



COLORADO UNION OF TAXPAYERS

RATES THE LEGISLATURE

The Colorado Union of Taxpayers' objectives are to LOWER TAXES THROUGH REDUCED GOVERNMENT SPENDING. Each Colorado Legislator is measured by these objectives. Seven bills from the 1977 and 1978 session have been selected. They cover: Education, State Payrolls, Government Growth, Federal and State Spending Limitations and Tax Relief. A summary of each bill follows:

STOP INFLATION IN ITS TRACKS

Federal deficit spending is the main cause of inflation. Stop inflating the money supply (creating new money) and you stop inflation.

(Strickland-Kramer) Calls for an amendment to the U. S. Constitution requiring a Balanced Federal Budget. This bill serves as a rating in itself on each legislator's philosophy of government. A yes vote calls for less government and a halt to inflation. Passed
S.J.M. 1 '78 YES is the correct vote.

REDUCE THE TAX LOAD

Inflation pushes all taxpayers into higher and higher tax brackets, thus taking a larger percentage of your income.

(Swalm) Limits "Inflation Caused" increases in the State Income Tax. It also slightly lowers the Income Tax Rate, increases the Standard Deduction and raises the amount allowed for personal exemptions. Passed
H.B. 1194 '78 YES is the correct vote.

HOLD THE LINE ON STATE PAYROLLS

In the last 10 years (1967-1976) annual State payrolls have increased 31 million for a 244% increase. The number of State employees is growing twice as fast as the population. Colorado ranks sixth highest in the number of employees to population.

(Swalm-Harding) Limits the number of State employees. This bill would have reduced the number of State employees. The bill was killed in the Senate State Affairs Committee. YES is the correct vote.
H.B. 1311 '77

(Bishop) Increases salaries of State employees. The bill was killed in the House Committee. NO is the correct vote.
S. 84 '78

C.U.T. Congratulates the SIX SENATORS AND TWENTY ONE REPRESENTATIVES who scored 100%. The wide range of bills shows a consistent philosophy against bigger government and higher taxes.

Facts under each heading were largely obtained from the Colorado Public Expenditure Council.

HOLD THE LINE ON SPENDING FOR EDUCATION

The cost per student (1967-1976) has risen from \$562 to \$1,602, an increase of 185%; while the Consumer Price Index has gone up only 70.5%. Colorado averages 25% more education employees per 10,000 population than the national average.

(Showalter) Bilingual and Bicultural Program. Would make the program transitional in nature and would reduce the scope and cost of the program. Governor Lamm vetoed the bill. YES is the correct vote.
H.B. 1146 '77

SLOW THE GROWTH OF STATE SPENDING

In the last 10 years (1967-1976) State Government has increased 180% vs. 70.5% in the Consumer Price Index. The State budget is estimated to rise from 2.1 billion now to over 5 billion by 1988.

(Kadlecek Amendment) Places a 7% limitation on growth of State expenditures for the next 5 years. While the legislature can vote to exceed this limitation at any time, and it doesn't apply to local government spending; it shows an attempt at self regulation. Passed
H.B. 1726 '77 YES is the correct vote.

LIMIT THE GROWTH OF STATE GOVERNMENT

In the last 10 years (1967-1976) State government has created 51 new agencies and activities. It is estimated these will add 127 million to the cost of State government during the 1977-78 year. The 127 million of new costs represents 31% of the entire State budget only 10 years ago.

(Plock-Gustafson) Denver Metro Council Would establish a regional service authority in the Denver metro area. It would eliminate local government control and add another layer of government at taxpayers' expense. The bill was defeated in the House. NO is the correct vote.
S. 549 '77

