1977 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

TEN SIGNIFICANT SENATE VOTES

1 **JUVENILE MINIMAL CUSTODY.** Parker motion to reconsider an earlier negative vote on substitution of a bill permitting judges to impose minimum periods of custody in juvenile cases. Rejected 13-20, March 22. **NAY = +.**

2 **STATE HOSPITAL WORKER ORGANIZING RIGHTS.** Ways & Means Committee amendment to prohibit the use of public funds for hiring anti-union organizers and consultants in state hospitals. Adopted 17-15, March 22. **YEA = +.**

3 **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CO-PAYMENTS.** Locke amendment to require medical assistance recipients to pay one dollar towards the purchase of pharmaceutical, dental and medical services. Rejected 6-29, June 21. **NAY = +.**

4 **WORKFARE.** Locke amendment to require the Secretary of Human Services and the Commissioner of Public Welfare to develop and implement a forced labor program. Adopted 32-3, June 21. **NAY = +.**

5 **SCHOOL BREAKFASTS.** On the question of over-riding Governor Dukakis' veto of a program that would be voluntary rather than mandatory on the part of local school committees. Sustained 23-16 (14 nay votes required), September 20. **NAY = +.**

6 **HANDICAPPED DISCRIMINATION.** Wetmore amendment that would deny access to state courts if relevant federal agencies do not act within 90 days. Adopted 20-15, October 3. **NAY = +.**

7 **EASY TO READ INSURANCE POLICIES.** Sisitsky amendment to delete language previously added that weakened several pro-consumer aspects of the bill. Rejected 14-23, October 17. **YEA = +.**

8 **ABORTION.** On the question of over-riding Governor Dukakis' veto of an item that would deny state funds to welfare mothers for most types of abortions. Sustained 22-16 (13 nay votes required), December 12. **NAY = +.**

9 **PRISON EXPANSION.** Sisitsky amendment to delete state funds from the capital outlay budget for correctional facilities in Bridgewater and Gardner. Rejected 4-29, December 22. **YEA = +.**

10 **HEALTH COST CONTROL: N.E. BAPTIST HOSPITAL.** A reconsideration on the question of over-riding Governor Dukakis' veto of a bill to enable the hospital to construct a replacement facility after denial by the state determination of need process. Sustained 17-19 (13 nay votes required), January 3, 1978. **NAY = +.**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	%
Amick, Carol C. (D-Bedford)	O	O	O	O	–	+	+	+	+	+	
Atkins, Chester G. (D-Acton)	+	+	+	–	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Aylmer, John F. (R-Barnstable)	+	–	P-	–	–	–	P+	–	–	+	30
Backman, Jack H. (D-Brookline)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	P+	+	100
Bernashe, Roger L. (D-Chicopee)	–	–	+	–	–	nv	–	–	nv	+	20
Boverini, Walter J. (D-Lynn)	–	P-	+	–	+	–	–	–	nv	nv	20
Brennan, John A., Jr. (D-Malden)	+	+	+	–	+	–	–	–	–	+	50
Buckley, Anna P. (D-Brockton)	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10
Bulger, William M. (D-Boston)	+	+	+	–	P+	–	–	–	–	–	40
Burke, Edward L. (D-Framingham)	+	–	–	–	–	+	+	+	–	+	50
D'Amico, Gerard (D-Worcester)	+	+	+	–	+	+	–	+	–	+	70
DiCarlo, Joseph (D-Revere)	+	nv	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	
Fitzpatrick, John H. (R-Stockbridge)	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	+	30
Foley, Daniel J. (D-Worcester)	+	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	30
Fonseca, Mary L. (D-Fall River)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Hall, Robert A. (R-Fitchburg)	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	20
Harrington, Kevin P. (D-Salem) †											
Kelly, James A., Jr. (D-Oxford)	+	+	+	P+	+	+	–	+	–	+	80
Lewis, Arthur Joseph, Jr. (D-Boston)	P-	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	nv	–	10
Locke, David H. (R-Wellesley)	–	–	–	–	–	P+	+	+	–	–	30
LoPresti, Michael, Jr. (D-East Boston)	P-	+	+	–	+	–	–	nv	–	–	30
MacKenzie, Ronald C. (R-Burlington)	–	–	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	
Mastrocola, Frank J., Jr. (D-Everett)	O	O	O	O	+	+	+	–	–	+	
McCann, Francis X. (D-Cambridge)	–	–	P+	P-	–	–	–	–	–	–	10
McCarthy, Robert E. (D-East Bridgewater)	+	–	+	–	–	+	+	+	–	+	60
McKenna, Denis L. (D-Somerville)	P+	nv	+	–	+	+	–	–	–	–	40
McKinnon, Allan R. (D-Weymouth)	+	+	+	–	–	–	+	–	–	+	50
Olver, John W. (D-Amherst)	P+	P+	+	–	+	–	+	+	P-	+	70
Owens, Bill (D-Boston)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	90
Parker, John F. (R-Taunton)	–	–	–	–	–	P-	–	–	–	+	10
Pollard, Sharon M. (D-Methuen)	+	+	+	–	+	+	–	+	–	–	60
Rogers, George (D-New Bedford)	+	P-	+	–	–	+	+	–	–	–	40
Rotondi, Samuel (D-Arlington)	+	+	+	–	–	+	–	+	–	+	60
Saltonstall, William L. (R-Manchester)	–	+	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	30
Sisitsky, Alan D. (D-Springfield)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Timilty, Joseph F. (D-Boston)	+	+	+	–	+	nv	–	–	–	–	40
Tobin, Arthur H. (D-Quincy)	P-	+	+	–	P-	–	P-	–	–	P-	20
Tully, B. Joseph (D-Dracut)	–	nv	+	–	–	–	–	–	nv	–	10
Wall, William X. (D-Lawrence)	+	+	+	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	40
Walsh, Joseph B. (D-Boston)	P+	P+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30
Wetmore, Robert D. (D-Barre)	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	40
Zarod, Stanley J. (D-Springfield)	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	P+	20

