

# Louisiana Family Forum Action

## Family Security Advisory

2006 Regular Session - LA Senate

| Senate Members                  | Party | City         | District | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Percent |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------------|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| Sharon Broome                   | D     | Baton Rouge  | 15       | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100%    |
| Max Malone                      | R     | Shreveport   | 37       | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100%    |
| Julie Quinn                     | R     | Metairie     | 6        | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100%    |
| Craig Romero                    | R     | New Iberia   | 22       | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100%    |
| James David Cain                | R     | Dry Creek    | 30       | + | + | + | + | + | ? | 100%    |
| Ben Nevers                      | D     | Bogalusa     | 12       | + | + | + | + | ? | + | 100%    |
| Clo Fontenot <sup>iii, iv</sup> | R     | Livingston   | 13       | + | ? | ? | + | + | + | 100%    |
| Nick Gautreaux                  | D     | Abbeville    | 26       | + | + | + | ? | ? | + | 100%    |
| Noble Ellington                 | D     | Winnboro     | 32       | + | + | + | + | + | - | 83%     |
| Bob Kostelka <sup>ii</sup>      | R     | Monroe       | 35       | + | - | + | + | + | + | 83%     |
| Art Lentini                     | R     | Metairie     | 10       | + | + | + | - | + | + | 83%     |
| Mike Michot <sup>vii</sup>      | R     | Lafayette    | 23       | + | + | + | + | + | - | 83%     |
| Mike Smith                      | D     | Winnfield    | 31       | + | + | + | + | + | - | 83%     |
| Gerry Theunissen                | R     | Jennings     | 25       | + | + | + | + | + | - | 83%     |
| Chris Ullo <sup>vii</sup>       | D     | Harvey       | 8        | + | + | + | + | + | - | 83%     |
| Willie Mount <sup>vi</sup>      | D     | Lake Charles | 27       | + | + | + | + | ? | - | 80%     |
| Ann Duplessis                   | D     | New Orleans  | 2        | + | + | ? | + | ? | - | 75%     |
| Jody Amedee                     | D     | Gonzales     | 18       | + | + | + | - | + | - | 67%     |
| Robert Barham                   | R     | Rayville     | 33       | + | - | + | + | + | - | 67%     |
| Walter Boasso                   | R     | Chalmette    | 1        | + | - | + | + | + | + | 67%     |
| Butch Gautreaux                 | D     | Morgan City  | 21       | + | + | + | + | - | - | 67%     |
| Tom Schedler <sup>v</sup>       | R     | Slidell      | 11       | + | + | + | - | + | - | 67%     |
| Francis Heitmeier               | D     | New Orleans  | 7        | + | - | - | - | + | ? | 60%     |
| Robert Adley                    | D     | Benton       | 36       | + | - | - | ? | ? | - | 50%     |
| Joe McPherson                   | D     | Woodworth    | 29       | + | - | - | ? | ? | - | 50%     |
| Derrick Shepherd                | D     | Marrero      | 3        | + | - | - | ? | ? | - | 50%     |
| Jay Dardenne <sup>i</sup>       | R     | Baton Rouge  | 16       | - | - | + | + | + | + | 50%     |
| Reggie Dupre                    | D     | Houma        | 20       | + | - | + | - | + | - | 50%     |
| Sherri Cheek                    | R     | Keithville   | 38       | + | - | - | - | + | - | 33%     |
| Ken Hollis                      | R     | Metairie     | 9        | - | - | + | - | + | - | 33%     |
| Don Hines                       | D     | Bunkie       | 28       | + | - | + | - | - | - | 33%     |
| Lydia Jackson                   | D     | Shreveport   | 39       | - | + | - | + | - | - | 33%     |
| C.D. Jones                      | D     | Monroe       | 34       | - | - | + | + | - | - | 33%     |
| Donald Cravins                  | D     | Lafayette    | 24       | + | - | ? | ? | - | - | 25%     |
| Diana Bajoie                    | D     | New Orleans  | 5        | - | + | - | - | - | ? | 20%     |
| Joel Chaisson                   | D     | Destrehan    | 19       | ? | - | + | - | - | - | 20%     |
| Rob Marionneaux                 | D     | Livonia      | 17       | ? | ? | ? | - | ? | - | 0%      |
| Cleo Fields                     | D     | Baton Rouge  | 14       | - | - | ? | - | ? | ? | 0%      |
| Ed Murray                       | D     | New Orleans  | 4        | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0%      |

