



CITIZENS for Limited Taxation

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Legislative Ratings — 2011-2012 Session

Basis for CLT Legislative Ratings — 2011-2012 Session

Citizens for Limited Taxation rates legislators on direct and indirect taxpayer issues for which there were roll call votes.

During the 2011-2012 session we counted tax votes in both branches to roll back the state income tax rate and the sales tax rate to 5%, freeze Unemployment Insurance tax rates. There were votes in the Senate on sales/meals tax holidays, and to treat gaming revenues like budget revenues for the purpose of computing an income tax rate reduction. The House voted on a 2/3 vote requirement for a tax hike, and a state spending limit.

We like legislative reform votes: in the Senate to require that Committee votes be posted online, in the House to not send bills to a “study committee” if the sponsor objects, and to hold legislators’ testimony to the first half hour of a hearing, instead of giving them unlimited time ahead of citizens. The Senate voted on creating an independent redistricting commission, and the House on requiring voter IDs. On “transparency,” we liked House bills to require the State Auditor to account for every state-funded credit card and make MBTA pensions available on a website.

We counted as “good” votes in both branches to control illegal immigration, and on EBT card reform; we oppose requiring child-care providers to join a union.

On health care: Both branches had votes for a moratorium on new mandated health benefits. The Senate voted on a single payer health plan; this failed, but a last-minute vote on a healthcare “cost containment bill” approximates state socialized medicine. We counted the “Nay” votes as positive.

CLT Key House Roll Calls

Date	CLT Favored	Description
1/20/2011	Y	Tax hike needs two-thirds vote
1/20/2011	Y	Legislators limited to only first half-hour public hearings
2/16/2011	Y	Freeze Unemployment Insurance rates
4/25/2011	Y	Income Tax back to 5% over three years
4/28/2011	N	Further amendment to kill vote on public benefits for illegal aliens

Every Tax is a Pay Cut . . . A Tax Cut is a Pay Raise

4/28/2011	Y	Implement Secure Communities statewide
7/27/2011	N	Uphold ruling of the Chair to kill Sales Tax Rollback
2/15/2012	Y	Limit state spending to inflation and population growth
4/11/2012	Y	"Further study" ploy not allowed if sponsor objects
4/23/2012	Y	Sales Tax Rollback to 5% over three years
4/23/2012	Y	Requires State Auditor to account for every state-funded credit card
4/25/2012	Y	EBT Card Reform
5/31/2012	N	"Further study" on requiring voter IDs
6/5/2012	Y	Moratorium on new mandated health benefits
6/13/2012	N	Uphold ruling of the Chair to kill MBTA pension website availability
7/11/2012	N	Governor's amendment on EBT Card restrictions
7/11/2012	N	Governor's amendment: Auto registration easier for illegal aliens
7/26/2012	N	Child Care providers required to join union
7/30/2012	Y	Veto Override: Governor's auto registration easier for illegal aliens
7/31/2012	N	Conference Committee report on Healthcare "Cost Containment"

CLT Key Senate Roll Calls

Date	CLT Favored	Description
1/20/2011	Y	Publicize committee votes on legislation
1/20/2011	Y	Independent redistricting commission
2/10/2011	Y	Freeze Unemployment Insurance rates
5/25/2011	Y	SalesTax holiday
5/25/2011	Y	Reduce Sales Tax to 5% over two years
5/25/2011	Y	Reduce Income Tax over 3 years
7/2/2011	N	"Chair ruling" prevents Sales Tax vote
9/27/2011	Y	Gaming money treated like budget revenue
1/19/2012	N	"Chair ruling" prevents Meals Tax holiday vote
5/15/2012	N	Single Payer Health Plan
5/15/2012	Y	Moratorium on new Healthcare mandates
5/24/2012	Y	Prohibit EBT Card payments on non-essentials
7/19/2012	Y	Sales Tax rollback to 5% over two years
7/24/2012	N	Child Care providers required to join union
7/30/2012	Y	Veto override: Governor's auto registration easier for illegal aliens
7/31/2012	N	Conference Committee report on Healthcare "Cost Containment"

