

# Colorado Union of Taxpayers

## Rates the Legislature Fifty-Fourth General Assembly

1983 - 1984

### ★ ★ ★ U.S. CONGRESSIONAL SCORES ★ ★ ★

| SENATE             |   |            |       | HOUSE       |                |            |       |             |
|--------------------|---|------------|-------|-------------|----------------|------------|-------|-------------|
| Name               |   | Percentile | Score | Rank        | Name           | Percentile | Score | Rank        |
| Armstrong, William | R | 96         | 73    | Good        | Brown, Hank    | 98         | 83    | Good        |
| Hart, Gary         | D | 14         | 28    | Big Spender | Schaefer, Dan  | 93         | 75    | Good        |
|                    |   |            |       |             | Kramer, Ken    | 89         | 68    | Good        |
|                    |   |            |       |             | Schroeder, Pat | 62         | 40    | Fair        |
|                    |   |            |       |             | Wirth, Tim     | 40         | 23    | Big Spender |
|                    |   |            |       |             | Kogovsek, Ray  | 35         | 21    | Big Spender |

National Taxpayers Union  
1984 Spending Study

### ★ ★ ★ COLORADO LEGISLATIVE SCORES ★ ★ ★

| House of Representatives |   |                |         |      | House of Representatives |                        |   |                 |         |      |           |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|---------|------|--------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|------|-----------|
| Name                     |   |                | Interim |      | Full Term                | Name                   |   |                 | Interim |      | Full Term |
|                          |   |                | 1983    | 1984 | 1983-84                  |                        |   |                 | 1983    | 1984 | 1983-84   |
| <sup>1</sup> DeFilippo   | R | Golden         | 100%    | 100% | 100%                     | Dunning                | D | Aurora          | 10%     | 27%  | 19%       |
| Prendergast              | R | Denver         | 60%     | 100% | 81%                      | Markert                | D | Aurora          | 18%     | 18%  | 18%       |
| Bledsoe                  | R | Hugo           | 70%     | 82%  | 76%                      | Webb                   | D | Denver          | 13%     | 18%  | 16%       |
| Armstrong                | R | Grand Junction | 55%     | 91%  | 73%                      | Lucero                 | D | Pueblo          | 9%      | 22%  | 15%       |
| Moore                    | R | Lakewood       | 55%     | 90%  | 71%                      | Groff                  | D | Westminster     | 18%     | 10%  | 14%       |
| Tebedo                   | R | Colo. Springs  | 55%     | 82%  | 68%                      | Hernandez              | D | Denver          | 9%      | 18%  | 14%       |
| Wattenberg               | R | Walden         | 64%     | 73%  | 68%                      | Dyer                   | D | Longmont        | 0%      | 20%  | 10%       |
| Lee                      | R | Lakewood       | 55%     | 80%  | 67%                      | Davoran                | D | Denver          | 9%      | 9%   | 9%        |
| Mielke                   | R | Lakewood       | 55%     | 73%  | 64%                      | Martinez               | D | Commerce City   | 9%      | 9%   | 9%        |
| Pankey                   | R | Littleton      | 27%     | 100% | 62%                      | Reeves                 | D | Ft. Collins     | 9%      | 9%   | 9%        |
| Minahan                  | R | Security       | 55%     | 64%  | 59%                      | Skaggs                 | D | Boulder         | 9%      | 9%   | 9%        |
| Gillis                   | R | Lamar          | 40%     | 78%  | 58%                      | Wright                 | D | Boulder         | 9%      | 9%   | 9%        |
| Artist                   | R | Greeley        | 36%     | 80%  | 57%                      | Knox                   | D | Denver          | 9%      | 0%   | 5%        |
| Bryan                    | R | Loveland       | 18%     | 91%  | 55%                      |                        |   |                 |         |      |           |
| Underwood                | R | Olathe         | 27%     | 82%  | 55%                      |                        |   |                 |         |      |           |
| McGinnis                 | R | Glenwood Spgs. | 27%     | 80%  | 52%                      |                        |   |                 |         |      |           |
| Owens                    | R | Aurora         | 36%     | 70%  | 52%                      |                        |   |                 |         |      |           |
| Robb                     | R | Grand Junction | 18%     | 80%  | 48%                      | <sup>3</sup> Winkler   | R | Castle Rock     | 82%     | 89%  | 85%       |
| Bath                     | R | Arvada         | 27%     | 64%  | 45%                      | Allshouse              | R | Aurora          | 70%     | 78%  | 74%       |
| Paulson                  | R | Englewood      | 18%     | 73%  | 45%                      | Powers                 | R | Colo. Springs   | 64%     | 78%  | 70%       |
