

Findings

NORTH CAROLINA Family POLICY COUNCIL

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General Assembly Votes Selected Votes from the 2008 Legislative Session

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With the traditional drop of a white handkerchief and a bang of the bell on Friday, July 18, the 2008 "Short" Session of the North Carolina General Assembly adjourned "sine die." According to legislative staff, lawmakers ratified 229 bills, one of which was a record \$21.4 billion state budget. Numerous other bills that never received a final vote fell by the wayside at adjournment, including the controversial "Bullying Bill" and two bills calling for a constitutional amendment to define marriage as "the union of one man and one woman at one time."

Typically, the primary focus of the short session is adjusting the state budget to abide by a constitutional requirement that state spending remain balanced with state revenues, but many other matters are considered. Aside from the budget, state lawmakers enacted into law stiffer penalties for child sex offenders. The "Jessica Lunsford Act," named after a 9-year-old former resident of Gaston County who was kidnapped, raped and murdered in Florida in 2005, establishes a minimum penalty of 300 months of active punishment and lifetime satellite-based monitoring for child sex offenders who rape or commit certain other sexual offenses against minors. Lawmakers also required sex offenders to register their email addresses and other online identifiers in order to enable more effective monitoring and tracking, and prohibited sex offenders from accessing social networking websites like My Space and Facebook.

The legislature also closed a loophole used by the gambling industry to skirt the state's ban on video poker by making it illegal to promote, operate or conduct phone card sweepstakes games that are played on video terminals resembling an illegal video poker machine.

One of the most controversial bills of the session, the so-called "Bullying Bill," ultimately died because bill proponents insisted on reinserting language in the bill that would grant special protections to public school students and staff based on "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression." Although the House passed HB 1366 during the 2007 Session with this controversial language intact, the Senate stripped it from the bill before

A bill that would have authorized the issuance of "Choose Life" license plates moved out of the House Transportation Committee but was never considered in the House Finance Committee, while two bills that would have allowed the use of state taxpayer dollars to fund embryonic stem cell research were never considered by the Senate and died as a result.

These were but a few of the hundreds of bills considered during 2008. The 2009-2010 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly is scheduled to convene at Noon on Wednesday, January 28, 2009.

Researching Votes

This issue of *Findings* includes information on select votes taken by the House and Senate during the 2008 Legislative Session. Throughout the session, we reported on the progress of many of these bills. This report is not intended to be a "voter's guide," although many citizens may want to use this information to talk with legislators about their positions on various issues. Additional "Votes" papers from prior legislative sessions are available on our website at: www.ncfamily.org.

If you are interested in researching how members of the General Assembly voted on certain issues yourself, you can access the General Assembly website at www.ncleg.net, or visit the General Assembly library in the legislative building in Raleigh. The library has copies of every bill introduced during the session, all amendments considered on the floor of the House and Senate, copies of all conference reports on bills, and copies of all recorded House and Senate floor votes. Much of this information is also available on the General Assembly website.

Being informed is an effective way to influence your lawmakers as you advocate for important public policy issues.

NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ROLL CALL			
SEQ. # 1672 LEGISLATIVE DAY 144 HB 1366 SCS	CLASIER SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT. Will Not Concur	AYES - 60	EV 7/02/2008 4:07 PM IN CHAIR, SPEAKER Simple Majority - Passed
Adams	Barie	Hughes	Boas
Alexander, K.	Boylan	DuBo	Shubert
Alexander, N.	Falcon	Jaffus	Stanton
Allen	Farmen-Dusterfield	James	Talbot
Allred	Fisher	Lucas	Tolson
Bell	Gibson	Luebke	Underhill
Blue	Glasier	Martin	Wainwright
Burden	Griffith	McAllister	Warren, G.
Bryant	Goodwin	McLendon	Warren, S.
Carney	Haire	McNair	Wells
Church	Halt	Mooney	Wheeler, S.
Cole	Harrell, J.	Owens	Williams
Coleman	Harrell, T.	Parson	Womble
Othan	Harrison	Pierce	Wray
Dickson	Holliman	Rapp	Wong
		NOES - 56	
Avila	Daughtridge	Howard	Humann
Baird	Daughtry	Hurley	Fare
Blackwood	Dockman	Johnson	Sanderson
Blues	Dollar	Justice	Spear
Boyan	Dowell	Kilian	Starnes
Breton	Faye	Kline	Steele
Brisson	Furr	Langdon	Stiller
Brown	Gillespie	Lewis	Tillis
Brubaker	Grady	Love	Tucker
Clary	Gulley	McNees	Walker
Cleveland	Hill	McNiff	Walker
Coates	Hilton	McNiff	Ward
Crowder	Holloway	Moore	Wiley
Current	Holmes		
		EXCUSED ABSENCE - 0	
		EXCUSED VOTE - 0	
		NOT VOTING - 4	
SPEAKER	Ray	Setzer	Thomas
			HB 1366 SCS