2011-2012 CLT HOUSE RATING

REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY/DISTRICT	RATING
Adams	(R-Andover)	100%
Aguiar	(D-Fall River)	25%
Andrews	(D-Orange)	10%
Arciero	(D-Westford)	50%
Ashe	(D-Longmeadow)	35%
Atkins	(D-Concord)	26%
Atsalis	(D-Barnstable)	30%
Ayers	(D-Quincy)	35%
Balser	(D-Newton)	10%
Barrows	(R-Mansfield)	95%
Basile	(D-Boston)	25%
Bastien	(R-Gardner)	100%
Beaton	(R-Shrewsbury)	100%
Benson	(D-Lunenburg)	21%
Binienda	(D-Worcester)	26%
Boldyga	(R-Southwick)	100%
Bradley	(D-Hingham)	26%
Brady	(D-Brockton)	30%
Brodeur	(D-Melrose)	25%
Cabral	(D-New Bedford)	25%
Calter	(D-Kingston)	40%
Campbell	(D-Methuen)	35%
Canavan	(D-Brockton)	42%
Cantwell	(D-Marshfield)	30%
Cariddi	(D-No. Adams)	26%
Chan	(D-Quincy)	25%
Coakley-Rivera	(D-Springfield)	16%
Collins	(D-Boston)	35%
Conroy	(D-Wayland)	21%
Coppinger	(D-Boston)	30%
Costello	(D-Newburyport)	26%
Creedon	(D-Brockton)	38%
Curran	(D-Springfield)	36%
Cusack	(D-Braintree)	30%

DeLeo	(D-Winthrop)	25%
deMacedo	(R-Plymouth)	95%
D'Emilia	(R-Bridgewater)	95%
Dempsey	(D-Haverhill)	25%
Devers	(D-Lawrence)	10%
Diehl	(R-Whitman)	95%
DiNatale	(D-Fitchburg)	45%
Donato	(D-Medford)	25%
Durant	(R-Spencer)	100%
Dwyer	(D-Woburn)	45%
Dykema	(D-Holliston)	25%
Ehrlich	(D-Marblehead)	30%
Fallon	(D-Malden)	48%
Farley-Bouvier	(D-Pittsfield)	8%
Fattman	(R-Sutton)	100%
Fennell	(D-Lynn)	35%
Ferguson	(R-Holden)	100%
Fernandes	(D-Milford)	36%
Ferrante	(D-Gloucester)	25%
Finn	(D-West Springfield)	25%
Forry	(D-Boston)	15%
Fox	(D-Boston)	10%
Fresolo	(D-Worcester)	35%
Frost	(R-Auburn)	95%
Galvin	(D-Canton)	25%
Garballey	(D-Arlington)	20%
Garlick	(D-Needham)	25%
Garry	(D-Dracut)	50%
Gifford	(R-Wareham)	100%
Gobi	(D-Spencer)	26%
Golden	(D-Lowell)	36%
Haddad	(D-Somerset)	25%
Harrington	(R-Groton)	100%
Hecht	(D-Watertown)	10%
Henriquez	(D-Boston)	15%
Hill	(R-Ipswich)	100%
Hogan	(D-Stow)	25%
Holmes	(D-Boston)	11%
Honan	(D-Boston)	25%

Howitt	(R-Seekonk)	95%
Humason	(R-Westfield)	100%
Hunt	(R-Sandwich)	95%
Jones	(R-North Reading)	95%
Kafka	(D-Stoughton)	25%
Kaufman	(D-Lexington)	11%
Keenan	(D-Salem)	25%
Khan	(D-Newton)	10%
Kocot	(D-Northampton)	20%
Koczera	(D-New Bedford)	38%
Kulik	(D-Worthington)	25%
Kuros	(R-Uxbridge)	100%
Lawn	(D-Watertown)	29%
Levy	(R-Marlboro)	100%
Lewis	(D-Winchester)	20%
Linsky	(D-Natick)	26%
Lombardo	(R-Billerica)	90%
Lyons	(R-Andover)	98%
Madden	(D-Nantucket)	26%
Mahoney	(D-Worcester)	25%
Malia	(D-Boston)	20%
Mariano	(D-Quincy)	25%
Mark	(D-Hancock)	25%
Markey	(D-Darmouth)	35%
McMurtry	(D-Dedham)	25%
Miceli	(D-Wilmington)	56%
Michlewitz	(D-Boston)	25%
Moran	(D-Boston)	21%
Murphy, C	(D-Burlington)	17%
Murphy, J	(D-Weymouth)	25%
Murphy, K	(D-Lowell)	35%
Nangle	(D-Lowell)	35%
Naughton	(D-Clinton)	36%
Nyman	(D-Hanover)	35%
O'Connell	(R-Taunton)	95%
O'Day	(D-West Boylston)	20%
O'Flaherty	(D-Chelsea)	25%
Orrall	(R-Lakeville)	100%
Parisella	(D-Beverly)	23%

