



The Vermont Chamber of Commerce 2013-2014 Legislative Report Card

The Vermont Chamber of Commerce prepared this Legislative Report Card to highlight legislators' voting records on issues that directly affect our membership. The Vermont Chamber is a non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting an economic climate conducive to business growth and preservation of the Vermont quality of life.

The Vermont Chamber of Commerce selected votes that show support for:

- A healthy business climate;
- Strong economic development programs;
- Sound fiscal policies;
- An increase in tourism base; and
- Sensible environmental regulations.

We chose the roll call votes based on our legislative priorities as developed with input from our members, Board of Directors and Government Affairs Committee.

We assessed our position based both on the roll call of the bill being cited in the vote, and any amendments that would have changed the overall scope of the bill in our members' favor. When there was more than one roll call vote on a particular bill, we included the score that provides the most information about legislators' positions on the issue. In some instances, more than one vote on an issue has been selected.

This Report Card can be used to learn how legislators voted on job and economic opportunity issues, and at the same time, provide a snapshot of the legislative issues for this past biennium. We encourage you to discuss these issues with your senators and representatives; let them know that their work on improving our economy, business climate and creating jobs is appreciated. If they are not supportive, ask them why.

How the Scores Were Calculated

The scores were calculated by dividing the number of votes on economic issues by the number of votes cast by that representative or senator. Absences were not counted in the final score.

CHAMBER CHAMPIONS

In releasing the Vermont Chamber Report Card, we recognize that roll call votes are not taken on every issue, and much of the important legislative work is done through the committee process and behind the scenes. Therefore, the Vermont Chamber gives special recognition to the legislators who played a pivotal role in shaping the outcome on critical issues for our members. We recognize these legislators as "Vermont Chamber Champions" who worked hard to promote the Vermont economy and job creation.

For more information on the bills and the votes included in this Report Card, contact the Vermont Chamber's government affairs program manager at govaffairs@vtchamber.com, or visit the legislative website at <http://leg.state.vt.us>.

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SENATE VOTES EXPLAINED: 2013

- 1) **Cloud Tax Moratorium Amendment - H.295:** The Senate Finance Committee offered an amendment to the 2013 technical tax bill that would have included a three year moratorium on cloud-based software being taxed. The Vermont Chamber advocated successfully for the one year moratorium adopted in 2012, and supported making the cloud-tax exemption permanent. A **“yes” vote supported the Vermont Chamber position**

Results: **Passed**, 29-0*

**Although the amendment was attached to the bill passed by the Senate, the final bill signed into law did NOT include the moratorium extension, as it was removed in Conference Committee.*

- 2) **Unemployment Insurance Experience Rating Relief - H.169:** The unemployment insurance experience rating relief bill amended the unemployment compensation laws to provide up to four weeks of relief for employers' experience-rating records for layoffs that occur due to a federally declared natural disaster. Vermont statutes lacked a Federal Disaster policy prior to this bill. A **“yes” vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.**

Results: **Passed**, 29-0

- 3) **Miscellaneous Tax Bill - H.528:** The 2013 miscellaneous tax bill, as voted on by the Senate, increased miscellaneous state taxes by \$9.49 million. While this version was preferred, the Vermont Chamber does not support funding existing programs with new revenue sources, we recognize that the Senate voted affirmatively on a bill that dramatically decreased the tax increase from the House proposed \$27 million. A **“no” vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.**

Results: **Passed**, 24-5*

**The final version of the miscellaneous tax bill signed into law contained no new taxes, as advocated for by the Vermont Chamber position.*

- 4) **Property Tax Increase - H.265:** In 2013, school budgets had been increasing an average of five percent per year, despite declining enrollment in Vermont schools. The 2013 property tax bill increased the residential property tax rate by \$.05, and the non-residential property rate by \$.06. The total impact to Vermont taxpayers was estimated to be approximately \$50 million. A **“no” vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.**

Results: **Passed**, 15-11

SENATE VOTES EXPLAINED: 2014

- 5) **Improved Offsite Mitigation Ratios - H.869:** The 2014 miscellaneous agriculture bill included a new definition of "primary agricultural soils" and a 1:1 offsite mitigation ratio for development in certain designated centers. The Vermont Chamber advocated in favor of the ratio and the goal of encouraging businesses to grow and build in designated centers and downtowns. **A “yes” vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.**

