

2017 Legislative Report

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Annual Report on Utah's Legislature

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535.

In 45 days our legislature passed 535 bills a new record.

Of the bills passed Utah Data Points (utahdatapoints.com) showed on average 93% of House members voted together; while 97% of Senators voted together. This demonstrates that the partisan divide between Republicans and Democrats in the state is very narrow.

This year's GrassRoots numbers demonstrate that the House was more partisan than the Senate. Average GrassRoots scores in the House were 40%; while in the Senate they were 32%. Overall House scores increased from 2016; while Senate scores fell dramatically.

One of the areas which demonstrated the shift towards larger government is the number of tax and fee increases which were introduced; several of which passed. Legislators voted to raise the gas tax yet again (SB 276), voted to raise the short-term lodging tax (SB 264) and taxes on phone bills (SB 198). These bills combined will raise taxes by over \$36 million in 2019. Efforts to enforce an internet sales tax (SB 83 and SB 110) failed because of a House committee stopping the measure; but almost passed unanimously in the Senate. The Senate even almost voted to increase the cost of a marriage license! (Fortunately it failed 14-14). A proposal to increase various driver license application fees and background check fees that are paid when purchasing a firearm (HB 388) passed the House but never came to a Senate floor vote.

The House passed several good bills which didn't even receive a vote in the Senate. This included asset forfeiture reform (HB 19) and a bill which allowed a person to defend himself (HB 259). The Senate had several good bills which were introduced but failed; this included an effort to scale back compulsory education in the state.

While a great asset forfeiture bill did not get a Senate vote; both houses did vote to allow individuals who are found innocent of a crime to receive their property back (SB 87).

Another bill which allows individuals as young as 18 to conceal carry was also passed (HB 198).

Roberts Tops House; Dayton Leads Senate

House Summary: Marc Roberts (R-UT) received the top score for the House in this year's report. Rounding out the top 10% were Brian Greene (R-UT), Ken Ivory (R-UT), Dan McCay (R-SL), Kim Coleman (R-SL), John Knotwell (R-UT) and Tim Quinn (R-Wasatch).

Senate Summary: Margaret Dayton (R-UT) received the top score in the Senate. Also, finishing in the top 10% were David Hinkins (R-Emery) and Lincoln Filmore (R-SL)

Governor: Governor Herbert received a 27% compared to his lifetime average of 44%. Herbert's previous scores were: 71% (2010); 73% (2011); 75% (2012); 28% (2013); 29% (2014); 41% (2015), 24% (2016).

Averages: The House received an average score of 44% compared to members' lifetime average of 46%. The Senate averaged a 31% which is below the Senators average of 48%.

What is GrassRoots?

GrassRoots has been issuing an annual legislative report card since 1992. The Constitutions of the nation and state are the guides which GrassRoots uses in picking issues for its legislative report card. Bills are picked without regard to any individual. GrassRoots has no paid staff.

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Bills are listed by number with house bills listed first. The sponsor(s) of the bill is in parentheses with the primary sponsor listed first. The tally on bills from each house is listed by Yeas, Nays and those Absent or Not Voting. Text of all bills can be found at <http://le.utah.gov>.

A) H.B. 19 (B. Greene, H. Stephenson) As frequently practiced asset forfeiture deprives a person of his property without due process. It is contrary to the traditional presumption of innocence in our legal system. Asset forfeiture infringes the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth amendments. Bill seeks to protect these rights. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (58-10-7) but did not come up for a vote in the Senate.**

B) H.B. 36 (B. Edwards, T Weiler) Creates the Economic Revitalization and Investment Fund and appropriates over \$2 million for affordable housing. Presumes that a free market fails to provide people of modest means with viable housing alternatives. Favors central planning over the personal choices of citizens. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (62-9-4), Senate (25-1-3) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

C) H.B. 99 (M. Noel, K. Van Tassell) Violates the principle of equality under the law by effectively providing harsher penalties for a variety of crimes if one has also been convicted of bigamy **Passed the House (48-25-2), Senate (15-14-0) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

D) H.B. 121 (S. Handy, G. Davis) Creates the Local Food Advisory Council to promote locally owned farms, and make recommendations to a Legislative Interim Committee. The Council is a hodge-podge of appointees representing various bureaucratic and private interests, and, as such, is yet another potential breeding ground for crony capitalism. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (41-28-6), Senate (23-1-5) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

E) H.B. 159 (S. Handy, S Adams) Provides that an individual applying for a driver license is automatically registered to vote, unless he opts out. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (40-28-7) but did not come up for a vote in the Senate.**

F) H.B. 198 (K. Lisonbee, T. Weiler) Lowers the age at which a person may obtain a concealed weapons permit from 21 to 18. While GrassRoots would prefer that a permit not be required to exercise a Constitutional right, this bill allows more individuals greater freedom to exercise their rights of self-defense. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (63-12-0), Senate (23-6-0) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

