



# ***2009 SEIU Minnesota State Legislature Report Card***



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## A Message From Our Local Union Leaders:

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In 2009, as we faced a historic state budget deficit, SEIU members came to the Capitol in unprecedented numbers to advocate for a balanced solution to the fiscal crisis, good jobs, health care, long term care, education, and workers' rights. While the outcome of the session was disappointing, we were extremely proud of SEIU members' voices calling for justice for Minnesota's working families.

*Julie Schnell, President, SEIU Healthcare Minnesota*  
*Carol Nieters, Executive Director, SEIU Local 284*  
*Javier Morillo-Alicea, President, SEIU Local 26*  
*Frank Miskowiec, Political Director, SEIU Local 63*

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## Grades were based on three factors:

1. Votes on bills related to SEIU's core legislative priorities: raising revenue, healthcare, school employees, long term care, workers' rights, and immigration reform.
2. An extra point was awarded each time a legislator chief authored a bill that addressed SEIU's core legislative priorities.
3. Legislators who helped SEIU with organizing or contract campaigns received an extra point.

## The State Budget Crisis:

The 2009 legislative session was dominated by the state's \$6.4 billion deficit. Minnesota is in line to receive up to \$1.8 billion in one-time federal stimulus funds, which left legislators and the Governor to negotiate how to erase the remaining \$4.6 billion gap.

The House and Senate both took balanced approaches, proposing cuts to state programs, and progressive tax increases including raising the income tax on people making

over \$250,000 a year. SEIU, together with Invest in Minnesota, a coalition of faith, labor and nonprofit organizations, lobbied for revenue increases that would make the tax system more fair for working families and soften the blow of cuts to government programs.

The Governor refused to negotiate with the legislature and vetoed all attempts to raise revenue. Instead, he used executive authority to line-item veto programs like General Assistance Medical Care, cutting health care for 30,000 of the most vulnerable Minnesotans. He plans to unallot more healthcare, local government aid and higher education programs starting July 1. He also plans to shift \$1.8 billion in school payments, which will force school districts to borrow money, and pay back interest to operate. We are alarmed that the Governor has taken this unprecedented action that goes far beyond the emergency power of unallotment as laid out in the Minnesota constitution.

## Senate Bills:

**SF915; School Pool:** This bill would have provided school employees with coverage identical to the state employee health insurance plan. All school employees would have been put into a single risk pool, which would have created significant savings for employees and districts. The bill passed both houses but the legislature adjourned before a final draft could be approved.

**HF1362; Health and Human Services (HHS) Finance Conference Report:** This bill included cuts to health and human services that were far less severe than those proposed by the Governor. It included no cuts to nursing homes, and limited cuts to hospitals. In addition, it included language from our high-priority Cover All Kids bill, covering 22,000 uninsured Minnesota children, creating a public option for many more families who can't access private insurance for their kids. The cuts included in the bill were not ideal, but SEIU supported the compromise agreement that minimized the cuts to health care, especially for vulnerable Minnesotans. This bill passed and was signed by the Governor but with a line-item veto of the General Assistance Medical Care program.

**SF1189; Boiler Operator Training Bill:** SEIU Local 284 members crafted a bill that would have allowed school district boiler operators to get the training they need to pass their licensing test without spending thousands of dollars on classes and books. The bill passed the Senate 54-12 and passed the House as part of a larger bill, however the legislature adjourned before a final version could be approved. We expect the bill will pass early next session.

**Hann Amendment to SF1328:** This amendment would have prohibited school employee salary increases, bypassing the collective bargaining process. SEIU opposed this amendment. The amendment failed 18-48.

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**2nd Hann Amendment to SF1328:** This bill would have taken away school employees' right to strike. SEIU opposed this amendment. It failed 16-49.

**Limmer Amendment to SF1331:** This bill would have required a photo identification to vote, thus disenfranchising poor and elderly Minnesotans. Because there is no evidence of widespread voter fraud, SEIU opposed this amendment. It failed 20-44.

