



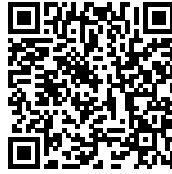
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This legislator voted constitutionally on **33%** of the votes shown below.

CPH: Estimated cost per household.

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

1. SB55 Prohibiting Ranked-Choice Voting (passed 63 to 5 on 3/1/2023). Prevents the State Board of Elections from authorizing and a political subdivision from establishing a system of ranked-choice voting. **Yes** ★

2. HB1220 Criminal Immunity for Women Who Have Abortions (passed 63 to 7 on 2/21/2023). Provides that that a female who undergoes an unlawful abortion may not be held criminally liable. **Yes** ✗

3. HB1235 Conscience Exemption from COVID-19 Vaccination (failed 30 to 39 on 2/16/2023). Declares that a person has the right to be exempt from any COVID-19 vaccination mandate on the basis of conscience. **No** ✗

4. HB1193 "Electronic Money" in the Uniform Commercial Code (passed 49 to 17 on 2/13/2023). Would adopt a new definition of "electronic money" in the Uniform Commercial Code. **Yes** ✗

5. HB1133 Banning Eminent Domain for CO₂ Pipelines (passed 40 to 28 on 2/9/2023). Defines a commodity for the purpose of qualifying as a common carrier. **No** ✗

6. HB1080 Protecting Minors from Sex Mutilation (passed 60 to 10 on 2/2/2023). Prohibits certain medical and surgical interventions on minor patients, including puberty blockers and gender affirmation surgeries. **Yes** ★



LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

BASED ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Rep. Kirk Chaffee

SD Scorecard 2023

Lifetime Score: 42%

2023 Regular Session Score 33%

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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. Prohibiting Ranked-Choice Voting

SB55 prevents the State Board of Elections from authorizing and a political subdivision from establishing a system of ranked-choice voting.

States should oppose all attempts to enact ranked-choice voting. This complicated, multiple-round, and unconstitutional method weakens election integrity by allowing a candidate to potentially win without genuine support from a plurality of voters. The scheme's ballot casting requirements not only undermine each citizen's right to vote, but could prevent them from being able to vote for the one and only candidate of their choice.

2. Criminal Immunity for Women Who Have Abortions

HB1220 provides that that a female who undergoes an unlawful abortion may not be held criminally liable.

Justice is the overall purpose and greatest responsibility of civil government. The state has a dual role of providing equal justice under the law by both protecting the unalienable right to life for each person and punishing any person who deprives it. South Dakota has a duty to secure this most sacred and fundamental right, as guaranteed by the 5th and 14th Amendments of U.S. Constitution.

3. Conscience Exemption from COVID-19 Vaccination

HB1235 declares that a person has the right to be exempt from any COVID-19 vaccination mandate on the basis of conscience. This act would not apply to public or private entities in violation of certain federal regulations or the South Dakota National Guard.

Vaccine mandates ought to be nullified, as an individual's non-injurious activities, including personal health care decisions, are private matters that should not be under federal, state, or local jurisdiction in the United States. To compel American citizens to receive medical treatment would be to violate their fundamental rights protected by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

4. "Electronic Money" in the Uniform Commercial Code

HB1193 would adopt a new definition of "electronic money" in the Uniform Commercial Code.

This bill disturbingly changes the definition of money to end free-market-based cryptocurrencies and pave the way for an exclusively government-controlled Central Bank Digital Currency—presenting a significant danger to Americans' civil liberties. The power to "coin money," let alone authorize or adopt the use of "electronic money," is among the powers denied to the States in Article 1, Section 10, of the U.S. Constitution.

5. Banning Eminent Domain for Carbon Capture Pipelines

HB1133 defines a commodity for the purpose of qualifying as a common carrier.

This bill would have effectively banned the abuse of eminent domain for carbon dioxide pipelines by clarifying that they are not common carriers of a commodity under South Dakota law. The recent and unjust expansion of carbon capture storage systems in the United States is closely connected to the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for "sustainable development," and threatens the property rights of American farmers and ranchers.

6. Protecting Minors from Sex Mutilation

HB1080 prohibits certain medical and surgical interventions on minor patients, including puberty blockers and gender affirmation surgeries.

South Dakota acted lawfully to ban sex mutilation against minors, which not only violates the unalienable right to life and limb of children, but absurdly attempts to erase biological "sex" with fictional "gender" constructs. According to the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the States have a duty to protect the humanity of all people—male and female—who, as the Declaration of Independence affirms, are created by God and form the basis of individual and family self-government.