G) H.B. 235 (M. McKell, C Bramble) Authorizes the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices on school buses to photograph possible traffic violations. GrassRoots is concerned that these types of cameras often establish "guilt" of property. Often the vehicle owner is presumed guilty even if they are not driving the vehicle. Bill also provides that 20% of proceeds of fines and forfeitures collected for said traffic violations shall be directed to the school district or private school owning the school bus and safety device. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (54-18-3), Senate (27-0-2) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

H) H.B. 259 (C Maloy, M Dayton) Protects an individual's right to self-defense by clarifying that an individual does not have an obligation to retreat if they are threatened. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (53-15-7) but did not come up for a vote in the Senate.**

I) H.B. 265 (D. McCay, D Henderson) Repeals the requirement that certain vehicles obtain a safety inspection certificate to be registered to operate on a highway. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (54-17-4), Senate (19-6-4) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

J) H.B. 312 (M. Winder, H. Stephenson) Appropriates \$250,000 annually to a housing pilot program for low income students. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (57-15-3) but did not come up for a vote in the Senate.**

K) H.B. 332 (M. Roberts) Requires that a jury be informed of the potential sentence for a guilty verdict. A good step in the direction of respect for a jury's original constitutional role in preventing injustice. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Failed in the House (29-45-1).**

L) H.B. 388 (E. Hutchings, D. Thatcher) Increases various fees including various driver license application fees and the background check fee that is paid when purchasing a firearm. **GrassRoots approves of NO vote. Passed the House (44-30-1) but did not come up for a vote in the Senate.**

M) H.B. 392 (T. Hawkes, T. Weiler) Creates the Air Quality Policy Advisory Board to make recommendations to the Legislature on how to improve air quality in the state. The Board is a hodge-podge of appointees representing various bureaucratic and private interests, and, as such, is yet another potential breeding ground for crony capitalism. The functions of this Board would be more appropriately performed by a purely Legislative Committee composed of elected representatives of the people. **Passed the House (72-0-3), Senate (21-5-3) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

N) H.B. 441 (F. Gibson, A. Millner) Appropriates \$9.8 million for homeless shelters in Salt Lake County. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (70-1-4) the Senate (26-3-0) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

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O) H.C.R. 11 (G. Hughes, W. Niederhauser) Resolution calling upon the president to rescind the Bears Ears National Monument Designation and associated federal encroachment on local self-government. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (60-14-1) and Senate (22-6-1) and was signed by the Governor.**

P) S.B. 29 (A. Christensen, B. Edwards) Increases the marriage license fee by \$20. Bill raises first amendment questions by allowing the \$20 to be refunded if a couple goes through pre-marriage counseling including counseling from ecclesiastical authorities. Could the state establish a license as to who could provide this counseling and what constitutes an ecclesiastical authority? **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Failed in the Senate (14-14-1).**

Q) S.B. 60 (G. Davis, E. Hutchings) Raises privacy concerns as bill mandates specific communication between private schools and local education agencies regarding students with disabilities. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the Senate (23-5-1) but did not come up for a vote in the House.**

R) S.B. 83 (W. Harper, M. McKell) Deputizes out-of-state businesses selling to Utah residents to help enforce Utah sales tax laws. Bill imposes fines on sellers on out-of-state businesses if they fail to provide prescribed information to the state of Utah. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the Senate (24-1-4) but failed on a House Committee vote with Reps Greene, Ivory, Lisonbee, J. Moss, Quinn, Sagers and Stanard voting against.**

S) S.B. 87 (D. Thatcher, B. Greene) Requires that seized or forfeited property be returned to the owner when that individual is acquitted of a crime. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Passed the House (63-3-9), Senate (29-0-0) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

T) S.B. 100 (A. Millner, B. Edwards) Requires the Department of Workforce Services and the Office of Child Care to conduct a study concerning services and resources for children five years and younger and their families. Government is not to small. Commissioning more studies, by unelected bureaucrats, to tell us we need bigger government, is not a good idea. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (45-25-5), Senate 26-2-1) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

U) S.B. 110 (C. Bramble, M. Noel) Bill raises constitutional questions as it requires out of state companies to collect Utah sales tax on purchases by Utah citizens. Bill violates the principle of no taxation without representation. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the Senate (25-1-3) but failed on a House Committee vote with Reps Greene, Ivory, Lisonbee, Moss and Quinn voting against.**

V) S.B. 115 (J. Anderegg) Protects parental rights by eliminating penalties for parents of truant school age children. **GrassRoots approves of a YES vote. Failed in the Senate (13-16-0).**

W) S.B. 159 (B. Shiozawa, J. Dunnigan) Increases from 18 to 21 the age under which an individual must wear a helmet while operating certain vehicles. A violation is an infraction punishable by a fine. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (43-30-2), Senate (17-12-0) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

