

Colorado Union of Taxpayers

Rates the Legislature Fifty-Sixth General Assembly 1987-1988

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

SENATE			HOUSE		
Name	Percentile	Rank	Name	Percentile	Rank
Bill Armstrong	99	good	Hank Brown	98	good
Tim Wirth	58	fair	Dan Schaeffer	96	good
			Joel Hefley	87	good
			Pat Schroeder	59	fair
			Ben N. Campbell	53	fair
			David Skaggs	47	fair

Compiled from National Taxpayers' Union 1987 study

★ ★ ★ COLORADO LEGISLATIVE SCORES ★ ★ ★

House of Representatives			House of Representatives		
Name	Score	Percentile	Name	Score	Percentile
*Shoemaker, (R) Denver	50	86	Bledsoe, (R) Hugo	65	99
Berger, (D) Longmont	45	77	Faatz, (R) Denver	65	99
Grant, (R) Denver	45	77	Mutzebaugh, (R) Conifer	65	99
Ratterree, (R) Colo. Springs	45	77	*Owen, (R) Greeley	60	94
Ament, (R) Iliff	40	72	Pankey, (R) Littleton	60	94
Anderson, (R) Lakewood	40	72	Chlouber, (R) Leadville	55	89
Dambman, (R) Colo. Springs	40	72	Epps, (R) Colo. Springs	55	89
Dyer, (D) Durango	40	72	Hume, (R) Boulder	55	89
Entz, (R) Hooper	40	72	Armstrong, (R) Grand Junction	50	86
Gillis, (R) Lamar	40	72	Bond, (D) Greeley	50	86
Grampsas, (R) Golden	40	72	Carpenter, (R) Grand Junction	50	86
P. Hernandez, (D) Denver	40	72	Paulson, (R) Englewood	50	86
Ruddick, (D) Auraura	40	72	Philips, (R) Colo. Springs	50	86
Swenson, (R) Longmont	40	72			
Ulvang, (R) Ft. Collins	40	72	Senate		
Wright, (D) Boulder	40	72	*Considine, (R) Cherry Hills	90	99
Berry, (R) Colo. Springs	35	55	Allard, (R) Loveland	70	94
Green, (R) Aurora	35	55	Bird, (R) Colorado Springs	65	91
Hover, (R) Parker	35	55	R. Powers, (R) Colo. Springs	60	89
Jenkins, (D) Florence	35	55	*Schaffer, (R) Ft. Collins	60	89
Knox, (D) Denver	35	55	Brandon, (R) Akron	55	83
Kopel, (D) Denver	35	55	Cole, (R) Littleton	55	83
Neale, (R) Denver	35	55	Winkler, (R) Castle Rock	55	83
Tebedo, (R) Colo Springs	35	55	Bishop, (R) Grand Junction	50	74
Thiebaut, (D) Pueblo	35	55	Sandoval, (D) Denver	50	74
Tucker, (R) Lakewood	35	55	Durham, (R) Colo. Springs	45	69
Webb, (D) Denver	35	55	Fenlon, (R) Aurora	45	69
S. Williams, (R) Breckinridge	35	55	Wells, (R) Colo. Springs	45	69
Allison, (R) Edgewater	30	34	Lee, (R) Lakewood	40	60
Bowen, (R) Denver	30	34	Pastore, (D) Alamoso	40	60
T. Hernandez, (D) Denver	30	34	Traylor, (R) Wheat Ridge	40	60
Irwin, (R) Loveland	30	34	Wattenberg, (R) Walden	40	60
Jones, (D) Thornton	30	34	De Neir, (R) Durango	35	49
Owens, (R) Aurora	30	34	Mc Cormick, (R) Canon City	35	49
D. Williams, (R) Grand Junction	30	34	Rizzuto, (D) Swink	35	49
K. Williams, (R) R. Thornton	30	34	Schroeder, (R) lakewood	35	49
Fagan, (D) Colo. Springs	25	22	Strickland, (R) Westminster	35	49
Fish, (R) Lakewood	25	22	Wham, (R) Denver	35	49
Fleming, (R) Commerce City	25	22	Fowler, (R) Boulder	30	31
Lawson, (D) Brighton	25	22	Hopper, (R) Lookout Mt.	30	31
Mc Innis, (R) Glenwood Springs	25	22	Meiklejohn, (R) Arvada	30	31
	25	22	Mendez, (D) Longmont	30	31
Groff, (D) Westminster	20	12	Norton, (R) Greeley	30	31
Masson, (R) Delta	20	12	Trujillo, (D) Pueblo	30	31
Romero, (D) Pueblo	20	12	Groff, (D) Denver	25	14
Tanner, (D) Denver	20	12	Martinez, (D) Commerce City	25	14
Taylor-Little, (R) Denver	20	12	Mc Cauley, (D) Wwesminster	25	14
Bath, (R) Arvada	15	2	P. Powers, (R) Denver	25	14
Reeser, (D) Ft. Collins	15	2	Gallecher, (D) Denver	20	3
Schauer, (R) Littleton	15	2	Peterson, (D) Denver	15	1
Rupert, (D) Boulder	20	12			

