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Legislative vote on key Farm Bureau issues – 2004

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| WFB Position: | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Percent |
| State Senate | | | | | | | | |
| Sen. Benton | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Berkey | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Brandland | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Brown | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Sen. Carlson | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Deccio | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Doumit | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Eide | n | Y | n | Y | n | Y | Y | 57% |
| Sen. Esser | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Fairley | n | Y | n | e | n | Y | Y | 49% |
| Sen. Finkbeiner | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Franklin | n | Y | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | 71% |
| Sen. Fraser | n | Y | n | Y | n | Y | Y | 57% |
| Sen. Hale | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Hargrove | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Haugen | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Hewitt | Y | a | Y | e | Y | Y | Y | 98% |
| Sen. Honeyford | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Horn | a | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 99% |
| Sen. Jacobsen | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Sen. Johnson | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Kastama | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Keiser | Y | Y | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | 86% |
| Sen. Kline | n | Y | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | 71% |
| Sen. Kohl-Welles | n | Y | n | Y | n | Y | Y | 57% |
| Sen. McAuliffe | Y | Y | n | Y | n | Y | Y | 71% |
| Sen. McCaslin | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Morton | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Mulliken | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Murray | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |

93 legislators score 100% on priority FB issues for 2004

Thirty state senators and 63 state representatives had 100 percent voting records on seven key issues used in determining this year's voting record in the Legislature.

But, another three senators and 11 representatives fell short of a 100 percent voting record by being absent during key votes.

The Legislature this year passed five of Washington Farm Bureau's priority bills for agriculture. These five, along with two other bills, are included in the vote record for 2004.

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| WFB Position: | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Percent |
| Sen. Oke | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Parlette | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Pflug | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Poulsen | Y | Y | n | Y | n | Y | Y | 70% |
| Sen. Prentice | Y | Y | Y | Y | e | Y | Y | 99% |
| Sen. Rasmussen | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Regala | n | Y | n | Y | n | Y | Y | 57% |
| Sen. Roach | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Schmidt | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Sheahan | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Sheldon, B. | n | Y | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | 71% |
| Sen. Sheldon, T. | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Shin, Paull | Y | Y | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | 86% |
| Sen. Spanel | n | Y | n | Y | n | Y | Y | 57% |
| Sen. Stevens | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Swecker | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Thibaudeau | n | n | n | Y | n | Y | Y | 43% |
| Sen. Winsley | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sen. Zarelli | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |

State House of Representatives

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Rep. Ahern | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Alexander | e | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 99% |
| Rep. Anderson | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Armstrong | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Bailey | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Benson | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Blake | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Boldt | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Buck | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Bush | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Cairnes | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Campbell | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Carrell | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Chandler | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Chase | Y | n | n | n | Y | Y | Y | 57% |
| Rep. Chopp | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Clements | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |

Y = Yes, N=No, e= excused

Absences cost perfect voting record with FB

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For the first time this year, the vote record reflects absences -- excused or not -- when legislators were not present to vote on issues of concern to agriculture in Washington state.

One percentage point was deducted for every absence. Previously such absences were not factored into voting percentages or were counted as a "no" vote.

The vote record is provided as a tool for Farm Bureau members to help assess the performance of their elected officials.

However, it cannot provide a complete portrait of a legislator's role in behind-the-scenes efforts, sponsorship of bills, leadership qualities, or responsiveness to constituent requests.

In addition, labor issues were not included in the vote record this year because several bills managed to pass the Senate, but were never acted on in the House.

If House members had chosen to address these issues, Farm Bureau would have a more complete picture of where our legislators stand on key issues.

Farm Bureau hopes that this vote record will assist its members in opening a dialogue with their elected officials and beginning a working relationship with them.

Here is a brief summary of the bills considered in the voting record:

Ag Property Tax Exemption (HB 1677) --Would have exempted farm equipment from the county share of personal property taxes in seven urban counties. Vetoed by Gov. Locke.