X) S. B. 198 (W. Harper, S. Handy) Raises fees on phone lines (both wireline and wireless) in the state by a total of \$16.7 million per year. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (55-17-3), Senate (27-2-0) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

Y) S.B. 221 (L. Escamilla, B. Edwards) Requires executive director of the Department of Human Resource management to create a plan to eliminate gender-based wage discrimination. This is a prelude to additional unwarranted intrusion into what should be a free market place. As with other law-breaking if there is probable cause to believe that someone is breaking a law, then that individual may be investigated; but the possible existence of some discrimination somewhere is not a good reason to burden all employers. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the Senate (22-7-0) but did not come up for a vote in the House.**

Z) S.B. 264 (R. Okerland, B. Wilson) Raises taxes on short-term lodging by \$4.2 million in 2018 and \$4.9 million each year thereafter. Also, establishes the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant Advisory Committee, another hodge-podge of appointees representing various bureaucratic and private interests and another potential breeding ground for crony capitalism. **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (44-29-2), Senate (20-4-5) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

AA) S.B. 276 (K. Van Tassell, M. Schultz) Raises gas taxes by an estimated \$4.2 million in additional gas tax in 2019 and \$14.6 million 2020. Overall the bill is estimated to increase gas tax revenue in the state by \$1.7 billion over the life of the bill (thru Fiscal Year 2033). **GrassRoots approves of a NO vote. Passed the House (58-15-2), Senate (26-2-1) and was signed into law by the Governor.**

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2017 Voting Summary

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			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	S	T	W	X	Z	AA	
			HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HCR	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB
			19	36	99	121	159	198	235	259	265	312	332	388	392	441	11	87	100	159	198	264	276	
			Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	
GrassRoots Recommended Votes:			2017 Scores	Lifetime Scores																				
Rep-Party	Dist	County(ies)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	
Carl Albrecht-R	70	*	29%	29%	n	y	y	y	y	Y	N	Y	Y	y	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	y	y	
Patrice Arent-D	36	Salt Lake	20%	18%	Y	y	N	y	y	n	y	n	n	y	n	N	y	y	n	Y	a	y	y	
Stewart Barlow-R	17	Davis	38%	49%	Y	y	y	y	y	Y	N	Y	Y	y	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	y	Y	
Joel Briscoe-D	25	Salt Lake	14%	17%	Y	y	N	y	y	n	y	n	n	y	n	y	y	y	n	Y	y	y	y	
Walt Brooks-R	75	Washington	52%	52%	Y	y	y	N	y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	
R Chavez-Houck-D	24	Salt Lake	10%	18%	Y	y	N	y	y	n	y	n	n	y	n	y	y	n	a	y	y	y	y	
Scott Chew-R	55	Uintah/Duchesne	33%	43%	Y	y	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	n	N	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	
LaVar Christensen-R	32	Salt Lake	24%	56%	Y	y	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	a	y	n	y	y	a	Y	a	a	y	y	
Kay Christofferson-R	56	Utah	60%	60%	Y	y	y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	Y	N	a	y		
Kim Coleman-R	42	Salt Lake	88%	74%	Y	a	y	N	N	Y	a	Y	a	N	Y	N	y	a	Y	Y	N	a		
Bruce Cutler-R	44	Salt Lake	30%	28%	a	y	y	N	y	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	n	y	y	y	n	Y	N	y		
Brad Daw-R	60	Utah	57%	68%	n	y	y	y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	N		
Susan Duckworth-D	22	Salt Lake	25%	30%	Y	y	y	y	y	Y	y	a	n	y	n	N	y	y	n	Y	y	N		
James Dunnigan-R	39	Salt Lake	55%	52%	Y	y	y	y	N	Y	Y	y	Y	y	n	N	y	y	Y	Y	N	y		
Becky Edwards-R	20	Davis	29%	34%	n	y	N	y	y	Y	y	n	Y	y	n	N	y	y	Y	Y	y	y		
Steve Eliason-R	45	Salt Lake	37%	43%	Y	y	y	a	y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	n	y	y	y	a	Y	y	y		
Justin Fawson-R	7	Weber	55%	58%	n	y	y	N	a	Y	y	Y	Y	N	n	N	y	y	Y	n	N	y		
Gage Froerer-R	8	Weber	61%	51%	Y	y	N	y	a	Y	y	N	a	Y	y	n	N	y	y	Y	Y	a		
Adam Gardiner-R	43	Salt Lake	48%	48%	Y	y	N	N	Y	y	Y	Y	y	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	y	y		
Francis Gibson-R	65	Utah	59%	69%	Y	y	N	N	N	Y	a	a	Y	y	Y	N	y	Y	Y	a	y	N		
Brian Greene-R	57	Utah	90%	87%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	y	y	Y	Y	N	N		
Keith Grover-R	61	Utah	67%	70%	Y	y	N	N	N	Y	y	Y	Y	y	n	N	y	y	Y	Y	N	y		
Craig Hall-R	33	Salt Lake	60%	38%	Y	y	N	N	a	Y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	N		
Stephen Handy-R	16	Davis	25%	35%	Y	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	n	y	n	y	y	y	Y	a	y	y		
Timothy Hawkes-R	18	Davis	32%	48%	Y	y	y	y	N	Y	y	a	Y	y	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	y		
Lynn Hemingway-D	40	Salt Lake	5%	14%	Y	y	y	y	y	n	y	n	n	y	n	y	y	y	n	a	y	y		
Sandra Hollins-D	23	Salt Lake	19%	23%	Y	y	N	y	y	n	y	n	n	y	n	N	y	y	n	Y	y	y		
Gregory Hughes-R	51	Salt Lake	43%	65%	a	y	y	a	a	Y	y	a	Y	y	Y	y	a	y	Y	Y	a	N		
Eric Hutchings-R	38	Salt Lake	44%	54%	a	a	N	N	y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	a	Y	y	y	Y	Y	y	y		
Ken Ivory-R	47	Salt Lake	90%	77%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	y	y	Y	Y	N	N		
Michael Kennedy-R	27	Utah	67%	67%	Y	y	N	y	y	Y	N	Y	Y	y	Y	N	y	y	Y	Y	y	N		
Brian King-D	28	SL/Summit	14%	21%	Y	y	N	y	y	n	y	n	n	y	n	y	y	y	n	Y	y	y		
John Knotwell-R	52	Salt Lake	83%	77%	a	N	a	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	a	Y	N	y	y	Y	Y	N	N		
Karen Kwan-D	34	Salt Lake	5%	5%	Y	y	y	y	y	n	y	n	n	y	n	y	y	y	n	a	y	y		
Bradley Last-R	71	Iron/Washington	30%	51%	n	y	y	y	N	Y	y	Y	Y	y	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	a	y		
Karianne Lisonbee-R	14	Davis	75%	75%	Y	a	y	y	N	Y	y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	y	y	Y	Y	N	N		
Cory Maloy-R	6	Utah	55%	55%	Y	y	y	y	N	Y	y	Y	Y	a	Y	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	N		
Daniel McCay-R	41	Salt Lake	89%	80%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	a	Y	N	y	y	Y	Y	N	N		
GrassRoots Recommended Votes:			Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	