| Entz                     | R | Hooper         | 27%     | 64%  | 45%                      | Hefley                 | R | Colo. Springs   | 67%     | 55%  | 61%       |
| Younglund                | R | New Raymer     | 36%     | 55%  | 45%                      | Allard                 | R | Loveland        | 55%     | 67%  | 60%       |
| Herzog                   | R | Colo. Springs  | 27%     | 60%  | 43%                      | Brandon                | R | Akron           | 45%     | 67%  | 55%       |
| Faatz                    | R | Denver         | 36%     | 45%  | 41%                      | Arnold                 | R | Littleton       | 55%     | 50%  | 53%       |
| Hamlin                   | R | Ft. Morgan     | 27%     | 54%  | 41%                      | Cole                   | R | Littleton       | 45%     | 45%  | 45%       |
| Hume                     | R | Boulder        | 18%     | 64%  | 41%                      | Beatty                 | R | Ft. Collins     | 18%     | 75%  | 42%       |
| Schauer                  | R | Littleton      | 11%     | 73%  | 40%                      | McCormick              | R | Canon City      | 36%     | 44%  | 40%       |
| Scherer                  | R | Idaho Spgs.    | 27%     | 56%  | 40%                      | Wells                  | R | Colo. Springs   | 20%     | 55%  | 37%       |
| Taylor-Little            | R | Arvada         | 20%     | 60%  | 40%                      | Fowler                 | R | Boulder         | 18%     | 55%  | 35%       |
| Hover                    | R | Parker         | 10%     | 64%  | 38%                      | Strickland             | R | Westminster     | 18%     | 55%  | 35%       |
| Strahle                  | R | Ft. Collins    | 18%     | 60%  | 38%                      | Donley                 | R | Greeley         | 18%     | 50%  | 32%       |
| <sup>2</sup> Chavez      | D | Denver         |         | 36%  | 36%                      | Soash                  | D | Steamboat Spgs. | 36%     | 25%  | 32%       |
| Mutzebaugh               | R | Lakewood       | 11%     | 55%  | 35%                      | Stockton               | R | Lakewood        | 18%     | 50%  | 32%       |
| Shoemaker                | D | Canon City     | 27%     | 44%  | 35%                      | Bishop                 | R | Grand Junction  | 9%      | 56%  | 30%       |
| Allison                  | R | Edgewater      | 27%     | 36%  | 32%                      | Noble                  | R | Norwood         | 18%     | 44%  | 30%       |
| Larson                   | R | Colo. Springs  | 9%      | 55%  | 32%                      | Dodge                  | R | Denver          | 27%     | 33%  | 29%       |
| Neale                    | R | Denver         | 18%     | 45%  | 32%                      | McManus                | D | Denver          | 22%     | 33%  | 28%       |
| Trujillo                 | D | Pueblo         | 36%     | 25%  | 32%                      | Traylor                | R | Wheat Ridge     | 18%     | 33%  | 25%       |
| Fine                     | R | Greeley        | 11%     | 45%  | 30%                      | Sandoval               | D | Denver          | 27%     | 19%  | 24%       |
| Kirscht                  | R | Pueblo         | 18%     | 36%  | 30%                      | Ezzard                 | R | Englewood       | 9%      | 43%  | 22%       |
| Dambman                  | R | Colo. Springs  | 9%      | 45%  | 27%                      | Meiklejohn             | R | Arvada          | 20%     | 25%  | 22%       |
| Fenlon                   | R | Aurora         | 18%     | 36%  | 27%                      | Holme                  | D | Denver          | 20%     | 22%  | 21%       |
| Fleming                  | D | Thornton       | 18%     | 36%  | 27%                      | Rizzuto                | D | Swink           | 27%     | 11%  | 20%       |
| Heim                     | R | Colo. Springs  | 9%      | 45%  | 27%                      | Beno                   | D | Pueblo          | 9%      | 22%  | 15%       |
| Bowen                    | D | Denver         | 18%     | 38%  | 26%                      | Peterson               | D | Denver          | 18%     | 11%  | 15%       |
| Campbell                 | D | Ignacio        | 18%     | 38%  | 26%                      | Stewart                | D | Longmont        | 18%     | 11%  | 15%       |
| Taylor                   | D | Denver         | 38%     | 18%  | 26%                      | Groff                  | D | Denver          | 11%     | 13%  | 12%       |
| Johnson                  | D | Pueblo         | 27%     | 14%  | 22%                      | Baca                   | D | Thornton        | 10%     | 11%  | 11%       |
| Bird                     | R | Colo. Springs  | 9%      | 38%  | 21%                      | Callihan               | D | Gunnison        | 9%      | 11%  | 10%       |
| Brown                    | D | Denver         | 22%     | 18%  | 20%                      | Glass                  | D | Frisco          | 9%      | 11%  | 10%       |
| Burkhardt                | D | Northglenn     | 10%     | 27%  | 19%                      | Phelps                 | D | Pueblo          | 9%      | 11%  | 10%       |
|                          |   |                |         |      |                          | <sup>4</sup> Gallagher | D | Denver          | 0%      | 0%   | 0%        |

