



# 2001-02 Senators

Senator	Community	District	Party	Separation of Powers 5 votes	Accountability 4 votes	Campaign Reforms 3 votes	Ethics 2 votes	Elections 4 votes	Redistricting 4 votes	Magistrates & US ConCon 2 votes	Pro-CC votes	Anti-CC votes	Not voting	FINAL AVERAGE
Dennis L. Algieri	Westerly 02891	26	R	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	25%	100%	21	3	0	87.5%
Stephen D. Alves	W. Warwick 02893	19	D	80%	75%	67%	100%	100%	0%	100%	17	6	1	72.3%
Roger Badeau	Woonsocket 02895	32	D	100%	75%	33%	100%	100%	0%	100%	17	4	5	69.8%
David E. Bates	Barrington 02806	44	R	80%	100%	100%	100%	75%	0%	50%	15	4	5	84.4%
Leo R. Blais	Coventry 02816	21	R	80%	100%	67%	100%	75%	0%	100%	17	5	2	73.9%
Kevin Breene	W. Greenwich 02817	41	R	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%	25%	50%	19	3	2	82.6%
Frank T. Caprio	Providence 02903	8	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	20	4	0	83.3%
John A. Celona	N. Providence 02904	36	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	20	4	0	83.3%
J. Clement Cicilline	Newport 02840	50	D	40%	75%	100%	100%	50%	100%	100%	18	0	6	85.7%
Thomas R. Coderre	Pawtucket 02861	40	D	40%	75%	67%	100%	100%	0%	100%	15	7	2	65.2%
Daniel P. Connors	Cumberland 02864	33	D	40%	100%	67%	50%	100%	0%	50%	14	5	5	65.1%
Marc A. Cote	Woonsocket 02895	31	D	100%	100%	67%	100%	100%	0%	100%	19	4	1	80.9%
Michael Damiani	E. Providence 02914	43	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	50%	19	4	1	80.9%
Daniel DaPonte	E. Providence 02914	42	D	40%	50%	33%	50%	75%	0%	100%	11	4	9	56.4%
James M. Donelan	Warwick 02888	15	D	20%	75%	33%	100%	75%	0%	100%	12	7	5	55.8%
William Enos	Tiverton 02878	47	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	24	0	0	100.0%
Walter S. Felag	Bristol 02809	46	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%	22	2	0	91.7%
Paul W. Fogarty	Harmony 02829	27	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	20	3	1	85.1%
Hanna M. Gallo	Cranston 02910	12	D	100%	75%	67%	100%	100%	0%	100%	18	4	2	78.3%
Aram G. Garabedian	Cranston 02920	14	D	100%	75%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	19	0	5	85.4%
June N. Gibbs	Middletown 02840	48	R	100%	100%	67%	100%	100%	25%	50%	19	4	1	80.9%
Maryellen Goodwin	Providence 02908	1	D	100%	50%	67%	100%	100%	0%	100%	17	4	3	75.6%
Catherine E. Graziano	Providence 02909	5	D	80%	100%	67%	100%	100%	0%	100%	18	5	1	76.6%
Brian M. Hunter	Lincoln 02865	34	D	80%	66%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	19	2	1	80.9%
David V. Iglizoi	Providence 02909	7	D	80%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	19	5	0	79.2%
William V. Irons	Rumford 02916	39	D	80%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	19	5	0	79.2%
Daniel J. Issa	Central Falls 02863	35	D	40%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	17	7	0	70.8%
Thomas J. Izzo	Cranston 02920	13	D	80%	66%	100%	50%	100%	0%	100%	18	4	2	78.3%
Robert T. Kells	Providence 02907	10	D	100%	75%	67%	100%	100%	0%	50%	17	0	7	82.9%
Paul S. Kelly	N. Smithfield 02895	30	D	100%	66%	0%	100%	75%	100%	100%	20	1	3	85.9%
J. Michael Lenihan	E. Greenwich 02818	22	D	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%	25%	100%	20	3	1	85.1%
John F. McBurney, III	Pawtucket 02860	38	D	60%	66%	67%	100%	100%	0%	100%	17	5	2	73.9%
Michael J. McCaffrey	Warwick 02889	16	D	100%	100%	67%	100%	100%	0%	100%	19	4	1	80.9%
Patrick T. McDonald	Saunderstown 02874	24	D	20%	66%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	14	4	6	66.7%
Joseph A. Montalbano	N. Providence 02904	37	D	100%	100%	67%	100%	75%	0%	100%	18	4	2	78.3%
M. Teresa Paiva-Weed	Newport 02840	49	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	24	0	0	100.0%
Mary A. Parella	Bristol 02809	45	R	100%	100%	67%	100%	100%	100%	100%	23	0	1	97.9%
Rhoda E. Perry	Providence 02906	3	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	20	0	4	90.9%
Joseph M. Polisena	Johnston 02919	28	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	20	4	0	83.3%
Leonidas P. Raptakis	Coventry 02816	20	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	20	4	0	83.3%
John C. Revens, Jr.	Warwick 02886	18	D	100%	100%	67%	100%	100%	0%	50%	18	4	2	78.3%
Elizabeth Roberts	Cranston 02905	11	D	40%	75%	100%	100%	25%	0%	50%	12	3	9	61.5%
John M. Roney	Providence 02906	2	D	40%	100%	0%	0%	100%	0%	50%	11	9	4	50.0%
Dominick J. Ruggerio	Providence 02904	4	D	40%	75%	67%	50%	100%	0%	100%	14	7	3	62.2%
James C. Sheehan	N. Kingstown 02852	23	R	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%	0%	100%	19	4	1	80.9%
Susan V. Sosnowski	W. Kingstown 02892	6	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	20	4	0	83.3%
John J. Tassoni, Jr.	Smithfield 02829	29	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	20	4	0	83.3%
William A. Walaska	Warwick 02888	17	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	50%	19	4	1	80.9%
Donna Walsh	Charlestown 02813	25	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	24	0	0	100.0%
Charles D. Walton	Providence 02905	9	D	60%	75%	67%	100%	100%	100%	100%	20	1	3	86.9%

