SOUTH DAKOTA 2024 Scorecard

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his legislative session broke the camel's back in South Dakota. For too long, RINOs have made egregious votes that went against the values of their constituents. Now the dam has burst.

South Dakota is a Republican supermajority State. The party platform supports what we have been pushing: gun rights, property rights, and educational freedom. In arrogance, RINOs voted against pro-liberty legislation for years because they do not politically fear us. **We never faltered. We pushed clean pro-liberty legislation even if it was only to separate the wheat from the chaff.**

Eminent Domain Repeal

Our courageous Hazlitt Members in the State House forced a vote on **CLEAN** eminent domain repeal for Green New Deal carbon capture pipelines. It died in the House. In the wake of this betrayal, we saw the biggest primary sweep in recent history with 13 RINOs losing their seats.

Hazlitt Members from both Chambers voted to kill compromise bill SB 201 which destroys the ability of local governments to resist the Green New Deal land grab.

School Choice

For the first time, we forced a floor vote on clean ESA School Choice legislation. Instead of coming to an agreement with the Public School Lobby, we listened to the Grassroots. The result of this forced vote is an inferno of enthusiasm for School Choice. We will not compromise, we will tell the politicians what we demand rather than telling the Grassroots what we must settle for.

Tyrants Water the Tree of Liberty

The betrayal of RINO House members and the inaction of RINO Senate members spurred a grassroots revolution in South Dakota that would not have been possible without the recorded votes that we forced and the courageous stances that our Hazlitt Members took, even if they were the only ones doing so.

Hall of Shame

There are several RINO legislators that disappointed the grassroots. Brookings Rep. Degroot, who made the motion to kill Universal School Choice, scraped the bottom of the barrel scoring 19% - the same as a lowest scoring Democrat. This led to him almost losing his primary with voters signally he's on borrowed time. Sen. Reed from the same area, the Local Government Committee chair who voted for preempting local control with bills like SB201, was the worst senate Republican at 27%. Finally, Rep. Stevens barely won his primary by 4% after he voted to kill Universal School Choice and put up a pathetic 25% liberty score.





SUBJECT	CHAMBER	BILL #	MOTION	DESCRIPTION	VOTE Date	EXPLANATION	PRO-LIBERTY Vote
Limited Govt	Senate	SB201	Do Pass Amended	Pipelines over Property Rights	3/6/24	This law tramples on property rights by preempting local governments from protecting landowners from the use of eminent domain.	No
Limited Govt	House	SB201	Do Pass	Pipelines over Property Rights	3/6/24	This law tramples on property rights by preempting local governments from protecting landowners from the use of eminent domain.	No
Civil Liberties	Senate	SB214	Do pass	Shared Parenting Bill	2/21/24	This bill gives a rebuttal presumption that parents automatically share 50/50 custody of their children unless evidence is presented and a court agrees a parent is unfit.	Yes
Limited Govt	House	HB1219	Do pass	Eminent Domain Reform	2/20/24	A vote to pass protections for property owners by prohibiting eminent domain for CO2 pipelines.	Yes
Economy	House	HB1199	Place on Calendar	"Own Your Stocks" custody bill	2/15/24	This vote was about a bill to define that you own your stocks even if in custody of a firm. This prevents Big Banks from collateralizing private stock purchases protecting individuals that could be wiped out by reckless actors in a crash.	Yes
Education	House	HB1250	Place on Calendar	School Choice	2/8/24	This vote was for the bill to have educational dollars follow students providing parents the power to get the best educational opportunities for their kids as they see fit.	Yes
Civil Liberties	House	HB1198	Do Pass	Stopping Grassroots Candidates bill	2/7/24	A bill to squash grassroots candidates by removing the Lt. Governor, AG, and SOS from being chosen at a convention of grassroots delegates favoring monied interests.	No
Economy	Senate	SB167	Do pass	Property Tax Increase Limits	2/1/24	This bill sets a 3% limit on annual valuation increases of single-family dwellings, limiting tax increases on families across South Dakota.	Yes
Civil Liberties	House	HB1023	Do Pass Amended	Crony State Bar Immunity	1/29/24	A bill unfairly granting immunity to the State Bar, its employees, officers, commissioners, committee members, agents, and volunteers from liability if they screw up.	No



