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The **2006 Consumer Federation of California Scorecard for State Lawmakers** rates legislators by their key votes on consumer rights bills. State Assembly members and Senators were evaluated on a number of issues, including campaign finance reform, protecting private personal information, health care reform, cell phone customer rights, assistance to low-income consumers, and health and safety standards for consumer products.

Lawmakers are graded on legislative proposals that the CFC either sponsored or supported. We assessed a number of final substantive floor votes and committee votes that decided the fate of some bills. Committee votes were included because in some cases, the success of a bill hinged on the support of a handful of representatives.

Scores are proportional to the number of total votes cast, and are based on the percentage of votes in which the lawmaker sided with consumers. A favorable vote from the consumer's standpoint is represented with an "R" (Right). A vote against consumers is noted with a "W" (Wrong). If a lawmaker was present and did not vote or abstained, lack of participation is counted as a vote against consumers (W\*). A dash (-) specifies either that a lawmaker was not a member of the committee being evaluated, or that they had an excused leave of absence from the legislature for the day of a vote. Therefore, they were not penalized.

The Governor's record on consumer protection issues was not included in our scorecard. Since most pro-consumer bills are killed in the legislature, and a comparatively limited number reach his desk, there would be little criteria on which to base his grade. Therefore grading the Governor on those few bills that do survive would not be a meaningful comparison with the scores assigned to legislators.

An interim scorecard rating votes cast during the current session will be released in time for the legislature to reconvene from Summer Recess on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007.



## 2006 CONSUMER SCORECARD FOR STATE LAWMAKERS

Assembly Member	Score	AB 583 1/30 Floor	AB 695 8/28/06 Sen. Amn.	AB 1010 8/31 U & C Comm.	AB 1010 8/31/06 Sen. Amn.	AB 2381 5/18 Floor	AB 2576 8/21 Sen. Amn.	AB 2622 5/9 U & C Comm.	AB 2644 5/31 Floor	SB 202 8/28 Floor	SB 440 8/21 Floor	SB 768 8/21 Floor	SB 840 8/28 Floor	SB 1068 6/19 U & C Comm.	SB 1354 6/26 B & F	SB 1523 8/28 Floor	SB 1609 8/17 Floor
Aghazarian (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Arambula (D)	92%	R	R	--	W*	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Baca (D)	80%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W*	R	R	W	R	R	W*	--	R	R
Bass (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Benoit (R)	17%	W	W	--	W	W	R	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Berg (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Bermudez (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Blakeslee (R)	13%	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	W*	--	W	W
Bogh (R)	20%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W*	W	R	R	W	W	W	--	W	R
Calderon (D)	58%	R	W*	--	W	--	W*	--	R	R	W*	R	R	--	W	R	R
Canciamilla (D)	75%	R	R	--	W	R	R	--	R	R	W	R	R	--	--	W	R
Chan (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Chavez (D)	77%	R	R	--	W	R	R	--	R	R	W	R	R	--	W*	R	R
Chu (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Cogdill (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W*	W	--	--	W	W
Cohn (D)	79%	R	R	R	W*	--	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R	W*	--	R	R
Coto (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Daucher (R)	42%	W	W	--	W	R	R	--	W	R	W	R	W	--	--	W	R
De La Torre (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R
DeVore (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Dymally (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Emmerson (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W*	W	--	--	W	W
Evans (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Frommer (D)	92%	R	R	--	W*	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Garcia (R)	17%	W	W*	--	W	W	R	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Goldberg (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Hancock (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Harman (R)	see Sen.	W	--	--	--	W	--	--	W	R	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Haynes (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
J. Horton (D)	73%	R	R	W	W	R	R	--	R	R	W	R	R	W*	R	R	R
S. Horton (R)	27%	W*	W	--	W	--	R	--	W	R	W	R	W	--	--	W	W
Houston (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Huff (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W

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Jones (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Karnette (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Keene (R)	13%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	W	--	W	W
Klehs (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Koretz (D)	92%	R	R	--	R	R	W*	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
La Malfa (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	W*	W	W
La Suer (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Laird (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Leno (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Leslie (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W*
Levine (D)	87%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	W*	R	R	--	R	R
Lieber (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Lieu (D)	92%	R	R	--	W*	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R
Liu (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Matthews (D)	58%	R	R	--	W	R	R	--	W	R	W	R	W	--	--	W	R
Maze (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
McCarthy (R)	17%	W	W	--	W*	W	W	--	W	R	R	W	W	--	--	W	W
Montanez (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R
Mountjoy (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W*	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Mullin (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Nakanishi (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W*	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Nation (D)	92%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	W	--	--	R	R
Nava (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Negrete McLeod (D)	92%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	W*	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Niello (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W*	W	--	W	W	W
Nunez (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Oropeza (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	--
Parra (D)	85%	R	W	--	R (D)	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	W*	--	R	R	R
Pavley (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Plescia (R)	9%	W	W	--	W	--	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Richman (R)	25%	W*	W	--	W	W	R	--	W	R	R	W	W	--	--	W	W
Ridley-Thomas (D)	87%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R	W*	--	R	R
Runner (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Ruskin (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R

