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The **2007 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 range of issues, including financial privacy, health care reform, cell phone customer rights, food safety, truth in advertising, and consumer product safety standards.

Lawmakers are graded on legislative proposals that the CFC either sponsored or supported. We assessed a number of substantive floor votes and committee votes that decided the fate of some bills. Committee votes were included in cases when a bill never reached the chamber floor for a vote.

Scores reflect the percentage of votes cast in favor of consumers. These scores include votes cast and non-votes by members present at the time the vote was cast. 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 chose not to cast a vote on a consumer supported bill, the effect of their action was anti-consumer, and is counted as a vote against consumers (W*). This practice, known as "taking a walk" is a ploy some lawmakers use to avoid a recorded vote while actually affecting the outcome of legislation. 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, or were no longer a member of the legislature. Therefore, they were not penalized.

The Governor's record on consumer protection issues is not included in this scorecard. Many pro-consumer bills are killed in the legislature. A limited number reach his desk. Grading the Governor on those bills that do survive would not be a meaningful comparison with the scores assigned to legislators.



2007 CONSUMER SCORECARD FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

Assembly Member	Score	AB 493 6/6 Floor	AB 583 6/6 Floor	AB 706 6/6 Floor	AB 891 6/4 Floor	AB 1324 9/6 Floor	AB 1554 6/7 Floor	AB 1673 9/12 Floor	SB 30 6/19 Asm Jud	SB 30 8/30 Asm Appr's	SB 220 9/10 Floor	SB 250 9/6 Floor	SB 388 6/26 Asm Jud	SB 606 7/3 Asm Health	SB 823 7/5 Asm Higher Ed	SB 840 7/3 Asm Health
Adams (R)	10%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	W	W	--	--	--
Aghazarian (R)	22%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	R	--	--	--	--
Anderson (R)	11%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	--	--	--
Arambula (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	R	--
Bass (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	R	--	R
Beall (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	R	--
Benoit (R)	22%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	R	--	--	--	--
Berg (D)	92%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W*	R	--	R	R	--	R	--	R
Berryhill (R)	20%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	--	W	R	--	--	--	--
Blakeslee (R)	22%	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	--	--	W	R	--	--	--	--
Brownley (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Caballero (D)	90%	R	R	R	R	R	W*	R	--	R	R	R	--	--	--	--
Calderon (D)	56%	W	R	W*	R	R	W*	W*	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Carter (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Cook (R)	10%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W*	--	--	W	W	--	--	W	--
Coto (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Davis (D)	90%	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	--	--	--
De La Torre (D)	91%	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	R	--	R
de Leon (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	--	R
DeSaulnier (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	--	--	--
DeVore (R)	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	--	--	--
Duvall (R)	0%	W	W	W	W	W*	W	W	W	--	W	W	--	--	--	--
Dymally (D)	91%	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	R	--	R
Emmerson (R)	17%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	W*	--	R	--	W
Eng (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Evans (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	--	--
Feuer (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	R	--	--	--
Fuentes (D)	78%	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	W*	--	--	--	--
Fuller (R)	22%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	R	--	--	--	--

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Gaines (R)	18%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	R	--	W
Galgiani (D)	40%	W	W	R	R	R	W*	W	--	--	W	W*	--	--	R	--
Garcia (R)	22%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	R	--	--	--	--
Garrick (R)	22%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	R	--	--	--	--
Hancock (D)	91%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	W*	R	--	R	--	R
Hayashi (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	R	--	R
Hernandez (D)	91%	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	R	--	R
Horton (R)	11%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	--	--	--
Houston (R)	22%	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	--	--	W	W	--	--	--	--
Huff (R)	9%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	R	--	W
Huffman (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	--	--	--
Jeffries (R)	11%	W	W	W*	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	--	--	--
Jones (D)	100%	R	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	--	--	--	--
Keene (R)	18%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W*	--	W	R	W	--	--	--
Krekorian (D)	92%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W*	--	--	--
La Malfa (R)	10%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	--	--	--
Laird (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	--	--
Leno (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Levine (D)	91%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W*	--	R	R	R	--	--	--
Lieber (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	--	R
Lieu (D)	90%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	--	R	R	R	--	--	--	--
Ma (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	R	--	R
Maze (R)	11%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	--	--	--
Mendoza (D)	89%	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Mullin (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Nakanishi (R)	17%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	R	--	W
Nava (D)	90%	R	R	R	R	R	R	W*	--	R	R	R	--	--	--	--
Niello (R)	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	--	W	--
Nuñez (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Parra (D)	33%	W	W	R	R	R	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	--	--	--
Plescia (R)	11%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	--	--	--

