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District	Member/w link											
Senate-G	Lyda Green (R)-Matanuska-Susitna *	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	N/A	94%	A
Senate-H	Charlie Huggins (R)-Wasilla	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/E	-	N/A	86%	A
Senate-A	Bert Stedman (R)-Sitka	+	+	+	+	+	A/E	+	-	N/A	73%	B
Senate-N	Lesil McGuire (R)-Anchorage	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	N/A	69%	B
Senate-P	Con Bunde (R)-Anchorage	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	N/A	67%	B
Senate-S	Lyman Hoffman (D)-Bethel	+	+	A/E	A/E	+	A/E	+	-	N/A	63%	B
Senate-I	Fred Dyson (R)-Eagle River	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	N/A	56%	C
Senate-Q	Thomas Wagoner(R)-Kenai	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	N/A	55%	C
Senate-O	John Cowdery (R)-Anchorage *	A/E	A/E	+	+	+	+	+	-	N/A	51%	C
Senate-E	Gary Wilken (R)-Fairbanks *	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	N/A	50%	C
Senate-T	Donald Olson (D)-Nome	-	-	+	A/E	+	+	+	-	N/A	45%	C
Senate-F	Gene Therriault(R)-North Pole	-	-	+	A/E	+	+	-	+	N/A	43%	C
Senate-D	Joe Thomas(D)-Fairbanks	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	N/A	33%	D
Senate-J	Bill Wielechowski(D)-Anchorage	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	N/A	33%	D
Senate-R	Gary Stevens (R)-Kodiak	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	N/A	32%	D
Senate-C	Al Kookesh (D)-Angoon	-	-	+	+	+	+	A/E	-	N/A	30%	D
Senate-K	Bettye Davis (D)-Anchorage	-	-	+	+	+	+	A/E	-	N/A	30%	D
Senate-B	Kim Elton (D)-Juneau	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	N/A	18%	F
Senate-M	Hollis French(D)- Anchorage	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	N/A	13%	F
Senate-L	Johnny Ellis (D)-Anchorage	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	N/A	7%	F

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House-34	Mike Chenault (R)-Nikiski	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	124%	A+
House-29	Ralph Samuels(R)-Anchorage*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	118%	A+
House-10	Jay Ramras (R)-Fairbanks	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	112%	A+
House-39	Richard Foster (D)-Nome	+	A/E	A/E	+	A/E	+	+	A/E	A/E	106%	A+
House-32	Mike Hawker(R)-Anchorage	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	106%	A+
House-28	Craig Johnson (R)-Anchorage	+	+	+	+	+	+	A/E	-	+	104%	A+
House-19	Bob Roses (R)-Anchorage	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	99%	A
House-17	Anna Fairclough(R)-Eagle River	+	+	A/E	+	+	+	+	-	+	99%	A
House-15	Mark Neuman (R)-Wasilla	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	A/E	94%	A
House-1	Kyle Johansen (R)-Ketchikan	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	93%	A
House-2	Peggy Wilson (R)-Wrangell	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	93%	A
House-33	Kurt Olson (R)-Kenai	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	93%	A
House-5	William "Bill" Thomas, Jr (R) -Haines	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	74%	B
House-16	Bill Stoltze(R)-Chugiak/Matsu	+	-	+	A/E	+	+	+	-	+	72%	B
House-30	Kevin Meyer(R)-Anchorage *	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	68%	B
House-12	John Harris(R)-Valdez	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	62%	C
House-18	Nancy Dahlstrom (R)-Anchorage	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	62%	C
House-25	Mike Doogan(D)-Anchorage	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	61%	C
House-9	Scott Kawasaki(D)-Fairbanks	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	56%	C
House-27	Bob Buch(D)-Anchorage	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	55%	C
House-31	Bob Lynn (R)-Anchorage	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	49%	C
House-7	Michael "Mike" Kelly (R)-Fairbanks	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	49%	C
House-21	Harry Crawford (D)-Anchorage	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	49%	C
House-36	Gabrielle LeDoux (R)-Kodiak *	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	47%	C
House-11	John Coghil, Jr. (R)-North Pole	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	43%	C
House-13	Carl Gatto(R)-Palmer	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	43%	C
House-14	Wes Keller (R)-Wasilla	-	-	A/E	+	+	+	A/E	-	+	40%	D
House-6	Woodie Salmon (D)-Beaver	-	-	+	+	A/E	+	+	-	+	40%	D
House-40	Reggie Joule(D)-Kotzebue	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	38%	D
House-24	Berta Gardner (D)-Anchorage	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	36%	D
House-26	Lindsey Holmes (D)-Anchorage	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	33%	D
House-20	Max Gruenberg (D)-Anchorage	-	-	+	-	A/E	+	+	-	-	29%	D
House-8	David Guttenberg(D)-Fairbanks	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	27%	D
House-4	Andrea Doll (D)-Juneau	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	20%	F
House-38	Mary Nelson (D)-Bethel*	A/E	-	A/E	+	A/E	-	+	-	A/E	20%	F
House-22	Sharon Cissna (D)-Anchorage	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	18%	F
House-37	Bryce Edgmon(D)-Dillingham	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	11%	F
House-3	Beth Kerttula (D)-Juneau	-	-	+	-	-	A/E	+	-	+	8%	F
House-35	Paul Seaton (R)-Homer	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-3%	F-
House-23	Les Gara(D)-Anchorage	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-31%	F-

Key Vote Narrative

[HB 3001 – AGIA/TransCanada](#)

This bill, passed by the Legislature on August 1 and signed into law by the Governor on September 15, approves the AGIA license issued to TransCanada for the purposes of planning and construction of an Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline. ProsperityAlaska.org has no opposition to the TCAAlaska proposal, but rather objects to problematic components of the original AGIA bill. The \$500 million inducement included in AGIA provides no guarantee that a pipeline, under the TCAAlaska proposal, will actually be constructed and the triple damages provisions (the State of Alaska is liable for damages three times of the amount invested by TransCanada to advance the project) exposes the State to unnecessary risk and limit our options in the future should the State decide to assist with another gas pipeline project.