*Scored on 1988 only. Not in the Legislature in 1987

Description of the Bills Used in the Rating

1987 BILLS

CUT THE 1987-1988 RATING

The Colorado Legislature has completed its work for 1988 and CUT has compiled the rating for the 2 year period. The enclosed rating explains certain features that should be explained.

There were several bills that CUT felt were fair taxpayer issues, but were not included in the ratings because they were railroaded through, generally for lack of testimony from interested taxpayers. (Spending lobbies were always well represented). Inclusion of these bills would have had no effect on the percentage column, thus were not included in the final compilation.

Other bills did deal with the taxpayers' wallet but posed a problem for inclusion in the ratings. Good example was HB 1341, The School Finance Act. Since education is the single largest item of State spending, CUT was very anxious to include at least some legislation on this subject. Until a vote did finally occur, CUT found it impossible to rate legislators on their responsibility to the taxpayers on the basis of the vote because the bill contained both good and bad features.

Example: HB 1341 was an improvement over other earlier proposals, i.e. "Meiklejohn's Monster". It imposed a 5% ceiling on annual property tax increases and then only on voter approval at a general election time. It kept School finance out of court.

Example: It reduced financial control at the local level and increased educational costs by about \$10 million the first year. Although HB 1341 introduced quality control, the best control, competition, was never considered. Not including a voucher system was a glaring deficiency.

Thus we were left with 10 bills from 1988 where legislators had a clear choice on taxpayer issues. In the interest of fairness and balance we selected 10 bills from the 1987 study that gave lawmakers the clearest choice toward liberty or serfdom for the taxpayer of Colorado.

The 1987 legislature produced several expensive projects that stretched far beyond the normal constitutional authority of the State government. These included the Transit Construction Authority, the Denver Convention center, A new Denver Airport and international trade offices. 1988 was marked by the School Finance act, a start toward privatization of RTD, and electronic lotto — otherwise known as the Great Colorado numbers racket, or, having run out of other things to tax, a new tax on ignorance.

HJR1010 Sponsored by Hover.
Established general State authority for the new Denver Airport construction. It established funding as a statewide responsibility.
Correct vote: NO

HB1210 Sponsored by Grampas.
Permitted the levy of sales taxes for the creation of improvement districts, and expanded the use of bonded indebtedness. Correct vote: NO

HB1214 Sponsored by McInnis.
Extended the existence of the Tourism Board and doubled the tax rate.
Correct vote: NO

HB1249 Sponsored by Faatz. Created the Transit Construction Authority with broad power to raise taxes. This was scaled back in 1988 (SB197) after embarrassing protests by affected businesses. Correct vote: NO

HB1331 Sponsored by Paulson. Because of changes in the Federal tax code, Colorado's tax code had to change. This bill mandated the 5% flat tax, which increased State revenues by \$191 million, approximately a 15% increase. Correct vote: NO

HB1336 Sponsored by Armstrong.
Created the Colorado Economic Development Commission. Correct vote: NO

HB1378 Sponsored by Pankey. Repealed provisions for instructional television. Correct vote: YES

HB1382 Sponsored by Allison.
Obligated the State to pay \$36 million to Denver to acquire land for the Denver Convention Center.
Correct vote: NO