**Rosen Amendment to SF2081:** This bill would have frozen the minimum wage for tipped workers, when minimum wage workers are statutorily scheduled to receive an increase. SEIU opposed this amendment. It failed 22-42.

**SF2074; Omnibus Tax Bill:** This bill would have raised \$2 billion in revenue to address the state budget crisis was one part of the legislature's balanced budget, which would prevented more devastating cuts and made the tax system more fair. It proposed raising income tax rates for joint filers making over \$250,000 a year to 9.25%. Most Minnesotans pay over 11% of their income in taxes. SEIU supported the bill and it passed 35-31, but was vetoed by the Governor.

**Conference Report on HF885; The Second Tax Bill:** Took key pieces from the original House tax bill, raising \$1 billion and dedicating those funds to education, hospitals and nursing homes. The bill passed but the Governor vetoed it. This was a key part of balancing the budget, and included revenue needed to pay for the health and education bills he signed. An attempt by the House to override the Governor's veto failed.

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## House Bills:

**SF915; School Pool:** See Senate list for bill description. This bill passed the House 80-48 but the legislature adjourned before a final draft could be approved.

**GAMC Veto Override:** Governor Pawlenty signed the Health and Human Services Omnibus Finance Bill, but line-item vetoed the entire General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) program, which provides healthcare for the poorest Minnesotans, people with incomes under \$7,800 a year. This veto will throw 30,000 of the most vulnerable people, most of whom have serious, chronic health conditions, off of health care, and will devastate many hospitals all over Minnesota. SEIU supported the attempt to override the Governor's veto, but the attempt failed on a party-line vote of 87-47 (a veto override requires two-thirds majority.)

**HF1362; Health and Human Services (HHS) Finance Conference Report:** See Senate list for bill description. This bill passed in the House 80-51, and was signed by the Governor, with a line-item veto of the General Assistance Medical Care program.

**Gottwalt Amendment to HF1760:** This bill would have privatized the healthcare of 50,000 adults who currently pay for MinnesotaCare coverage, in order to save the state money. There was no proof of savings, and concerns that it might actually cost money and risk coverage for people with pre-existing conditions. SEIU opposed this amendment. It failed 60-72.

**Omnibus Tax Bill; HF2323:** This bill would have raised \$1.5 billion in taxes, one part of the Legislature's balanced budget (the other parts included spending cuts and federal stimulus money), this revenue was needed to avoid even more devastating cuts. It would have also made the Minnesota tax system more fair by increasing income taxes for joint filers over \$300,000/ year to 9%. The bill passed 68-65, but was changed significantly in Conference Committee.

**Omnibus Department of Labor and Industry Clean-Up Bill; HF927:** This bill included the language from SEIU's boiler training bill that was passed by the Senate. The bill passed 78-54, but the legislature adjourned before a final draft could be approved.

**Veto Override of HF885; Second Tax Bill:** The Governor vetoed HF885, which was a key part of balancing the budget, and included revenue needed to pay for the health and education bills he signed. The override failed 85-49 (a veto override requires two-thirds majority).

**Emmer Amendment to HF2082:** This amendment to the Omnibus Elections Bill would have required a photo identification to vote, thus disenfranchising poor and elderly Minnesotans. Because there is no evidence of widespread voter fraud, SEIU opposed this amendment. It failed 58-74.

**Demmer Amendment to HF2:** This bill would have prohibited school employees from negotiating contracts during the school year. SEIU opposed this amendment. It failed 43-88.



SEIU Local 284 members from St. Cloud met with Sen. Tarryl Clark at the February 3rd SEIU lobby day.