ProsperityAlaska.org Vote Recommendation: Nay

Weighting Value for Final Score: 25%

[HB 2001 – ACES](#)

This bill, passed during the November 2007 Special Session, substantially increased taxes on oil production primarily on Alaska's North Slope. This is the third major tax increase on oil production in three years, more than tripling Alaska's revenue from oil production. The increase in the base tax rate with the tax rate accelerator based on oil prices creates tax rates that can exceed 80%. As a result of this tax increase, Alaska has one of the highest government takes of any major oil production tax regimes in the world. This tax increase is harmful to new exploration and production investments. Those new investments are critical to offsetting declining production at Prudhoe Bay.

ProsperityAlaska.org Vote Recommendation: Nay

Weighting Value for Final Score: 25%

[HJR 17 – Kensington Mine Appeal](#)

This joint resolution encourages Coeur Alaska, Inc. to pursue all legal avenues to resolve the issues presented in the lawsuit between the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Resolving this lawsuit is critical to helping the State of Alaska assert its rights over natural resource development on state lands. This case is pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. The State of Alaska and Coeur Alaska requested a [writ of certiorari](#) from the Supreme Court to review the ruling issued by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

ProsperityAlaska.org Vote Recommendation: Yea

Weighting Value for Final Score: 4.8%

HR/SR 6 – Opposing Polar Bear Endangered Species Act Listing

These simple resolutions oppose the U.S. Fish and Wildlife’s designation of the polar bear to the Endangered Species list. Various scientific studies about polar populations and the availability of their habitat are conflicting. More importantly, such a designation has a tremendous impact on the State of Alaska’s ability to manage natural resource development on the North Slope.

ProsperityAlaska.org Vote Recommendation: Yea

Weighting Value for Final Score: 5.1%

HJR 21 – World Heritage Sites

This joint resolution opposes any international designation of Alaska lands as a world heritage site or any other biosphere reserve without the express authorization of the Alaska State Legislature. World Heritage Sites are established by the United Nations (UNESCO - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) designating forests, mountains, lakes, deserts, buildings, complexes or cities as having cultural or natural importance. Such a designation would prevent natural resource development within the boundaries of the site. In Alaska, portions of the Chukchi Sea and waters and lands of the Bering Strait have been proposed as a world heritage site. This would prevent the development of vast oil, gas, and coal deposits in that area.

ProsperityAlaska.org Vote Recommendation: Yea

Weighting Value for Final Score: 5.1%

HB 149 – NPDES Primacy

This bill made amendments to Alaska Statute regarding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) to conform to requirements of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). These amendments were necessary in order to allow the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to assert primary oversight over NPDES permitting. Without these changes, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would retain primary authority over this permitting process in Alaska. NPDES permitting is essential for many natural resource development projects.

ProsperityAlaska.org Vote Recommendation: Yea

Weighting Value for Final Score: 15%

SB 125 – PERS/TRS Contributions/Unfunded Liability

SB 125 stabilizes employer contribution rates at 22% for PERS and 12.56% for TRS. This change was necessary to reduce the growing budget pressure on PERS/TRS employers (school districts, municipalities, boroughs, state government, etc.) increasing contribution rates were causing. These

increases were due largely to employers attempting to address the unfunded liability of the public retirement systems. This bill not only reduces budgetary stress on employers, it also responsibly addresses the unfunded liability of both retirement plans.

ProsperityAlaska.org Vote Recommendation: Yea

Weighting Value for Final Score: 8%

SB 221 –Capital Budget

While the capital, operating, and supplemental budgets all included substantial savings of the revenue windfall, all of them included sizeable spending increases. Although the capital budget is considerably smaller than the operating budget, the percentage growth between FY 08 and FY 09 is considerably higher. In addition to the increased spending generally, there is real concern that these capital projects could cause longer-term damage as a result of overheating Alaska’s economy and creating unsustainable operating budget obligations in the future.

ProsperityAlaska.org Vote Recommendation: Nay

Weighting Value for Final Score: 12%

Notes on weighting and score calculation: Also contributing to final scores are bill sponsorships and co-sponsorships. Members received one full point for prime sponsorship of pro-prosperity bills and lost one full point for prime sponsorship for anti-prosperity bills. Likewise members received or lost a half point for co-sponsorship of “good” or “bad” bills. These credits or demerits were awarded regardless of whether the bill passed.

House members voting “Yea” on HJR 28 also received 5% extra credit on their final score.

Scorecard Key –

+ Pro-prosperity vote

– Anti-prosperity vote

A/E Absent or Excused for the vote

***** Not running for reelection or running for different office

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