Results: **Passed**, 29-0

- 6) **Miscellaneous Tax Changes - H.884:** The 2014 miscellaneous tax bill expanded the employer assessment to companies who offer health care, but have employees who receive Medicaid. As passed by the Senate, the projected cost to businesses was \$2.8 million, with the new revenue being used to help fund the Health Care Exchange operation costs. **A “no” vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.**

Results: **Passed**, 25-4

- 7) **Toxics Legislation - S.239:** As originally passed by the Senate, S.239 aimed to regulate the use of chemicals by manufacturers in consumer products. The version of the bill voted on would have required the Vermont Department of Health to create and update a list of priority chemicals, require manufacturers to provide notification of chemical use within one year, pay a \$2,000 fee per chemical, and adhere to a two year timeline for compliance of labeling and the probation of sales. The Vermont Chamber advocated against this legislation and its lack of uniformity, clarity and certainty for businesses. **A “no” vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.**

Results: **Passed**, 17-11*

**The scope of the bill was dramatically narrowed in the final version that passed, in accordance with the Vermont Chamber's advocacy.*

Senate Report Card

Roll Call Votes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Chamber Position	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	SCORE
Sen. Timothy Ashe (D-Chittenden)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	43%
Sen. Claire Ayer (D-Addison)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	43%
Sen. Phillip Baruth (D-Chittenden)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	43%
Sen. Joe Benning (R-Caledonia)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	100%
Sen. Christopher Bray (D-Addison)	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	40%
Sen. John Campbell (D-Windsor)	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	33%
Sen. Donald Collins (D-Franklin)	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	40%
Sen. Ann Cummings (D-Washington)	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	33%
Sen. William Doyle (R-Washington)	Y	Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	66%
Sen. Margaret Flory (R-Rutland)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	100%
Sen. Sally Fox (D-Chittenden)	Y	Y	Y	Y	❖	❖	❖	50%
Sen. Eldred French (D-Rutland)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	43%
Sen. Peter Galbraith (D-Windham)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	57%
Sen. Robert Hartwell (D-Bennington)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	72%
Sen. Jane Kitchel (D-Caledonia)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	57%
Sen. Virginia Lyons (D-Chittenden)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	43%
Sen. Mark MacDonald (D-Orange)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	57%
Sen. Richard Mazza (D-Chittenden-Grand Isle)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	57%
Sen. Norman McAllister (R-Franklin)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	A	100%
Sen. Richard McCormack (D-Windsor)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	43%
Sen. Kevin Mullin (R-Rutland)	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	50%
Sen. Alice Nitka (D-Windsor)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	71%
Sen. Anthony Pollina (P/D/W-Washington)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	57%
Sen. John Rodgers (D-Essex-Orleans)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	71%
Sen. Richard Sears (D-Bennington)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	71%
Sen. Michael Sirotkin (D-Chittenden)	❖	❖	❖	❖	Y	Y	Y	*
Sen. Diane Snelling (R-Chittenden)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	71%
Sen. Robert Starr (D-Essex-Orleans)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	71%
Sen. Richard Westman (R-Lamoille)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	71%
Sen. Jeanette White (D-Windham)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	43%
Sen. David Zuckerman (P-Chittenden)	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	40%

Results Key	Senate Issues Key
Y Voted yes N Voted no A Absent for vote ❖ Not a member of the Senate at that time P Presiding * Due to lack of votes, no % available	1 2013 Cloud Tax Amendment 2 2013 UI Experience-Rating Relief 3 2013 Miscellaneous Tax Bill 4 2013 Property Tax Increase 5 2014 Miscellaneous Agriculture Bill 6 2014 Miscellaneous Tax Bill 7 2014 Toxics Bill

HOUSE VOTES EXPLAINED: 2013

- 1) **Flexible Work Arrangements - H.99:** This bill contained a provision that would have mandated every employer grant flexible work arrangements to employees who request them in writing. The Vermont Chamber opposed the provision's prescriptive language, as it sought to reduce flexibility for small businesses and would have created more burdensome and expensive administrative work for some. **A “no” vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.**

Results: **Passed**, 115-22*

**The Vermont Chamber advocated for changes to the flexible work sections of H.99, and the Legislature responded by removing the initial prescriptive language regarding employer requirements and giving employers the ability to refuse a request if needed.*