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Civil Liberties	Senate	HB1023	Do Pass Amended	Crony State Bar Immunity	2/20/24	A bill unfairly granting immunity to the State Bar, its employees, officers, commissioners, committee members, agents, and volunteers from liability if they screw up.	No
Economy	House	HB1090	Do Pass	End Home Equity Theft	1/24/24	This bill stops the government from taking more equity from a forced home sale to pay a tax bill and returns that money to the individual who owned the property.	Yes
Economy	Senate	HB1090	Do Pass	End Home Equity Theft	2/2/24	This bill stops the government from taking more equity from a forced home sale to pay a tax bill and returns that money to the individual who owned the property.	Yes
Economy	House	HB1092	Conf. Comm. Report adopted	Increased Government Fees	3/5/24	This bill jacks up 911 fees by 60% on your phone bill to pay for more bureaucratic reports and government bloat.	No
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Limited Govt	House	HB1259	Do Pass	Budget bill	3/6/24	A bill to increase state government spending by \$135M and adds more government bureaucrats.	No
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Civil Liberties	House	HB1239	Do Pass Amended	Criminalizing Politcal and Free Speech	2/21/24	A bill criminalizing your freedom to politically communicate about things on a ballot if government censors claim it's "misleading or false information."	No
Education	House	HB1162	Do Pass	Wasteful Election Spending	2/20/24	A bill that opens up new election dates for school board elections unnecessarily costing taxpayers more money to operate elections.	Yes



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Civil Liberties	House	SB203	Do Pass Amended	School Carry	2/15/24	This bill allows permitted individuals to carry a firearm at a school rather than leaving them to be a defenseless sitting duck from a crazed school shooter.	Yes
Civil Liberties	Senate	SB203	Do Pass Amended	School Carry	2/8/24	This bill allows permitted individuals to carry a firearm at a school rather than leaving them to be a defenseless sitting duck from a crazed school shooter.	Yes
Civil Liberties	House	SB39	Do Pass	Gun Rights	2/7/24	A bill that prohibits homeowner associations from placing restrictions of lawful firearm and ammo possession in the HOA's governing documents.	Yes
Civil Liberties	Senate	SB39	Do Pass	Gun Rights	2/1/24	A bill that prohibits homeowner associations from placing restrictions of lawful firearm and ammo possession in the HOA's governing documents.	Yes
Economy	House	HB1001	Do Pass	Sales Tax	1/29/24	This bill repealed the sales tax sunset clause to stop a resulting increase cost estimated \$114 million to consumers.	Yes
Education	House	SB72	Do Pass	Tax Credit Scholarships	2/20/24	A law that increases the annual cap of tax credits for insurance companies who donate to scholarship granting programs for private schools.	Yes
Education	Senate	SB72	Do Pass	Tax Credit Scholarships	1/24/24	A law that increases the annual cap of tax credits for insurance companies who donate to scholarship granting programs for private schools.	Yes
Healthcare	House	HB1099	Do pass	Medical Services Deregulation	2/2/24	This bill deregulates by expanding the types of medical treatments that optometrists can do without being considered to be practicing medicine.	Yes
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M	ΜΟΤΙΟΝ			AVG: 52%	Do Pass Amended	Do Pass	Do Pass	Do Pass	Conf. Comm. Report adopted	Do Pass	Do Pass Amended	Do Pass Amended	Do Pass	Do Pass	Placed on calendar pursuant to JR 6F-6	Do Pass Amended	Placed on calendar pursuant to JR 6F-6	Placed on calendar pursuant to JR 6F-6	Do Pass	Do Pass
PRO-LIBEI	RTY POSITION				N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
AMBER	ARLINT	12	R	38%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	X	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	X	X	X	x	 Image: A second s	x
JULIE	AUCH	18	R	88%	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
AARON	AYLWARD	6	R	94%	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
JESSICA	BAHMULLER	19	R	44%	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	A	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	A	x	X	A
HUGH	BARTELS	5	R	38%	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	x	 Image: A second s	X	x	x	 Image: A second s	x
ROCKY	BLARE	21	R	50%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	X	X	X	 Image: A second s
BYRON	CALLIES	5	R	38%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	x	x	x	X	x	X	 Image: A second s
GARY	CAMMACK	29	R	50%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	X	X	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
KIRK	CHAFFEE	29	R	56%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	x	X	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
ROGER	CHASE	22	R	31%	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	X	x	 Image: A second s	X	x	x	X
KRIS	CONZET	32	R	33%	N/A	N/A	 Image: A second s	N/A	x	N/A	x	 Image: A second s	x	N/A	x	x	N/A	A	 Image: A second s	N/A
ROGER	DEGROOT	7	R	19%	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	X	x	x	x	A	X	x	X	x
MIKE	DERBY	34	R	31%	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	X	X	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	X	X	x	 Image: A second s	x
FRED	DEUTSCH	4	R	63%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	X	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
JOE	DONNELL	1	R	69%	 Image: A second s	A	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
BECKY	DRURY	34	R	31%	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	X	X	x	X	x
LINDA	DUBA	15	D	19%	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	X	A	x	x	x	x	x	 Image: A second s	X	x	X	x
STEVE	DUFFY	32	R	44%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	X	X	A	x	 Image: A second s	x
ERIC	EMERY	26A	D	56%	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	x	x
MARY	FITZGERALD	31	R	38%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	A	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	X	x	x	x	 Image: A second s
RANDY	GROSS	25	R	75%	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
JON	HANSEN	25	R	88%	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	×	 Image: A second s
ERIN	HEALY	10	D	25%	x	x	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	x	x	x	x	 Image: A second s	x	x	x	x
MELLISSA	HEERMANN	7	R	31%	X	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	x	X	X	x	X	 Image: A second s	X	X	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X