Good Vote
 Top 10%
 Bottom 10%

* House District 53 includes Dagget, Duchesne, Morgan, Rich, Smitt Counties
 *House District 68 includes Beaver, Juab, Millard, Tooele, Utah Counties
 * House District 69 inclues Carbon, Duchesne, Emery, Grand Counties
 *House District 70 includes Emery, Grand, Sanpete, Sevier Counties
 *House District 73 includes Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Piute, San Juan, Sevier, Wayne Counties

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			HB 19	HB 36	HB 99	HB 121	HB 159	HB 198	HB 235	HB 259	HB 265	HB 312	HB 332	HB 388	HB 392	HB 441	HCR 11	SB 87	SB 100	SB 159	SB 198	SB 264	SB 276			
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Mike McKell-R	66	Utah	63%	60%	Y	N	y	N	N	Y	y	a	Y	N	n	a	y	y	Y	Y	N	N	y	N	y	
Kelly Miles-R	11	Davis, Weber	29%	29%	Y	y	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	
Carol Moss-D	37	Salt Lake	10%	16%	Y	y	y	y	a	n	y	n	n	y	n	y	y	y	n	Y	y	y	y	y	y	
Jefferson Moss-R	2	Utah	71%	71%	Y	y	N	N	N	Y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	N	y	y	Y	Y	N	N	y	N	N	
Merrill Nelson-R	68	*	38%	30%	Y	y	N	y	y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	N	y	y	y	y	
Michael Noel-R	73	*	28%	58%	n	y	y	a	y	Y	N	a	Y	y	n	y	y	y	Y	a	y	N	y	y	y	
Derrin Owens-R	58	Juab/Sanpete	48%	40%	Y	y	y	y	y	Y	N	Y	Y	y	n	N	y	y	Y	Y	N	N	y	y	y	
Lee Perry-R	29	Box Elder/Weber	24%	39%	n	y	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	
Jeremy Peterson-R	9	Weber	52%	57%	Y	y	y	N	y	Y	y	Y	n	y	Y	y	y	y	Y	Y	N	N	y	N	N	
Val Peterson-R	59	Utah	67%	68%	Y	y	N	N	N	Y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	N	y	y	Y	Y	N	N	N	y	y	
Dixon Pitcher-R	10	Weber	33%	41%	Y	y	y	a	a	Y	y	Y	Y	y	n	y	y	y	Y	a	y	y	y	N	y	
Val Potter-R	3	Cache	33%	33%	Y	y	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	
Marie Poulson-D	46	Salt Lake	10%	25%	Y	y	y	y	y	n	y	n	n	y	n	y	y	y	n	Y	y	y	y	y	y	
Susan Pulsipher-R	50	Salt Lake	62%	62%	Y	N	y	N	N	Y	y	Y	Y	N	n	N	y	y	Y	Y	N	y	y	N	y	
Tim Quinn-R	54	Summit, Wasatch	76%	76%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	y	y	y	Y	Y	N	N	y	N	y	
Paul Ray-R	13	Davis	44%	48%	a	y	a	N	N	Y	Y	a	y	n	n	y	y	a	Y	a	y	y	N	N	y	
Edward Redd-R	4	Cache	40%	42%	a	y	y	N	y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	N	y	y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	
Marc Roberts-R	67	Utah	95%	87%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	
Angela Romero-D	26	Salt Lake	10%	17%	Y	y	y	y	y	n	y	n	n	y	n	y	y	y	n	Y	y	y	y	y	y	
Douglas Sagers-R	21	Tooele	19%	35%	n	y	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	n	y	n	y	y	y	Y	n	y	y	y	N	y	
Scott Sandall-R	1	Box Elder/Cache	43%	41%	Y	y	y	N	y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	N	y	
Dean Sanpei-R	63	Utah	60%	63%	Y	y	N	N	N	Y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	N	a	y	Y	Y	N	y	y	y	y	
Mike Schultz-R	12	Weber/Davis	43%	46%	Y	y	y	y	N	Y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	y	y	y	Y	Y	N	y	y	y	y	
V Lowry Snow-R	74	Washington	38%	42%	Y	y	y	y	y	Y	N	Y	Y	y	n	N	y	y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	
Robert Spendlove-R	49	Salt Lake	30%	37%	Y	y	y	a	y	Y	N	Y	Y	y	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	
Jon Stanard-R	62	Washington	75%	67%	Y	a	y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	y	y	Y	Y	N	N	y	y	N	
Kevin Stratton-R	48	Utah	63%	63%	Y	y	y	y	N	Y	N	Y	a	y	Y	N	y	a	Y	Y	N	N	N	y	y	
Norman Thurston-R	64	Utah	71%	64%	Y	N	y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	n	N	y	y	Y	Y	y	N	N	N	y	
Raymond Ward-R	19	Davis	29%	30%	Y	y	y	y	y	Y	y	n	Y	y	Y	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	
Christine Watkins-R	69	*	33%	34%	n	y	y	y	a	Y	a	n	Y	y	Y	N	y	y	Y	Y	y	a	y	y	y	
Curt Webb-R	5	Cache	35%	48%	a	y	y	N	y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	y	y	N	y	
Elizabeth Weight-D	31	Salt Lake	14%	14%	Y	y	N	y	y	n	y	n	n	y	n	y	y	y	n	Y	y	y	y	y	y	
John Westwood-R	72	Iron	24%	30%	n	y	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	n	N	y	y	Y	n	y	y	y	y	y	
Mark Wheatley-D	35	Salt Lake	10%	22%	Y	y	y	y	y	n	y	n	n	y	n	y	y	y	Y	Y	N	y	y	y	y	
Logan Wilde-R	53	*	48%	48%	Y	y	N	y	y	Y	y	Y	Y	N	Y	y	y	y	Y	Y	N	y	y	y	y	
Brad Wilson-R	15	Davis	44%	55%	Y	y	y	a	N	Y	y	Y	Y	y	n	y	a	y	Y	Y	y	N	y	y	a	
Mike Winder-R	30	Salt Lake	38%	38%	Y	y	N	y	y	Y	y	Y	Y	y	Y	y	y	y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y	
GrassRoots Recommended Votes:			2017 Scores	Lifetime Scores	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	
					HB 19	HB 36	HB 99	HB 121	HB 159	HB 198	HB 235	HB 259	HB 265	HB 312	HB 332	HB 388	HB 392	HB 441	HCR 11	SB 87	SB 100	SB 159	SB 198	SB 264	SB 276	
Good Vote																										
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* House District 53 includes Dagget, Duchesne, Morgan, Rich, Smitt Counties																										
*House District 68 includes Beaver, Juab, Millard, Tooele, Utah Counties																										
* House District 69 inclues Carbon, Duchesne, Emery, Grand Counties																										
*House District 70 includes Emery, Grand, Sanpete, Sevier Counties																										
*House District 73 includes Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Piute, San Juan, Sevier, Wayne Counties																										

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2017 Voting Summary

Y or y="yes", N or n="no"; a=absent or not voting; Y or N=good vote; y or n=bad vote; **Y or y (bold)** = sponsor

