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2010 Missed Votes Report for Legislators Released

Olympia – WashingtonVotes.org has released its annual Missed Votes Report, detailing missed roll call votes on bills for every legislator during the 2010 Legislative Session, including the special Session.

WashingtonVotes.org, the premier legislative information website in Washington, provides concise, plain-English, objective descriptions of every bill, amendment and vote of the Washington legislature.

WashingtonVotes.org Director Brandon Houskeeper said “the Missed Votes Report enables Washingtonians to track the actions of their elected officials in Olympia without having to read and record information from thousands of pages of legislative documents.” Houskeeper added, “our Missed Votes Report puts that same information in front Washingtonians with just one or two clicks.”

There are a variety of reasons legislators miss votes. Houskeeper observed. “Legislators are often meeting with constituents, other lawmakers or dealing with unexpected emergencies, and that is the value of the Missed Votes Report.” Houskeeper noted, “Washingtonians can use WashingtonVotes.org as an informational resource and tool to see if legislators have a consistent pattern of missing votes.”

To see the total number of votes each Senator and Representative missed during the 2010 Session, go to <http://www.washingtonvotes.org/MissedVotes.aspx> and adjust the date range accordingly. You can see reports from previous sessions by changing the date criteria at the top of the page. Click on a legislator’s name for detailed information about the votes he or she missed.

WashingtonVotes.org contacted the legislators from each chamber who missed the most votes and gave them an opportunity to explain why they missed votes. Their comments are included in the report, as is a complete list of the missed votes for the 2010 Session.

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Senators **2010 Missed Votes**

Sen. Randi Becker (R-Eatonville)	14
Sen. Don Benton (R-Vancouver)	56
Sen. Jean Berkey (D-Everett)	0
Sen. Dale Brandland (R-Bellingham)	69
Sen. Lisa Brown (D-Spokane)	52
Sen. Michael Carrell (R-Lakewood)	20
Sen. Jerome Delvin (R-Richland)	50
Sen. Tracey Eide (D-Federal Way)	1
Sen. Darlene Fairley (D-Lake Forest Park)	96
Sen. Rosa Franklin (D-Tacoma)	0
Sen. Karen Fraser (D-Thurston County)	15
Sen. Randy Gordon (D-Bellevue)	10
Sen. Jim Hargrove (D-Hoquiam)	12
Sen. Brian Hatfield (D-Raymond)	2
Sen. Mary Margaret Haugen (D-Camano Island)	33
Sen. Mike Hewitt (R-Walla Walla)	15
Sen. Steve Hobbs (D-Lake Stevens)	2
Sen. Janéa Holmquist (R-Moses Lake)	85
Sen. Jim Honeyford (R-Sunnyside)	2
Sen. Ken Jacobsen (D-Seattle)	13
Sen. Jim Kastama (D-Puyallup)	4
Sen. Claudia Kauffman (D-Kent)	4
Sen. Karen Keiser (D-Kent)	3
Sen. Derek Kilmer (D-Gig Harbor)	0
Sen. Curtis King (R-Yakima)	0
Sen. Adam Kline (D-Seattle)	35
Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles (D-Seattle)	2
Sen. Chris Marr (D-Spokane)	1
Sen. Rosemary McAuliffe (D-Bothell)	9
Sen. Bob McCaslin (R-Spokane Valley)	491
Sen. Joe McDermott (D-West Seattle)	2
Sen. Bob Morton (R-Orient)	42
Sen. Ed Murray (D-Seattle)	27
Sen. Eric Oemig (D-Kirkland)	19
Sen. Linda Evans Parlette (R-Wenatchee)	1
Sen. Cheryl Pflug (R-Maple Valley)	78
Sen. Margarita Prentice (D-Renton)	42
Sen. Craig Pridemore (D-Vancouver)	15
Sen. Kevin Ranker (D-San Juan Island)	6
Sen. Debbie Regala (D-Tacoma)	11
Sen. Pam Roach (R-Auburn)	46
Sen. Phil Rockefeller (D-Kitsap County)	6
Sen. Mark Schoesler (R-Ritzville)	0
Sen. Tim Sheldon (D-Potlatch)	0
Sen. Paull Shin (D-Edmonds)	9
Sen. Val Stevens (R-Arlington)	29
Sen. Dan Swecker (R-Rochester)	24
Sen. Rodney Tom (D-Medina)	13
Sen. Joseph Zarelli (R-Ridgefield)	24