<sup>1</sup>Winner of the C.U.T. GUARDIAN of the TREASURY AWARD  
<sup>2</sup>Graded on 1984 only. Replaced R. Castro 10/83

<sup>3</sup>Professional Fat Trimmer Award Winner  
<sup>4</sup>Skewered Taxpayer Award Winner

## GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT

H.B. 1293

Inspection of Plumbing Work in Those Areas of the State Where There is No Plumbing Code and Making an Appropriation Thereof (of course)

Correct vote: No (as follows)

**House**

Passed 43-19-0 Armstrong, Artist, Bryan, Entz, Faatz, Gillis, Lee, Mielke, Moore, Robb, Strahle, Trujillo, Dambman, DeFilippo, Pankey, Paulson, Prendergast, Underwood, Bledsoe

Not voting or excused: Bird, Bowen, Taylor-Little

**Senate**

Passed 34-1 All yes except Winkler

This is a clear case of Bureaucratic harassment of such citizens as ranchers and farmers who hook up irrigation or animal watering plumbing. We wonder what organized labor pressure group put Representative Johnson and the gang up to pushing this one through!

H.B. 1167

Personal Care Boarding Homes

Correct vote: No (as follows)

**House**

Passed 33-24-8 Armstrong, Artist, Bryan, DeFilippo, Entz, Fenlon, Hamlin, Hover, Larsen, Lee, McGinnis, Minahan, Moore, Mutzebaugh, Owens, Pankey, Predergast, Robb, Schauer, Shoemaker, Strahle, Tebedo, Wattenberg, Bledsoe

Absent: Bird, Campbell, Gillis, Johnson, Kirscht, Lucero, Scherer, Trujillo

**Senate**

Unanimous Yes vote 34-0

Absent: Sandoval

This sets up bureaucratic regulations licensing, inspections, rules and standards for Personal Care Boarding Homes. The people this law sets out to protect are generally wiser than what we can expect from the empire building functionaries that will administer the program. Mainly, the boarders know enough to move out if the house is not up to decent living standards.

S.B. 181

Creates (that word again) a consumer counsel office for the Public Utilities Commission.

Correct vote: No (as follows)

**House**

Passed 53-11-1 DeFilippo, Heim, Hover, Lee, Moore, Owens, Pankey, Paulsen, Prendergast, Underwood, Wattenberg

Absent: Bowen

**Senate**

Passed 28-5-2 Allshouse, Cole, Powers, Stockton, Winkler

Absent: Beatty, Sandoval

As we understand it, the Public Utilities Commission was designed to represent the public interest in negotiation with the utility companies. Rather than add a *watch the watchdog bureaucracy*, wouldn't it make better sense to retire ineffective watchdogs and install fresh dobermen (or dober persons) in their place?

H.B. 1307

Abolish Auto Safety Inspection

Correct vote: Yes (as follows)

**House**

Passed 41-24 Armstrong, Artist, Bath, Bird, Bryan, Campbell, Chavez, Davoren, DeFilippo, Dunning, Dyer, Entz, Flemming, Gillis, Hernandez, Herzog, Hover, Hume, Johnson, Lee, Lucero, Martinez, McGinnis, Mielke, Minahan, Moore, Mutzebaugh, Pankey, Paulsen, Prendergast, Robb, Schauer, Scherer, Shoemaker, Taylor, Taylor-Little, Tebedo, Underwood, Wattenberg, Younglund, Bledsoe

**Senate**

Passed 19-16 Allard, Allshouse, Arnold, Beatty, Bishop, Brandon, Dodge, Donley, Ezzard, Fowler, Hefley, McCormick, Noble, Powers, Soash, Stockton, Wells, Winkler, Strickland

After a trial period with no inspections, lo and behold! The citizens have overwhelmingly behaved responsibly in maintaining brakes and lights without Big Brother forcing them into it. A victory for responsible citizens, a defeat for empire builders in government.

