

DID YOUR STATE SENATOR PASS OR FAIL?

BATTLE BORN PROGRESS

2017 SENATE REPORT CARD

District	Senator	Pass/Fail	SB 124	SB 201	SB 223	SB 392	SB 413	SB 544*	SB 546**	SJR 2	AB 206	AB 272	AB 277	AB 348	AJR 9	AJR 13
1	Spearman, Pat	Pass	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Denis, Moises	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Segerblom, Tick	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	Atkinson, Kelvin	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Woodhouse, Joyce	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Cannizzaro, Nicole	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Parks, David	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
8	Farley, Patricia	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	Harris, Becky	Fail	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No*	No**	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
10	Cancela, Yvanna	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	Ford, Aaron	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
12	Hardy, Joseph	Fail	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No*	No**	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
13	Ratti, Julia	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
14	Gustavson, Don	Fail	No	No	No	No	No	No*	No**	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
15	Gansert, Heidi	Fail	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No*	No**	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
16	Kieckhefer, Ben	Fail	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No*	No**	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
17	Settelmeyer, James	Fail	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No*	No**	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
18	Hammond, Scott	Fail	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No*	No**	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
19	Goicoechea, Pete	Fail	No	No	No	Yes	No	No*	No**	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
20	Roberson, Michael	Fail	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No*	No**	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
21	Manendo, Mark	Pass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*= On the day of the Senate's vote on SB 544, all nine Republican Senators walked out of the Legislative Building and refused to even cast a vote on the K-12 budget bill. Though the official Nevada Legislature vote tally marks these nine Senators as "Absent", we are counting their refusal to even vote on the education budget as "No" for the purpose of clarity.

** = SB546, also called the Capital Improvements Projects bill, was a budget bill that would fund projects across the state like a veterans' home in Northern Nevada, university programs, and much more. Senate Republicans held his bill hostage by voting No on the first vote which needed a two-thirds super majority to pass. There was a second vote a few days later, with some Senate Republicans switching their votes.

Key: Good Bad

2017 OVERVIEW

It wasn't easy, but Nevada progressives had many victories during the 2017 Nevada Legislative Session and this report card is a small overview of what we were able to accomplish. Together, Nevadans showed the nation that the Silver State is determined to move forward and will not back down to extreme right-wing agendas. Vouchers was without a doubt, one of the biggest and most controversial issues this session, and it was the hardest to grade. Thanks to people making their voices heard; voucher bills and deals didn't get to really see the light of day and did not get voted on the floors of the Senate or the Assembly. Although there was no voucher bill votes to grade, we can give an A for effort to the legislators and community members that fought day in and out to make sure the Trump/Koch/DeVos education agenda didn't come to Nevada.

THE LEGISLATION WE GRADED THEM ON

SB 124: BILL TO RESTRICT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS' ACCESS TO FIREARMS

Senator Pat Spearman picked up this critical legislation that the late great Senator Debbie Smith tried so hard to pass in 2015. This bill adds much needed enforcement mechanisms to state and federal laws that prohibit domestic violence offenders from possessing firearms. Despite the NRA's attempt to sow confusion, Nevada finally has the tools needed to keep guns out of the hands of abusers.

SB 201: BILL TO BAN CONVERSION THERAPY ON LGBTQIA YOUTH

Senator David Parks introduced this bill to protect Nevada's LGBTQIA youth from the dangers of conversion therapy. Despite opponents' last-minute attacks, Governor Sandoval signed this bill to make Nevada the eighth state to shield our kids from this reprehensible practice.

SB 233: BILL TO PROTECT WOMEN'S ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

Senators Julia Ratti and Yvanna Cancela sponsored this legislation to codify in state law the Affordable Care Act's guarantee of access to affordable contraception. The bill also guarantees insurance coverage for up to a 12-month supply of birth control. Governor Sandoval signed this bill into law.

SB 392: COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDENS BILL

Senator Mo Denis introduced this legislation to expand access to renewable energy in urban communities, including neighborhoods where working poor residents can't have rooftop solar. This would have allowed urban communities to establish solar gardens where residents can subscribe to obtain clean energy. Sadly, Governor Sandoval vetoed this bill despite the broad, bipartisan support it received in both houses.