			2017 Scores	Lifetime Scores	B HB 36	C HB 99	D HB 121	F HB 198	G HB 235	I HB 265	M HB 392	N HB 441	O HCR 11	P SB 29	Q SB 60	R SB 83	S SB 87	T SB 100	U SB 110	V SB 115	W SB 159	X SB 198	Y SB 221	Z SB 264	AA SB 276
GrassRoots Recommended Votes					N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Rep-Party	Dist	County(ies)	2017 Scores	Lifetime Scores	B HB 36	C HB 99	D HB 121	F HB 198	G HB 235	I HB 265	M HB 392	N HB 441	O HCR 11	P SB 29	Q SB 60	R SB 83	S SB 87	T SB 100	U SB 110	V SB 115	W SB 159	X SB 198	Y SB 221	Z SB 264	AA SB 276
Stuart Adams-R	22	Davis	30%	50%	y	y	y	Y	y	n	N	y	Y	y	N	y	Y	y	y	Y	y	y	y	a	y
Jake Anderegg-R	13	Utah Salt Lake	41%	66%	y	N	y	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	y	a	a	Y	y	a	Y	N	y	y	a	y
Curtis Bramble-R	16	Utah/Wasatch	40%	54%	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	N	N	a	Y	y	y	Y	y	y	N	y	y
Gregg Buxton-R	20	Davis/Weber	29%	29%	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	y	y	N	Y	y	y	Y	y	y	y	y	y
Allen Christensen-R	19	*	40%	58%	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	y	N	Y	y	N	y	Y	y	y	Y	N	y	y	y	a
Jim Dabakis-D	2	Salt Lake	15%	24%	y	N	y	n	y	a	N	y	n	y	y	y	Y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y
Gene Davis-D	3	Salt Lake	14%	23%	y	N	y	n	y	n	y	y	n	N	y	y	Y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y
Margaret Dayton-R	15	Utah	71%	81%	N	y	N	Y	y	Y	N	N	Y	y	N	y	Y	N	N	Y	N	y	N	N	y
Luz Escamilla-D	1	Salt Lake	15%	21%	y	y	n	y	Y	y	y	n	N	y	y	Y	y	Y	y	a	n	y	y	y	y
Lincoln Fillmore-R	10	Salt Lake	53%	55%	y	N	a	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	N	y	y	Y	y	y	Y	N	y	N	a	N
Wayne Harper-R	6	Salt Lake	48%	62%	y	N	y	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	N	N	y	Y	N	y	n	N	y	y	N	y
Daniel Hemmert-R	14	Utah	30%	30%	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	y	y	a	Y	y	y	Y	y	y	N	y	y
Diedre Henderson-R	7	Utah	48%	57%	y	N	y	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	N	y	y	Y	y	y	Y	N	y	y	N	N
Lyle Hillyard-R	25	Cache, Rich	26%	43%	y	y	y	Y	y	a	y	y	Y	y	y	a	Y	y	y	n	y	N	N	y	y
David Hinkins-R	27	*	58%	55%	a	N	a	Y	y	Y	N	N	Y	N	y	y	Y	y	y	n	N	N	N	y	y
Don Ipson-R	29	Washington	33%	44%	y	N	y	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	N	y	y	Y	y	y	n	N	y	y	y	y
Jani Iwamoto-D	4	Salt Lake	14%	21%	y	N	y	n	y	n	y	y	n	N	y	y	Y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y
Peter Knudson-R	17	*	21%	42%	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	a	y	y	Y	a	y	n	y	y	y	y	y
Karen Mayne-D	5	Salt Lake	14%	30%	y	N	y	n	y	n	y	y	n	N	y	y	Y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y
Ann Millner-R	18	Weber/Davis/Mo	24%	33%	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	y	y	y	Y	y	y	n	N	y	y	y	y
W Niederhauser-R	9	Salt Lake	29%	50%	y	N	a	Y	y	a	a	a	Y	y	y	y	Y	y	y	Y	y	y	a	y	y
Ralph Okerlund-R	24	*	20%	46%	y	y	y	Y	a	Y	y	y	Y	y	y	y	Y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y
Brian Shiozawa-R	8	Salt Lake	10%	23%	y	y	y	n	y	n	a	y	n	N	y	y	Y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y
Howard Stephenson-R	11	SL/Utah	45%	69%	a	N	y	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	N	y	y	Y	y	y	Y	y	y	N	N	y
Jerry Stevenson-R	21	Davis	19%	47%	y	y	a	Y	a	a	a	a	Y	y	y	y	Y	y	y	n	y	y	y	a	y
Daniel Thatcher-R	12	SL/Tooele	30%	49%	y	y	y	Y	y	n	N	y	Y	y	y	y	Y	y	a	Y	N	y	y	y	y
Kevin VanTassell-R	26	*	22%	47%	a	y	a	Y	y	Y	y	y	a	N	y	y	Y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y
Evan Vickers-R	28	*	38%	50%	y	N	y	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	N	y	y	Y	y	y	Y	N	y	y	y	y
Todd Weiler-R	23	Davis/Salt Lake	29%	38%	y	N	y	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	y	y	y	Y	y	y	n	N	y	y	y	y