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Portantino (D)	90%	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	R	--
Price (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Richardson (D)	80%	W*	R	R	R	--*	R	--*	--	--	--*	--*	--	--	--	--
Runner (R)	20%	W	W	W	W	R	R	W*	-	W	W	W	-	-	-	-
Ruskin (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	R	--
Salas (D)	82%	R	R	R	R	R	W*	R	--	--	R	R	--	W*	--	R
Saldaña (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Silva (R)	11%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	--	--	--
Smyth (R)	11%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	--	--	--
Solorio (D)	80%	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	W*	R	R	--	--	--	--
Soto (D)*	100%	--	--	--	--	R	--	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Spitzer (R)	22%	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	--	--	W	W	--	--	--	--
Strickland (R)	14%	W	W	W	W	--	W	--	--	--	--	--	--	R	--	W
Swanson (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Torrice (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--
Tran (R)	10%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	W	W	--	--	--
Villines (R)	11%	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	--	--	--
Walters (R)	0%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	W	W	W	--	--	--	--
Wolk (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	--	--	--	--

*Assemblymember Nell Soto was absent for several months battling pneumonia.

Legend: R = Right, voted for consumers
W* = Present, did not vote - same as voting against consumers
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W = Wrong, voted against consumers
--* = Elected to congress, no longer in State Assembly

Senator	Score	AB 706 9/12 Sen Floor	AB 891 7/10 Sen Jud	AB 1324 9/5 Sen Floor	AB 1554 7/11 Sen Health	AB 1673 9/11 Sen Floor	SB 30 5/24 Sen Floor	SB 220 9/12 Sen Floor	SB 250 9/10 Sen Floor	SB 388 5/31 Sen Floor	SB 606 6/7 Sen Floor	SB 823 6/4 Sen Floor	SB 831 6/7 Sen Floor	SB 840 6/6 Sen Floor
Runner (R)	9%	W	--	W*	--	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Scott (D)	100%	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Simitian (D)	100%	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Steinberg (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Torlakson (D)	91%	R	--	R	--	R	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R
Vincent (D)	90%	W	--	--	--	R	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R
Wiggins (D)	91%	R	--	R	--	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Wyland (R)	17%	W	--	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Yee (D)	67%	R	--	R	W*	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	W	R

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Description of Rated bills			
Bill	Topic*	Status	CFC Position
AB 493	Consumer incentives for low emissions vehicles	2 year bill	Support
AB 583	Public financing of campaigns	2 year bill	Support
AB 706	Bans toxic fire retardant chemicals in furniture	2 year bill	Support
AB 891	Phone contracts printed in non-English language used to advertise product	2 year bill	Support
AB 1324	Prevents health insurers from retroactively rescinding authorization for care	Signed into law	Support
AB 1554	Health insurance rate regulation	2 year bill	Support
AB 1673	Requires retailers to sell product for after-rebate price advertised or posted in store	Vetoed	Support
SB 30	Privacy notice when radio frequency ID device is embedded in government document	2 year bill	Support
SB 220	Water vending machine health and safety standards, bottled water labeling	Signed into law	Support
SB 250	Right to redeem for cash a gift card when value drops below \$10	Signed into law	Support
SB 388	Disclosures on the sale of items containing radio frequency ID chips	2 year bill	Support
SB 606	Public disclosure pharmaceutical drug clinical trial results	2 year bill	Support
SB 823	Re-regulates private for-profit postsecondary vocational schools	2 year bill	Support
SB 831	Telecom consumer rights: cancellation rights, pro-rated early termination fees	Killed in Senate	Support
SB 840	Single payer healthcare for all Californians	2 year bill	Support

