

# Louisiana Family Forum Action

## Family Security Advisory

2009 Regular Session - LA Senate

Senators	Party	District	City	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
A.G. Crowe	R	1	Slidell	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Nick Gautreaux	D	26	Abbeville	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Neil Riser	R	32	Columbia	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
John Smith <sup>1</sup>	D	30	Leesville	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	100%
Mike Walsworth	R	33	West Monroe	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	100%
Conrad Appel	R	9	Metairie	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	89%
Jody Amedee	D	18	Gonzales	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	89%
Dale Erdley	R	13	Livingston	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	89%
John Alario	D	8	Westwego	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	?	+	88%
Jack Donahue <sup>1</sup>	R	11	Mandeville	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	?	+	88%
Sharon Broome	D	15	Baton Rouge	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	-	+	88%
Gerald Long	R	31	Winnfield	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	-	+	88%
Julie Quinn	R	6	Metairie	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	-	+	88%
Mike Michot	R	23	Lafayette	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	78%
Buddy Shaw	R	37	Shreveport	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	78%
Bob Kostelka	R	35	Monroe	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	78%
Francis Thompson	D	34	Delhi	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	78%
Danny Martiny	R	10	Metairie	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	75%
Ann Duplessis	D	2	New Orleans	+	-	+	?	+	+	+	-	+	75%
David Heitmeier	D	7	New Orleans	?	+	+	+	+	-	?	-	+	71%
Sherri Cheek	R	38	Keithville	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	67%
Reggie Dupre	D	20	Houma	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	67%
Troy Hebert	D	22	New Iberia	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	67%
Blade Morrish	R	25	Jennings	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	67%
Willie Mount	D	27	Lake Charles	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	67%
Ben Nevers	D	12	Bogalusa	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	67%
Edwin Murray	D	4	New Orleans	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	67%
Cheryl Gray Evans	D	5	New Orleans	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	67%
Joel Chaisson	D	19	Destrehan	?	?	+	+	+	-	?	-	+	67%
JP Morrell <sup>1</sup>	D	3	New Orleans	?	-	+	+	?	?	+	-	+	67%
Robert Adley	R	36	Benton	+	+	+	+	+	-	?	-	-	63%
Dan Claitor	R	16	Baton Rouge	-	-	+	?	+	+	+	-	+	63%
Eibert Guillory	D	24	Opelousas	+	?	+	+	+	-	NIO	-	-	57%
Yvonne Dorsey	D	14	Baton Rouge	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	56%
Eric LaFleur	D	28	Ville Platte	-	?	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	50%
Joe McPherson	D	29	Woodworth	+	-	?	+	+	-	?	-	?	50%
Butch Gautreaux	D	21	Morgan City	-	+	+	?	?	-	?	-	+	50%
Rob Marionneaux	D	17	Livonia	?	-	+	?	?	-	+	?	-	40%
Lydia Jackson	D	39	Shreveport	-	-	+	?	+	-	?	-	-	29%

COLOR KEY	
Outstanding Family Advocate	Green
Family Advocate	Blue
Average	Yellow
Needs Improvement	Orange
Hostile	Red

CHART KEY	
+	= Pro-family Vote
-	= Anti-family Vote
?	= Not Voting/Absent
NIO	= Not In Office
1	= Journal Notes Change in Senator's Vote Preference

### 1. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AMENDMENT

HB 340 (Henry) [Final Passage]

Prohibits government infringement of the right of every person to freely express his religious beliefs.

Status: Died in Conference Committee.

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

\*Senate Journal notes that Sen. Morrell appeared absent, but intended to vote "nay."

### 2. HEALTHCARE WORKERS' CONSCIENCE ACT

HB 517 (LeBas) [Amedee Amendment]

Protects healthcare workers from having to perform or participate in immoral acts or procedures.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

Yes = 28 (+) No = 7 (-) Not Voting = 4 (?)

### 3. ANIMAL/HUMAN HYBRID PROHIBITION

SB 115 (Martiny) [Final Passage]

Prohibits and criminalizes the combining of animal and human cells for the purpose of creating a human/animal hybrid.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

Yes = 38 (+) No = 0 (-) Not Voting = 1 (?)

### 4. "CHOOSE LIFE" PLATE FUND DISTRIBUTION

SB 289 (Appel) [Final Passage]

Distributes to qualified nonprofits revenues collected from "Choose Life" specialty license plates.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

Yes = 33 (+) No = 0 (-) Not Voting = 6 (?)

### 5. BANS EXPLICIT CONTENT SALES TO MINORS

SB 152 (Crowe) [Final Passage]

Provides that it is an unfair or deceptive trade practice for a retailer to sell or distribute material containing sexually explicit content to a minor.

Status: Died in House Committee.

Yes = 36 (+) No = 0 (-) Not Voting = 3 (?)

### 6. "MORE BARS IN MORE PLACES"

SB 136 (L. Jackson) [Concurrence]

Allows a restaurant to operate as a bar or nightclub without requiring additional permits.

Status: Signed by the Governor

Yes = 22 (-) No = 14 (+) Not Voting = 3 (?)

### 7. STATE SOVEREIGNTY

SCR 2 (Crowe) [Final Consideration]

Affirms Louisiana's sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Demands that federal government halt its practice of assuming powers and imposing mandates upon the states for unconstitutional purposes.

Status: Filed with the Secretary of State.

Yes = 32 (-) No = 0 (+) Not Voting = 6 (?)

### 8. DELAYS "STELLY TAX" REPEAL

HB 689 (Peterson) [Final Passage]

Delays the "Stelly Tax Hike" repeal by several years.

Status: Defeated in Conference Committee.

Yes = 29 (-) No = 6 (+) Not Voting = 4 (?)

\*Senate Journal notes that Sens Smith and Donahue appeared absent, but intended to vote "yea."

### 9. ATHLETIC EQUAL ACCESS

HB 531 (Henry) [Final Passage]

Allows home study students to participate in public school athletic programs.

Status: Died in Conference Committee.

Yes = 22 (+) No = 15 (-) Not Voting = 2 (?)

## 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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