LEGEND: + = BHU for; – = BHU against; O = not a member; P+ = paired pro; P- = paired anti; nv = absent or not voting; * = present; % = the rating determined by the percentage of + (and P+ for Senators) votes cast measured against the number of votes counted; † = the Senate President ordinarily does not vote. PAIRING: an agreement by legislators on opposite sides of an issue to withhold their votes from the recorded tally so that the absence of one or both will not affect the outcome of the voting; Source of votes: Journals of the Senate and House.

METHODOLOGY: The roll call votes chosen for these ratings were selected to reflect the broad range of subject matter normally covered by the *Update*. Representatives of progressive lobbying and advocacy organizations and sympathetic state employees provided significant input to our search for meaningful votes during the 1977 legislative session.

Finding ten such votes per legislative body proved to be of greater difficulty than we anticipated. On the House side, out of 750+ recorded votes, there were a few more than ten that were significant, but not many. And of 350+ recorded Senate votes, just about ten were useful. Said one disbelieving Senator who checked through all the Senate roll calls to prove us wrong: "I hardly had to be here at all this year!" The reason for the paucity of significant votes: many controversial or progressive bills become drastically watered down or die in committee.

We attempted to make these voting records easy to understand. Rather than use the actual yea or nay votes cast, plus and minus symbols were substituted (See legend). In addition, each legislator was given a percentile rating for the purpose of quick reference, with 100 representing the best possible score. (Disclaimer: the percentiles do *not* represent *Update* endorsements of individual legislators.)

Some other observations: Only those legislators who were eligible to vote on all ten issues were scored. Absences and no votes count as minuses in the calculation of the scores, a penalty for not being on the job. Pairs were counted in the Senate because one paired member was always present and was voting "off the record" as a courtesy to a colleague who was absent. (In general, paired votes reflect Senatorial sentiment.) The average score for each branch of the legislature is: Senate 44%, House 33%.

TEN SIGNIFICANT HOUSE VOTES

1 **CHALLENGE TO HOUSE SPEAKER'S AUTHORITY.** Colo amendment to reduce the number of votes necessary to remove a bill from the Committee on Bills in 3rd Reading, a common burial ground for controversial legislation, from 2/3 to 1/2. Rejected 72-157, March 15. **YEA = +.**

2 **ANTI-REDLINING.** Walsh motion to overturn a Banks & Banking Committee adverse report on a good bill and to bring the bill to the House floor. Rejected 109-115, April 4. **YEA = +.**

3 **CHILDREN IN NEED OF SERVICES.** Johnston amendment to fund an additional 58 CHINS workers at a cost of $428,000 for this understaffed protective service program. Rejected 66-157, May 31. **YEA = +.**

4 **LEAD PAINT PROGRAM.** Paleologos amendment to fund 10 permanent positions that had been funded by a federal grant soon to expire. Rejected 47-181, May 31. **YEA = +.**

5 **SCHOOL BREAKFASTS.** On the question of over-riding Governor Dukakis' veto of a program that would be voluntary rather than mandatory on the part of local school committees. Overridden 162-65 (76 nay votes required), August 17. **NAY = +.**

6 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.** A reconsideration of the Robinson amendment to require acceptance by a 2/3 vote of relevant county agencies prior to the designation or appointment of county affirmative action officers. Adopted 115-107, September 28. **NAY = +.**