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Saldana (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Salinas (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Spitzer (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Strickland (R)	17%	W	W	--	W	W	R	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Torrico (D)	92%	R	R	--	W*	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Tran (R)	17%	W	W	--	W	--	R	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	W	W	W
Umberg (D)	83%	W	R	--	R	R	R	--	W*	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Vargas (D)	92%	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	W*	R	R	--	R	R	R
Villines (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Walters (R)	8%	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W
Wolk (D)	92%	R	R	--	W*	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R
Wyland (R)	6%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	W	W
Yee (D)	92%	R	R	--	W	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R

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Aanestad (R)	23%	W	W	--	W	W	R	W	W*	W	W	W	R	W	R
Ackerman (R)	0%	W	W	--	W	--	W*	W	W	W	W*	W	W	--	--
Alarcon (D)	92%	R	R	R	R	--	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R
Alquist (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Ashburn (R)	27%	W	W	--	W	--	R	W	R	W	W	W*	W	--	R
Battin (R)	25%	W	W	W	R	--	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	R
Bowen (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Cedillo (D)	70%	R	R	--	R	--	W*	R	R	W*	R	R	W*	--	--
Chesbro (D)	92%	R	W*	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--
Cox (R)	23%	W	W	W	R	W*	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	--
Denham (R)	40%	W	W	--	R	--	R	W	R	W*	W	W	R	--	--
Ducheny (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Dunn (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Dutton (R)	25%	W	W	W	R	--	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	R
Escutia (D)	92%	R	R	R	R	--	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R
Figueroa (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--
Florez (D)	90%	R	R	--	R	--	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Harman (R)	31%**	W	W	--	R	--	R	W	W	W*	--	W	R	--	--
Hollingsworth (R)	20%	W	W	--	W	--	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	--
Kehoe (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Kuehl (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--
Lowenthal (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Machado (D)	70%	R	W	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	--	--
Maldonado (R)	17%	W	W	--	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W*	W	--
Margett (R)	30%	W	W	--	R	--	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	--	--
McClintock (R)	30%	W	W	--	R	--	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	--
Migden (D)	90%	R	R	--	R	--	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Morrow (R)	10%	W	W	--	W	--	R	W	W*	W	W	W	W	--	--
Murray (D)	83%	W*	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	--	R
Ortiz (D)	92%	R	R	--	R	R	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Perata (D)	90%	R	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	W*	--	--

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Poochigian (R)	36%	W	W	--	R	--	R	W	R	W	W	W	W*	--	R
Romero (D)	91%	R	R	--	W*	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R
Runner (R)	17%	W*	W	--	W	W	R	W	W*	W	W	W	R	W	--
Scott (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Simitian (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Soto (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Speier (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Torlakson (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R
Vincent (D)	100%	R	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--

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\*\*Senator Harman was elected to represent the 35th Senate District in a special election held on June 6th after John Campbell was elected in to replace Chris Cox as U.S. Rep. of the 48th Congressional District

<b>Description of Rated bills</b>			
<b>Bill</b>	<b>Topic*</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>CFC Position</b>
AB 583	Public financing of campaigns	Killed in the legislature	Support
AB 695	Legible receipts and explicit return policies for retail sales	Vetoed	Support
AB 1010	Cell phone contract cancellation rights	Killed in the legislature	Support
AB 2381	Private post-secondary vocational education fraud enforcement	Killed in the legislature	Support
AB 2576	Assistance to low-income gas/electric customers	Signed into law	Support
AB 2622	Cell phone contract cancellation rights	Killed in the legislature	Support
AB 2644	Water vending machine health & safety standards	Killed in the legislature	Support
SB 202	Protecting privacy of phone calling records	Signed into law	Support
SB 440	Consumer protection against charges on lost or stolen cell phones	Vetoed	Support
SB 768	Limits on use of RFID tags in government ID documents	Vetoed	Support
SB 840	Single payer healthcare for all Californians	Vetoed	Support
SB 1068	Phone contracts in non-English language used to sell product	Killed in the legislature	Support
SB 1354	Reporting corporate political contributions to shareholders	Killed in the legislature	Support
SB 1523	Measure economic impact of proposed superstores	Vetoed	Support
SB 1609	Lenders required to refer certified counseling on reverse mortgages	Signed into law	Support
SB 1683	Informing public on results of clinical drug trials	Killed in the legislature	Support