TOTAL VOTES/AVERAGE PERCENTAGES: 82% 92% 81% 91% 95% 17% 90% 914 178 108 79.5%  
**FORMULA: (Final Average) = (Pro-CC)/((Pro-CC+Anti-CC)+(Nonvoting/2))**

## 43 votes counted in 2002 scorecard

Following a pattern that has played out in recent legislative sessions, the state Senate passed major reforms by overwhelming margins, only to have these proposals killed without any hearing or public vote in the House Judiciary Committee.

Common Cause counted 43 floor votes for the 2001-2002 legislative scorecard, more than ever before. Twenty-four Senate votes were counted, as compared with 19 House votes.

Representatives who signed a "discharge petition" aimed at forcing House debate and a vote on a separation of powers amendment received credit for two pro-reform votes for their courage. Failure to sign did not detract from any other final scores.

As this scorecard goes to press, crucial votes from the day when lawmakers returned to override Governor Almond's veto of the budget, June 12, are still not available to the public.

State Senators, on average, backed reforms at a rate of 79.5 per cent, while state Representatives averaged only 50.7 per cent.

Seven Representatives voted for reforms at a rate of 90 per cent or better. Susan Story (R-Barrington) had the best record at 95 per cent. Tied for second highest were Joseph

N. Amaral (R-Tiverton) and David N. Cicilline (D-Providence) at 92.7 per cent.

Three of fifty Senators – William Enos (D-Tiverton), Teresa Paiva-Weed (D-Newport) and Donna Walsh (D-Charlestown) – had perfect reform records, with 24 votes Common Cause considered pro-reform, no anti-reform votes and no abstentions or absences from these key votes.

Sen. Mary A. Parella (R-Bristol) came in at 97.9 per cent. Sens. Walter S. Felag (D-Bristol) and Rhoda E. Perry (D-Providence) also scored an "A" at 91.7 and 90.9 per cent, respectively.

No one could have been surprised when the House Judiciary Committee buried a bill by Sen. Donna M. Walsh (D-Charlestown) that would have required any magistrate appointed to serve in any Rhode Island court to be subject to the public appointment

process established in the state Constitution eight years ago for all judges (02-S 2629SubA amended).

Since 1994, when Rhode Island voters approved a constitutional amendment establishing Merit Selection for all state judges, the General Assembly has quietly passed a series of bills that increased the number of magistrates from 2 to 15. Salaries range up to \$129 thousand per year.



**SEN. PAIVA-WEED** **SEN. WALSH**  
 In multi-year efforts, Paiva-Weed won Senate passage of ethics disclosure reform, and Walsh secured a unanimous vote requiring magistrates to go through Merit Selection. Each supported the other's efforts, and both had 100% pro-reform voting records.

Common Cause never endorses candidates for any public office. This scorecard shows only how representatives voted on particular reforms supported by Common Cause. It does not constitute an endorsement.