

senate performance

Dist	Senator	Town	Eval
47	Ezell Lee [D]	Picayune	76
35	Perry Lee [R]	Mendenhall	89
4	Travis Little [R]	Corinth	90
10	Nolan Mettetal [D]	Sardis	89
25	J. Walter Michel [R]	Jackson	96
52	Tommy Moffatt [R]	Gautier	93
45	J. Ed Morgan [R]	Hattiesburg	91
6	Alan Nunnelee [R]	Tupelo	89
42	Stacey Pickering [R]	Soso	95
36	Lynn Posey [D]	Union Church	68
51	Tommy Robertson [R]	Moss Point	96
20	Charlie Ross [R]	Brandon	96
13	Willie Simmons [D]	Cleveland	34
34	Billy Thames [D]	Mize	71
21	Joseph Thomas [D]	Yazoo City	39
9	Gray Tollison [D]	Oxford	62
16	Bennie Turner [D]	West Point	47
43	Shannon Walley [R]	Leakesville	76
12	Johnnie Walls, Jr. [D]	Greenville	28
29	Richard White [R]	Terry	87
5	J. P. Wilemon, Jr. [D]	Belmont	88
18	Gloria Williamson [D]	Philadelphia	24

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details about evaluation process

what are the four performance levels?

Lawmakers are grouped into four performance levels. Each level indicates to business leaders how, in general, legislators support economic growth, jobs and other broad job-related issues.

BUSINESS CHAMPION	76 - 100
MODERATE BUSINESS SUPPORT	56 - 75
MARGINAL BUSINESS HELP	41 - 55
ANTI-BUSINESS	0 - 40

what does a performance evaluation mean?

BIPEC's performance evaluation (Eval.) is a measuring stick used to determine each legislator's business philosophy, attitude and effectiveness in supporting growth of jobs in Mississippi. Over 60 business and professional leaders participate in the rating process. Key factors of the assessment are:

- Legislator's votes on clearly identified economic principles and employer issues
- Leadership in committee and floor debates on job-related legislation
- Encouragement of other legislators to support economic growth and build coalitions

what types of votes are used in the ratings?

It is important to note that no single issue dominated BIPEC's ratings. A great deal of effort is made to ensure that the votes chosen represent a broad cross-section of employer-related issues. Votes impacting operating costs and restriction of management choices are viewed as very important. Key subject areas include:

- Government growth
- Government regulation
- Privatization of government services
- Lawsuit reduction
- Environmental protection
- labor/management issues
- incentives for job growth
- Workers Compensation
- business taxation
- government spending controls

who is BIPEC?

BIPEC was founded in 1980 by Mississippi business leaders to provide the solid research to identify legislative candidates who have a base of business knowledge. Members of BIPEC include individuals, hundred of small and large Mississippi businesses, and more than 35 trade associations.

BIPEC represents overall employer interest in Mississippi and is not tied to one industry. It is non-partisan, not a lobbying group, and not a political action committee (PAC). BIPEC can freely research, rate and recommend business-minded individuals who will promote economic growth and Mississippi jobs without worrying about party politics or lobbying for particular issues.