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Anderson	Ellen	DFL	66	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+1	+1	A+
Bakk	Tom	DFL	6	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Berglin	Linda	DFL	61	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+1	+2	A+
Clark	Tarryl	DFL	15	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Dibble	D. Scott	DFL	60	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Kelash	Ken	DFL	63	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+3	A+
Kubly	Gary	DFL	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	A+
Lourey	Tony	DFL	8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+1	+2	A+
Moua	Mee	DFL	67	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Pappas	Sandra	DFL	65	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	A+
Pogemiller	Larry	DFL	59	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Prettner Solon	Yvonne	DFL	7	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	A+
Scheid	Linda	DFL	46	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Sieben	Katie	DFL	57	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	A+
Torres Ray	Patricia	DFL	62	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Chaudhary	Satveer	DFL	50	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Cohen	Dick	DFL	64	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Foley	Leo	DFL	47	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Higgins	Linda	DFL	58	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Langseth	Keith	DFL	9	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+		+1	A
Marty	John	DFL	54	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+1	+1	A
Metzen	James	DFL	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Murphy	Steven	DFL	28	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Rest	Ann	DFL	45	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A
Saxhaug	Tom	DFL	3	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Vickerman	James	DFL	22	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Betzold	Don	DFL	51	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		-1	A-
Carlson	Jim	DFL	38	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+		+1	A-
Dahle	Kevin	DFL	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+			A-
Doll	John	DFL	40	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+		+1	A-
Erickson Ropes	Sharon	DFL	31	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+			A-
Latz	Ron	DFL	44	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A-
Lynch	Ann	DFL	30	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+			A-
Olseen	Rick	DFL	17	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+			A-
Olson	Mary	DFL	4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+			A-
Sheran	Kathy	DFL	23	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+2		A-

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Skoe	Rod	DFL	2	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A-
<b>Skogen</b>	<b>Dan</b>	DFL	10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+		+1	A-
<b>Stumpf</b>	<b>LeRoy</b>	DFL	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-1		A-
<b>Tomassoni</b>	<b>David</b>	DFL	5	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-1	+1	A-
<b>Wiger</b>	<b>Charles</b>	DFL	55	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A-
<b>Bonoff</b>	<b>Terri</b>	DFL	43	+	+		+	+	+			+	-1		B
<b>Rummel</b>	<b>Sandy</b>	DFL	53	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+			B
<b>Fobbe</b>	<b>Lisa</b>	DFL	16	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+			B-
<b>Sparks</b>	<b>Dan</b>	DFL	27	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-1		B-
<b>Saltzman</b>	<b>Kathy</b>	DFL	56	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-1		C
Dille	Stephen	R	18	+	+	-	-	+		-	-				C-
<b>Frederickson</b>	<b>Dennis</b>	R	21	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-			C-
Rosen	Julie	R	24	+	+	+	-	-		-	-				C-
Day	Dick	R	26	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-			D
<b>Koering</b>	<b>Paul</b>	R	12	+	-	-				+	-	-	-1		D
Fischbach	Michelle	R	14	-		+	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Gerlach	Chris	R	37	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1		F
Gimse	Joseph	R	13	+	-	+	-	-	-		-	-	-1		F
Hann	David	R	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2		F
Ingebrigtsen	Bill	R	11	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-2		F
Johnson	Debbie	R	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-			F
Jungbauer	Michael	R	48	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Koch	Amy	R	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1		F
Limmer	Warren	R	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+1		F
Michel	Geoff	R	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1		F
Olson	Gen	R	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Ortman	Juliane	R	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Pariseau	Patricia	R	36	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Robling	Claire	R	35	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-		+1		F
Senjem	David	R	29	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Vandever	Ray	R	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F

