



**AFSCME  
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2017  
LEGISLATIVE  
REPORT CARD**

# 2017 Minnesota Legislative Session

## Senate

### 1. SENATE OMNIBUS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BILL

- Senate File 800 proposed cutting Health and Human Services by a drastic \$333 million – it lacked crucial investments and showcased many misplaced priorities.
  - i. **Child Protection** – Child Protection workers are getting burned out by unsafe caseloads yet this bill provided no extra funding to hire, train, or retain any additional workers.
  - ii. **Safe Staffing** – Included insignificant investment for safe staffing. It did not include any funding for MN Security Hospital Staffing, State Operated Services or reforms to MSOP.
    - 7% cut to frontline staff within Direct Care and Treatment.
  - iii. **Central Office Cuts** – Arbitrarily cut DHS Central Office by 8.5% in 2017 and 10% in 2019.
  - iv. **Cost of Living Increases** – Failed to include a modest increase for state employees.
  - v. **Payment Delay** – Shift of more than \$173 million. This would have resulted in additional cuts in a few short years.

A “No” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

### 2. Reinsurance Amendment

- With no strings attached, the Legislature passed a \$542 million bailout for the health insurance companies of Minnesota. Though these companies may access this money, they are not expected or required to keep premiums down. This reinsurance amendment would have required individual health plan premium rates for 2018 and 2019 to be at least 15% lower than they were in 2017.

A “Yes” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

### 3. Transportation

- The Senate Omnibus Transportation Bill did not include sustainable, long-term, funding for our roads, bridges, and transit systems. It lacked even a modest increase to the gas tax or license tab fees – a missed opportunity. Instead, this short-sighted proposal relied on redirecting tax revenue from auto part sales; this means the Department of Transportation is now competing for revenue with the Department of Education, Department of Corrections, DHS, DNR etc. and this “new revenue” can be taken away during the next economic downturn.

# 2017 MN SENATE

Key for Scorecard:

R = Right-supported AFSCME position

W = Wrong-opposed AFSCME position

NV = Did Not Vote

Senator	District	Party	Senate Omnibus Health & Human Services Bill	Reinsurance Amendment	Transportation	Preemption	State Government Finance	2017 Pro-AFSCME %
Abeler, Jim	35	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Anderson, Bruce	29	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Anderson, Paul T.	44	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Bakk, Thomas	3	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Benson, Michelle	31	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Carlson, Jim	51	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Chamberlain, Roger	38	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Champion, Bobby Joe	59	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Clausen, Greg	57	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Cohen, Richard	64	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Cwodzinski, Steve	48	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Dahms, Gary	16	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Dibble, Scott	61	DFL	R	R	R	NV	R	80
Draheim, Rich	20	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Dziedzic, Kari	60	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Eaton, Chris	40	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Eichorn, Justin	5	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Eken, Kent	4	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Fischbach, Michelle	13	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Franzen, Melisa	49	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Frentz, Nick	19	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Gazelka, Paul	9	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Goggin, Michael	21	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Hall, Dan	56	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Hawj, Foung	67	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Hayden, Jeff	62	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Hoffman, John	36	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Housley, Karin	39	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Ingebrigtsen, Bill	8	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Isaacson, Jason	42	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Jasinski, John	24	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Jensen, Scott	47	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Johnson, Mark	1	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Kent, Susan	53	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Kiffmeyer, Mary	30	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Klein, Matt	52	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Koran, Mark	32	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Laine, Carolyn	41	DFL	R	R	R	R	W	80
Lang, Andrew	17	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Latz, Ron	46	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Limmer, Warren	34	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Little, Matt	58	DFL	R	R	R	R	W	80
Lourey, Tony	11	DFL	W	R	R	R	R	80
Marty, John	66	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	0
Mathews, Andrew	15	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Miller, Jeremy	28	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Nelson, Carla	26	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Newman, Scott	18	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Newton, Jerry	37	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Osmeck, David	33	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Pappas, Sandra	65	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Pratt, Eric	55	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Relph, Jerry	14	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Rest, Ann	45	DFL	NV*	NV*	R	R	NV*	40
Rosen, Julie	23	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Ruud, Carrie	10	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Schoen, Dan	54	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Senjem, David	25	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Simonson, Erik	7	DFL	R	R	NV	R	R	80
Sparks, Dan	27	DFL	R	R	R	W	R	80
Tomassoni, David	6	DFL	W	R	W	R	R	60
Torres Ray, Patricia	63	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Utke, Paul	2	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Weber, Bill	22	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Westrom, Torrey	12	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Wiger, Charles	43	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Wiklund, Melissa	50	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100

NV\* - Rest - excused for surgery

A “No” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

**4. Preemption**

- This policy provision would have taken away local government’s ability to raise the minimum wage above the state’s minimum wage. It would also disallow cities from enacting sick and safe time policies. This bill would have taken away local control and local democracy.

