



2007 Vote Scorecard

Wisconsin State Senate
Wisconsin State Assembly



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Wisconsin Family Action (WFA), the legislative action arm of Wisconsin Family Council, formerly The Family Research Institute of Wisconsin, presents its *2007 Vote Scorecard*. This *Scorecard* covers the first year of this two-year session (2007-2008) for the Wisconsin state legislature and represents a compilation of significant votes on a cross section of issues affecting the family. The votes of each legislator are “scored” in comparison to WFA’s position on the measure. A 100% score indicates the legislator agreed with WFA’s position on all items.

Because the legislature did not vote on the budget until October, we have fewer votes to score this year; usually the budget is passed by July 1. This left little time for floor action on bills, although a number of bills had committee hearings.

This *2007 Vote Scorecard* is a part of WFA’s effort to advocate for the family. However, Wisconsin will become a family-friendly place only as individuals all across the state become involved in their culture and their government. We hope you find this information helpful as you exercise your civic duty as a citizen of this state.

To find out who your state legislators are, go to www.legis.state.wi.us and click on *Who Represents Me?* or call the WFA office at 608-268-5074 (toll-free 1-866-849-2536).

SENATE ISSUES & VOTES

1. Budget Bill (SB 40). Final version offered by conference committee as Conference Substitute Amendment 1. Included funding for family-planning organizations that promote or refer for abortion and expansion of the Family Planning Medicaid Waiver Program that provides “reproductive health care” without parental knowledge or consent to girls 15 to 18 years old whose personal annual income is less than \$20,420. The budget increased taxes by \$400 million and increased spending by \$3.56 billion over the next two years, taking it from \$53.67 billion in 2005-2007 to \$57.23 billion in 2007-2009.

Passed Senate 10/23/07	Governor signed with partial	WFA opposed
Passed Assembly 10/23/07	veto on 10/26/07. Enrolled as	
	2007 Wisconsin Act 20.	

2. Campaign finance reform (SB 77). Introduced by Sen Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton). Increases regulation and reporting requirements for individuals and organizations that provide any communication about a candidate for public office within 60 days of an election.

Passed Senate 5/9/07	Currently in Assembly committee	WFA opposed
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3. “Emergency Contraception” Mandate (SB 129). Introduced by Sen. Judith Robson (D-Beloit). Forces hospitals and hospital staff to provide “emergency contraception” (which can act to cause a very early abortion) to victims of sexual assault with no conscience or religious exemption provision and imposes a penalty for refusing to do so.

Passed Senate 5/16/07	Awaiting action in Assembly	WFA opposed
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4. Constitutional amendment to prohibit gubernatorial partial vetoes from creating new sentences (second consideration) (SJR 5). Introduced by Sen Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee). Prohibits the governor, in exercising his or her partial veto authority on appropriation bills, from creating new sentences by combining parts of two or more sentences of the enrolled bill.