Notes: * See next page for more detailed bill descriptions

Rated Assembly Votes

AB 493 (Ruskin)	Assembly Floor, 6/6/07
AB 583 (Hancock)	Assembly Floor, 6/6/07
AB 706 (Leno)	Assembly Floor, 6/6/07 Senate Floor, 9/12/07
AB 891 (De La Torre)	Assembly Floor, 6/4/07 Senate Judiciary Committee, 7/10/07
AB 1324 (De La Torre)	Assembly Floor, 9/6/07 Senate Floor, 9/5/07
AB 1554 (Jones)	Assembly Floor, 6/7/07 Senate Health Committee, 7/11/07
AB 1673 (Feuer)	Assembly Floor, 9/12/07 Senate Floor, 9/11/07

Rated Senate Votes

SB 30 (Simitian)	Senate Floor, 5/24/07 Assembly Judiciary Committee, 6/19/07 Assembly Appropriations Committee, 8/30/07
SB 220 (Corbett)	Senate Floor, 9/12/07 Assembly Floor, 9/10/07
SB 250 (Corbett)	Senate Floor, 9/10/07 Assembly Floor, 9/6/07
SB 388 (Corbett)	Senate Floor, 5/31/07 Assembly Judiciary Committee, 6/26/07
SB 606 (Scott)	Senate Floor, 6/7/07 Assembly Health, 7/3/07
SB 823 (Perata)	Senate Floor, 6/4/07 Assembly Committee on Higher Education, 7/5/07
SB 831 (Lowenthal)	Senate Floor, 6/7/07
SB 840 (Kuehl)	Senate Floor, 6/6/07 Assembly Health Committee, 7/3/07

Descriptions of Rated Bills

AB 493 (Ruskin) - Would reduce harmful global warming and smog-forming pollution from cars and trucks by establishing a program to make cleaner cars and trucks more affordable and by levying charges on the purchase of high emissions vehicles.

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

AB 706(Leno) – Would ban the use of toxic brominated fire retardants (BFRs) and chlorinated fire retardants (CFRs) in all seating furniture, mattresses, box springs, mattress sets, futons, other bedding products, and reupholstered furniture to which filling materials are added.

AB 891 (De La Torre) – Would require a telecommunications services contract to be provided in the language in which the contract was advertised or negotiated, clearly and conspicuously disclosing key rates, terms, and conditions of service.

AB 1324 (De La Torre) – Would prevent health insurers from rescinding authorization for treatment after a provider renders a health care service.

AB 1554 (Jones) – Would have required HMOs and health insurers to apply for and seek approval from the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance for any proposed rate increases.

AB 1673 (Feuer) – Would require a retailer to sell an item at the after-rebate price if this is the price advertised or displayed as the retail price.

SB 30 (Simitian) – Would require agencies that embed radio frequency identification tags (RFIDs) in government-issued documents to safeguard personal privacy and security by notifying Californians of methods to block transmission of our information and by requiring anti-hacking encryption.

SB 220 (Corbett) – Would require water vending machines to be cleaned monthly. It would also require bottled-water companies to compile an annual "consumer confidence report" detailing results of water-quality tests, and mandate that labels clearly identify the water's source.

SB 250 (Corbett) – Would grant a consumer the right to redeem for cash a gift card if its cash value is less than \$10.

SB 388 (Corbett) – Would requires anyone that sells, furnishes, or otherwise issues a card or other item containing a radio frequency identification (RFID) tag to disclose information about the tag to consumers.

SB 606 (Scott) – Would require any pharmaceutical manufacturer selling drugs in California to make publicly available the results of every completed clinical trial, except for a phase one trial.

SB 823 (Perata) – Would establish the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education within the Department of Consumer Affairs, which would regulate the private for-profit postsecondary vocational education sector.

SB 831 (Lowenthal) – Would have established a minimum standard of cell phone consumer protections - including cancellation rights and pro-rated early termination fees.

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