returning HB 1366 to the House last year. When the bill came back before the House on July 2, 2008, that chamber rejected the Senate version of the bill and sent it to a conference committee where it languished.

For the fifth year in a row, the General Assembly did not take action on measures that would allow North Carolina voters to amend the State Constitution to define marriage as "the union of one man and one woman at one time." As a result, North Carolina remains the only state in the Southeast that has failed to take decisive action to define marriage in its constitution.

HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

Ref.	Bill No.	Vote Description	Vote #	Date	Final
1	HB 933	House vote on the Conference Report for HB 933—Jessica Lunsford Act for NC. <i>The Conference Report for HB 933 creates two new crimes for rape and sexual offense of a child under the age of 13 by a person who is 18 years of age or older; imposes a sentence under the NC structured sentencing guidelines ranging from a minimum of 300 months of active punishment followed by satellite-based monitoring for life up to and including life imprisonment without parole if the court finds “egregious aggravation;” increases penalties and registration requirements for convicted sex offenders; and strengthens protections for children from convicted sex offenders at schools, day care centers, and places where minors regularly gather.</i>	1917	7/17/08	109-1
2	HB 1366	House vote on the motion to Not Concur with the SCS for HB 1366—School Violence Prevention Act. <i>The SCS for HB 1366 would support an existing State Board of Education policy by requiring every local school administrative unit in the state to adopt anti-bullying and harassment policies consistent with guidelines set out in the bill and did not contain a controversial provision in the House-passed version of HB 1366 that would have required the policies to enumerate specially protected classifications including “gender identity or expression” and “sexual orientation.”</i>	1672	7/2/08	60-56
3	HB 2186	House vote on Amendment #1 to the HCS for HB 2186—Expand Access/Confidential Intermediary Services. <i>Amendment #1, by Rep. Jeff Barnhart (R—Cabarrus), to direct that adoption agencies providing confidential intermediary services shall contact individuals who were parties to an adoption or are biological family members “in a manner reasonably calculated to prevent incidental disclosure of confidential information.”</i>	1554	6/18/08	116-0
4	HB 2186	House 3rd Reading vote on the HCS for HB 2186—Expand Access/Confidential Intermediary Services. <i>The HCS for HB 2186 would expand the confidential intermediary service program to allow adult biological siblings of adult adoptees, adult biological half siblings of adult adoptees, adult family members of deceased adoptees, and adult family members of deceased biological parents to access these services, and it would allow a confidential intermediary to provide a copy of a death certificate to an individual contracting for confidential intermediary services if it is determined during a search process that the biological parent or adult adoptee is deceased.</i>	1555	6/18/08	116-1
5	HB 2436	House vote on Amendment #10 to the HCS2 for HB 2436—Modify Appropriations Act of 2007. <i>Amendment #10, by Rep. Ty Harrell (D—Wake), to prohibit employees of the North Carolina State Lottery, including the Director, from receiving salary increases during any fiscal year “greater than an across-the-board increase granted to all State employees by the General Assembly, except for promotions and reallocations approved by the State Personnel Commission.”</i>	1453	6/4/08	116-0
6	HB 2436	House 3rd Reading vote on the HCS2 for HB 2436—Modify Appropriations Act of 2007. <i>The HCS2 for HB 2436 would appropriate nearly \$21.4 billion for the state’s 2008-2009 fiscal year, make numerous adjustments to the budget approved by the General Assembly during the 2007 Session and institute other budgetary and non-budgetary changes.</i>	1471	6/5/08	104-10