Passed Senate 12/11/07	To be scheduled in Assembly	WFA supported
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SD	Senator	1	2	3	4	%
12	Breske, Roger (D)	-	-	-	+	25
03	Carpenter, Tim (D)	-	-	-	+	25
06	Coggs, G Spencer (D)	-	-	-	+	25
02	Cowles, Robert (R)	+	-	-	+	50
08	Darling, Alberta (R)	+	-	-	+	50
29	Decker, Russell (D)	-	-	-	+	25
19	Ellis, Michael (R)	+	-	-	+	50
27	Erpenbach, Jon (D)	-	-	-	+	25
13	FITZGERALD, SCOTT (R)	+	+	+	+	100
20	GROTHMAN, GLENN (R)	+	+	+	+	100
30	Hansen, Dave (D)	-	-	-	+	25
10	Harsdorf, Sheila (R)	+	-	-	+	50
25	Jauch, Robert (D)	-	-	-	+	25
33	Kanavas, Ted (R)	+	+	-	+	75
32	Kapanke, Dan (R)	+	-	+	+	75
11	KEDZIE, NEAL (R)	+	+	+	+	100
23	Kreitlow, Pat (D)	-	-	-	+	25
01	Lasee, Alan (R)	+	-	-	+	50
24	Lassa, Julie (D)	-	-	-	+	25
28	LAZICH, MARY (R)	+	+	+	+	100
21	Lehman, John (D)	-	-	-	+	25
09	LEIBHAM, JOE (R)	+	+	+	+	100
16	Miller, Mark (D)	-	-	-	+	25
14	Olsen, Luther (R)	+	-	-	+	50
07	Plale, Jeffrey (D)	-	-	-	+	25
26	Risser, Fred (D)	-	-	-	+	25
15	Robson, Judith (D)	-	-	-	+	25
18	Roessler, Carol (R)	+	+	-	+	75
17	Schultz, Dale (R)	+	-	-	+	50
5	Sullivan, Jim (D)	-	-	-	+	25
4	Taylor, Lena (D)	-	-	-	+	25
31	Vinehout, Kathleen (D)	-	-	-	+	25
22	Wirch, Robert (D)	-	-	-	+	25

ASSEMBLY ISSUES & VOTES

1. Legislative approval for new gaming establishment on tribal lands (AB 205). Introduced by Rep Robin Vos (R-Racine). Would require legislative approval for new gaming establishments on tribal lands before governor's approval.

Passed Assembly 4/24/07 In Senate committee WFA supported

2. Funeral arrangements bill (AB 305). Introduced by Rep Samanatha Kerkman (R-Genoa City). Allows most adults to voluntarily name a representative, including a member of the clergy, to carry out his/her specific wishes about funeral and burial arrangements.

Passed Assembly 10/24/07 Awaiting Senate action WFA supported

3. "Emergency contraception" bill (AB 377) (companion bill SB 129). Introduced by Rep Terry Musser (R-Black River Falls). Forces hospitals and hospital staff to provide "emergency contraception" (which can act to cause a very early abortion) to victims of sexual assault with no provision for conscience or religious exemption and imposes a penalty for refusing to do so.

Passed Assembly 12/11/07 Awaiting third reading WFA opposed
on second reading and final vote

4. Coercive abortion prevention bill (AB 427). Introduced by Rep Mark Gundrum (R-New Berlin). Would require an abortionist to ascertain that consent for abortion was both voluntary and informed and, in addition, to provide information on domestic abuse services.

Passed Assembly 10/30/07 In Senate committee WFA supported

5. Constitutional amendment to prohibit gubernatorial partial vetoes from creating new sentences (second consideration) (AJR 1). Introduced by Rep. Don Friske (R-Merrill). Prohibits the governor, in exercising his or her partial veto authority on appropriation bills, from creating new sentences by combining parts of two or more sentences of the enrolled bill.

Passed Assembly 2/1/2007 In Senate committee WFA supported

6. Christmas tree bill (AJR 5). Introduced by Rep Marlin Schneider (D-Wisconsin Rapids). Restores the name "Wisconsin State Christmas Tree" to the decorated tree placed in the Capitol rotunda every December.