Representatives **2010 Missed Votes**

Rep. Gary Alexander (R-Olympia)	4
Rep. Glenn Anderson (R-Fall City)	18
Rep. Jan Angel (R-Port Orchard)	0
Rep. Sherry Appleton (D-Poulsbo)	0
Rep. Mike Armstrong (R-Wenatchee)	0
Rep. Barbara Bailey (R-Oak Harbor)	6
Rep. Brian Blake (D-Aberdeen)	0
Rep. Tom Campbell (R-Roy)	0
Rep. Reuven Carlyle (D-Seattle)	75
Rep. Bruce Chandler (R-Granger)	1
Rep. Maralyn Chase (D-Shoreline)	0
Rep. Frank Chopp (D-Seattle)	3
Rep. Judy Clibborn (D-Mercer Island)	18
Rep. Eileen Cody (D-West Seattle)	0
Rep. Cary Condotta (R-Wenatchee)	80
Rep. Steve Conway (D-Tacoma)	1
Rep. Larry Crouse (R-Spokane)	5
Rep. Bruce Dammeier (R-Puyallup)	0
Rep. Jeannie Darneille (D-Tacoma)	67
Rep. Richard DeBolt (R-Chehalis)	66
Rep. Mary Lou Dickerson (D-Seattle)	38
Rep. John Driscoll (D-Spokane)	6
Rep. Hans Dunshee (D-Snohomish)	2
Rep. Deborah Eddy (D-Kirkland)	8
Rep. Mark Ericks (D-Bothell)	31
Rep. Doug Ericksen (R-Ferndale)	1
Rep. Susan Fagan (R-Pullman)	0
Rep. Fred Finn (D-Olympia)	0
Rep. Dennis Flannigan (D-Tacoma)	67
Rep. Roger Goodman (D-Kirkland)	2
Rep. Tami Green (D-Lakewood)	0
Rep. Kathy Haigh (D-Shelton)	8
Rep. Larry Haler (R-Richland)	0
Rep. Bob Hasegawa (D-Seattle)	0
Rep. Jaime Herrera (R-Camas)	0
Rep. Bill Hinkle (R-Cle Elum)	40
Rep. Mike Hope (R-Lake Stevens)	47
Rep. Zack Hudgins (D-Tukwila)	0
Rep. Sam Hunt (D-Olympia)	0
Rep. Ross Hunter (D-Medina)	13
Rep. Christopher Hurst (D-Enumclaw)	163
Rep. Jim Jacks (D-Vancouver)	0
Rep. Norm Johnson (R-Yakima)	3
Rep. Ruth Kagi (D-Lake Forest Park)	0
Rep. Troy Kelley (D-Tacoma)	39
Rep. Phyllis Kenney (D-Seattle)	6
Rep. Lynn Kessler (D-Hoquiam)	1
Rep. Steve Kirby (D-Tacoma)	2
Rep. Brad Klippert (R-Kennewick)	0
Rep. Joel Kretz (R-Wauconda)	12
Rep. Dan Kristiansen (R-Snohomish)	0

Rep. Marko Liias (D-Mukilteo)	14
Rep. Kelli Linville (D-Bellingham)	0
Rep. Marcie Maxwell (D-Renton)	6
Rep. John McCoy (D-Tulalip)	0
Rep. Jim McCune (R-Graham)	0
Rep. Mark Miloscia (D-Federal Way)	0
Rep. Jim Moeller (D-Vancouver)	0
Rep. Dawn Morrell (D-Puyallup)	0
Rep. Jeff Morris (D-Mt. Vernon)	51
Rep. Terry Nealey (R-Dayton)	0
Rep. Sharon Nelson (D-Vashon)	0
Rep. Al O'Brien (D-Mountlake Terrace)	0
Rep. Ed Orcutt (R-Kalama)	5
Rep. Timm Ormsby (D-Spokane)	0
Rep. Tina Orwall (D-Des Moines)	5
Rep. Kevin Parker (R-Spokane)	0
Rep. Kirk Pearson (R-Monroe)	0
Rep. Jamie Pedersen (D-Seattle)	57
Rep. Eric Pettigrew (D-Seattle)	5
Rep. Skip Priest (R-Federal Way)	0
Rep. Tim Probst (D-Vancouver)	1
Rep. David Quall (D-Mt. Vernon)	1
Rep. Dan Roach (R-Bonney Lake)	50
Rep. Mary Helen Roberts (D-Edmonds)	14
Rep. Jay Rodne (R-North Bend)	5
Rep. Christine Rolfes (D-Bainbridge Island)	6
Rep. Charles Ross (R-Naches)	0
Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos (D-Seattle)	0
Rep. Joe Schmick (R-Colfax)	0
Rep. Larry Seaquist (D-Gig Harbor)	0
Rep. Mike Sells (D-Everett)	0
Rep. Matt Shea (R-Spokane)	7
Rep. Shelly Short (R-Addy)	6
Rep. Geoff Simpson (D-Covington)	91
Rep. Norma Smith (R-Whidbey Island)	0
Rep. Larry Springer (D-Kirkland)	0
Rep. Pat Sullivan (D-Covington)	0
Rep. Dean Takko (D-Longview)	0
Rep. David Taylor (R-Moxee)	0
Rep. Dave Upthegrove (D-Des Moines)	16
Rep. Kevin Van De Wege (D-Sequim)	1
Rep. Deb Wallace (D-Vancouver)	36
Rep. Maureen Walsh (R-Walla Walla)	31
Rep. Judy Warnick (R-Moses Lake)	0
Rep. Scott White (D-Seattle)	0
Rep. Brendan Williams (D-Olympia)	23
Rep. Alex Wood (D-Spokane)	22