7 **MASS. LIFE INSURANCE INDUSTRY TAXES.** On the question of passage of a bill to eliminate and reduce taxes levied on state-chartered life insurance companies. Adopted 160-62, November 21. **NAY = +**

8 **UTILITY REGULATION.** A reconsideration of the Wetherbee motion to extend Department of Public Utility review periods for utility company rate increase requests from 6-10 months. Rejected 99-116, December 5. **YEA = +.**

9 **ABORTION.** On the question of over-riding Governor Dukakis' veto of an item that would deny state funds to welfare mothers for most typea of abortions. Over-ridden 154-68 (75 nay votes required), December 5. **NAY = +.**

10 **HEALTH COST CONTROL: N.E. BAPTIST HOSPITAL.** A reconsideration on the question of over-riding Governor Dukakis' veto of a bill to enable the hospital to construct a replacement facility after denial by the state determination of need process. Overridden 151-69 (74 nay votes required), January 3, 1978. **NAY = +.**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	%
Aguiar, Antone S., Jr. (D-Swansea)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Aleixo, Theodore J., Jr. (D-Taunton)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Almeida, Alfred (D-Plymouth)	+	+	+	+	–	+	–	+	+	+	70
Ambler, Robert B. (D-Weymouth)	nv	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	10
Amick, Carol C. (D-Bedford)	+	+	+	–	O	O	O	O	O	O	
Asiaf, Peter George (D-Brockton)	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	nv	nv	–	20
Baker, Dennis J. (D-Westminster)	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	+	–	–	50
Barnicoat, Stanley (R-Middleborough)	+	–	+	–	–	–	–	+	–	nv	30
Bassett, Timothy A. (D-Lynn)	nv	+	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	+	30
Beauchesne, Wilfred P. (D-Methuen)	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	20
Bertonazzi, Louis P. (D-Milford)	–	–	–	–	nv	+	–	+	–	+	30
Bevilacqua, Francis J. (D-Haverhill)	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	nv	10
Bickford, Walter E. (D-Berlin)	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	+	+	+	40
Bly, Belden G., Jr. (R-Saugus)	+	–	nv	–	+	nv	–	+	–	–	30
Boffetti, Raymond J. (D-Taunton)	–	–	nv	nv	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Bohigian, Robert J. (D-Worcester)	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	10
Bolling, Royal L., Jr. (D-Roxbury)	–	+	+	–	+	+	–	–	+	nv	50
Bourque, George J. (D-Fitchburg)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	10
Brownell, Thomas F. (D-Quincy)	–	+	+	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	40
Buell, Robert C. (R-Boxford)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	10
Buffone, Charles J. (D-Worcester)	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	10
Buglione, Nicholas J. (D-Methuen)	nv	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	+	20
Bunte, Doris (D-Roxbury)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	90
Burke, Kevin M. (D-Beverly)	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	–	+	–	70
Burke, Walter T. (D-Natick)	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	nv	nv	+	20
Businger, John A. (D-Brookline)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Cahillane, Sean (D-Springfield)	–	+	+	–	nv	+	–	+	–	–	40
Cahir, Jeremiah F. (D-Bourne)	O	O	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	20
Cahoon, Howard C., Jr. (R-Chatham)	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	+	40
Cain, Fred F. (D-Wilmington)	–	nv	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	
Campobasso, Eleanor M. (D-Arlington)	+	–	–	+	–	–	–	+	–	–	30
Card, Andrew H., Jr. (R-Holbrook)	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	+	40
Carey, William A. (D-Easthampton)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Casey, Robert F. X. (D-Dedham)	–	+	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	20
Cataldo, Angelo (D-Revere)	–	–	–	–	+	–	+	–	–	–	20
Cellucci, Argeo P. (R-Hudson)	+	+	+	–	–	+	–	+	+	–	60
Cerasoli, Robert A. (D-Quincy)	+	+	+	–	–	+	+	+	nv	–	60
Chmura, Rudy (D-Springfield)	–	nv	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	10
Ciccarelli, Salvatore (D-Watertown)	+	–	+	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	30
Coffey, John F. (D-West Springfield)	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	10
Cohen, Gerald M. (D-Andover)	–	+	+	–	+	–	–	+	+	+	60