Passed Assembly 12/11/07 In Senate Committee WFA supported

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AD	Representative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	%
50	ALBERS, SHERYL (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
41	Ballweg, Joan (R)	+	nv	+	+	+	+	-	71
45	Benedict, Chuck (D)	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	28
76	Berceau, Terese (D)	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	28
01	BIES, GAREY (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
77	Black, Spencer (D)	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	42
73	Boyle, Frank (D)	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	28
08	Colón, Pedro (D)	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	42
13	Cullen, David (D)	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	42
80	Davis, Brett (R)	+	+	-	+	nv	+	-	57
11	Fields, Jason (D)	+	+	-	nv	-	+	-	42
39	Fitzgerald, Jeff (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85
35	Friske, Donald (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85
49	Garthwaite, Phil (D)	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	42
60	GOTTLIEB, MARK (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
18	Grigsby, Tamara (D)	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	28
91	Gronemus, Barbara (D)	-	+	-	-	nv	+	-	28
83	GUNDERSON, SCOTT (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
84	Gundrum, Mark (R)	+	+	nv	+	+	nv	+	71*
47	Hahn, Eugene (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85
46	Hebl, Gary (D)	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	28
51	Hilgenberg, Steve (D)	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	28
42	Hines, J.A. (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	71
54	Hintz, Gordon (D)	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	71
43	Hixson, Kim (D)	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	42
21	HONADEL, MARK (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
28	Hraychuck, Ann (D)	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	57
75	Hubler, Mary (D)	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	57
94	HUEBSCH, MICHAEL (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
24	JESKEWITZ, SUZANNE (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
37	Jorgensen, Andy (D)	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	57
55	Kaufert, Dean (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	85
66	Kerkman, Samantha (R)	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	85
12	Kessler, Frederick (D)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	28
27	KESTELL, STEVE (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100

* Absent because of military deployment.

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38	KLEEFISCH, JOEL (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
97	Kramer, Bill (R)	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	85
64	Kreuser, James (D)	-	+	-	nv	-	+	-	28
07	Krusick, Peggy (D)	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	71
02	LASEE, FRANK (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
59	LE MAHIEU, DAN (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
32	LOTHIAN, THOMAS (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
62	Mason, Cory (D)	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	57
34	Meyer, Dan (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85
71	Molepske, Louis (D)	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	57
04	MONTGOMERY, PHIL (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
68	Moulton, Terry (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	71
36	Mursau, Jeffrey (R)	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	71
29	Murtha, John (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85
92	Musser, Terry (R)	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	57
31	NASS, STEPHEN (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
05	Nelson, Tom (D)	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	42
96	Nerison, Lee (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	71
33	Newcomer, Scott (R)	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	85
89	NYGREN, JOHN (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
03	Ott, Al (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	71
23	OTT, JIM (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
53	OWENS, CAROL (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
48	Parisi, Joseph (D)	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	28
40	Petersen, Kevin (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85
86	Petrowski, Jerry (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85
78	Pocan, Mark (D)	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	14
79	Pope-Roberts, Sondy (D)	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	28
99	PRIDEMORE, DON (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
30	Rhoades, Kitty (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85
19	Richards, Jon (D)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	28
56	ROTH, ROGER (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
72	Schneider, Marlin (D)	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	57
85	Seidel, Donna (D)	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	28
44	Sheridan, Mike (D)	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	28

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74	Sherman, Gary (D)	-	+	-	-	-	nv	-	14
95	Shilling, Jennifer (D)	nv	+	-	-	-	+	+	42
20	Sinicki, Christine (D)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	28
93	Smith, Jeff (D)	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	42
88	Soletski, Jim (D)	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	42
15	Staskunas, Tony (D)	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	42
65	Steinbrink, John (D)	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	28
82	Stone, Jeff (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	85
58	STRACHOTA, PAT (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
69	Suder, Scott (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85
06	Tauchen, Gary (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	71
17	Toles, Barbara (D)	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	28
52	Townsend, John (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	71
81	Travis, Dave (D)	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	42
61	Turner, Robert (D)	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	28
26	Van Akkeren, Terry (D)	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	57
90	Van Roy, Karl (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85
63	VOS, ROBIN (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
70	Vruwink, Amy Sue (D)	nv	+	-	-	-	+	+	42
14	VUKMIR, LEAH (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
22	Wasserman, Sheldon (D)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	57
57	WIECKERT, STEVE (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
10	Williams, Annette Polly (D)	+	+	nv	+	-	nv	-	42
87	Williams, Mary (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85
67	Wood, Jeffrey (R)	nv	nv	-	+	+	+	-	42
16	Young, Leon (D)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	28
09	Zepnick, Josh (D)	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	14
25	ZIEGELBAUER, BOB (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
98	ZIPPERER, RICH (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100