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Senate District SD-005
Democrat



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1. SB40 Electric Vehicle Charging Act (Passed 39 to 16 on None 3/29/2023). Provides that a new single-family residence or a small multifamily residence shall have at least one electric-vehicle-capable parking space for each residential unit that has dedicated parking. ?

2. HB2862 Business Rights (Passed 49 to 3 on 5/17/2023). None Provides that no day and temporary labor service agency may send a day or temporary laborer to a place where a strike, a lockout, or other labor trouble exists. ?

3. HB1956 Pronoun Change (Passed 36 to 19 on None 5/4/2023). Amends multiple Acts related to children by making language changes aimed at gender "neutrality" and "clarity". ?

4. HB3491 Prevailing Wage (Passed 40 to 16 on None 5/4/2023). Grants laborers, workers, or mechanics employed by contractors or lower tier sub-contractors the right to take legal action if they are paid less than the prevailing wage rates for work on a project. ?

5. SB1909 Government Weaponization (Passed 36 to 19 on None 3/31/2023). Prohibits pro-life limited-services pregnancy centers from using "unfair" competition or "deceptive" practices to prevent individuals from accessing abortion or emergency contraception providers, persuade individuals to use their services, "mislead" in advertising or offering pregnancy-related services, or conduct pregnancy-related services "unfairly" or "deceptively". ?

6. HB3751 Illegal Aliens as Law Enforcement Officers (Passed None 37 to 20 on 5/18/2023). Allows individuals with deferred immigration action under DACA to apply for positions such as police officer, deputy sheriff, or special policeman, given they meet certain requirements. ?



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Sen. Patricia Vanpelt-Watkins

IL Scorecard 2023

Lifetime Score: 8%

2023-2024 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. Electric Vehicle Charging Act

SB40 provides that a new single-family residence or a small multifamily residence shall have at least one electric-vehicle-capable parking space for each residential unit that has dedicated parking.

The Illinois State Senate passed SB40 on March 29, 2023 by a vote of 39 to 16. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation creates more government interference in the free-market economy and advances the Marxist climate-change agenda. Businesses and developers should have the freedom to conduct business without the government meddling in their affairs by setting unrealistic and costly regulations.

2. Business Rights

HB2862 provides that no day and temporary labor service agency may send a day or temporary laborer to a place where a strike, a lockout, or other labor trouble exists.

The Illinois State Senate passed HB2862 on May 17, 2023 by a vote of 49 to 3. We have assigned pluses to the nays because businesses should have the freedom to make their own decisions regarding labor practices without government intervention. This restricts the ability of businesses to operate freely by preventing them from accessing a flexible labor pool during times of labor unrest. Additionally, it limits the freedom of laborers to choose where they work by restricting their access to job opportunities.

3. Pronoun Change

HB1596 amends multiple Acts related to children by making language changes aimed at gender "neutrality" and "clarity". These changes involve replacing pronouns with the nouns they refer to, substituting instances of the word "biological," and modifying statutes to ensure they are "gender-inclusive". Leftists claim these adjustments aim to promote "fairness" and "inclusivity" in the legal framework surrounding children's rights and welfare.

The Illinois State Senate passed HB1596 on May 4, 2023 by a vote of 36 to 19. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the Left has been promoting radical Marxist ideas like this for years. The indoctrination that leads people to believe that they can choose their pronouns is immoral. Additionally, minors are not yet capable of giving informed consent and should not have the ability to choose a gender that contradicts their scientific classification.

4. Prevailing Wage

HB3491 grants laborers, workers, or mechanics employed by contractors or lower tier sub-contractors the right to take legal action if they are paid less than the prevailing wage rates for work on a project. They can seek the difference between their actual pay and the required prevailing rates.

The Illinois State Senate passed HB3491 on May 4, 2023 by a vote of 40 to 16. We have assigned pluses to the nays because prevailing wage laws increase the cost of construction projects by mandating higher wages for workers. This can lead to higher overall project costs, forcing taxpayers to pay more for projects that could potentially be completed for less. Additionally, prevailing wage laws distort the labor market by artificially inflating wages for certain types of construction work, violating free-market principles.

5. Government Weaponization

SB1909 prohibits pro-life limited-services pregnancy centers from using "unfair" competition or "deceptive" practices to prevent individuals from accessing abortion or emergency contraception providers, persuade individuals to use their services, "mislead" in advertising or offering pregnancy-related services, or conduct pregnancy-related services "unfairly" or "deceptively".

The Illinois State Senate passed SB1909 on March 31, 2023 by a vote of 36 to 19. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this is a clear example of government overreach and the weaponization of legislative power against political opponents. By imposing restrictions on limited services pregnancy centers under the guise of preventing unfair competition and deceptive practices, this legislation undermines freedom of speech. It sets a dangerous precedent of using government authority to target and suppress certain viewpoints within the realm of abortion.

6. Illegal Aliens as Law Enforcement Officers

HB3751 allows individuals with deferred immigration action under DACA to apply for positions such as police officer, deputy sheriff, or special policeman, given they meet certain requirements.

The Illinois State Senate passed HB3751 on May 18, 2023 by a vote of 37 to 20. We have assigned the pluses to the nays because persons who enter the United States illegally—which, by definition, is a crime—ought not to be permitted sanctuary or residency in Illinois, let alone be considered eligible for appointment as local police officers and deputy sheriffs. Rather than pursue a blatantly unconstitutional and anti-American policy that erodes both the rule of law and the value of citizenship, Illinois should use its powers reserved under the U.S. Constitution's 10th Amendment to end the crisis of illegal

migration and provide for the public safety.