A “No” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

**5. State Government Finance**

- This bill would lay off many state employees who provide critical services to all Minnesotans.

A “No” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

## House

**1. HOUSE OMNIBUS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BILL**

- With a surplus of \$1.65 billion, the House bill cut more than \$580 million from Health and Human Services. In an effort to pay for expensive tax cuts for the wealthy, this bill left working Minnesotans holding the tab.
  - i. **Child Protection** – Child Protection workers are getting burned out by unsafe caseloads yet this bill provided no extra funding to hire, train or retain any additional workers.
  - ii. **Safe Staffing** – No initial investment for MN Security Hospital Staffing, State Operated Services, MSOP, or upgrades to security systems within Direct Care and Treatment – would have resulted in layoffs at AMRTC.
  - iii. **Cost of Living Increases** – Failed to include even a modest increase for state employees.
  - iv. **Fake Savings and Egregious Cuts**– Included over \$250 million in fake savings by using accounting shifts. If you consider these accounting tricks, the House HHS bill was not balanced. It also cut over \$150 million from MA Managed Care.

A “No” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

**2. Paid Parental Leave**

- An amendment to the Omnibus State Government Finance Bill would have included Paid Parental Leave for six weeks as a benefit available to all state employees. In an

effort to degrade state employees and their benefits, and to stifle debate among our elected officials, the Speaker of the House ruled the amendment out of order. This vote is reflective of the question on whether the decision of the Speaker should stand as the judgment of the House.

A “No” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

### **3. Banning Private Prisons**

- House Amendment to the Omnibus Public Safety Bill to ban private prisons. The amendment would prohibit the State of Minnesota from housing inmates in a privately owned correctional facility.

A “Yes” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

### **4. Preemption**

- This policy provision would have taken away local government’s ability to raise the minimum wage above the state’s minimum wage. It would also disallow cities from enacting sick and safe time policies. This bill would have taken away local control and local democracy.

A “No” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

### **5. Tax Cuts for Millionaires and Corporations**

- This bill would significantly cut taxes for Minnesota’s wealthiest individuals, families, and corporations at the expense of lower and moderate income, working families. These tax cuts for the wealthy could likely put Minnesota into a structural deficit going into the future.
  - i. **Tax cuts for millionaires-** Republicans passed a large cut in the estate tax which will directly benefit 1,200 of Minnesota’s wealthiest families.
  - ii. **Tax cuts for large corporations-** Raises the threshold that businesses need to reach in order to pay this tax and this provision eliminates the automatic price inflator which grows exponentially in future years.

A “No” vote is scored as supporting the AFSCME position.

#### **Key for Scorecard**

“R” = voted to support AFSCME’s position  
“W” = voted to oppose AFSCME’s position  
“NV” = did not vote