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Brynaert	Kathy	DFL	23B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	A+
Fritz	Patti	DFL	26B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+1	+2	A+
Hausman	Alice	DFL	66B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Haws	Larry	DFL	15B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Hayden	Jeffrey	DFL	61B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	A+
Hornstein	Frank	DFL	60B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+3	A+
Hortman	Melissa	DFL	47B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Hosch	Larry	DFL	14B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	A+
Johnson	Sheldon	DFL	67B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Kalin	Jeremy	DFL	17B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+1		A+
Laine	Carolyn	DFL	50A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	A+
Lenczewski	Ann	DFL	40B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+3		A+
Lesch	John	DFL	66A	+	+	+	+		+		+	+	+1	+3	A+
Mariani	Carlos	DFL	65B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+1	+1	A+
Murphy	Erin	DFL	64A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+1	+1	A+
Newton	Jerry	DFL	49B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	A+
Persell	John	DFL	04A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Slocum	Linda	DFL	63B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	A+
Thao	Cy	DFL	65A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Thissen	Paul	DFL	63A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	+6	A+
Tillberry	Tom	DFL	51B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A+
Ward	John	DFL	12A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A
Anzelc	Tom	DFL	03A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Bigham	Karla	DFL	57A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Bly	David	DFL	25B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Carlson	Lyndon	DFL	45B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Clark	Karen	DFL	61A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Davnie	Jim	DFL	62A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+3	A
Eken	Kent	DFL	02A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Falk	Andrew	DFL	20A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Faust	Tim	DFL	08B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Hansen	Rick	DFL	39A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Hilstrom	Debra	DFL	46B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Hilty	Bill	DFL	08A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			A
Juhnke	Alan	DFL	13B		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	A
Kahn	Phyllis	DFL	59B	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	A

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<b>Kelliher</b>	<b>Margaret</b>	DFL	60A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A</b>
<b>Knuth</b>	<b>Kate</b>	DFL	50B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A</b>
Koenen	Lyle	DFL	20B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A</b>
<b>Liebling</b>	<b>Tina</b>	DFL	30A	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	<b>A</b>
<b>Lieder</b>	<b>Bernie</b>	DFL	01B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A</b>
<b>Loeffler</b>	<b>Diane</b>	DFL	59A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+2	<b>A</b>
Marquart	Paul	DFL	09B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A</b>
<b>Morrow</b>	<b>Terry</b>	DFL	23A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A</b>
Murphy	Mary	DFL	06B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A</b>
<b>Nelson</b>	<b>Michael</b>	DFL	46A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A</b>
<b>Reinert</b>	<b>Roger</b>	DFL	07B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-1	+2	<b>A</b>
<b>Sailer</b>	<b>Brita</b>	DFL	02B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A</b>
Sertich	Tony	DFL	05B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A</b>
<b>Solberg</b>	<b>Loren</b>	DFL	03B	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	<b>A</b>
<b>Atkins</b>	<b>Joe</b>	DFL	39B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					<b>A-</b>
<b>Benson</b>	<b>John</b>	DFL	43B	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+			<b>A-</b>
<b>Champion</b>	<b>Bobby</b>	DFL	58B		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A-</b>
<b>Dill</b>	<b>David</b>	DFL	06A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+			<b>A-</b>
<b>Greiling</b>	<b>Mindy</b>	DFL	54A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+1	<b>A-</b>
<b>Huntley</b>	<b>Tom</b>	DFL	07A	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+			<b>A-</b>
<b>Jackson</b>	<b>Gail</b>	DFL	16A	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+			<b>A-</b>
<b>Lillie</b>	<b>Leon</b>	DFL	55A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A-</b>
<b>Mahoney</b>	<b>Tim</b>	DFL	67A	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	-1	+1	<b>A-</b>
<b>Masin</b>	<b>Sandra</b>	DFL	38A	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+		+1	<b>A-</b>
<b>Paymar</b>	<b>Michael</b>	DFL	64B		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-1	+1	<b>A-</b>
<b>Peterson</b>	<b>Sandra</b>	DFL	45A	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A-</b>
<b>Rukavina</b>	<b>Tom</b>	DFL	05A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-1		<b>A-</b>
<b>Simon</b>	<b>Steve</b>	DFL	44A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A-</b>
Welti	Andy	DFL	30B	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>A-</b>
Winkler	Ryan	DFL	44B		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-1		<b>A-</b>
<b>Mullery</b>	<b>Joe</b>	DFL	58A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			<b>B+</b>

