



Legislative Accountability Rating

Legislative Accountability Ratings have been compiled by Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life from key House and Senate votes recorded on bills and amendments on which MCCL lobbied during each session. Each annual report is issued as a reference for members of MCCL and is not intended to imply endorsement of, or opposition to, any member of the Minnesota Legislature.

Every year members of the House and Senate vote on a wide range of issues which affect life and the pro-life movement. Votes recorded here are either passage of a bill or an amendment or a procedural motion. Amendments can greatly weaken or alter a bill; a procedural vote can affect the fate of a bill.

This Legislative Accountability Rating is not a cumulative voting record but is representative of scored votes taken during *one* legislative year on issues upon which MCCL holds positions. Members of the Minnesota House of Representatives are elected for two-year terms while members of the Minnesota Senate are elected for four-year terms.

The votes and percentages for each legislator are printed in the accompanying charts for the House and the Senate respectively.

Key for Legislative Accountability Rating Charts

- x** Voted for the pro-life position
- o** Voted against the pro-life position
- e** Legislator was excused from session
- n** Legislator was present but chose not to cast that particular vote

There are two ratings (percentages) for each vote. While MCCL believes that the business of legislators is legislating, it recognizes that there are some valid excuses for a member's absence, such as illness.

% #1

Percentage of time the legislator's vote supported MCCL's position. In this case an "e" or "n" vote (meaning the legislator did not vote) is considered a vote against MCCL's position.

% #2

Percentage of time the legislator voted "with" MCCL when he/she voted. In this case, the "e" or "n" vote is not counted.