Good Vote
 Top 10%
 Bottom 10%

- *Senate District 17 includes Box Elder, Tooele, Cache Counties
- *Senate District 18 includes Davis, Morgan, Weber Counties
- *Senate District 19 includes Morgan, Weber, Summit Counties
- *Senate District 24 includes Beaver, Garfield, Juab, Kane, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, Utah, Wayne Counties
- *Senate District 26 includes Daggett, Duchesne, Summit, Uintah, Wasatch Counties
- *Senate District 27 includes Carbon, Emery, Grand, San Juan, Utah, Wasatch Counties
- *Senate District 28 includes Beaver, Iron, Washington Counties

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GrassRoots Recommended Votes					N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Gary Herbert-R			27%	44%	y	y	y	Y	y	Y	y	y	Y	Y	y	y	y	y	y

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Top 25 Reps 2017		Top 25 Reps Lifetime		Top 25 Senate 2017		Senate Rank-Lifetime	
1 -	Marc Roberts-R	1 -	Marc Roberts-R	1 -	Margaret Dayton-R	1 -	Margaret Dayton-R
2 -	Brian Greene-R	2 -	Brian Greene-R	2 -	David Hinkins	2 -	Howard Stephenson-R
2 -	Ken Ivory-R	3 -	Daniel McCay-R	3 -	Lincoln Filmore-R	3 -	Jake Anderegg
4 -	Daniel McCay-R	4 -	John Knotwell-R	4 -	Wayne Harper-R	4 -	Wayne Harper-R
5 -	Kim Coleman-R	5 -	Ken Ivory-R	4 -	Diedre Henderson-R	5 -	Allen Christensen-R
6 -	John Knotwell-R	6 -	Kim Coleman-R	6 -	Howard Stephenson-R	6 -	Diedre Henderson-R
7 -	Tim Quinn-R	7 -	Tim Quinn-R	7 -	Jake Anderegg	7 -	David Hinkins
8 -	Karianne Lisonbee-R	8 -	Karianne Lisonbee	8 -	Curtis Bramble-R	8 -	Lincoln Filmore-R
8 -	Jon Stanard-R	9 -	Francis Gibson-R	8 -	Allen Christensen-R	9 -	Curtis Bramble-R
10 -	Jefferson Moss-R	9 -	Keith Grover-R	10 -	Evan Vickers-R	10 -	W Niederhauser-R
10 -	Norman Thurston-R	11 -	Val Peterson-R	11 -	Don Ipson-R	11 -	Evan Vickers-R
12 -	Keith Grover-R	12 -	Brad Daw-R	12 -	Stuart Adams-R	12 -	Stuart Adams-R
12 -	Michael Kennedy-R	12 -	Michael Kennedy-R	12 -	Daniel Hemmert-R	13 -	Daniel Thatcher-R
12 -	Val Peterson-R	12 -	Jefferson Moss-R	12 -	Daniel Thatcher-R	14 -	Jerry Stevenson-R
15 -	Mike McKell-R	15 -	Jon Stanard-R	15 -	W Niederhauser-R	15 -	Kevin VanTassell-R
15 -	Kevin Stratton-R	16 -	Gregory Hughes-R	16 -	Gregg Buxton	16 -	Ralph Okerlund-R
17 -	Susan Pulsipher-R	17 -	Kevin Stratton-R	16 -	Todd Weiler-R	17 -	Don Ipson-R
18 -	Gage Froerer-R	18 -	Norman Thurston-R	18 -	Lyle Hillyard-R	18 -	Lyle Hillyard-R
19 -	Kay Christofferson-R	19 -	Dean Sanpei-R	19 -	Ann Millner-R	19 -	Peter Knudson-R
19 -	Craig Hall-R	20 -	Justin Fawson-R	20 -	Kevin VanTassell-R	20 -	Todd Weiler-R