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Rosenthal	Paul	DFL	41B	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+		+1	B+
Wagenius	Jean	DFL	62B	-	+	+		+	+	+	+	+			B+
Doty	Al	DFL	12B	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+		+1	B
Gardner	Paul	DFL	53A	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+			B
Otremba	Mary Ellen	DFL	11B	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+			B
Ruud	Maria	DFL	42A	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+		+1	B
Scalze	Bev	DFL	54B	+	+	+	+	-	+		-	+		+1	B
Slawik	Nora	DFL	55B	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+			B
Brown	Robin	DFL	27A	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+			B-
Dittrich	Denise	DFL	47A	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+			B-
Kath	Kory	DFL	26A	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+			B-
Morgan	Will	DFL	40A	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+			B-
Norton	Kim	DFL	29B	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+			B-
Obermueller	Michael	DFL	38B	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+			B-
Olin	David	DFL	01A	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+			B-
Pelowski	Gene	DFL	31A	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+			C
Poppe	Jeanne	DFL	27B	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+			C
Sterner	Phillip	DFL	37B	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+			C
Swails	Marsha	DFL	56B	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+			C
Abeler	Jim	R	48B	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+		+1	D
Bunn	Julie	DFL	56A	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-1		D
Howes	Larry	R	04B	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+			D
Gunther	Bob	R	24A	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+1		D
Anderson	Paul	R	13A	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+			D-
Anderson	Bruce	R	19A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Anderson	Sarah	R	43A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Beard	Michael	R	35A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Brod	Laura	R	25A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Buesgens	Mark	R	35B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Cornish	Tony	R	24B		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1		F
Davids	Greg	R	31B	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Dean	Matt	R	52B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Demmer	Randy	R	29A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Dettmer	Bob	R	52A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Doepke	Constance	R	33B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Downey	Keith	R	41A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1		F

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Drazkowski	Steve	R	28B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2		F
Eastlund	Rob	R	17A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Emmer	Tom	R	19B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3		F
Garofalo	Pat	R	36B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Gottwalt	Steve	R	15A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2		F
Hackbarth	Tom	R	48A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Hamilton	Rod	R	22B	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		+1	F
Holberg	MaryLiz	R	36A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Hoppe	Joe	R	34B	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-			F
Kelly	Timothy	R	28A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Kiffmeyer	Mary	R	16B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Kohls	Paul	R	34A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1		F
Lanning	Morrie	R	09A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Loon	Jenifer	R	42B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Mack	Tara	R	37A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Magnus	Doug	R	22A	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
McFarlane	Carol	R	53B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
McNamara	Denny	R	57B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		+2	F
Murdock	Mark	R	10B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Nornes	Bud	R	10A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Peppin	Joyce	R	32A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Sanders	Timothy	R	51A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Scott	Peggy Sue	R	49A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Seifert	Marty	R	21A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Severson	Dan	R	14A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Shimanski	Ron	R	18A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Smith	Steve	R	33A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Torkelson	Paul	R	21B	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Urdahl	Dean	R	18B	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+			F
Westrom	Torrey	R	11A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F
Zellers	Kurt	R	32B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			F

**Bold** indicates an SEIU endorsed candidate in the 2008 election.

“+” indicates a good vote for SEIU members.

“-” indicates a bad vote for SEIU members.