7	HB 2436	House vote on the Conference Report for HB 2436—Modify Appropriations Act of 2007. <i>The Conference Report for HB 2436 appropriates nearly \$21.4 billion for the state’s 2008-2009 fiscal year, includes \$857 million in borrowing for state capital needs, allocates \$405 million in anticipated revenue from the State Lottery for education programs and services (\$385 million of which is expected to come from an estimated \$1.2 billion in ticket sales and \$19 million from the lottery reserve account), and makes numerous other budgetary and non-budgetary adjustments to the state budget approved by the General Assembly during the 2007 Session.</i>	1703	7/7/08	97-21
8	HB 2542	House vote on the Conference Report for HB 2542—Clarify Ethics & Lobbying Laws. <i>The Conference Report for HB 2542 makes numerous changes to North Carolina’s state government ethics and lobbying laws enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly during the 2006 and 2007 Legislative Sessions, including amending the process for requesting advisory opinions from the State Ethics Commission and clarifying the types of events at which designated individuals or covered persons may legally partake of “food and beverages for immediate consumption.”</i>	1944	7/18/08	88-1
9	SB 132	House 2nd Reading vote on the HCS for SB 132—Protect Children From Sexual Predators Act. <i>The HCS for SB 132 would expand the scope of pornography laws by including indecent exposure; increase the penalty for sexual exploitation of a minor; make it a felony for registered sex offenders to use social networking sites that are used by minors; and prohibit registered sex offenders from obtaining a change of name.</i>	1563	6/18/08	117-0
10	SB 180	House 3rd Reading vote on the HCS for SB 180—Prohibit Certain Sweepstakes. <i>The HCS for SB 180 would make it unlawful to promote, operate, or conduct “server-based electronic sweepstakes” and to possess any game terminal utilizing a display that simulates an illegal slot machine or an illegal video gaming machine that is used in conjunction with such a sweepstakes and is accessed through the purchase of a prepaid phone card.</i>	1782	7/9/08	116-1
11	SB 180	House vote on the Conference Report for SB 180—Prohibit Certain Game Related Activity. <i>The Conference Report for SB 180 makes it unlawful to promote, operate, or conduct a “server-based electronic game promotion” and to possess any game terminal utilizing a display that simulates an illegal slot machine or an illegal video gaming machine that is used in conjunction with such an electronic game promotion and is accessed through the purchase of a prepaid phone card.</i>	1920	7/17/08	104-2
12	SB 869	House 2nd Reading vote on the HCS2 for SB 869—Confidential Intermediary Changes. <i>The HCS2 for SB 869 would expand the parties eligible to access confidential intermediary services in certain circumstances to include adult biological siblings of adult adoptees, adult biological half siblings of adult adoptees, adult family members of deceased adoptees, adult family members of biological parents and adult adoptive parents of incompetent adult adoptees.</i>	1928	7/18/08	102-2
13	SB 1736	House 3rd Reading vote on the HCS for SB 1736—Sex Offender/Register E-Mail Address. <i>The HCS for SB 1736 would add to the list of sex offenders who must register with the State parents/caretakers who commit, permit, or encourage prostitution of a juvenile or parents/guardians who commit or allow a sexual act upon a juvenile; require that a convicted sex offender register his or her e-mail address in the statewide sex offender registry; allow release of registered sex offenders’ e-mail addresses to internet service providers for purposes of prescreening online users or comparing information; require an online service provider that either receives a complaint or becomes aware that a user is abusing juvenile sexual exploitation laws to report the information; and allow online service providers to refuse service to registered sex offenders.</i>	1781	7/9/08	118-0

(The letters “HCS” and “SCS” in the descriptions above stand for “House Committee Substitute” and “Senate Committee Substitute,” respectively.)