- 2) **Unemployment Insurance Amendment - S.129:** An amendment offered by Rep. Chris Pearson (P-Burlington) to the 2013 omnibus labor bill would have increased the unemployment insurance maximum weekly benefit amount ahead of schedule and would have allowed the amount to be indexed every July thereafter. The Vermont Chamber advocated against this amendment, as it would have put the already fragile unemployment trust fund in jeopardy. **A “no” vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.**

Results: **Failed**, 19-118

- 3) **Miscellaneous Tax Bill - H.528:** The 2013 miscellaneous tax bill would have capped income tax deductions, eliminated the production deduction exemption for manufacturers and would have increased the rooms and meals tax from 9% to 9.5%. The entire bill would have generated \$27 million in new tax revenue for FY 2014. The Vermont Chamber advocated against the tax increases, as the chosen methods would have impacted some of Vermont's most important industries: manufacturing and tourism. **A “no” vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.**

Results: **Passed**, 85-55

**The Vermont Chamber advocated against the elimination of the production deduction exemption and increasing the rooms and meals tax. In accordance with our advocacy, the final tax bill and budget agreement did not include any new tax revenues.*

- 4) **Cloud Tax Exemption Amendment - H.528:** Rep. Heidi Scheuermann (R-Stowe) offered an amendment to the 2013 miscellaneous tax bill that would have made the tax exemption for internet-based cloud services permanent. The Vermont Chamber advocated in favor of this amendment. **A "yes" vote supported the Vermont Chamber Position.**

Results: **Failed**, 53-90

HOUSE VOTES EXPLAINED: 2014

- 5) **Toxics Bill - S.239:** The 2014 toxics legislation gave the Vermont Department of Health the authority to require manufacturers to label or remove toxic chemicals that are used in children's products made or sold in Vermont. Although the fees were removed and the overall scope of the bill was narrowed in the House-passed version, the bill does require companies to report any chemical use by July 1, 2015. **A "no" vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.***

Results: **Passed**, 114-27

**The Vermont Chamber advocated against the legislation, as Congress is considering a bill that would make substantial and positive changes to the Toxic Substance Control Act. This bill could have great cost impacts on Vermont manufacturers who will have to pay costly fees to test chemicals that aren't seen as a health risk.*

- 6) **Minimum Wage Increase - H.552:** As passed by the House, this bill raised the minimum wage from \$8.73 to \$10.10, effective January 1, 2015. The Vermont Chamber did not support this version of H.552 because it raised the minimum wage too much in too short of a period of time. After the Governor announced that the bill was on the fast track, the Vermont Chamber polled its members and in turn preferred an incremental increase that would have allowed for business to better manage the wage hike. **A "no" vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.**

Results: **Passed**, 87-57

- 7) **Employer Sponsored Benefits Amendment - S.213:** As passed by the House General, Housing and Military Affairs Committee, S.213 contained a controversial provision that would have eliminated an employer's ability to respond to situations where employees were abusing attendance policies. Rep. Will Stevens (I-Shoreham) offered an amendment to remove that provision, but instead the full House voted on whether or not to take up the amendment instead. **A "yes" vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.**

Results: **Passed**, 62-61*

**Although the Stevens amendment was never voted on by the full House because of the passage of the above, the bill saw no further action from either body and did not pass.*