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<u>Senate</u>		<u>House</u>		<u>House</u>	
Anderson, Ellen, DFL-66	A+	Abeler, Jim, R-48B	D	Kohls, Paul, R-34A	F
Bakk, Tom, DFL-6	A+	Anderson, Paul, R-13A	D-	Laine, Carolyn, DFL-50A	A+
Berglin, Linda, DFL-61	A+	Anderson, Bruce, R-19A	F	Lanning, Morrie, R-9A	F
Betzold, Don, DFL-51	A-	Anderson, Sarah, R-43A	F	Lenczewski, Ann, DFL-40B	A+
Bonoff, Terri, DFL-43	B	Anzelc, Tom, DFL-3A	A	Lesch, John, DFL-66A	A+
Carlson, Jim, DFL-38	A-	Atkins, Joe, DFL-39B	A-	Liebling, Tina, DFL-30A	A
Chaudhary, Satveer, DFL-50	A	Beard, Michael, R-35A	F	Lieder, Bernie, DFL-1B	A
Clark, Tarryl, DFL-15	A+	Benson, John, DFL-43B	A-	Lillie, Leon, DFL-55A	A-
Cohen, Dick, DFL-64	A	Bigham, Karla, DFL-57A	A	Loeffler, Diane, DFL-59A	A
Dahle, Kevin, DFL-25	A-	Bly, David, DFL-25B	A	Loon, Jenifer, R-42B	F
Day, Dick, R-26	D	Brod, Laura, R-25A	F	Mack, Tara, R-37A	F
Dibble, D. Scott, DFL-60	A+	Brown, Robin, DFL-27B	B-	Magnus, Doug, R-22A	F
Dille, Stephen, R-18	C-	Brynaert, Kathy, DFL-23B	A+	Mahoney, Tim, DFL-67A	A-
Doll, John, DFL-40	A-	Buesgens, Mark, R-35B	F	Mariani, Carlos, DFL-65B	A+
Erickson Ropes, Sharon, DFL-31	A-	Bunn, Julie, DFL-56A	D	Marquart, Paul, DFL-9B	A
Fischbach, Michelle, R-14	F	Carlson, Lyndon, DFL-45B	A	Masin, Sandra, DFL-38A	A-
Fobbe, Lisa, DFL-16	B-	Champion, Bobby, DFL-58B	A-	McFarlane, Carol, R-53B	F
Foley, Leo, DFL-47	A	Clark, Karen, DFL-61A	A	McNamara, Denny, R-57B	F
Frederickson, Dennis, R-21	C-	Cornish, Tony, R-24B	F	Morgan, Will, DFL-40A	B-
Gerlach, Chris, R-37	F	Davids, Greg, R-31B	F	Morrow, Terry, DFL-23A	A
Gimse, Joseph, R-13	F	Davnie, Jim, DFL-62A	A	Mullery, Joe, DFL-58A	B+
Hann, David, R-42	F	Dean, Matt, R-52B	F	Murdock, Mark, R-10B	F
Higgins, Linda, DFL-58	A	Demmer, Randy, R-29A	F	Murphy, Erin, DFL-64A	A+
Ingebrigtsen, Bill, R-11	F	Dettmer, Bob, R-52A	F	Murphy, Mary, DFL-06B	A
Johnson, Debbie, R-49	F	Dill, David, DFL-06A	A-	Nelson, Michael, DFL-46A	A
Jungbauer, Michael, R	F	Dittrich, Denise, DFL-47A	B-	Newton, Jerry, DFL-49B	A+
Kelash, Ken, DFL-63	A+	Doepke, Constance, R-33B	F	Nornes, Bud, R-10A	F
Koch, Amy, DFL-19	F	Doty, Al, DFL-12B	B	Norton, Kim, DFL-29B	B-
Koering, Paul, R-12	D	Downey, Keith, R-41A	F	Obermueller, Michael, DFL-38B	B-
Kubly, Gary, DFL-20	A+	Drazkowski, Steve, R-28B	F	Olin, David, DFL-1A	B-
Langseth, Keith, DFL-9	A	Eastlund, Rob, R-17A	F	Otremba, Mary Ellen, DFL-11B	B
Latz, Ron, DFL-44	A-	Eken, Kent, DFL-2A	A	Paymar, Michael, DFL-64B	A-
Limmer, Warren, R-32	F	Emmer, Tom, R-19B	F	Pelowski, Gene, DFL-31A	C