\* see next page for more detailed bill descriptions

<b>Rated Senate Votes</b>	
SB 202 (Simitian)	Assembly Floor, 8/28/06 Senate Floor, 8/31/06
SB 440 (Speier)	Assembly Floor, 8/21/06 Senate Floor, 8/31/06
SB 768 (Simitian)	Assembly Floor, 8/21/06 Senate Floor, 8/30/06
SB 840 (Kuehl)	Senate Floor, 5/31/06 Assembly Floor, 8/28/06
SB 1068 (Escutia)	Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee, 5/19/06
SB 1354 (Dunn)	Senate Floor, 5/30/06 Assembly Banking & Finance Committee, 6/26/06
SB 1523 (Alarcon)	Assembly Floor, 8/28/06 Senate Floor, 8/30/06
SB 1609 (Simitian)	Assembly Floor, 8/17/06 Senate Floor, 8/23/06
SB 1683 (Scott)	Senate Health Committee, 4/19/06

<b>Rated Assembly Votes</b>	
AB 583 (Hancock)	Assembly Floor, 1/30/06
AB 695 (Mullin)	Senate Floor, 8/23/06 Assembly Floor concurrence in Senate Amendments, 8/28/06
AB 1010 (Ruskin)	Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee, 6/27/06 Senate floor, 8/28/06 Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee, 8/31/06 Assembly Floor concurrence in Senate Amendments, 8/31/06
AB 2381 (Dymally)	Assembly Floor, 5/18/06
AB 2576 (De La Torre)	Senate floor, 8/17/06 Assembly Floor concurrence in Senate Amendments, 8/21/06
AB 2622 (Ruskin)	Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee, 5/9/06
AB 2644 (Montanez)	Assembly Floor, 5/31/06 Senate Health Committee, 6/28/06

**AB 583 (Hancock)** - Would have provided public financing option for candidates that have demonstrated a sufficient base of support and would have allowed for publicly financed candidates to compete with privately financed candidates who exceeded voluntary spending limits.

**AB 695 (Mullin)** – Would have required a retail seller to provide legible receipts that remain legible for the entire return period of a product, display its return policy, and not share customer information.

**AB 2622/AB 1010 (Ruskin)** – Would have given cell phone customers a 30 day grace period to cancel a new contract without paying early termination fees.

**AB 2381 (Dymally)** – Would have clarified existing law to guarantee the right of a student in a private post-secondary vocational education school to sue the school for fraud.

**AB 2576 (De La Torre)** – Requires the Public Utilities Commission to ensure that electrical or gas companies with a program to provide discounts to low income customers utilize a single application form, enabling customers to apply for any program for which they are eligible.

**AB 2644 (Montanez)** – Would have established health and safety standards and inspection requirements for water-vending machines, and increase the annual license fee for a machine.

**SB 202 (Simitian)** – Made illegal the purchase or sale of telephone calling records through fraudulent means, known as “pretexting.”

**SB 440 (Speier)** – Would have required phone companies to notify consumers about the procedure for disputing a contested bill and would have strengthened consumer protections against being held responsible for charges made on a lost or stolen cell phone.

**SB 768 (Simitian)** – Would have required notice to Californians when government identification documents contain radio frequency identification tags (RFID) that transmit personal information that can be read remotely. It also would have required measures to secure the devices from hackers, and to instruct users on how to prevent the transmission of information.

**SB 840 (Kuehl)** – Would have established a government health insurance plan for all Californians.

**SB 1068 (Escutia)** – Would have required that phone contracts be printed in the same non-English language used to market the product to a limited English speaking consumer.

**SB 1354 (Dunn)** – Would have required corporations that make political contributions to report details of campaign spending to shareholders, and refund shareholders that object to contributions.

**SB 1523 (Alarcon)** – Would have required a report on the impact on jobs and the local economy before approval of a proposed retail superstore.

**SB 1609 (Simitian)** – Would have required lenders to notify the consumer of certified counseling opportunities prior to issuing a reverse mortgage.

**SB 1683 (Scott)** – Would have required drug manufacturers to provide public information on results of all clinical drug trials except a Phase I trial.