HOUSE VOTES

Legislator/Party	Dist.	Home Co.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Alma Adams (D)	58	Guilford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kelly M. Alexander, Jr. (D)*	107	Mecklenburg	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Martha Alexander (D)	106	Mecklenburg	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lucy T. Allen (D)	49	Franklin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cary D. Allred (R)	64	Alamance	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marilyn Avila (R)	40	Wake	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jeff Barnhart (R)	82	Cabarrus	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	NV	EA	Y	Y
Larry M. Bell (D)	21	Sampson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Curtis Blackwood (R)	68	Union	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dan Blue (D)	33	Wake	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John M. Blust (R)	62	Guilford	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alice L. Bordsen (D)	63	Alamance	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe Boylan (R)	52	Moore	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
R. Van Braxton (D)	10	Lenoir	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
William D. Brisson (D)	22	Bladen	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Larry R. Brown (R)	73	Forsyth	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Harold J. Brubaker (R)	78	Randolph	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Angela R. Bryant (D)	7	Nash	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Becky Carney (D)	102	Mecklenburg	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Walter Church, Sr. (D)	86	Burke	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Debbie A. Clary (R)	110	Cleveland	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George Cleveland (R)	14	Onslow	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lorene Coates (D)	77	Rowan	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nelson Cole (D)	65	Rockingham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Linda Coleman (D)	39	Wake	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tricia Ann Cotham (D)	100	Mecklenburg	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim Crawford (D)	32	Granville	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
William Current, Sr. (R)	109	Gaston	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y
Bill Daughtridge (R)	25	Nash	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
N. Leo Daughtry (R)	26	Johnston	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	EA	Y	EV	EV	EA	Y
Margaret H. Dickson (D)	44	Cumberland	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jerry C. Dockham (R)	80	Davidson	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nelson Dollar (R)	36	Wake	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Beverly M. Earle (D)	101	Mecklenburg	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y
Bob England, M.D. (D)	112	Rutherford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bill Faison (D)	50	Orange	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jean Farmer-Butterfield (D)	24	Wilson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y
Susan C. Fisher (D)	114	Buncombe	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dale R. Folwell (R)	74	Forsyth	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	EA	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Phillip Frye (R)	84	Mitchell	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ken R. Furr (R)	67	Stanly	EA	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	EA	Y	Y	EA	EA	Y
Pryor Gibson (D)	69	Anson	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mitch Gillespie (R)	85	McDowell	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rick Glazier (D)	45	Cumberland	Y	Y	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA
Bruce Goforth (D)	115	Buncombe	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	EA	EA	EA	Y
Melanie W. Goodwin (D)	66	Richmond	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
W. Robert Grady (R)	15	Onslow	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim Gulley (R)	103	Mecklenburg	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe Hackney (D) (Speaker)	54	Orange	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
R. Phillip Haire (D)	119	Jackson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Larry D. Hall (D)	29	Durham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim Harrell, III (D)	90	Surry	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ty Harrell (D)	41	Wake	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pricey Harrison (D)	57	Guilford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dewey L. Hill (D)	20	Columbus	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark K. Hilton (R)	96	Catawba	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Hugh Holliman (D)	81	Davidson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bryan R. Holloway (R)	91	Stokes	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George M. Holmes (R)	92	Yadkin	EA	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	EA	EA	Y	Y
Julia C. Howard (R)	79	Davie	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sandra Spaulding Hughes (D)**	18	New Hanover	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pat B. Hurley (R)	70	Randolph	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Verla Insko (D)	56	Orange	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y
Maggie Jeffus (D)	59	Guilford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Linda P. Johnson (R)	83	Cabarrus	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Earl Jones (D)	60	Guilford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Carolyn H. Justice (R)	16	Pender	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carolyn K. Justus (R)	117	Henderson	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

VOTE KEY: "Y" = Yes; "N" = No; "EA" = Excused Absence; "EV" = Excused Vote; "NV" = Not Voting

HOUSE VOTES (continued)

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Ric Killian (R)	105	Mecklenburg	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe L. Kiser (R)	97	Lincoln	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James H. Langdon, Jr. (R)	28	Johnston	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David R. Lewis (R)	53	Harnett	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jimmy L. Love, Sr. (D)	51	Lee	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marvin W. Lucas (D)	42	Cumberland	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paul Luebke (D)	30	Durham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Grier Martin (D)	34	Wake	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mary E. McAllister (D)	43	Cumberland	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Daniel F. McComas (R)	19	New Hanover	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pat McElraft (R)	13	Carteret	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	EA	Y	Y	NV	EA	Y
Wm. C. "Bill" McGee (R)	75	Forsyth	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marian McLawhorn (D)	9	Pitt	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Henry M. Michaux, Jr. (D)	31	Durham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Annie W. Mobley (D)	5	Hertford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tim Moore (R)	111	Cleveland	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wil Neumann (R)	108	Gaston	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bill Owens (D)	1	Pasquotank	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Earline W. Parmon (D)	72	Forsyth	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y
Louis M. Pate, Jr. (R)	11	Wayne	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Garland E. Pierce (D)	48	Scotland	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ray Rapp (D)	118	Madison	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Karen B. Ray (R)	95	Iredell	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Deborah K. Ross (D)	38	Wake	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y
Ruth Samuelson (R)	104	Mecklenburg	EA	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	EA	Y	Y	EA	EA	Y
Drew Saunders (D)	99	Mecklenburg	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	EA	Y	Y	EA	EA	Y
Mitchell S. Setzer (R)	89	Catawba	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Timothy L. Spear (D)	2	Washington	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paul Stam (R)	37	Wake	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	EV	EV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Edgar V. Starnes (R)	87	Caldwell	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Fred F. Steen, II (R)	76	Rowan	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bonner L. Stiller (R)	17	Brunswick	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ronnie Sutton (D)	47	Robeson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cullie M. Tarleton (D)	93	Watauga	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y
Charles C. Thomas (R)	116	Buncombe	Y	NV	EA	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thom Tillis (R)	98	Mecklenburg	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	EA	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y
Joe P. Tolson (D)	23	Edgecombe	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Russell E. Tucker (D)	4	Duplin	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alice G. Underhill (D)	3	Craven	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
William L. Wainwright (D)	12	Craven	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	EA	EA	Y
Trudi Walend (R)	113	Transylvania	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
R. Tracy Walker (R)	94	Wilkes	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Edith D. Warren (D)	8	Pitt	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y
Ray Warren (D)	88	Alexander	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jennifer Weiss (D)	35	Wake	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Roger West (R)	120	Cherokee	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Laura I. Wiley (R)	61	Guilford	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
W. A. (Winkie) Wilkins (D)	55	Person	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arthur Williams (D)	6	Beaufort	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Larry Womble (D)	71	Forsyth	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michael H. Wray (D)	27	Northampton	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Douglas Y. Yongue (D)	46	Scotland	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

* Kelly M. Alexander, Jr. was appointed to the N.C. House on May 30, 2008 to replace W. Pete Cunningham, who resigned on December 31, 2007.

** Sandra Spaulding Hughes was appointed to the N.C. House on April 8, 2008 to replace Thomas E. Wright, who was expelled from the House on March 20, 2008.

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Compiling the Votes:

The votes in this edition of *Findings* are taken from actual tally sheets provided by the Principal Clerks' offices in the North Carolina House and Senate after each day's session. They include information such as the date and time of the vote; the vote sequence number; the subject of the vote - whether an amendment, a reading (there are two reading votes on each bill), a conference report, concurrence, or other; the bill sponsor; the version of the bill; the legislative day number; the presiding officer; and the votes. We have reported the votes as they occurred with some explanation of the question before the House or Senate.

The Speaker of the House votes at his pleasure. The Lieutenant Governor, who normally presides over the Senate, can only vote to break a tie.

SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

Ref.	Bill No.	Vote Description	Vote #	Date	Final
14	SB 132	Senate vote on the Conference Report for SB 132—Protect Children From Sexual Predators Act. <i>The Conference Report for SB 132 expands the scope of pornography laws by including indecent exposure; increases the penalty for sexual exploitation of a minor; makes it a felony for registered sex offenders to use social networking sites that are used by minors; establishes civil liability for social networking sites that fail to make reasonable efforts to prevent use by registered sex offenders, and prohibits registered sex offenders from obtaining a change of name.</i>	1773/1	7/18/08	42-0
15	SB 180	Senate vote on the Conference Report for SB 180—Prohibit Certain Sweepstakes. <i>The Conference Report for SB 180 makes it unlawful to promote, operate, or conduct a “server-based electronic game promotion” and to possess any game terminal utilizing a display that simulates an illegal slot machine or an illegal video gaming machine that is used in conjunction with such an electronic game promotion and is accessed through the purchase of a prepaid phone card.</i>	1758/38	7/17/08	43-0
16	SB 1736	Senate vote on the motion to Concur with the HCS for SB 1736—Sex Offender/Register E-Mail Address. <i>The HCS for SB 1736 adds to the list of sex offenders who must register with the State parents/caretakers who commit, permit, or encourage prostitution of a juvenile or parents/guardians who commit or allow a sexual act upon a juvenile; requires that a convicted sex offender register his or her e-mail address in the state-wide sex offender registry; allows release of registered sex offenders’ e-mail addresses to internet service providers for purposes of prescreening online users or comparing information; requires an online service provider that either receives a complaint or becomes aware that a user is abusing juvenile sexual exploitation laws to report the information; and allows online service providers to refuse service to registered sex offenders.</i>	1632/17	7/10/08	48-0
17	SB 2063	Senate 2nd Reading vote on the SCS for SB 2063—Jessica’s Law/GPS Monitoring. <i>The SCS for SB 2063 would amend the crime for taking indecent liberties with children to include sexual offenses committed by individuals at least 18 years of age against children less than 13 years of age; would ensure that the State uses the latest technological solutions to monitor and track serious and violent sex offenders as a civil means of assuring public protection; would apply to sex offenders retroactively to August 16, 2006; would create a misdemeanor for persons who remove, tamper with, or interfere with the operation of a GPS monitoring device that a court has ordered him or her to wear.</i>	1498/5	6/30/08	45-0
18	HB 933	Senate 2nd Reading vote on the SCS2 for HB 933—Jessica Lunsford Act for NC. <i>The SCS2 for HB 933 would create new crimes for rape and sexual offense of a child under the age of 13 by a person 18 years of age or older; impose a mandatory penalty of life imprisonment or 25 years active punishment followed by satellite-based monitoring for life; increase penalties and registration requirements for convicted sex offenders; and strengthen protections for children from convicted sex offenders at schools, day care centers, and places where minors regularly gather.</i>	1359/13	6/11/08	46-0
19	HB 933	Senate vote on the Conference Report for HB 933—Jessica Lunsford Act for NC. <i>The Conference Report for HB 933 creates two new crimes for rape and sexual offense of a child under the age of 13 by a person who is 18 years of age or older; imposes a sentence under the NC structured sentencing guidelines ranging from a minimum of 300 months of active punishment followed by satellite-based monitoring for life up to and including life imprisonment without parole if the court finds “egregious aggravation;” increases penalties and registration requirements for convicted sex offenders; and strengthens protections for children from convicted sex offenders at schools, day care centers, and places where minors regularly gather.</i>	1752/32	7/17/08	44-0
20	HB 2436	Senate vote on Amendment #5 to the SCS2 for HB 2436—Modify Appropriations Act of 2007. <i>Amendment #5, by Sen. Bob Rucho (R-Mecklenburg), to require an independent research organization to conduct an annual review of the More at Four prekindergarten program for at-risk four-year-olds and produce an annual report “to include longitudinal review of the program and academic, behavioral, and other child-specific outcomes.”</i>	1408/7	6/18/08	49-0
21	HB 2436	Senate 2nd Reading vote on the SCS2 for HB 2436—Modify Appropriations Act of 2007. <i>The SCS2 for HB 2436 would appropriate nearly \$21.4 billion for the state’s 2008-2009 fiscal year, make numerous adjustments to the budget approved by the General Assembly during the 2007 Session and institute other budgetary and non-budgetary changes.</i>	1412/11	6/18/08	33-16
22	HB 2436	Senate vote on the Conference Report for HB 2436—Modify Appropriations Act of 2007. <i>The Conference Report for HB 2436 appropriates nearly \$21.4 billion for the state’s 2008-2009 fiscal year, includes \$857 million in borrowing for state capital needs, allocates \$405 million in anticipated revenue from the State Lottery for education programs and services (\$385 million of which is expected to come from an estimated \$1.2 billion in ticket sales and \$19 million from the lottery reserve account), and makes numerous other budgetary and non-budgetary adjustments to the state budget approved by the General Assembly during the 2007 Session.</i>	1576/13	7/7/08	34-16
23	HB 2542	Senate vote on the Conference Report for HB 2542—Clarify Ethics & Lobbying Laws. <i>The Conference Report for HB 2542 makes numerous changes to North Carolina’s state government ethics and lobbying laws enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly during the 2006 and 2007 Legislative Sessions, including amending the process for requesting advisory opinions from the State Ethics Commission and clarifying the types of events at which designated individuals or covered persons may legally partake of “food and beverages for immediate consumption.”</i>	1788/16	7/18/08	30-0

(The letters “HCS” and “SCS” in the descriptions above stand for “House Committee Substitute” and “Senate Committee Substitute,” respectively.)

SENATE VOTES

Legislator/Party	Dist.	Home Co.	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Charles W. Albertson (D)	10	Duplin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Austin M. Allran (R)	42	Catawba	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NC	Y	N	N	Y
Tom Apodaca (R)	48	Henderson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Bob Atwater (D)	18	Chatham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marc Basnight (D)	1	Dare	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Doug Berger (D)	7	Franklin	NC	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Phil Berger (R)	26	Rockingham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Stan Bingham (R)	33	Davidson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Harris Blake (R)	22	Moore	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Julia Boseman (D)	9	New Hanover	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Andrew C. Brock (R)	34	Davie	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Harry Brown (R)	6	Onslow	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Peter S. Brunstetter (R)	31	Forsyth	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Daniel G. Clodfelter (D)	37	Mecklenburg	Y	Y	NC	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Janet Cowell (D)	16	Wake	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Walter H. Dalton (D)	46	Rutherford	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Charlie Smith Dannelly (D)	38	Mecklenburg	A	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A
Katie G. Dorsett (D)	28	Guilford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Don East (R)	30	Surry	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	A
Tony Foriest (D)	24	Alamance	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Forrester (R)	41	Gaston	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Linda Garrou (D)	32	Forsyth	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
W. Edward (Eddie) Goodall (R)	35	Union	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	A
Steve Goss (D)	45	Watauga	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Malcolm Graham (D)	40	Mecklenburg	A	A	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	A
Kay R. Hagan (D)	27	Guilford	A	A	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	A
Fletcher L. Hartsell, Jr. (R)	36	Cabarrus	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David W. Hoyle (D)	43	Gaston	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Neal Hunt (R)	15	Wake	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Jim Jacumin (R)	44	Burke	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	A
Clark Jenkins (D)	3	Edgecombe	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	A
Ed Jones (D)	4	Halifax	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John H. Kerr III (D)	5	Wayne	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NC
Eleanor Kinnaird (D)	23	Orange	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vernon Malone (D)	14	Wake	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Floyd B. McKissick, Jr. (D)	20	Durham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NC	Y	Y	Y	Y
Martin L. Nesbitt, Jr. (D)	49	Buncombe	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jean Preston (R)	2	Carteret	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
William R. Purcell (D)	25	Scotland	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe Sam Queen (D)	47	Haywood	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Tony Rand (D)	19	Cumberland	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NC
Bob Rucho (R) *	39	Mecklenburg	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	A
Larry Shaw (D)	21	Cumberland	NC	A	Y	A	A	A	Y	Y	Y	A
Fred Smith (R)	12	Johnston	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N	N	A
John Snow (D)	50	Cherokee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
R. C. Soles, Jr. (D)	8	Columbus	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Richard Stevens (R)	17	Wake	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A. B. Swindell (D)	11	Nash	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jerry W. Tillman (R)	29	Randolph	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	A
David F. Weinstein (D)	13	Robeson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

* Bob Rucho was appointed to the N.C. Senate on June 9, 2008 to replace Robert Pittenger, who resigned on May 27, 2008.

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