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Regulatory Reform (HB 2598) –

Creates a pilot program to allow courts in Bellingham, Yakima, and Spokane to hear legal challenges to administrative rules. Previously, these challenges could be heard only in Thurston County. Signed into law by the governor.

Tax Relief for Beef Processors (HB 2929) –

Provides temporary B&O tax relief to beef processors until other countries lift the beef bans they imposed in the wake of the BSE scare. Signed by the governor.

Credible Water Quality Data (SB 5957) –

Requires the state Department of Ecology to establish procedures and criteria for collecting data used to make water quality decisions. It makes falsification of data a gross misdemeanor. Signed by the governor.

Cougar Control (SB 6118) –

Creates a pilot project to use dogs for hunting cougars in Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Chelan, and Okanogan counties. Gov. Locke vetoed a section that would have allowed other counties to opt into the program.

Ag Flexibility (SB 6237) –

Allows farmers to operate some non-agricultural businesses on agricultural lands considered of long-term commercial significance under the Growth Management Act. Signed by the governor.

Cholinesterase Monitoring (SB 6599) –

Requires the state Department of Labor and Industries to collect data necessary to evaluate its cholinesterase monitoring program. Workers who handle organophosphate or carbamate pesticides must be tested, and growers can apply for reimbursements for program compliance costs. Gov. Locke signed the bill after vetoing a section stipulating how often L&I must reimburse growers. ■

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| WFB Position: | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Percent |
| Rep. Clibborn | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. Cody | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Condotta | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Conway | Y | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. Cooper | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. Cox | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Crouse | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Darneille | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. DeBolt | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Delvin | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Dickerson | Y | n | n | Y | n | Y | Y | 57% |
| Rep. Dunshee | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Edwards | e | e | e | e | e | e | e | 0% (ill) |
| Rep. Eickmeyer | e | Y | Y | e | Y | Y | Y | 98% |
| Rep. Ericksen | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Flannigan | Y | e | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 99% |
| Rep. Fromhold | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Grant | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Haigh | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Hankins | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Hatfield | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Hinkle | Y | Y | e | e | Y | Y | e | 97% |
| Rep. Holmquist | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Hudgins | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. Hunt | Y | n | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | 71% |
| Rep. Hunter | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Jarrett | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Kagi | Y | n | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | 71% |
| Rep. Kenney | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Kessler | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Kirby | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Kristiansen | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Lantz | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Linville | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Lovick | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Mastin | Y | Y | Y | e | e | Y | e | 97% |
| Rep. McCoy | Y | Y | n | n | Y | Y | Y | 71% |
| Rep. McDermott | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. McDonald | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. McIntire | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |



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| WFB Position: | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Percent |
| Rep. McMahan | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. McMorris | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | e | Y | 99% |
| Rep. Mielke | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Miloscia | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. Moeller | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. Morrell | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Morris | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Murray | Y | Y | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. Newhouse | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Nixon | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. O'Brien | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Orcutt | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Ormsby | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. Pearson | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Pettigrew | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Priest | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Quall | e | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 99% |
| Rep. Roach | Y | Y | Y | Y | e | Y | Y | 99% |
| Rep. Rockefeller | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Rodne | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Romero | Y | n | n | Y | n | Y | Y | 57% |
| Rep. Ruderman | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | e | Y | 99% |
| Rep. Santos | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Schindler | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Schoesler | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Schual-Berke | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. Sehlin | Y | e | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 99% |
| Rep. Shabro | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Simpson, D. | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Simpson, G. | Y | n | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | 71% |
| Rep. Skinner | e | e | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 98% |
| Rep. Sommers | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. Sullivan | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Sump | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Talcott | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Tom | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Upthegrove | e | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | 82% |
| Rep. Veloria | Y | e | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | 82% |
| Rep. Wallace | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Rep. Wood | Y | Y | n | Y | Y | Y | Y | 86% |
| Rep. Woods | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |