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This legislator voted constitutionally on **17%** of the votes shown below.

★ Pro-liberty	✖ Anti-liberty	? Did not Vote	**Vote**

1. HB1718 Sound Money (Passed 82 to 8 on 4/3/2023). Reaffirms gold and silver coins as legal tender in the state, exempting them from taxation as personal property.
No ✖

2. HB1748 Article V "Limitations" (Passed 61 to 11 on 4/4/2023). Provides false assurance by stating it "regulates" the state's participation in an Article V Convention as per the U.S. Constitution.
No ★

3. SB306 Food Stamps (Passed 65 to 16 on 3/30/2023). Increases food stamp eligibility in the state and increases SNAP amounts.
Yes ✖

4. SB199 Sex Change for Minors (Passed 76 to 17 on 3/8/2023). Allows malpractice lawsuits for transgender surgery for minors, effectively ending the practice.
No ✖

5. SB258 Drop Box Ban (Passed 80 to 16 on 3/13/2023). Prohibits the use of absentee ballot drop boxes during elections.
No ✖

6. SB542 Abortion (Passed 80 to 12 on 4/5/2023). Specifies an abortion provider must perform an obstetric ultrasound and provide a simultaneous verbal explanation of the ultrasound images before an abortion.
No ✖

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE
SCORECARD
BASED ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Rep. David Whitaker
Lifetime Score: 8%

AR Scorecard 2023
2023 Regular Session Score

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

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Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

1. Sound Money

HB1718 reaffirms gold and silver coins as legal tender in the state, exempting them from taxation as personal property.

The Arkansas State House of Representatives passed HB1718 on April 3, 2023 by a vote of 82 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill is a strong step toward restoring constitutional money and the gold standard.

2. Article V "Limitations"

HB1748 "regulates" the state's participation in an Article V Convention as per the U.S. Constitution. It defines terms, outlines delegate appointments, mandates an oath, sets instructions, and establishes a Delegate Advisory Group for guidance and oversight, all of which are simply false assurances.

The Arkansas State House of Representatives passed HB1748 on April 4, 2024 by a vote of 61 to 11. We have assigned pluses to the nays because a so-called "Convention of the States" would not be of "limited" purpose. This bill is deceitful and is a hollow promise to make people try to feel better about a potential disastrous convention. Article V of the U.S. Constitution was designed to correct structural deficiencies in the federal government, not the behavior of its elected officials.

3. Food Stamps

SB306 increases food stamp eligibility in the state and increases SNAP amounts.

The Arkansas State House of Representatives passed SB306 on March 30, 2023 by a vote of 65 to 16. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the U.S. constitution does not permit federal social-welfare programs and propping people up via government support. This expands the size of government and promotes socialist ideologies. Arkansas and other states should not implement these federal programs.

4. Sex Change for Minors

SB199 allows malpractice lawsuits for transgender surgery for minors, effectively ending the practice.

The Arkansas State House of Representatives passed SB199 on March 8, 2023 by a vote of 76 to 17. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because Marxists and Leftists are pushing their woke agenda — telling everyone that one can choose their own gender and decide what their pronouns are. They are pushing this on younger generations, which is pure indoctrination.

5. Drop Box Ban

SB258 prohibits the use of absentee ballot drop boxes during elections.

The Arkansas State House of Representatives passed SB258 on March 13, 2023 by a vote of 80 to 16. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because drop boxes compromise the integrity of our elections, opening the door to fraudulent behavior, which ultimately drives people to lose faith in the election process. We must continue to push back against measures such as drop boxes and early voting.

6. Abortion

SB542 specifies that before a pregnant woman gives informed consent to an abortion or receives any anesthesia or medication for an abortion, the provider must perform an obstetric ultrasound and provide a simultaneous verbal explanation of the ultrasound images. The provider must also display the ultrasound images for the patient to view, document this in the patient's medical record, provide a medical description of the images, and retain the images in the medical record.

The Arkansas State House of Representatives passed SB542 on April 5, 2023 by a vote of 80 to 12. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because states should act to ban abortion and guarantee the right to life for all persons. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the 5th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.