House Report Card

Roll Call Votes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Chamber Position	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	
Rep. Janet Ancel (D-Calais)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	A	17%
Rep. John Bartholomew (D-Hartland)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Lynn Batchelor (R-Derby)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	A	67%
Rep. Stephen Beyor (R-Highgate)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Clement Bissonnette (D-Winooski)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Bill Botzow (D-Pownal)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Robert Bouchard (R-Colchester)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Carolyn Branagan (R-Georgia)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	A	50%
Rep. Patrick M. Brennan (R-Colchester)	A	A	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Cynthia M. Browning (D-Arlington)	N	N	N	N	Y	N	A	67%
Rep. Thomas Burditt (R-West Rutland)	A	N	N	A	A	N	N	100%
Rep. Mollie S. Burke (P-Brattleboro)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Sarah Buxton (D-Royalton)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	A	Y	17%
Rep. Brian Campion (D-Bennington)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	29%
Rep. William Canfield (R-Fair Haven)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	71%
Rep. Stephen Carr (D-Brandon)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	43%
Rep. Margaret Cheney (D-Norwich)	Y	N	Y	N	❖	❖	❖	25%
Rep. Kevin Christie (D-Hartford)	Y	A	A	N	Y	N	N	40%
Rep. Alison Clarkson (D-Woodstock)	A	N	A	N	Y	Y	A	25%
Rep. Joanna Cole (D-Burlington)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. James Condon (D-Colchester)	A	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	60%
Rep. Daniel Connor (D-Fairfield)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	29%
Rep. Chip Conquest (D-Newbury)	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	57%
Rep. Michel Consejo (D-Sheldon)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	71%
Rep. Sarah Copeland Hanzas (D-Bradford)	Y	A	A	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Timothy R. Corcoran (D-Bennington)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	71%
Rep. George Cross (D-Winooski)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	33%
Rep. Lawrence Cupoli (R-Rutland City)	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	86%
Rep. Leigh Dakin (D-Chester)	A	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	33%
Rep. Susan Davis (P-Washington)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	14%

Results Key	House Issues Key			
Y Vote yes	1 2013 Flexible Work Arrangements	5 2014 Toxics Bill		
N Vote no	2 2013 UI Amendment	6 2014 Minimum Wage Bill		
A Absent for vote	3 2013 Miscellaneous Tax Bill	7 2014 Employee Benefits Bill		
❖ Not a member of the House at that time	4 2013 Cloud Tax Amendment			
P Presiding				
* Due to the lack of votes, no % available				

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Roll Call Votes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Chamber Position	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	
Rep. David L. Deen (D-Westminster)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Dennis Devereux (R-Mount Holly)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	A	67%
Rep. Lynn Dickinson (R-St. Albans)	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	86%
Rep. Andrew Donaghy (R-Poultney)	A	N	N	Y	N	N	A	100%
Rep. Anne Donahue (R-Northfield)	N	N	N	A	Y	N	N	83%
Rep. Joey Donovan (D-Burlington)	Y	N	A	N	Y	Y	Y	17%
Rep. Rebecca Ellis (D-Waterbury)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Alice M. Emmons (D-Springfield)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Debbie G. Evans (D-Essex)	A	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	33%
Rep. Peter J. Fagan (R-Rutland City)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	71%
Rep. Michelle Fay (D-St. Johnsbury)	Y	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Martha Feltus (R-Lyndonville)	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	57%
Rep. Michael Fisher (D-Lincoln)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. William Frank (D-Underhill)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Patsy French (D-Randolph)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Douglas Gage (R-Rutland)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Anne Gallivan (D-Chittenden)	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	43%
Rep. Charles Goodwin (I-Weston)	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	86%
Rep. Maxine Grad (D-Moretown)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Adam Greshin (I-Warren)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	71%
Rep. Sandy Haas (P-Rochester)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	14%
Rep. Helen Head (D- South Burlington)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Marth Heath (D-Westford)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Michael Hebert (R-Vernon)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Robert G. Helm (R-Castleton)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Mark A. Higley (R-Lowell)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Mary Hooper (D-Montpelier)	Y	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Kathleen Hoyt (D-Norwich)	❖	❖	❖	❖	A	Y	A	*
Rep. Ronald Hubert (R-Milton)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Mark Huntley (D-Cavendish)	Y	N	N	A	Y	N	A	50%
Rep. Timothy Jerman (D-Essex Junction)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. William Jewett (D-Ripton)	P	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	17%

