

DESCRIPTION OF 1997-98 KEY VOTES

Because we cannot include the complete voting record of each member of the General Assembly, we have selected certain key votes from the 1997 and 1998 sessions. "Yes" votes are listed with a "Y," and "No" votes with an "N." If a person was not a legislator at the time a vote was taken, "n/a" appears. If a person was excused on a certain day, "Ex" is used. If a person did not vote, "NV" (not voting) appears. This only shows how a legislator voted on a particular bill, and does not necessarily reflect the legislator's general stance on an issue.

HOUSE

● **Any Willing Provider, House Bill 1755-1997 (Third Reading Roll Call H#288):** The bill would have required home health agencies and hospices to be added to the list of providers insurers must accept in a preferred provider organization. Business interests argue the state's "any willing provider" law should be repealed and not expanded. The bill failed 91-8.

● **Prevailing Wage Repeal, Senate Bill 452-1997, Second Reading Amendment (Roll Call H#608):** This amendment would have returned the state's prevailing or common construction wage law to pre-1995 status. From 1935-95, unions controlled wage-setting on public construction with little consideration for local conditions. The amendment passed 61-39, but the bill later died.

● **Increase Nursing Home Allowance, Senate Bill 19-1998 (Second Reading Roll Call):** This amendment would have increased the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$45 a month, and would have helped 45,000-50,000 people in government-funded care programs. The amendment failed 49-50.

● **Expedited Juvenile Hearings, Senate Bill 425-1998 (Second Reading Amendment Roll Call):** The amendment requires the court having juvenile jurisdiction to hold a detention hearing no later than 48 hours after a child is taken into custody. The measure was designed to force local welfare departments to respond more rapidly to the parents and the court when they remove a child after an allegation of abuse or neglect. Passed 58-36.

● **DNA Database, Senate Bill 342-1998 (Third Reading Roll Call):** The bill requires an offender who is convicted of a crime against a person to give the Indiana Department of Corrections a DNA sample. Passed 75-21.

● **Teen License Restrictions, Senate Bill 16-1998 (Third Reading Roll Call):** Provides that a person under age 18 holds a probationary license which includes curfew observance and required seat belt and child restraint use for all passengers. Passed 68-29.

● **Tuition Tax Credits, Senate Bill 352-1998, amendment (Second Reading Amendment Roll Call):** This amendment

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would have provided an adjusted gross income tax refundable credit for tuition and other expenses in public or accredited private K-12 schools. Passed 56-43; the bill died later.

● **Mandated Meet & Confer, House Bill 1091-1998 (Roll Call H#70):** This bill would have required any governmental unit to meet and confer with a public safety organization and negotiate wages, hours and other employment conditions. The bill died.

● **Expanded Wrongful Death, House Bill 1144-1998 (Roll Call H#140):** The bill would have allowed a personal representative of the deceased to bring action against death caused by the wrongful act or omission of another person. Several conditional circumstances were included. The bill died.

SENATE

● **Ban on Late-Term Abortion, Senate Bill 61-1997 (Third Reading Roll Call):** The bill bans certain late-term, or partial birth abortion procedures. Passed 38-12.

● **Land Casino Ban, Senate Bill 153-1997 (Third Reading Roll Call):** This bill prohibits land-based casinos in the state and prohibits the state from entering a compact for casinos on Indian lands. Passed 36-14.

● **Divorce Waiting Period, Senate Bill 490-1997 (Third Reading Roll Call):** This bill would have increased the divorce waiting period from 90 to 180 days. Passed 34-15; died in the House.

● **Managed Care Insurer Liability, Senate Bill 293-1998 (Roll Call S#93):** This bill would have made a health insurance entity liable if a managed care entity interferes with the judgement of a physician. The bill failed 18-32.

● **Teen License Restrictions, Senate Bill 16-1998 (Third Reading Roll Call):** See House description; passed 30-20.

● **Schools off Property Tax, Senate Bill 352-1998 (Roll Call S#132):** This bill would have eliminated property taxes imposed for the school general fund. The vote passed 42-8, but the bill later died.

● **Environmental Insurance Exclusions, Senate Bill 309-1998 (Roll Call S#175):** This bill would have exempted insurance policies issued after June 30, 1998 from environmental coverage if certain exclusions are enumerated. The bill died 23-26.

● **Sex Offender Civil Commitment, Senate Bill 98-1998 (Third Reading Roll Call):** This bill would have provided for the civil commitment for an indeterminate period of a person who is found to be a "sexually violent predator." The bill passed 40-10; died in the House.