Lourey, Tony, DFL-8	A+	Falk, Andrew, DFL-20A	A	Peppin, Joyce, R-32A	F
Lynch, Ann, DFL-30	A-	Faust, Tim, DFL-8B	A	Persell, John, DFL-4A	A+
Marty, John, DFL-54	A	Fritz, Patti, DFL-26B	A+	Peterson, Sandra, DFL-45A	A-
Metzen, James, DFL-39	A	Gardner, Paul, DFL-53A	B	Poppe, Jeane, DFL-27B	C
Michel, Geoff, R-41	F	Garofalo, Pat, R-36B	F	Reinert, Roger, DFL-7B	A
Moua, Mee, DFL-67	A+	Gottwalt, Steve, R-15A	F	Rosenthal, Paul, DFL-41B	B+
Murphy, Steven, DFL-28	A	Greiling, Mindy, DFL-54A	A-	Rukavina, Tom, DFL-5A	A-
Olseen, Rick, DFL-17	A-	Gunther, Bob, R-24A	D	Ruud, Maria, DFL-42A	B
Olson, Mary, DFL-4	A-	Hackbarth, Tom, R-48A	F	Sailer, Brita, DFL-2B	A
Olson, Gen, R-33	F	Hamilton, Rod, R-22B	F	Sanders, Timothy, R-51A	F
Ortman, Julianne, R-34	F	Hansen, Rick, DFL-39A	A	Scalze, Bev, DFL-54B	B
Pappas, Sandra, DFL-65	A+	Hausman, Alice, DFL-66B	A+	Scott, Peggy Sue, R-49A	F
Pariseau, Patricia, R-36	F	Haws, Larry, DFL-15B	A+	Seifert, Marty, R-21A	F
Pogemiller, Larry, DFL-59	A+	Hayden, Jeffrey, DFL-61B	A+	Sertich, Tony, DFL-5B	A
Prettner Solon, DFL-7	A+	Hilstrom, Debra, DFL-46B	A	Severson, Dan, R-14A	F
Rest, Ann, DFL-45	A	Hilty, Bill, DFL-8A	A	Shimanski, Ron, R-18A	F
Robling, Claire, R-35	F	Holberg, Mary Liz, R-36A	F	Simon, Steve, DFL-44A	A-
Rosen, Julie, R-24	C-	Hoppe, Joe, R-34B	F	Slawik, Nora, DFL-55B	B
Rummel, Sandy, DFL-53	B	Hornstein, Frank, DFL-60B	A+	Slocum, Linda, DFL-63B	A+
Saltzman, Kathy, DFL-56	C	Hortman, Melissa, DFL-47B	A+	Smith, Steve, R-33A	F
Saxhaug, Tom, DFL-3	A	Hosch, Larry, DFL-14B	A+	Solberg, Loren, DFL-3B	A
Scheid, Linda, DFL-46	A+	Howes, Larry, R-4B	D	Sterner, Phillip, DFL-37B	C
Senjem, David, R-29	F	Huntley, Tom, DFL-7A	A-	Swails, Marsha, DFL-56B	C
Sheran, Kathy, DFL-23	A-	Jackson, Gail, DFL-16A	A-	Thao, Cy, DFL-65A	A+
Sieben, Katie, DFL-57	A-	Johnson, Sheldon, DFL-67B	A+	Thissen, Paul, DFL-63A	A+
Skoe, Rod, DFL-2	A-	Juhnke, Alan, DFL-13B	A	Tillberry, Tom, DFL-51B	A+
Skogen, Dan, DFL-10	A-	Kahn, Phyllis, DFL-59B	A	Torkelson, Paul, R-21B	F
Sparks, Dan, DFL-27	B-	Kalin, Jeremy, DFL-17B	A+	Urdahl, Dean, R-18B	F
Stumpf, LeRoy, DFL-1	A-	Kath, Kory, DFL-26A	B-	Wagenius, Jean, DFL-62B	B+
Tomassoni, David, DFL-5	A-	Kelliher, Margaret, DFL-60A	A	Ward, John, DFL-12A	A
Torres Ray, Patricia, DFL-62	A+	Kelly, Timothy, R-28A	F	Welti, Andy, DFL-30B	A-
Vandever, Ray, R-52	F	Kiffmeyer, Mary, R-16B	F	Westrom, Torrey, R-11A	F
Vickerman, Jim, DFL-22	A	Knuth, Kate, DFL-50B	A	Winkler, Ryan, DFL-44B	A-
Wiger, Charles, DFL-55	A-	Koenen, Lyle, DFL-20B	A	Zellers, Kurt, R-32B	F