H.B. 1103

Creation of Commission on Children and Family

Correct vote: No (as follows)

**House**

Passed 53-12-0 Armstrong, Artist, Bryan, DeFilippo, Gillis, McGinnis, Moore, Pankey, Predergast, Tebedo, Underwood, Bledsoe

**Senate**

Killed in Senate Committee

How about a commission on battered taxpayers?

## DIRECT TAX ISSUES

H.B. 1441

Second Extension of Temporary Sales and Use Tax

Correct vote: No (as follows)

**House**

Passed 25-22-8 Armstrong, Bath, Bird, Bryan, Dambman, DeFilippo, Faatz, Fleming, Hamlin, Heim, Herzog, Hume, Lee, Markert, Mielke, Neale, Owens, Pankey, Paulsen, Prendergast, Taylor-Little, Tebedo

Not voting or excused: Moore, Artist, Groff, McGinnis, Robb, Trujillo, Campbell, Dyer

**Senate**

Passed 23-8-4 Allard, Allshouse, Beatty, Bishop, Brandon, Powers, Wells, Winkler

Not voting or excused: Ezzard, Groff, Sandoval, Soash

When this tax was first passed, a deal was made with the taxpayers (voters) establishing a definite cutoff date. It was needed to put the state's fiscal house in order. Ignoring this deal, a new deal was made with the governor on a welfare spending compromise. Hence, a 10 day extension.

The above vote is yet another extension for 20 days. Business lobbies insist that it would be more convenient if their tax collection procedure ended coincident with the end of the month. Now everybody is happy-except, of course, the taxpayer.

# IE 1984 RATINGS

**H.B. 1346**

**Homeowners Association Property**

Correction vote: Yes (as follows)

**House**

All correct except: Bird, Burkhardt, Davoren, Dunning, Dyer, Fleming, Groff, Hernandez, Knox, Lee, Lucero, Markert, Martinez, Reeves, Skaggs, Taylor, Trujillo, Wright

Not voting or excused: Johnson, Shoemaker

**Senate**

Passed Unanimously

62-0-3 Not voting or excused: Dodge, Gallagher, Meiklejohn

This assesses property owned by homeowner organizations the same as that owned by the members. This applies to where the members have exclusive use, benefit and enjoyment of that property. Thus it should have the same tax status as a private club which has never enjoyed special tax treatment.

**S.B. 53**

**Create Visual & Performing Arts District**

Correct vote: No (as follows)

**House**

No Vote - Killed in Committee

**Senate**

18-15-2

Allard, Allshouse, Arnold, Beatty, Beno, Brandon, Cole, Fowler, Hefley, McManus, McCormick, Powers, Wells, Winkler, Strickland

Absent: Dodge, Donley

This is one of 5 bills that were introduced that would create either whole new taxing authorities or increase mill levies beyond the 7% limitation. We would have used all five if they have not been killed in committee before 3rd reading. This one was eventually killed in committee, but not before the vote in the Senate.

**H.B. 1155**

**Mill Levy Increase for Fire Protection Districts**

Correct vote: No (as follows)

**House**

Passed Armstrong, Artist, Bath, Bryan, Fine, Gillis, Herzog, Larsen, 34-26-5 McGinnis, Mielke, Minahan, Robb, Schauer, Scherer, Shoemaker, Tebedo, DeFilippo, Hume, Kirscht, Owens, Pankey, Predergast, Underwood, Wattenberg, Younglund, Bledsoe

Not voting or excused: Bowen, Lee, Strahle

**Senate**

Killed in Senate Committee

This is another attempt to drill more holes in the now Swiss Cheesey 7% limitation on increased spending.

**H.B. 1218**

**Exempt Mineral Reserves From Property Tax**

Correct vote: Yes (as follows)

**House**

Passed

40-22-3

Allison, Armstrong, Bath, Bowen, Bryan, Burkhardt, Campbell, Chavez, DeFilippo, Dunning, Entz, Fine, Fleming, Gillis, Herzog, Hover, Hume, Kirscht, Larsen, Lee, Lucero, McGinnis, Mielke, Minahan, Moore, Mutzebaugh, Neale, Pankey, Paulsen, Predergast, Robb, Schauer, Scherer, Strahle, Taylor-Little, Tebedo, Underwood, Wattenberg, Younglund, Bledsoe

Absent: Johnson, Owens, Shoemaker

**Senate**

Killed in Senate Committee.