Peake	(D-Provincetown)	25%
Peisch	(D-Wellesley)	21%
Peterson	(R-Grafton)	95%
Petrolati	(D-Ludlow)	35%
Pignatelli	(D-Lenox)	21%
Poirier	(R-North Attleboro)	95%
Provost	(D-Somerville)	10%
Puppolo	(D-Springfield)	35%
Reinstein	(D-Revere)	25%
Rogers	(D-Norwood)	26%
Rosa	(D-Leominster)	46%
Ross	(R-Attleboro)	90%
Rushing	(D-Boston)	5%
Sanchez	(D-Boston)	15%
Sannicandro	(D-Ashland)	21%
Scaccia	(D-Boston)	25%
Schmid	(D-Westport)	25%
Scibak	(D-South Hadley)	26%
Sciortino	(D-Medford)	15%
Smith	(D-Everett)	30%
Smizik	(D-Brookline)	10%
Smola	(R-Palmer)	100%
Speliotis	(D-Danvers)	32%
Spiliotis	(D-Peabody)	30%
Stanley, H.	(D-West Newbury)	53%
Stanley, T	(D-Waltham)	30%
Story	(D-Amherst)	15%
Straus	(D-Mattapoisett)	30%
Sullivan	(D-Fall River)	25%
Swan	(D-Springfield)	10%
Timilty	(D-Milton)	40%
Toomey	(D-Cambridge)	15%
Torrisi	(D-North Andover)	25%
Turner	(D-Dennis)	15%
Vieira	(R-Falmouth)	92%
Wagner	(D-Chicopee)	30%
Walsh, C	(D-Framingham)	35%
Walsh, M	(D-Boston)	20%
Walsh, S	(D-Lynn)	25%

Walz	(D-Boston)	25%
Webster	(R-Pembroke)	98%
Winslow	(R-Norfolk)	100%
Wolf	(D-Cambridge)	10%
Wong	(R-Saugus)	95%

2011-2012 CLT SENATE RATING

SENATOR	PARTY/DISTRICT	RATING
Berry	(D-Peabody)	15%
Brewer	(D-Barre)	19%
Brownsberger	(D-Belmont)	0%
Candaras	(D-Wilbraham)	19%
Chandler	(D-Worcester)	25%
Chang-Diaz	(D-Boston)	13%
Clark	(D-Melrose)	13%
Creem	(D-Newton)	19%
DiDomenico	(D-Cambridge)	6%
Donnelly	(D-Arlington)	6%
Donoghue	(D-Lowell)	21%
Downing	(D-Pittsfield)	6%
Eldridge	(D-Acton)	19%
Fargo	(D-Lincoln)	19%
Finegold	(D-Andover)	27%
Flanagan	(D-Leominster)	19%
Hart	(D-Boston)	19%
Hedlund	(R-Weymouth)	88%
Jehlen	(D-Somerville)	6%
Joyce	(D-Milton)	19%
Keenan	(D-Quincy)	19%
Kennedy	(D-Brockton)	19%
Knapik	(R-Westfield)	88%
McGee	(D-Lynn)	6%
Montigny	(D-New Bedford)	19%
Moore, M	(D-Millbury)	19%
Moore, R	(D-Uxbridge)	26%
Murray	(D-Plymouth)	*

Pacheco	(D-Taunton)	6%
Petrucelli	(D-Boston)	19%
Roderigues	(D-Westport)	25%
Rosenberg	(D-Amherst)	7%
Ross	(R-Wrentham)	94%
Rush	(D-Boston)	24%
Spilka	(D-Ashland)	19%
Tarr	(R-Gloucester)	94%
Timilty	(D-Walpole)	63%
Welch	(D-West Springfield)	19%
Wolf	(D-Harwich)	6%

* *As Senate President, Therese Murray rarely casts a roll call vote.*