house performance

<u>Dist</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Eval</u>	<u>Dist</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Eval</u>
12	Noal Akins [R]	Oxford	76	13	Jack Gadd [D]	Hickory Flat	60
17	Brian Aldridge [R]	Tupelo	89	36	David Gibbs [D]	West Point	36
75	Tracy Arinder [D]	Morton	69	43	Gale Gregory [R]	Louisville	84
49	Willie Bailey [D]	Greenville	30	114	Danny Guice [R]	Ocean Springs	76
8	Larry Baker [R]	Senatobia	87	56	Philip Gunn [R]	Clinton	88
74	Mark Baker [R]	Brandon	82	6	E. Forrest Hamilton [R]	Olive Branch	72
67	Earle Banks [D]	Jackson	28	109	Frank Hamilton [R]	Hurley	87
92	Jim Barnett, M.D. [R]	Brookhaven	75	41	Esther Harrison [D]	Columbus	31
23	Jim Beckett [R]	Bruce	92	50	John Hines [D]	Greenville	28
57	Ed Blackmon [D]	Canton	36	16	Steve Holland [D]	Plantersville	30
24	Sid Bondurant [D]	Grenada	82	76	Greg Holloway, Sr. [D]	Hazlehurst	38
44	C. Scott Bounds [D]	Philadelphia	89	81	Steve Horne [R]	Meridian	57
110	Billy Broomfield [D]	Moss Point	43	46	Bobby Howell [R]	Kilmichael	87
66	Cecil Brown [D]	Jackson	48	30	Robert Huddleston [D]	Sumner	37
5	Kelvin Buck [D]	Holly Springs	40	91	Joey Hudson [D]	Monticello	55
9	Clara Burnett [D]	Tunica	30	118	Roger Ishee [R]	Gulfport	79
68	Credell Calhoun [D]	Jackson	32	117	Michael Janus [R]	Biloxi	84
37	Gary Chism [R]	Columbus	95	7	Wanda Jennings [R]	Southaven	79
47	Bryant Clark [D]	Pickens	35	94	Robert Johnson [D]	Natchez	45
69	Alyce Clarke [D]	Jackson	35	86	Sherra Lane [D]	Waynesboro	35
96	Angela Cockerham [D]	Magnolia	42	104	Mike Lott [R]	Petal	83
29	Linda F. Coleman [D]	Mound Bayou	39	45	Bennett Malone [D]	Carthage	50
65	Mary Coleman [D]	Jackson	38	20	J. B. Markham [D]	Grnwd Sprngs	44
122	J. P. Compretta [D]	Bay St. Louis	59	58	Rita Martinson [R]	Madison	93
1	Rickey Cummings [D]	Iuka	35	54	Chester Masterson [R]	Vicksburg	83
102	Lee Jarrell Davis [R]	Hattiesburg	81	40	Ted Mayhall [R]	Southaven	89
93	Dirk Dedeaux [D]	Perkinston	51	25	John Mayo [D]	Clarksdale	45
64	Bill Denny [R]	Jackson	94	10	Warner McBride [D]	Courtland	68
42	Reecy Dickson [D]	Macon	29	3	Billy McCoy [D]	Rienzi	39
79	Bo Eaton [D]	Taylorville	34	85	Chuck Middleton [D]	Port Gibson	29
73	Jim Ellington [R]	Raymond	91	21	Bill Miles [D]	Fulton	48
38	Tyrone Ellis [D]	Starkville	50	97	Sam Mims [R]	McComb	91
26	Chuck Espy [D]	Clarksdale	45	53	Bobby Moak [D]	Bogue Chitto	39
70	James Evans [D]	Jackson	25	15	Pat Montgomery [D]	Pontotoc	42
101	Harvey Fillingane [R]	Sumrall	80	60	John Moore [R]	Brandon	90
55	George Flaggs [D]	Vicksburg	50	100	Ken Morgan [R]	Morgantown	91
72	Erik Fleming [D]	Jackson	27	2	Harvey Moss [D]	Corinth	44
108	Mark Formby [R]	Picayune	92	98	David Myers [D]	McComb	35
19	Jamie Franks, Jr. [D]	Mooreville	31	78	Billy Nicholson [D]	Little Rock	70
119	Frances Fredericks [D]	Gulfport	31	28	David Norquist [D]	Cleveland	50
106	Herb Frierson [R]	Poplarville	70	116	Steven Pallazo [R]	Biloxi	90

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107	Deryk Parker [D]	Lucedale	71	88	Gary Staples [R]	Laurel	82
115	Randall Patterson [D]	Biloxi	70	48	Mary Ann Stevens [D]	West	63
121	Diane Peranich [D]	Pass Christian	30	51	Rufus Straughter [D]	Belzoni	26
32	Willie Perkins [D]	Greenwood	32	87	Johnny Stringer [D]	Montrose	58
112	John Read [R]	Gautier	81	22	Preston Sullivan [D]	Okolona	56
35	Dannie Reed [R]	Ackerman	74	31	Sara Thomas [D]	Indianola	30
71	John Reeves [R]	Jackson	55	18	Jerry Turner [R]	Baldwyn	78
33	Tommy Reynolds [D]	Charleston	39	95	Jessica Upshaw [R]	Diamondhead	82
84	Eric Robinson [R]	Quitman	86	99	Robert Vince [D]	Sandy Hook	60
63	Walter Robinson [D]	Bolton	38	105	Shaun Walley [D]	Leakesville	58
14	Margaret Rogers [D]	New Albany	73	4	Greg Ward [D]	Ripley	71
61	Ray Rogers [R]	Pearl	78	90	Joe Warren [D]	Mt. Olive	50
77	Clint Rotenberry [R]	Mendenhall	79	103	Percy Watson [D]	Hattiesburg	42
80	Omeria Scott [D]	Laurel	29	62	Tom Weathersby [R]	Florence	77
89	Bobby Shows [D]	Ellisville	84	111	Carmel Wells-Smith [R]	Pascagoula	88
120	Jim Simpson, Jr. [R]	Pass Christian	82	34	Linda Whittington [D]	Schlater	23
59	Clayton Smith [R]	Brandon	85	52	Tommy Woods [R]	Byhalia	84
27	Ferr Smith [D]	Carthage	33	82	Charles Young [D]	Meridian	39
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3	Nickey Browning [D]	Pontotoc	68	27	Hillman Frazier [D]	Jackson	40
7	Hob Bryan [D]	Amory	51	50	Tommy Gollott [R]	Biloxi	83
31	Terry Burton [R]	Newton	91	8	Jack Gordon, Jr. [D]	Okolona	75
38	Kelvin Butler [D]	Magnolia	61	28	Alice Harden [D]	Jackson	32
33	Videt Carmichael [R]	Meridian	91	49	Billy Hewes, III [R]	Gulfport	95
23	Mike Chaney [R]	Vicksburg	89	26	John Horhn [D]	Jackson	41
14	Lydia Chassaniol [R]	Winona	93	39	Cindy Hyde-Smith [D]	Brookhaven	87
22	Eugene "Buck" Clarke [R]	Hollandale	90	15	Gary Jackson [R]	French Camp	81
46	Scottie Cuevas [D]	Pass Christian	86	11	Robert Jackson [D]	Marks	51
1	Doug Davis [R]	Hernando	92	32	Sampson Jackson [D]	Preston	39
48	Deborah Dawkins [D]	Pass Christian	27	24	David Jordan [D]	Greenwood	27
37	Bob Dearing [D]	Natchez	71	44	Tom King [R]	Petal	94
2	Ralph Doxey [R]	Holly Springs	89	30	Dean Kirby [R]	Pearl	95