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Y	Vote yes	1	2013 Flexible Work Arrangements	5	2014 Toxics Bill
N	Vote no	2	2013 UI Amendment	6	2014 Minimum Wage Bill
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Chamber Position	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	
Rep. William Johnson (R-Canaan)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Mitzi Johnson (D-South Hero)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Bernard Juskiwicz (R-Cambridge)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	71%
Rep. Kathy Keenan (D-St. Albans City)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Duncan F. Kilmartin (R-Newport City)	A	N	N	A	Y	N	A	75%
Rep. Warren Kitzmiller (D-Montpelier)	Y	N	A	A	Y	Y	Y	20%
Rep. Tony Klein (D-East Montpelier)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	A	Y	16%
Rep. Tom Koch (R-Barre Town)	Y	N	N	Y	A	N	A	67%
Rep. Patti Komline (R-Dorset)	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	86%
Rep. Bob Krebs (D-South Hero)	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	71%
Rep. Jill Krowinski (D-Burlington)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Michelle Kupersmith (D-So. Burlington)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	A	A	20%
Rep. Diane Lanpher (D-Vergennes)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	A	20%
Rep. Leigh B. Larocque (R-Barnet)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	71%
Rep. Richard Lawrence (R-Lyndon)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Joan Lenex (D-Shelburne)	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	29%
Rep. Patti J. Lewis (R-Berlin)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	71%
Rep. William J. Lippert (D-Hinesburg)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Terence Macaig (D-Williston)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. John W. Malcolm (D-Pawlet)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	14%
Rep. Ann Manwaring (D-Wilmington)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	29%
Rep. Michael J. Marcotte (R-Coventry)	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	86%
Rep. Richard Marek (D-Newfane)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Cynthia Martin (D-Springfield)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	29%
Rep. Linda J. Martin (D-Wolcott)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	29%
Rep. James W. Masland (D-Thetford)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	A	17%
Rep. Michael McCarthy (D-St. Albans City)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Curtis McCormack (D/W-Burlington)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. James M. McCullough (D-Williston)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Francis McFaun (R-Barre Town)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	43%
Rep. Kristina Michelsen (D-Hardwick)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%

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Chamber Position	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	
Rep. Alice Miller (D-Shaftsbury)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Mark Mitchell (D-Barnard)	N	N	N	Y	A	N	A	100%
Rep. Ann H. Mook (D-Bennington)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	29%
Rep. John Moran (D-Wardsboro)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Mary A. Morrissey (R-Bennington)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Michael Mrowicki (D-Putney)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	A	17%
Rep. Linda K. Myers (R-Essex)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	A	67%
Rep. Betty A. Nuovo (D-Middlebury)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	29%
Rep. Anne O'Brien (D-Richmond)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	29%
Rep. Jean O'Sullivan (D-Burlington)	Y	Y	Y	N	A	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Carolyn Partridge (D-Windham)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Chuck Pearce (R-Richford)	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	89%
Rep. Christopher Pearson (P-Burlington)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Peter Peltz (D-Woodbury)	Y	A	Y	N	Y	Y	A	0%
Rep. Paul N. Poirier (D-Barre City)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. David Potter (D-Clarendon)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Ann Pugh (D-South Burlington)	Y	N	A	N	Y	Y	Y	17%
Rep. Constance Quimby (R/D-Concord)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Barbara Rachelson (D-South Burlington)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Paul Ralston (D-Middlebury)	A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	50%
Rep. Kesha K. Ram (D-Burlington)	Y	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Herb Russell (D-Rutland City)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Marjorie Ryerson (D-Randolph)	❖	❖	❖	❖	Y	Y	A	*
Rep. Brian K. Savage (R-Swanton)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Heidi E. Scheuermann (R-Stowe)	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	71%
Rep. David Sharpe (D-Bristol)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Loren Shaw (D-Derby)	Y	A	N	Y	A	N	A	75%
Rep. Charles "Butch" Shaw - (R/D-Pittsford)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	71%
Rep. Shap Smith (D-Morristown)	A	P	P	P	P	P	Y	*
Rep. Harvey Smith (R-New Haven)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Robert South (D-St. Johnsbury)	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	43%
Rep. Kristy Spengler (D-Colchester)	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	A	0%
Rep. William Stevens (I-Shoreham)	Y	A	Y	N	Y	N	N	33%

