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1. ABORTION (SB 89) 2009 : Senate Bill 89 would require doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. This pro-life bill was designed to help insure patient safety. SB 89 passed the Senate on February 10, 2009 by a vote of 44-6. Unfortunately the differences between the House and Senate versions of SB 89 could not be resolved and the bill died.

2. ABORTION (SB 90) 2009 : Senate Bill 90 dealt with informed consent for abortion. SB 90 would have required a woman seeking an abortion to be informed, among other things, that life begins at conception and that the unborn baby may feel pain when the abortion occurs. This information must be provided at least 18 hours before the abortion occurs. SB 90 passed the Senate by a vote of 39-11 on February 10, 2009. The bill was not voted on in the House of Representatives.

3. PROPERTY TAX CAPS (SJR 1) 2009: Senate Joint Resolution 1 is an Amendment to the Indiana Constitution that would provide a property tax cap on property taxes for homeowners, rental property, farms and businesses. In order for the Amendment to be voted on by the citizens of Indiana, the Amendment must be approved by the House of Representatives and Senate in either 2009 or 2010. The Amendment passed the Senate by a vote of 34-16 on February 9, 2009. It did not receive a vote in the House of Representatives.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

(SB 528) 2009 : Senate Bill 528 would create a way for individuals and corporations to donate to Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGO's) and receive a tax credit. These SGO's could then in turn provide scholarships to families to use to choose a public or non-public school for their child. These scholarships would help children from economically disadvantaged families. SB 528 passed the Senate by a vote of 35-15 on February 19, 2009. The bill did not receive a hearing in the House. However, language was placed in the new state budget creating a tax credit for contributions to Scholarship Granting Organizations. The budget was approved on June 30, 2009.

5. FETICIDE (SB 236) 2009 : Senate Bill 236 was introduced after an April 2008 shooting of an Indianapolis bank teller. She survived but her unborn twins died. The maximum penalty for feticide under current law is two to eight years in prison. Under SB 236 the penalty for the death of an unborn child would be increased to a Class C felony which carries a penalty of six to 20 years. The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 40-9 on February 24, 2009.

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2009 VOTING RECORD INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY





2009 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1. PROTECTION FOR STUDENTS

(HB 1187) 2009 : Representative Jeff Thompson offered an amendment to House Bill 1187 to help protect students in the public schools from being subjected to "cultural competency assessments or cultural audits." The amendment would have also removed the requirement that public schools "provide diversity and multicultural training" to students. These provisions in HB 1187 could potentially be used to provide politically correct indoctrination to students about alternative lifestyles that parents object to their children receiving. Schools should be focusing on academics and not politically correct indoctrination. The amendment failed by a vote of 43-49 on February 24, 2009.

2. GAMBLING (HB 1729) 2009 : Should Indiana's two race tracks with slot machines (racinos) have their tax bills cut by over \$70 million over the next 4 years? That's exactly what House Bill 1729 would do. This means the citizens of Indiana would have lost the benefit of over \$70 million that could have been used to help the families of Indiana. The bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 58-39 on February 25, 2009. It did not receive a hearing in the Senate.

3. PROTECTION FOR TAXPAYERS

(HB 1730) 2009 : House Bill 1730 would change the law dealing with the right of taxpayers to have a voter referendum before property taxes could be raised for a publicly funded project. HB 1730 would remove the requirement of a voter referendum before public construction projects could be undertaken. This provision of a voter referendum was adopted by the General Assembly last year. The bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 52-48 on February 25, 2009 but died in the Senate when it did not receive a hearing.

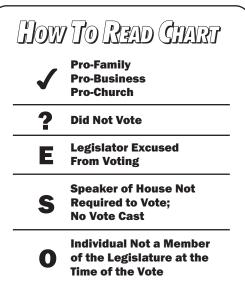
4. FREEDOM FOR PRIVATE & HOME

SCHOOLS (HB 1187) 2009 : Representative Jeff Thompson offered an amendment to House Bill 1187 to protect the current freedom private and home schools have to operate without government control over their internal operation. HB 1187 dealt with "cultural competency" which could have been used as a means to require teachers and students to participate in politically correct indoctrination involving religion and diversity. This could have resulted in mandates involving instruction about lifestyles that parents deemed inappropriate and wrong. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 52-42 on February 5, 2009. **5. GAMBLING (SB 448) 2009 :** Representative Eric Turner offered an amendment to Senate Bill 448 which would have imposed a 3-year moratorium on any expansion of gambling until June 30, 2012. This would have stopped the creation of a casino in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne or any other location. The amendment would have also prohibited the transfer of slot machines or a riverboat license. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 40-55 on April 14, 2009.

6. ABORTION (SB 89) 2009 : Senate Bill 89 is a prolife bill that would require doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. Supporters pointed out that the bill will help insure patient safety. The bill also required women seeking an abortion to be told that the unborn baby may feel pain when the abortion occurs. The bill passed the House by a vote of 73-20 on April 15, 2009. Unfortunately the differences between the House and Senate versions of SB 89 could not be resolved and the bill died.

7. SEX EDUCATION (SB 89) 2009 :

Representative Greg Porter offered an amendment on Senate Bill 89 that would change Indiana's current law on the teaching of abstinence. The result could have been to promote safe sex practices rather than abstinence. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 30-64 on April 13, 2009.



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