19 -	Dean Sanpei-R	21 -	Kay Christofferson-R	21 -	Peter Knudson-R	21 -	Ann Millner-R
22 -	Francis Gibson-R	21 -	Mike McKell-R	22 -	Ralph Okerlund-R	22 -	Karen Mayne-D
23 -	Brad Daw-R	23 -	Michael Noel-R	23 -	Jerry Stevenson-R	23 -	Daniel Hemmert-R
24 -	James Dunnigan-R	24 -	Susan Pulsipher	24 -	Jim Dabakis-D	24 -	Gregg Buxton
24 -	Justin Fawson-R	25 -	Jeremy Peterson-R	24 -	Luz Escamilla-D	25 -	Jim Dabakis-D
24 -	Cory Maloy-R	25 -	LaVar Christensen-R	26 -	Gene Davis-D	26 -	Brian Shiozawa-R
Bottom 25 Reps 2017		Bottom 25 Reps Lifetime		26 -	Jani Iwamoto-D	27 -	Gene Davis-D
50 -	Bruce Cutler-R	50 -	Robert Spendlove-R	27 -	Karen Mayne-D	28 -	Jani Iwamoto-D
50 -	Bradley Last-R	50 -	Douglas Sagers-R	29 -	Brian Shiozawa-R	29 -	Luz Escamilla-D
52 -	Robert Spendlove-R	52 -	Stephen Handy-R				
52 -	Carl Albrecht-R	53 -	Becky Edwards-R	Fast Facts		GrassRoots	
52 -	Becky Edwards-R	53 -	Mike Winder-R			The 2017 GrassRoots was	
52 -	Kelly Miles-R	53 -	Christine Watkins-R	Average Score House 2017=44%		prepared by Don Guymon	
56 -	Raymond Ward-R	56 -	John Westwood-R	Average Score House Life=46%			
57 -	Michael Noel-R	57 -	Susan Duckworth-D			Chairman-Don Guymon	
57 -	Susan Duckworth-D	57 -	Merrill Nelson-R	Average Score Senate 2017=31%		Vice-Chairman- Steve Stromness	
59 -	Stephen Handy-R	59 -	Raymond Ward-R	Average Score Senate Life=44%		Secretary/Tres.-Drew Chamberlain	
59 -	Lee Perry-R	59 -	Val Potter-R				
59 -	John Westwood-R	61 -	Bruce Cutler-R	Last Year the House Averaged a		Board Members	
62 -	LaVar Christensen-R	62 -	Marie Poulson-D	36% and the Senate a 53%		Bill Barton	
63 -	Patrice Arent-D	62 -	Carl Albrecht-R			Donna Dahl	
64 -	Sandra Hollins-D	62 -	Kelly Miles	Governor Herbert's score of 27%		Jim Dexter	
65 -	Douglas Sagers-R	65 -	Sandra Hollins-D	would have ranked him 52nd in		Robert Wren	
65 -	Joel Briscoe-D	66 -	Mark Wheatley-D	the House and 18th in the		Lowell Nelson	
65 -	Elizabeth Weight-D	67 -	Brian King-D	Senate		Stuart Grover	
68 -	Brian King-D	68 -	R Chavez-Houck-D			David Pyne	
68 -	R Chavez-Houck-D	68 -	Patrice Arent-D	Past Governor's Lifetime Scores			
68 -	Carol Moss-D	70 -	Angela Romero-D	Gov Jon Huntsman 39%		The author thanks all of	
68 -	Marie Poulson-D	70 -	Joel Briscoe-D	Governor Olene Walker-33%		those individuals who	
68 -	Angela Romero-D	72 -	Carol Moss-D	Governor Mike Leavitt-27%		helped in the publication	
73 -	Mark Wheatley-D	73 -	Lynn Hemingway-D			of this report	
73 -	Lynn Hemingway-D	74 -	Elizabeth Weight-D				
73 -	Karen Kwan-D	75 -	Karen Kwan-D				

