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

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

H217 Statewide Preschool Funding (passed 116 to 31 on 6/20/2023). Would require all school districts to provide full day kindergarten care to all children in the district. **Yes** ✗

S5 Cap and Trade Scheme (passed 107 to 42 on 5/11/2023). Would force a carbon credit system upon businesses, and increase the role of the state in energy matters. -- ?

H165 Government-Funded Lunches (passed 122 to 25 on 5/10/2023). Would take money from the federal government to provide universal school lunches in Vermont. -- ?

H230 Red Flag Law (passed 106 to 34 on 5/5/2023). Allows family members to report someone as unstable, prohibiting them from purchasing a weapon. -- ?

S37 "Reproductive Health" (passed 114 to 24 on 4/21/2023). Requires insurance companies to provide so-called gender affirming health care and abortion coverage to residents of Vermont. **Yes** ✗

H126 Climate Change "Education" (Passed 108 to 36 on 3/23/2023). Would bring 50 percent of Vermont's total land area under conservation status by 2050. **Yes** ✗



VERMONT LEGISLATIVE **SCORECARD** BASED ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Rep. Nelson Brownell
Lifetime Score: **11%**

VT Scorecard 2023
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. Statewide Preschool Funding

H217 requires all school districts in the state to provide a full day kindergarten service, available to anyone in the district.

The Vermont General Assembly passed H217 on June 20, 2023, by a vote of 116 to 31. We have assigned pluses to the nays because education is the responsibility of—and a fundamental right of choice retained by—a child's parents or legal guardians, not the government. Forcing American citizens to furnish ever-increasing sums of taxpayer money for a compulsory, government-run, and failed school system violates their individual liberty protected by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.

2. Cap and Trade Scheme

S5 would put in place a carbon credit system that allots companies a certain amount of emissions each year, with the ability to buy or sell such credits.

The Vermont General Assembly passed S5 on May 11, 2023, by a vote of 107 to 42, after the bill was vetoed by the Governor. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill expands government by pushing for interventions infringing on individual freedoms and economic liberties. Tax dollars should not go toward complying with any aspect of the UN's Agenda 2030, as it is not constitutional. Additionally, this legislation creates more government interference in the free-market economy and advances the Marxist climate change agenda. Businesses should have the freedom to conduct business without the government meddling in their affairs by setting unrealistic and costly regulations.

3. Government-Funded Lunches

H165 would take federal funds and use them as reimbursements for schools to provide free lunch meals for students in Vermont.

The Vermont General Assembly passed H0165 on May 10, 2023, by a vote of 122 to 25. We have assigned pluses to the nays because taxpayers should not be funding meals for all public-school students. This bill increases government spending and expands the role of government. Providing free meals to all students, regardless of need, removes the personal responsibility of parents and guardians to provide for their children's meals.

4. Red Flag Law

H230 allows family members to report someone as mentally unstable, which can result in them being prohibited from purchasing a firearm.

The Vermont General Assembly passed H0230 on May 5, 2023 by a vote of 106 to 34. We have assigned pluses to the nays because red-flag laws are a gross violation of our 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 14th Amendment rights. Ultimately, the right of the American people to keep and bear arms is protected by the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and should not be infringed upon.

5. "Reproductive Health"

S37 would require insurance companies to provide so-called gender affirming health care as well as abortion coverage to residents of Vermont.

The Vermont General Assembly passed S0037 on April 21, 2023, by a vote of 114 to 24. We have assigned minuses to the ayes because no person has a right to abuse a child using the pretext of LGBTQ+ ideology, nor should any insurer ever be compelled to cover the practice of abortion. On the contrary, 'child grooming'—whether it involves indoctrinating a child with cruel and fictional "gender identity" constructs or violating their right to life and limb through the grotesque practice of sex mutilation—should be considered illegal in Vermont and be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

6. Climate Change "Education"

H126 empowers a commission to take action to fight "climate change" and puts in sweeping measures addressed at reducing carbon emissions.

The Vermont General Assembly passed H126 on March 23, 2023 by a vote of 108 to 36. We have assigned pluses to the nays as there is no constitutional authority for federal, state, or local government to pursue such policy, particularly in the name of "climate change." Unjust encroachments on Americans' private property or undue interference with their free-market enterprise is protected against by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.