Cole, Lincoln P., Jr. (R-Lexington)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	10
Collaro, Andrew (D-Worcester)	–	–	nv	nv	–	+	–	–	–	–	10
Collins, James G. (D-Amherst)	–	+	–	+	+	+	nv	–	nv	+	50
Collins, James P. (D-Charlestown)	O	O	O	O	O	+	–	–	–	–	
Colo, H. Thomas (D-Athol)	+	+	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	+	70
Connelly, Edward W. (R-Agawam)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	10
Connolly, Michael Joseph (D-Boston)	+	+	+	–	+	+	–	nv	–	+	60
Conway, John Sidney (R-Nantucket)	–	nv	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	10
Corazzini, Leo R. (D-Shrewsbury)	–	–	–	–	–	–	*	nv	–	+	10
Correia, Robert (D-Fall River)	O	O	O	O	O	–	–	–	–	–	
Counihan, Genevra R. (D-Concord)	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	+	+	+	60
Coury, Edward P. (D-New Bedford)	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	10
Craven, James J., Jr. (D-Jamaica Plain)	–	+	+	+	+	+	+	nv	–	–	60
Creedon, Michael C. (D-Brockton)	–	nv	–	–	–	+	nv	–	–	–	10
Curtiss, Sidney Q. (R-Sheffield)	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	30
Cusack, John F. (D-Arlington)	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	10
Decas, Charles N. (R-Wareham)	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10
Demers, Richard H. (D-Chicopee)	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	–	–	20
DeNucci, A. Joseph (D-Newton)	–	–	+	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	50
DeVito, Michael J. (D-Everett)	–	–	+	+	–	+	+	–	–	–	40
Dickson, Edward M. (R-Weston)	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	+	50
Donnelly, Brian J. (D-Dorchester)	–	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	–	70
Doris, Francis D. (D-Revere)	–	–	–	–	nv	nv	+	+	–	–	20
Doyle, Charles Robert (D-West Roxbury)	–	+	–	–	+	–	+	–	–	–	30
Driscoll, John R. (R-Northbridge)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	+	20
Duffin, Dennis J. (D-Lenox)	–	+	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	+	30
Dwinell, Richard J. (D-Millbury)	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	10
Engdahl, Charles F. (D-Worcester)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Fallon, Thomas F. (D-Clinton)	–	–	–	–	–	nv	–	nv	–	–	0
Fantasia, Mary E. (D-Somerville)	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	+	–	–	70
Farland, John F. (D-Southbridge)	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	10
Farley, Leo J. (D-Lowell)	–	+	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	–	30
Feeney, Michael Paul (D-Hyde Park)	–	+	–	–	+	–	+	–	–	–	30
Filosa, Philip Frank (D-Wrentham)	+	–	+	+	–	–	nv	+	+	+	60
Finnegan, John J. (D-Dorchester)	–	+	–	–	–	nv	–	nv	–	nv	10
Finnigan, Richard F. (D-Dorchester)	–	+	–	–	+	–	+	–	–	–	30
Fitzgerald, Kevin W. (D-Boston)	–	+	–	–	+	+	–	–	–	–	30
Fitzsimmons, Mark (D-Weymouth)	+	+	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	40
Flaherty, Charles F., Jr. (D-Cambridge)	–	+	+	–	+	+	–	+	+	–	60
Flaherty, Michael F (D-South Boston)	–	+	nv	–	–	+	–	–	–	nv	20
Flynn, Bernard D. (D-Amesbury)	–	+	+	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	30
Flynn, Peter Y. (D-Bridgewater)	–	–	–	–	nv	–	–	–	–	–	0
Flynn, Raymond L. (D-South Boston)	–	+	+	+	+	–	+	–	–	–	50
Flynn, William J., Jr. (D-Hanover)	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	+	–	+	40
Fortes, Robert L. (D-Roxbury)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	90
Frank, Barney (D-Boston)	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	+	+	+	90
Freeman, Bruce N. (R-Chelmsford)	+	–	–	–	–	–	*	–	–	–	10
Gaffney, James J., III (I-Tewksbury)	–	–	nv	nv	–	–	–	+	+	–	20
Gallugi, Anthony M. (D-Wakefield)	–	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	
Galvin, John B. (D-Canton)	–	nv	nv	nv	nv	–	–	–	–	–	0
Galvin, William F. (D-Brighton)	–	+	–	–	+	+	+	–	–	–	40
Gannett, Ann C. (R-Wayland)	+	+	–	–	+	–	–	+	+	–	50
Gillet, Henry S., Jr. (D-Fall River)	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	20
Gillette, Robert W. (R-Pembroke)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Goode, Mary H. (D-Roxbury)	–	nv	+	+	+	+	+	nv	nv	–	50
Goulston, Paul M. (D-Stoughton)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	10
Goyette, Roger R. (D-New Bedford)	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	–	20
Graham, Saundra (I-Cambridge)	+	+	–	+	+	+	+	nv	nv	–	60