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## Overall Assessment:

### Governor Pawlenty:

- Line item vetoes of General Assistance Medical Care program will hurt the most vulnerable Minnesotans, devastate many Minnesota hospitals and make our healthcare crisis worse.
- Using unallotment at the start of the biennium is unprecedented and harsh, and won't solve the state's long-term budget problem.
- The Governor chose to adhere to the "No New Taxes" ideology and his devotion to the wealthiest, rather than do what was best for all Minnesotans.
- Polls showed that Minnesotans wanted a balanced solution to the budget crisis; the Governor put his future political aspirations ahead of the needs of Minnesotans.
- The Governor refused to negotiate with the legislature and chose to act unilaterally.

### Legislature:

- + House and Senate Tax bills would have moved Minnesota toward a fairer and more progressive tax system.
- + Cover All Kids legislation removing barriers to coverage for 22,000 children made it through the legislative process and was signed by the Governor.
- The public message about the budget was late in coming and not as effective as it could have been.
- The legislature did a poor job reaching out to the public and harnessing the energy put forth by citizens and community organizations.
- + Stuck to their principles of investing in Minnesota and fought the Governor's harsh cuts and accounting gimmicks.



Don Morrell and Alysia Anderson testified before the Senate education committee on March 26.

## SEIU Member-Driven Legislation Makes Gains

This year SEIU introduced a bill that would have given school custodians much-needed training on the boilers they operate. Don Morrell and Alysia Anderson, stewards for SEIU Local 284 in the Anoka-Hennepin school district worked together with the Department of Labor and Industry to develop bill language to improve workplace safety; save districts money as the boilers would be operating more efficiently; and help custodians earn wage increases. Donny and Ally lobbied state legislators and testified before multiple committees at the legislature. The bill passed both houses and was all set to pass, however, along with many other bills, it was left on the docket as time ran out at the end of session, awaiting a final vote. The boiler bill faced no major opposition and hopefully will pass in the 2010 session.

Donny and Ally are leading the way for SEIU members to create and lobby for legislation that will improve our workplaces and our lives. SEIU members are on the front line of service and have great ideas about how to improve the efficiency, safety and quality of their jobs. SEIU will continue to use our collective power to put the good ideas of our members into public policy.

***If you have an idea for legislation that would improve the lives of working Minnesotans, contact your local union political director:***

**SEIU Healthcare Minnesota: Rick Varco, 651-294-8130**  
**SEIU Local 284: Matt Toburen, 651-256-9101**  
**SEIU Local 26: Iris Altamirano, 612-612-331-8336 x 13**  
**SEIU Local 63: Frank Miskowiec, 612-408-1981**

### SEIU Co-Sponsors first Somali Day on the Hill!

SEIU co-sponsored the first-ever Somali Day on the Hill on March 12, 2009. Somali citizens from all over Minnesota joined together to speak with legislators, visit the Capitol and engage in democracy.



Kadijo Mohamed of SEIU Local 26 led a team at a briefing on the March 12th, Somali Day on the Hill.

Stronger Together



**Save the date February 10th,  
for SEIU Lobby Day 2010!**

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