SB 413: PUBLIC LANDS DAY BILL

Senator Nicole Cannizzaro brought forth this bill to make clear that Nevadans want public lands to remain in public hands. Governor Sandoval ultimately signed this bill that not only establishes the last Saturday in September as Nevada's Public Lands Day, but also explicitly rejects the Bundy extremists' campaign to privatize natural treasures that belong to all Nevadans.

SB 544: K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION BUDGET

Who would vote against funding for our kids' schools? Ask the pro-voucher legislators who decided to take public school funding hostage at the last minute in their final desperate attempt to save private school vouchers. Despite their shenanigans, Governor Sandoval signed this and the other budget bills into law when all sides finally agreed on a budget deal.

SB 546: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET BILL

Who would vote against funding for a veterans' home, and against essential funds for UNLV and UNR? Again, as the pro-voucher legislators who also took this state infrastructure budget bill hostage in their last-minute push for private school vouchers. Fortunately, their gambit failed as Governor Sandoval and a bipartisan coalition of legislators agreed to pass this and the other budget bills.

SJR 2: RATIFICATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Senator Pat Spearman sponsored this year's resolution to have the State of Nevada ratify the federal Equal Rights Amendment. Nevada feminists have fought for over 40 years to get the state to endorse the constitutional amendment to ensure equality for America's women. And after 40+ years, we finally did it (at least here in Nevada!)

AB 206: RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD BILL

Assembly Member Chris Brooks worked long and hard on this legislation to update Nevada's renewable portfolio standard. The bill would have encouraged more renewable energy generation right here in Nevada, thereby turbocharging our clean energy economy. Unfortunately, Governor Sandoval vetoed this bill despite it attracting bipartisan support.

AB 272: COMPREHENSIVE VOTING RIGHTS BILL

Assembly Speaker Jason Frierson championed this bill to empower more Nevadans to exercise one of our most fundamental rights: the right to vote. This bill would have established election day vote centers, expanded access to early voting, required polling places in Native American communities, and required ballots printed in Mandarin and Cantonese. Sadly, Governor Sandoval vetoed this bill.

AB 277: BILL TO PROTECT NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS

Assembly Member Steve Yeager proposed this bill to ensure a thorough environmental review process for development that encroaches upon our National Conservation Areas, which include Red Rock Canyon near Las Vegas and Black Rock Desert near Reno. Even though this bill got bipartisan support in the Legislature, Governor Sandoval vetoed it near the end of the session.

AB 348: COMPREHENSIVE SEX ED BILL

Assembly Member Amber Joiner led the charge on this bill to enact statewide standards for age-appropriate and medically accurate comprehensive sex education, and to require school districts to keep records on the sex ed they provide to students. Despite Joiner's attempts to find common ground, Governor Sandoval vetoed this bill at the end of the session.

AJR 9: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Assembly Member Amber Joiner and Assembly Speaker Jason Frierson introduced this resolution to urge Congress not to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The ACA serves Nevada with Medicaid expansion to provide health insurance for Nevadans in need, Nevada Health Link to expand health insurance access to even more Nevadans, and consumer protection rules that ensure affordable coverage for preventive care, including contraception and other women's health care needs. Not only did the Legislature pass this bill, but so far Congress has failed to repeal the ACA.

AJR 13: RESOLUTION IN DEFENSE OF OUR NATIONAL MONUMENTS

Assembly Member Heidi Swank led the charge on this resolution for the Nevada Legislature to endorse permanent protection for Gold Butte and Basin and Range National Monuments. As the Trump Administration continues to threaten our monuments with their bogus "review", the Legislature made it clear that Nevadans want our public lands kept in public hands.

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WHY WE GRADED THE SENATE

Every legislative session there is a perceived notion that what happens in Carson City stays in Carson City, but we cannot continue to allow this lack of transparency to plague our legislative process. That is why we evaluate our members of the Senate with a pass or fail mark based on their votes. Inside, you can see each of their votes on various pieces of legislation and decide for yourself whether the legislators deserve your stamp of approval or not.

METHODOLOGY

Legislation included in this report card was chosen based on the amount of time and resources invested into advocating for or against each bill by Battle Born Progress and our members. This is how we graded legislators:

More No votes: Fail

More Yes votes: Pass