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Name	City	Voting %	Party	Rating %
Babitz	Florence	- + * * - *	r	33%
Barnhill	Golden	+ + + + + +	r	100%
Barragan	Thornton	- + - - - -	r	16%
Becker	CO Springs	+ + + + + +	r	100%
Bledsoe	Hugo	+ + + + + +	r	100%
Boley	Pueblo	- - - - - +	r	16%
Brinton	CO Springs	- + + - - -	r	50%
Brown	Gr.Junction	- + - - + +	r	50%
Burford	Gr.Junction	+ + + + + +	r	100%
Burns	Lamar	+ z + + + -	r	80%
Cantrell	Security	- + + - + +	r	66%
Castro	Denver	- - - - - -	r	0%
DeHerrera	Denver	- - - - - -	r	0%
DeMoulin	Denver	- + z - + -	r	40%
DeNier	Durango	+ + + + + +	r	100%
Dick	Aspen	- + - - - -	r	33%
Dittemore	Englewood	+ + + + + +	r	100%
Dodge	Denver	+ + + + + -	r	83%
Durham	CO Springs	+ + + + + +	r	100%
Eckelberry	Littleton	+ z - + + +	r	80%
Frank	Aurora	- - - - - -	r	16%
Gorsuch	Denver	+ + + + + -	r	83%
Gustafson	Denver	+ + + + + -	r	83%
Hamlin	Ft.Morgan	+ + + + + z	r	100%
Hayes	Comm.City	+ + - - z +	r	60%
Hefley	CO Springs	+ + + + + +	r	100%
Herzberger	CO Springs	+ + + + + +	r	100%
Hilsmeler	Longmont	+ z + + + -	r	80%
Hinman	Yampa	+ + - + + +	d	83%
Howe	Boulder	- - - - - +	d	33%
Hume	Boulder	+ + - - - +	r	66%
Jones	Boulder	+ + - - - -	r	50%
Kirscht	Pueblo	- - - - - +	d	16%
Knox	Denver	- - - - - +	d	16%
Kramer	Co Springs	+ + + z + +	r	100%
Lillpop	Alamosa	+ + + + + +	r	100%
Lloyd	Loveland	- - - z + +	r	40%
Lucero	Pueblo	- + - - - -	r	33%
Marks	Northglenn	- - - - - -	d	0%
Massari	Trinidad	+ - - - + +	r	50%
McCroskey	Denver	- + - - - -	r	16%
McElderry	Lakewood	+ + + + + +	d	100%
Neale	Denver	+ + - + + -	d	66%
Orten	Westminster	- - - - - -	r	0%
Reeves	Littleton	+ + + + + +	d	100%
Schaefer	Lakewood	+ + + - + +	d	83%
Sears	Greeley	+ + + + + +	d	100%
Shoemaker	Canon City	z + + + + -	d	80%
Showalter	Greeley	+ + - + - +	d	66%
Smith	Brighton	- + - - - -	d	33%
Spano	Arvada	+ + + + + +	d	100%
Strahle	Ft.Collins	+ + + + + z	d	100%
Swalm	Denver	+ + + + + -	d	83%
Tancredo	Arvada	+ + + + + +	d	100%
Taylor	Denver	- + - - - -	d	33%
Traylor	WheatRidge	+ z + + - -	d	60%
Trimble	Denver	- z * * - *	d	0%
Valdez	Denver	- + - - - -	d	16%
Waldow	Olathe	+ + - - - -	d	50%
Wayland	Denver	- - - - - -	d	0%
Winkler	CastleRock	+ + + + + +	d	100%
Witherspoon	Lakewood	+ + + + + -	d	83%
Yost	Crook	+ + + + + +	d	100%
Younglund	New Raymer	+ + + + + +	d	100%
Zakhem	Denver	+ + + - + -	d	66%

Name	City	Voting %	Party	Rating %
Allshouse	Aurora	+ + + + + +	r	100%
Anderson	Loveland	+ + - + + -	r	66%
Bishop	Gr.Junction	+ + - + + -	r	66%
Cole	Littleton	- + - + + +	r	66%
Comer	CO Springs	- - - + + -	d	33%
Cooper	Denver	- z - + + +	r	60%
Decker	Denver	+ + + + + -	r	83%
Fowler H.	Littleton	+ + + + + +	d	100%
Fowler L.	Boulder	+ + + + + +	r	100%
Gallagher	Denver	- - + - - -	r	16%
Groff	Denver	- - - - - -	r	0%
Harding	CO Springs	+ + + + + -	r	83%
Hatcher	Gunnison	+ + - + + +	r	66%
Holme	Denver	- - + - - -	r	16%
Hughes	CO Springs	+ + + + + -	r	83%
Kadlecek	Greeley	+ - + - - -	d	50%
Kinnie	Julesburg	+ + + + + -	r	83%
Kogevsek	Pueblo	- - - - - +	r	33%
MacManus	Denver	+ + + z + -	r	80%
McCormick	CanonCity	+ + - + + +	d	83%
Meiklejohn	Arvada	z + + + + -	r	60%
Noble	Norwood	+ + + + + -	d	83%
Phelps	Pueblo	+ + - - - -	d	50%
Flock	Denver	+ + + + + -	r	83%
Sandoval D.	Denver	- - - - - +	d	16%
Sandoval P.	Denver	- - - - - -	d	0%
Schieffelin	Lakewood	+ + + + + +	d	100%
Smedley	Littleton	+ + + z + +	d	100%
Soash	Steamboat	- - - - - +	d	33%
Stewart	Longmont	- + + - - +	d	50%
Stockton	Lakewood	- + + + + -	d	83%
Strickland	Westminster	+ + + + + +	d	100%
Wham	Denver	+ + + + + -	d	83%
Woodard	Ft.Collins	+ + - + + -	d	66%
Wunsch	LaJunta	+ - - + + +	d	66%

Each legislator is given a percentage on the votes he cast. No penalty is assessed for a no vote.

RATING

GOOD	100%
FAIR	60% - 83%
BAD	50% or less

d Democrat
 r Republican
 * Not in Office Yet
 z Absent
 + Right Vote
 - Wrong Vote