| COLOR KEY                   |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Outstanding Family Advocate |  |
| Honorable Mention           |  |
| Average                     |  |
| Needs Improvement           |  |
| Hall of Shame               |  |

| CHART KEY |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| +         | = Pro-family Vote   |
| -         | = Anti-family Vote  |
| ?         | = Not Voting/Absent |
| N/A       | = Not In Office     |

### 1. COMPREHENSIVE ABORTION BAN

**SB 33 (Nevers) (Final Passage) – Would ban all forms of abortion in Louisiana in the event of a change in U.S. Supreme Court opinion.**

**Status: Signed by the Governor.**

**Yes = 30 (+) No = 7 (-) Not Voting = 2 (?)**

<sup>i</sup>According to the Senate Journal, Senator Dardenne voted “no,” but had intended to vote “yes.”

### 2. ABORTION BAN LOOPHOLES

**SB 33 (Nevers) (Chaisson Amendment) – Amendment to SB 33 allowing for abortion in reports of rape or incest.**

**Status: Defeated on the Senate Floor.**

**Yes = 17 (-) No = 20 (+) Not Voting = 2 (?)**

<sup>i</sup>According to the Senate Journal, Senator Kostelka voted “yes,” but had intended to vote “no.”

<sup>iii</sup>Also, Senator Fontenot intended to vote “no,” but was marked “absent.”

### 3. MARRIAGE STRENGTHENING/DIVORCE REFORM

**HB 1379 (Alexander) (Final Passage) – Provides for a doubling of the “cooling off” period before a “no-fault” divorce is granted (when the marriage has produced minor children) in order to foster reconciliation.**

**Status: Signed by the Governor.**

**Yes = 27 (+) No = 4 (-) Not Voting = 8 (?)**

<sup>iv</sup>According to the Senate Journal, Senator Fontenot intended to vote “yes,” but was marked “absent.”

### 4. VIOLENT VIDEO GAME BAN

**HB 1381 (Burrell) (Marionneaux Amendment) – Amendment to HB 1381 would have modified the bill so that minors could purchase violent video games.**

**Status: Amendment Defeated.**

**Yes = 14 (+) No = 20 (-) Not Voting = 5 (?)**

<sup>v</sup>According to the Senate Journal, Senator Schedler voted “yes,” but had intended to vote “no.”

### 5. SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR HOMOSEXUALS

**SB 347 (Murray) (Final Passage) – Provides special privileges based on “sexual orientation” in hiring practices in state government.**

**Status: Defeated on Senate Final Passage.**

**Yes = 10 (-) No = 24 (+) Not Voting = 5 (?)**

<sup>vi</sup>According to the Senate Journal, Senator Mount intended to vote “no,” but was marked “absent.”

### 6. SLOT MACHINE GAMBLING INCREASE

**SB 353 (Murray) (Final Passage) – Expands gambling by increasing the number of slot machines at the New Orleans horse racing track.**

**Status: Signed by the Governor.**

**Yes = 23 (-) No = 11 (+) Not Voting = 5 (?)**

<sup>vii</sup>According to the Senate Journal, Senators Michot and Ullo voted “yes,” but had intended to vote “no.”

## Explanation of Information

Louisiana Family Forum believes elected officials should support policies and programs that protect and promote families and traditional family values in Louisiana.

To accomplish this goal, Louisiana Family Forum Action, the advocacy arm of Louisiana Family Forum, educates the public about legislation and voting records. Legislators scoring 100% are recognized as Outstanding Family Advocates.

**Note: LFF Action utilizes the official voting records of the Louisiana Legislature. In the House, members are allowed to change their votes in the Official Record. In the Senate, members are not allowed to change their votes. However, “on a debatable question each member shall be allowed to explain his vote in writing only, and the explanation shall be incorporated in the Journal, if requested.” (Senate Rule 12.1 B) Journal notations are described above.**



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