★ The Vote on 1988 Bills ★

House of Representatives

Senate

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	HB1009	HB1179	HB1182	HB1048	HB1274	HB1302	HB1055	HB1028	SB197	SB164	TOTAL
Alison	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	5
Ament	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Anderson	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	6
Armstrong	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	7
Bath						+	+	-		+	3
Berger	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	6
Berry	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Bledsoe	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	7
Bond	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	5
Bowen	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	5
Carpenter	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	7
Chlouber	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Dambman	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Dyer	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Entz	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	6
Epps	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	7
Faatz	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	7
Fagan	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	4
Fish	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	4
Fleming	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	4
Gillis	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Graff	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	3
Grampsad	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Grant	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	7
Green	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Hernandez, P			+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	5
Hernandez, T	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	5
Hover	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Hume	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	7
Irwin	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	5
Jenkins	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	6
Jones	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	4
Knox	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	3
Kopel	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	3
Lawson						+	+	-	+	-	1
Masson	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	3
McInnis						+	+	-	+	+	3
Mutzebaugh	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Neale	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
*Owen	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	6
Owens	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	5
Pankey	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	7
Paulson	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	7
Philips	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Ratterree	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Reeser	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	4
Reeves	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	4
Romero	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	2
Ruddick		+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	6
Rupert	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	3
Schauer						+	+	-	+	-	3
*Shoemaker	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	5
Swenson	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Tanner	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	4
Taylor-Little	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	5
Tebedo	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	5
Thiebaut	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	4
Trujillo		+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	5
Tucker	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Ulvang	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	7
Webb		+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	4
Williams, D.	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	5
Williams, K.	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	4
Williams, S.					+	+	+	-	+	+	3
Wright	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	3

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Burd	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	8
Bishop	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	6
Brandon	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	6
Cole	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	7
Considine	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	9
DeNair	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Durham	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	7
Fenlon	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Fowler	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	5
Gallegher	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	3
Graff	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	4
Hopper	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Lee	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	5
Martinez	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	3
McCaughey	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	3
McCormick	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Meiklejohn	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Mendez	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	3
Norton	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	5
Pastore	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	5
Peterson	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	2
Powers, P.				+	-	+	-	-	+	-	3
Powers, R.	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	8
Rizzuto	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	7
Sandoval	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	6
*Schaffer	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Schroeder	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	7
Strickland	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Traylor	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	7
Trujillo	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	4
Wattenberg	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	6
Wells	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	7
Whom	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6
Winkler	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	8

+ Indicates a Good Vote
 - Indicates a Bad Vote
 * Indicates 1 Year in Office
 Blank = Absent, Excused or Not Voting

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SB87 Sponsored by Ezzard. Increased by 50% the severance tax on oil and gas. Correct vote: NO

SB147 Sponsored by Bird. Expanded the power and scope of the Colorado Housing Authority. Correct vote: NO

1988 Bills

HB1009 Sponsored by Grant. Prohibited the State or State agencies from manufacturing goods or services that were also offered by private industry. Correct vote: YES

HB1028 Sponsored by T Hernandez. Established the Small Business Development Credit Corp. Correct vote: NO

HB1048 Sponsored by D Williams. Increased a broad array of clerical and documentary fees charged by County treasurers. Correct vote: NO

HB1055 Sponsored by D Williams and Wattenberg. Provided much-needed relief to the mining industry by delaying a scheduled severance tax increase and reducing another. Correct vote: YES

HB1179 Sponsored by Green. Prohibited government expenditures to influence elections. Correct vote: YES

HB1182 Sponsored by Ament. Authorized creation of business improvement districts in municipalities, with power to levy taxes. Correct vote: NO

HB1274 Sponsored by Schauer. Authorized the conduct of lotto games to finance capital construction for prisons. Correct vote: NO

HB1302 Sponsored by Bledsoe. Required quarterly State revenue projections and required expenditure cuts if a shortfall was anticipated. Correct vote: YES

SB164 Sponsored by Considine. Directed RTD to submit 20% of the bus service to private industry by competitive bid. The RTD Board will continue to set fares, schedules, etc. Correct vote: YES

SB197 Sponsored by Wham. Limited the power of the Transit Construction Authority to levy assessments against commercial property. Correct vote: YES

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