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Roll Call Votes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Chamber Position	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	
Rep. Tom Stevens (D-Waterbury)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Vicky Strong (R-Albany)	N	N	A	Y	N	N	A	100%
Rep. Valerie Stuart (D-Brattleboro)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Donna Sweaney (D-Windsor)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Tess Taylor (D-Barre)	Y	N	Y	N	❖	❖	❖	25%
Rep. Thomas Terenzini (R/D-Rutland)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. George Till (D-Jericho)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Tristan Toleno (D-Brattleboro)	Y	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Kitty Toll (D-Danville)	Y	N	A	N	Y	Y	N	40%
Rep. Lawrence Townsend (D-Randolph)	Y	A	N	Y	❖	❖	❖	60%
Rep. Maida Townsend (D-South Burlington)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	A	17%
Rep. Matt Trieber (D-Rockingham)	Y	N	N	A	A	N	N	80%
Rep. Donald H. Turner (R-Milton)	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	A	83%
Rep. Warren Van Wyck (R-Ferrisburgh)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	100%
Rep. Sheila Vowinkel (D-Hartford)	A	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	17%
Rep. Linda Waite-Simpson (D-Essex)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Tommy Walz (D-Barre)	❖	❖	❖	❖	Y	❖	Y	*
Rep. Kate Webb (D-Shelburne)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%
Rep. Cynthia Weed (P/D-Enosburgh)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Jeff Wilson (D-Manchester)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	29%
Rep. Phillip C. Winters (R-Williamstown)	N	N	A	Y	N	N	A	100%
Rep. Suzi Wizowaty (D-Burlington)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	A	Y	0%
Rep. Mark Woodward (D-Johnson)	Y	Y	A	N	A	Y	Y	0%
Rep. Kurt Wright (R-Burlington)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	71%
Rep. Michael Yantachka (D-Charlotte)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	43%
Rep. Sam Young (D-Albany)	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	43%
Rep. Teo Zagar (D-Barnard)	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14%

Results Key	House Issues Key
Y Vote yes N Vote no A Absent for vote ❖ Not a member of the House at that time P Presiding * Due to the lack of votes, no % available	1 2013 Flexible Work Arrangements 2 2013 UI Amendment 3 2013 Miscellaneous Tax Bill 4 2013 Cloud Tax Amendment 5 2014 Toxics Bill 6 2014 Minimum Wage Bill 7 2014 Employee Benefits Bill

2013- 2014 Vermont Chamber Champions

The Vermont Chamber extends its gratitude to the legislators with high marks, for these individuals are supporters of economic growth, without whom we couldn't accomplish our agenda. We also recognize that much of the legislative work needed to support Vermont's small business community is done behind the scenes and in committee. Therefore, the Vermont Chamber gives special recognition to the legislators highlighted below who played a pivotal role in shaping the outcome on issues critical for the business community.

The Members of the House Commerce and Economic Development Committee: The Vermont Chamber would like to recognize **Chairman Bill Botzow (D-Bennington)**, his **Vice Chair Michael Marcotte (R-Coventry)**, and all of the members of their committee for showing a clear understanding of business issues. Representative Botzow and his committee members have been successful in bringing the Department of Labor and the business community together, and worked hard to pass an omnibus jobs and workforce development bill that will benefit Vermont's business climate. The compromise and exemplary team work that is demonstrated by this Committee is unparalleled.

Representative Paul Ralston (D-Middlebury), Member, House Committee on Commerce: Representative Ralston was a strong voice for businesses in the House over the biennium. The leadership and commitment that Ralston exuded during the drafting and passage of the first-in-nation patent reform legislation was exemplary. As a small business owner, Ralston fully understands the challenges of the business community and his efforts leadership skills, and knowledge of the workforce training and creative economy deficiencies in Vermont, were instrumental in the creation of both the patent legislation and the 2014 jobs bill.

Representative Paul Ralston announced his retirement from the Legislature after four years of representing Middlebury. His service and dedication to the Vermont Chamber, our members and all small businesses is one that will be difficult to replace. We truly wish him the best in all of his future business endeavors and would like to sincerely thank him for his service.

Representative Adam Greshin (I-Warren), Member, House Ways and Means Committee: Representative Greshin continues to bring a keen business perspective to the Legislature and has become an expert business reference on the House Ways and Means Committee. Greshin understands and continues to communicate to his colleagues the ways in which tax credits and tax increases help and hinder Vermont's business community.

Senator John Rodgers (D-Essex-Orleans) and Senator Norm McAllister (R-Franklin): The Vermont Chamber would like to thank Senator Rodgers and Senator McAllister for their support of the Vermont Chamber agenda. During the 2013-2014 biennium, these two junior senators regularly approached policymaking with common sense and a laser focus on impacts to the business community. This is clearly reflected in their report card scores. Thank you!

The Vermont Chamber also recognizes **Senator Dick Mazza (D-Chittenden-Grand Isle)**, **Senator Jane Kitchel (D-Caledonia)** and **Senator Richard Sears (D-Bennington)** for their leadership and their support of the Vermont Chamber agenda. These three senators continually approach legislative decisions with moderation, independence and common sense.