

# NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM

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Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom has released its annual report on the conservative voting of members of the Nebraska Unicameral during the **2019** session. NTF rates senators based on their fiscal responsibility, intervention into the private lives of Nebraska citizens, and positions on legislation dealing with law and order.

NTF rates state senators based on a curved point scale. NTF tracked 103 bills and resolutions in the 2019 session. Starting at a base of zero, senators received 1 point for each good vote.

In first place was State Senator Rob Clements (District 2). Placing second was State Senator Bruce Bostelman (District 23). Placing lowest was State Senator Ernie Chambers (District 11).

NTF president Doug Kagan explained that “the executive committee of the Legislature refuses to place all votes of state senators in the official Unicameral Journal, despite the fact that it is paid for by Nebraska taxpayers. Because NTF wants overtaxed and over-regulated Nebraskans to see transparent voting records of state senators, NTF annually places this comprehensive voting record on its web site: <https://www.netaxpayers.org>. The scores for this most recent session reinforce the necessity for Nebraska citizens to press state senators for tax and spending limits and their duty to vote on all legislative bills presented .”

**ANNOTATION LEGEND:** **GOOD BILL**      **NTF-favored bill**      **BAD BILL**      **NTF-opposed bill**  
**GRAPH LEGEND:**      **C= conservative vote**      **L= liberal vote**      **N= did not vote**

Numbers assigned below are not percentages. They are points on a curved scale. The higher the number, the more conservative the voting record.

Albrecht	74	Gragert	70	McCollister	64
Arch	70	Groene	73	McDonnell	61
Blood	65	Halloran	73	Morfeld	59
Bolz	60	Hansen, Ben	71	Moser	65
Bostelman	79	Hansen, Matt	58	Murman	76
Brandt	65	Hilgers	72	Pansing Brooks	62
Brewer*	52	Hilkemann	65	Quick	64
Briese	70	Howard	50	Scheer	57
Cavanaugh	57	Hughes	59	Slama	76
Chambers	41	Hunt	57	Stinner	63
Clements	80	Kolowski	58	Vargas	54
Crawford	64	Kolterman	65	Walz	49
De Boer	51	La Grone	71	Wayne	57
Dorn	69	Lathrop	60	Williams	67
Erdman	74	Lindstrom	67	Wishart	63
Friesen	69	Linehan	68		
Geist	71	Lowe	71		

\* Sen. Brewer, who consistently has voted conservative, missed several votes this session because of surgeries for injuries incurred during his combat duties (Purple Heart recipient) and because of visits in his other official capacities to the White House and other destinations.

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Yes, I believe that our state senators can do a much better job in representing their constituents by lowering taxes, cutting spending, and removing unnecessary regulations. I am ready to fight in the front trenches for the fiscal conservative cause as a Taxpayer Watchdog. Sign me up as a legislative Taxpayer Watchdog today!

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