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Representative	District	Party	House Omnibus Health & Human Services Bill	Paid Parental Leave	Ban Private Prisons	Preemption	Tax Cuts for Millionaires & Corporations	2017 Pro-AFSCME %
Albright, Tony	55B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Allen, Susan	62B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Anderson, Paul	12B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Anderson, Sarah	44A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Anselmo, Dario	49A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Applebaum, Jon	44B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Backer, Jeff	12A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Bahr, Cal	31B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Baker, Dave	17B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Barr, Regina	52B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Becker-Finn, Jamie	42B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Bennett, Peggy	27A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Bernardy, Connie	41A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Bliss, Matt	5A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Bly, David	20B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Carlson, Andrew	50B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Carlson, Lyndon	45A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Christensen, Drew	56A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Clark, Karen	62A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Considine Jr, John	19B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Cornish, Tony	23A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Daniels, Brian	24B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Daudt, Kurt	31A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Davids, Greg	28B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Davnie, Jim	63A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Dean, Matt	38B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Dehn, Raymond	59B	DFL	NV	R	R	R	R	80
Dettmer, Bob	39A	R	NV	NV	W	W	W	60
Drazkowski, Steve	21B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Ecklund, Rob	03A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Erickson, Sondra	15A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Fabian, Dan	01A	R	W	W	W	W	NV	0
Fenton, Kelly	53B	R	W	R	W	W	W	20
Fischer, Peter	43A	DFL	R	NV	R	R	R	80
Flanagan, Peggy	46A	DFL	R	R	R	NV	R	80
Franke, Keith	54A	R	W	W	R	W	W	20
Franson, Mary	08B	R	W	W	W	W	R	20
Freiberg, Mike	45B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Garofalo, Pat	58B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Green, Steve	02B	R	NV	W	W	W	W	0
Grossell, Matt	02A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Gruenhagen, Glenn	18B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Gunther, Bob	23A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Haley, Barb	21A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Halverson, Laurie	51B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Hamilton, Rod	22B	R	W	W	R	W	W	20
Hansen, Rick	52A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Hausman, Alice	66A	DFL	NV	NV	R	R	R	60
Heintzeman, Josh	10A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Hertaus, Jerry	33A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Hilstrom, Debra	40B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Hoppe, Joe	47B	R	W	W	W	NV	W	0
Hornstein, Frank	61A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Hortman, Melissa	36B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Howe, Jeff	13A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Jessup, Randy	42A	R	W	W	R	W	W	20
Johnson, Brian	32A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Johnson, Clark	19A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Johnson, Sheldon	67B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Jurgens, Tony	54B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Kiel, Deb	01B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Knoblach, Jim	14B	R	W	NV	R	W	W	20
Koegel, Erin	37A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Koznick, Jon	58A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Kresha, Ron	09B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Kunesh-Podein, Mary	41B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Layman, Sandy	5B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Lee, Fue	59A	DFL	R	NV	R	R	R	80
Lesch, John	66B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Liebling, Tina	26A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Lien, Ben	04A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Lillie, Leon	43B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Loeffler, Diane	60A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Lohmer, Kathy	39B	R	NV	W	W	W	W	0
Loon, Jennifer	48B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Loonan, Bob	55A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Lucero, Eric	30B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0

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Representative	District	Party	House Omnibus Health & Human Services Bill	Paid Parental Leave	Ban Private Prisons	Preemption	Tax Cuts for Millionaires & Corporations	2017 Pro-AFSCME %
Lueck, Dale	10B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Mahoney, Tim	67A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Mariani, Carlos	65B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Marquardt, Paul	04B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Masin, Sandra	51A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Mave Quade, Erin	57A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
McDonald, Joe	29A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Metsa, Jason	06B	DFL	R	R	R	NV	R	80
Miller, Tim	17A	R	W	W	W	NV	W	0
Moran, Rena	65A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Murphy, Erin	64A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Murphy, Mary	03B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Nash, Jim	47A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Nelson, Michael	40A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Neu, Anne	12B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Newberger, Jim	15B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Nornes, Bud	08A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
O'Driscoll, Tim	13B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Olson, Liz	07B	DFL	R	R	NV	R	R	80
Omar, Ilhan	60B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
O'Neill, Marion	29B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Pelowski, Gene	28A	DFL	R	R	R	W	R	80
Peppin, Joyce	34A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Petersburg, John	24A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Peterson, Roz	56B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Pierson, Nels	26B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Pinto, Dave	64B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Poppe, Jeanne	27B	DFL	R	R	NV	W	R	60
Poston, John	9A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Pryor, Laurie	48A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Pugh, Cindy	33B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Quam, Duane	25A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Rarick, Jason	11B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Rosenthal, Paul	49B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Runbeck, Linda	38A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Sandstede, Julie	06A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Sauke, Duane	25B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Schomacher, Joe	22A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Schultz, Jennifer	07A	DFL	W	R	R	R	R	80
Scott, Peggy	35B	R	W	W	NV	W	W	0
Slocum, Linda	50A	DFL	NV	R	R	R	R	80
Smith, Dennis	34B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Sundin, Mike	11A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Swedzinski, Chris	16A	R	NV	W	W	W	W	0
Theis, Tama	14A	R	W	W	NV	W	W	0
Thissen, Paul	61B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Torkelson, Paul	16B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Uglen, Mark	36A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Urdahl, Dean	18A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Vogel, Bob	20A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Wagenius, Jean	63B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Ward, JoAnn	53A	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
West, Nolan	37B	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Whelan, Abigail	35A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0
Wills, Anna	57B	R	W	R	W	NV	W	20
Youakim, Cheryl	46B	DFL	R	R	R	R	R	100
Zerwas, Nick	30A	R	W	W	W	W	W	0