The State wants it both ways. The mineral is taxed as if it is a person's property while in the ground, then, when extracted a severance tax is levied with the justification that Colorado's minerals are being depleted.

*No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session.*

**Jacquin's Postulate on Democratic Government**

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# ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT

S.B. 69

Eliminate prevailing wage requirements on State Contracts.

Correct vote: Yes

## House

Passed  
53-3-9

All Correct except no votes - Davoren, Knox, Martinez

Absent: Bird, Campbell, Gillis, Johnson, Kirscht, Lucero, Pankey, Scherer, Trujillo

## Senate

Passed  
19-14-2

Yes votes: Allard, Allshouse, Beatty, Bishop, Brandon, Cole, Dodge, Donley, Ezzard, Fowler, Hefly, Holmes, Meiklejohn, Noble, Powers, Traylor, Wells, Winkler, Strickland

Absent: Arnold, Stockton

Neat idea. The State Government can shop for the best deal. Sounds almost like Free Enterprise, doesn't it?

H.B. 1029

Limits Transfer of Funds by the Governor

Correct vote: Yes (as follows)

## House

Passed  
41-23-1

Allison, Armstrong, Artist, Bath, Bird, Bryan, Dambman, DeFilippo, Faatz, Fenlon, Fine, Gillis, Hamlin, Heim, Hover, Hume, Kirscht, Larson, Lee, McGinnis, Mielke, Entz, Minaham, Moore, Mutzebaugh, Neale, Owens, Pankey, Paulsen, Prendergast, Robb, Schauer, Scherer, Strahle, Taylor-Little, Tebedo, Trujillo, Underwood, Wattenberg, Younglund, Bledsoe

Not voting or excused: Herzog

## Senate

Passed  
19-14-2

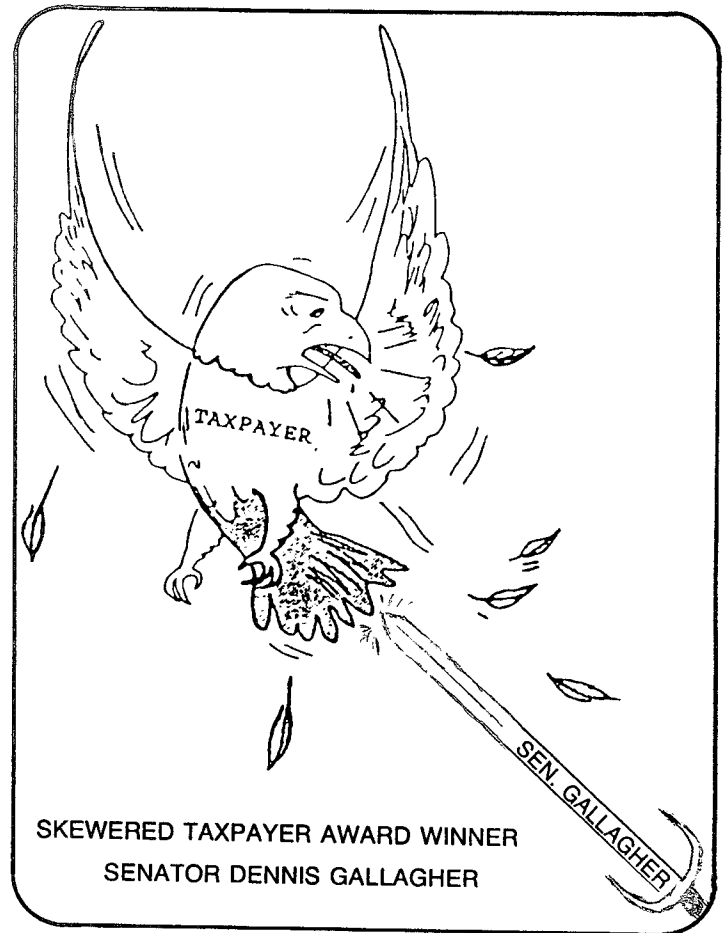
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Not voting or excused: Ezzard, Dodge

This bill is designed to keep the power of the purse in the hands of the legislature where it belongs - when it is not in the hands of the taxpayer.

Unfortunately, this bill was vetoed by the Governor.

The 1983 Interim Rating Includes Explanations of Bills Used in that Study.  
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