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Protection from Tyranny By Don Guymon

After the recent general election, thousands took to the streets to protest because of their concerns about the new president.

While people are free to voice their concerns and have a duty to do so if they believe their God-given rights are in jeopardy, the reality is that our rights have been in jeopardy for years.

If our government is functioning in its proper role no one should fear the president because our government as outlined in the Constitution was designed so that no one individual would have extreme power.

But as we have seen the government grow in power over the years; we have created an environment in which we should be concerned about one individual having too much power.

Look no further than west of I-15 at the NSA data center. Personal information on us is being held in the center. What information does the government have on you?

President Obama recently set aside 1.3 million acres of land in south eastern Utah. Individuals will not be able to use that land to help feed their families and for the local communities to grow their economies. All of this was done with one swipe of a pen.

Congress has passed laws in which if someone is labeled an enemy combatant they can be denied due process and jailed indefinitely. We have created a government in which an individual can have their property taken away if they or their property are simply accused of a crime. Years ago, Utah's citizens passed an

initiative to end this practice in the state; only to have the legislature overturn their vote a few years later. Efforts to restore parts of this citizens' initiative passed the House in recent years only to die in the Utah Senate without a vote.

While individuals worry about government providing their health care or other government handouts; government must have some way to collect this money from other individuals. The only way they can do this is through force.

Taxes aren't voluntary, if they were voluntary you wouldn't face going to jail if you didn't pay your taxes.

If one is concerned about one individual or other entities in the government having too much power the best solution is the solution found in our US Constitution.

Let us remember the words of Thomas Jefferson, ""The two enemies of the people are criminals and government, so let us tie the second down with the chains of the Constitution so the second will not become the legalized version of the first."

Our founders knew what it was to live in a world of fear, therefore they put checks and balances in the Constitution and established a Bill of Rights.

If government operates in its proper role there is no need to fear whoever may lead at whatever level of government.

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