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PRO-LIBE	RTY POSITION				N	Ŷ	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Ŷ	N	Y	Y	Y	N
SUE	PETERSON	13	R	63%	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	A	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	×	×	 Image: A second s
DREW	PETERSON	19	R	38%	A	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	X	X	X	X	X	x
NEAL	PINNOW	28B	R	50%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	x	X	x	X	 Image: A second s
PERI	POURIER	27	D	50%	X	x	 Image: A second s	X	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	A	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	x
TONY	RANDOLPH	35	R	88%	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
TAYLOR	REHFELDT	14	R	38%	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	x	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	x	X	x	 Image: A second s	x
REBECCA	REIMER	26B	R	38%	x	 Image: A second s	A	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	x	¥	x	x	x	x	x	 Image: A second s
TIM	REISCH	8	R	44%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	x	x	x	 Image: A second s	x
STEPHANIE	SAUDER	4	R	38%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	x	¥	x	X	A	x	x	x
BRANDEI	SCHAEFBAUER	3	R	75%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	×	 Image: A second s	X	×	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
LYNN	SCHNEIDER	22	R	31%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
WILLIAM	SHORMA	17	R	56%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	X	×	x	X	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
JOHN	SJAARDA	2	R	75%	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
BETHANY	SOYE	9	R	88%	A	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
TAMARA	ST. JOHN	1	R	44%	A	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	x	X	x	 Image: A second s	x
MIKE	STEVENS	18	R	25%	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	X	x
KEN	TEUNISSEN	9	R	44%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	¥	x	x	x	x	x	 Image: A second s
TYLER	TORDSEN	14	R	38%	X	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	x	X	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	X	X	X	x	 Image: A second s	x
TONY	VENHUIZEN	13	R	38%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	x	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	x	x	x	×	x
J.D.	WANGSNESS	23	R	44%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	A	x	x	×	X
MIKE	WEISGRAM	24	R	44%	x	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	 Image: A second s	x	x	x	x	 Image: A second s	x
KADYN	WITTMAN	15	D	19%	x	x	X	 Image: A second s	X	 Image: A second s	X	X	X	x	x	 Image: A second s	x	x	x	X

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MOTION				AVG: 48%	Do Pass Amended	Do Pass	Do Pass	Do Pass	Conf. Comm. Report adopted	Do Pass	Do Pass	Do Pass Amended	Do Pass Amended	Do Pass Amended	Do Pass
PRO-LIBERTY POSITION					N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
RYAN	MAHER	28	R	82%	 	~	 	~	~	~	~	x	~	 	x
JIM	MEHLHAFF	24	R	55%	x	 Image: A second s	 	~	x	~	 Image: A second s	x	 	x	x
REYNOLD	NESIBA	15	D	18%	x	x	x	~	x	~	x	x	x	x	x
AL	NOVSTRUP	3	R	55%	x	~	~	~	x	x	~	~	~	x	x
HERMAN	OTTEN	6	R	55%	x	~	x	~	x	x	~	~	~	~	x
том	PISCHKE	25	R	73%	~	 Image: A second s	 	x	 Image: A second s	~	x	¥	 	~	x
тім	REED	7	R	27%	x	¥	x	~	x	x	x	x	~	x	x
MICHAEL	ROHL	1	R	64%	x	~	~	~	x	~	x	~	~	~	x
LEE	SCHOENBECK	5	R	45%	x	~	~	~	x	~	x	x	~	x	x
KYLE	SCHOENFISH	19	R	55%	x	~	~	~	x	~	x	x	~	~	x
JIM	STALZER	11	R	36%	x	~	~	~	x	x	x	x	~	x	x
ERIN	TOBIN	21	R	45%	x	~	~	~	x	~	x	x	~	x	x
MIKE	WALSH	35	R	43%	x	N/A	N/A	N/A	x	~	N/A	x	~	~	x
DAVID	WHEELER	22	R	55%	x	~	~	~	Α	 	x	x	~	 Image: A second s	x
JOHN	wiik	11	R	36%	x	~	~	Α	x	~	Α	x	~	x	x
DEAN	WINK	29	R	45%	x	~	x	~	x	x	x	~	~	~	x
LARRY	ZIKMUND	14	R	55%	x	~	~	~	x	~	~	x	~	x	x

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