HOUSE VOTES - 2007 Regular Session

A – HB 237: Vote to increase the minimum wage starting 1July2007 to \$6.25/hr and to \$7.25/hr beginning 15January2008.

B - HB 296: Vote to raise the unemployment benefits by \$20 to \$230 for 2007 and increase by \$20 to \$250 after 1July2008 (the advisory board for the MS Department of Employment Security had recommended an increase of \$10 each year).

C - HB 400: Campaign Finance. The bill would limit the amount of corporate contributions to political action committees in addition to imposing other restrictions and requirements on campaign contributions, limits and reporting requirements.

D - HB 642: Bill to allow first offenders to petition for expunction of record after two (2) years of satisfactory completion of sentence (excludes crimes against a person, offenses against children and certain drug violations).

E - HB 834: Workforce Training: Authorizes the Department of Education to design curriculum choices for a pilot program for High School students seeking direct entry into the workforce post-High School.

F - HB 1379: Original vote on immigration bill requiring MS employers to verify employee's social security numbers within three working days using the Federal Basic Pilot Program (BPP). The BPP (and another federal employee verification program) have proven to be inefficient and inaccurate. The bill also penalized employers for non compliance - \$1000 fine per employee for the first offense, double for each subsequent offense; an increase to the employers unemployment tax rate to the maximum 5.4%; cancellation of any state/public contract for three years; loss of employers right to do business in MS for three years.

G - HB 1492: Vote to enable the MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to lease certain state lands for commercial and residential development.

H - HB 1500: Insurance/Wind Pool - part of the Mississippi Growth and Redevelopment Act containing the provision that establishes the Mississippi Windstorm Underwriting Association Reinsurance Assistance Fund.

I - HB 1724: Authorizes assistance (seed capital) to small and medium businesses engaged in R&D efforts with Mississippi Colleges and Universities.

J - SB 2897: Measure to require that State contracts involving labor service be performed by U. S. citizens and/or legal aliens.

K - SB 3042: Exempts small commercial vehicles from certain federal regulations.

L - SB 3215: Toyota: Economic development incentive package for the Toyota Auto Manufacturing Plant.

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M - SB 2001: Peterbilt: Economic development incentive package for the Peterbilt engine/component manufacturing plant.

SENATE VOTES - 2007 Regular Session

A - HB 1379: Amended version of the immigration bill requiring employers to verify the legal status of employees/new hires and imposing penalties on employers for non-compliance.

B - HB 1500: Insurance/Wind Pool: part of the Mississippi Growth & Redevelopment Act containing the provision that establishes the Mississippi Windstorm Underwriting Association Reinsurance Assistance fund.

C - HB 1724: Authorizes assistance (seed capital) to small and medium businesses engaged in R&D efforts with Mississippi Colleges and Universities.

D - SB 2021: Product Liability. Provides an exclusive remedy for suits based on injuries that arise out of the use of a product, regardless of how the legal theory is framed. Restores the 1992 product liability law broadened by 2005 Mississippi Supreme Court decision.

E - SB 2184: Punitive Damage Awards: Provides that if compensatory damages are awarded, the court must hold a hearing outside the presence of the jury to determine consideration of punitive damages.

F - SB 2482: Provides for the review and oversight of outside legal services contracted for by the Mississippi Attorney General.

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2007 BIPEC Objective Votes in Legislator Evaluations

Data on the front and back of this sheet reflects legislator performance on selected votes during the regular and special sessions of the Mississippi Legislature in 2007. Information shown here is one part of BIPEC's overall legislator grading process. Each legislator's grade for performance during the year is contained in a separate publication, "*Mississippi Legislator Report Card*" dated June 2007.

Votes selected for the year's evaluation are identified by a large committee of individuals who represent a cross-section of professional and business employers in the State. Votes impacting operating costs and restriction of management choices are viewed as important. Direct questions related to this evaluation to:

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