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This legislator voted constitutionally on **0%** of the votes shown below.

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

1. SB40 Electric Vehicle Charging Act (Passed 69 to 38 on 5/4/2023). 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. HB2782 Woke Investments (Passed 79 to 26 on 3/23/2023). Mandates that every investment manager must annually disclose how they incorporate sustainability factors into their investment processes. **✗**

3. HB3491 Prevailing Wage (Passed 75 to 36 on 3/22/2023). 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. **✗**

4. HB2528 Hunger-Free Campus (Passed 106 to 5 on 3/21/2023). Requires the Board of Higher Education to establish a hunger-free campus grant program. **✗**

5. SB1909 Government Weaponization (Passed 72 to 40 on 5/10/2023). 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 100 to 7 on 5/19/2023). Allows individuals with deferred immigration action under DACA to apply for positions like police officer, deputy sheriff, or special policeman, given they meet certain requirements. **✗**



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Rep. Harry Benton

IL Scorecard 2023

Lifetime Score: 0%

2023-2024 Regular Session Score 0%

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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 House of Representatives passed SB40 on May 4, 2023 by a vote of 69 to 38. 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. Woke Investments

HB2782 mandates that every investment manager must annually disclose how they incorporate sustainability factors into their investment processes. This includes detailing how they integrate sustainability into decision-making, analysis, portfolio construction, due diligence, and investment ownership.

The Illinois State House of Representatives passed HB2782 on March 23, 2023 by a vote of 79 to 26. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this is another example of government interfering in the lives of its citizens by strong-arming investment managers to force people into investing in "woke" companies and businesses. The free market should control how people invest their money, and the government should not monitor private commerce.

3. 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 House of Representatives passed HB3491 on March 22, 2023 by a vote of 75 to 36. 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 work, violating free-market principles.

4. Hunger-Free Campus

HB2528 requires the Board of Higher Education to establish a hunger-free campus grant program. Provides that the hunger-free campus grant program shall provide grants to public institutions of higher education that have one or more campuses designated by the Board as hunger-free campuses.

The Illinois State House of Representatives passed HB2528 on March 21, 2023 by a vote of 106 to 5. We have assigned pluses to the nays because taxpayers should not be obligated to subsidize food for college students. Going to college is not mandatory, and burdening taxpayers with funding a grant that benefits only a specific group of individuals sets a bad precedent. This program represents another step towards socialism, as it involves government intervention in providing for the needs of citizens that could be addressed through individual responsibility or private initiatives.

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 House of Representatives passed SB1909 on May 10, 2023 by a vote of 72 to 40. 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 like police officer, deputy sheriff, or special policeman, given they meet certain requirements.

The Illinois State House of Representatives on May 19, 2023 by a vote of 100 to 7. 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. 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.