to employee if fund has yearly loss
7	76	4/13/2009	Y	Caps state pension at 4 times average state pension
8	77	4/13/2009	Y	Eliminates "windfall" provision for state employees
9	78	4/13/2009	Y	Prohibits vacation time from counting as income to boost pensions
10	87	4/26/2009	N	Increase sales tax to 6.25%
11	133	4/30/2009	N	Delays state hiring freeze until DOR study
12	135	4/30/2009	N	Amendment providing \$25M to fund Quinn bill
13	145	6/2/2009	Y	Eliminates Bunker Hill and Evacuation Days holidays
14	263	11/17/2009	N	Further amendment to prevent sales tax increase vote
15	264	11/17/2009	N	Further amendment to prevent alcohol sales tax vote

**2009 CLT Key Senate Roll Calls**

Index	Roll Call	Date	CLT Favored	Description
1		1/28/2009	Y	Establishing independent redistricting commission
3		3/30/2009	Y	Cap state pensions at 4 times average state pension
4		3/30/2009	Y	Eliminates "windfall" provision for state employees
5		5/18/2009	N	Increase income tax rate to 5.95%
7		5/18/2009	N	Hike the gas tax 11 cents
8		5/18/2009	N	Increase sales tax to 6.25%
9		5/18/2009	N	Allows vote of town meeting/city council to impose 2% local meals tax
10		5/18/2009	N	Strikes meals tax part of municipal relief package
11		5/20/2009	Y	State wage and hiring freeze
12		5/20/2009	Y	Eliminates Bunker Hill and Evacuation Days holidays