Responses from the Senators and Representatives Who Missed the Most Votes in 2010

**Top five from each chamber, except the House where two missed the same number of votes*

“Senator Brandland missed votes during the 2010 session for personal reasons.”

-Office of Sen. Dale Brandland (R-Bellingham)

“Senator Fairley is physically disabled and experiences chronic pain. On occasion, this causes her to be absent for short periods of time – usually in the mornings – and, consequently, miss votes.”

-Office of Sen. Darlene Fairley (D-Lake Forest Park)

“Thank you for allowing me to explain why Senate records indicate I was excused from a series of votes. Due to the passing of a close personal and family friend, I had to travel out of state and across the country. Concerning the few other remaining votes, I was otherwise engaged in official legislative business. I am proud to have fought tooth and nail against the dismantling of the Taxpayer Protection Act and attempts by those in the majority to raise taxes. I will continue my fight to protect your job, your rights and your wallet in the special session.”

-Sen. Janéa Holmquist (R-Moses Lake)

“Senator McCaslin was diagnosed last fall with a faulty heart valve that needs to be replaced. He had planned to wait until after the 2010 session to have the procedure performed, but due to the faulty valve and other health problems, he was hospitalized and was told by his doctor that he should have the surgery before returning to work in Olympia.”

-Office of Sen. Bob McCaslin (R-Spokane Valley)

“I am going to night school to get a law degree. Because it is my first year, I don’t have flexibility to arrange my classes to avoid Spring semester. Where there have been critical issues or cut-off dates, I have skipped my classes. Where evening voting was on simple bills and merely a result of the majority party taking all day to get organized, I went to class.”

-Sen. Cheryl Pflug (R-Maple Valley)

“As a husband and father as well as part-time citizen legislator, I made a choice to return home for a family weekend in which my wife and four children needed me. During that weekend, the House was in session so a number of votes were missed.”

-Rep. Reuven Carlyle (D-Seattle)

“I caught a very bad respiratory infection toward the end of session. I went home and visited the doctor where I found out it was borderline pneumonia. The doctor told me I needed to stay home and rest. I missed about a week of votes and returned to session as soon as I could. Probably a little sooner than my doctor would have preferred.”

-Rep. Cary Condotta (R-Wenatchee)

“90% of these were on a day when I had a family emergency. I delayed going to be with my family until after I had chaired the Caseload Forecast Council from 10-noon. The House was on the floor voting at that time, as well, but it was the designated day for our report to come out on the needs for entitlement services. I was excused that day.”

-Rep. Jeannie Darneille (D-Tacoma)

“Well, my wife died in December. Since then I’ve found I have an enlarged prostate, an out of control thyroid, and a few other residual diseases. I sometimes leave when there are no consequential votes because I am exhausted. Further, I have had a cold for over five weeks now, and several doctor appointments in that time and earlier.”

-Rep. Dennis Flannigan (D-Tacoma)

“In my eight years in elective office I have had one of the very best voting records in the legislature until this year. Last November my wife of 31 years had major brain surgery at Harborview Hospital and we have been dealing with a very difficult recovery these last 4 months. I have done my best this session, but my family and my wife’s health come first. She will, hopefully, make a full recovery, but the process has been difficult.”

-Rep. Chris Hurst (D-Enumclaw)

“My 12 year old daughter was in both Mary Bridge in Tacoma and Children’s Hospital in Seattle for more than a month during the legislative session with a serious illness that ultimately resulted in major surgery, followed by a re-hospitalization for infection, then another hospitalization for internal bleeding. She is doing better now, although she will have two more surgeries over the course of the next several months.”

-Rep. Geoff Simpson (D-Covington)