

KEY TO 2008 SCORECARD...HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ACTUAL VOTES AND PERCENTAGES FAVORABLE TO
WEST VIRGINIA TAX PAYERS

PP = Political Party; DD=Delegate District; A=Prior years %
B=2008 Favorable votes; C=2008 Favorable %; D=Votes to date; E=Total favorable %:

1. **Increasing the fees charged Barbers and Cosmetologists per year by their board.** Although this was the first increase in many years, the Board has a surplus in it's budget. (HB 4337) 2/11/08 RC#54 (73-25)
2. **50 Real Estate Tax** - "Voluntary" Rural and Outdoor Conservation fee on all Real Estate transactions – adding a \$50 fee. This is being added to increases from previous years and adds to the cost of buying and selling homes. (SB 622) 3/7/08 RC#389 (77-20).
3. **\$5000 Pay Raise for Legislators** starting in 2009. Taking the pay from \$15,000 to \$20,000 with additional increases for the legislative leadership. This also increased per diem, travel expenses from \$115 to \$131. (HB 4076) 2/26/08 RC#210 (62-36).
4. **Changing aircraft property valuation** to a salvage rate (neighboring states assess aircraft at zero or salvage rates) in order to get planes parked in West Virginia and using local services. This may also get airlines to consider locating in WV. (SB 265) 3/7/08 RC#413 (90-6).
5. **Business corporate net tax reduction** speeded up by two years to accelerate the expected job benefit of making the state more competitive with our surrounding states. The corporate net income tax is phased in to be reduced to 6.5% but implementation is delayed. This amendment move the 6.5% rate implementation goal two years faster rather than waiting the extra time. It lets possible new employers know we are more serious about making WV competitive and doing it at a time the state has budget surpluses and can better afford it. (SB 680) 3/7/08 RC#391 (28-68).
6. **Amendment to eliminate the tax business equipment** in addition to the elimination of the business inventory tax. This would help attract manufacturing companies where tax on business equipment makes WV uncompetitive with neighboring states. To get around this tax equipment is often purchased and owned by county or state authorities and leased back. (SB 680) 3/7/08 RC#392 (29-68).
7. **"Rain Runoff Tax"** a stormwater management water containment fee. This proposal allows cities and public service districts to collect fees based on water runoff and if not paid, to cut off service. (SB 323) 3/8/08 RC#463 (57-39).
8. **Support and funding of two greyhound training tracks** up to \$2 million. Current code provides for a single training facility. This bill would allow the Racing Commission to support ones in the Wheeling and Cross Lanes areas so both dog tracks would have training facility. (HB 4307 3/8/08 RC#505 (72-24).
9. **Toll Roads** – Creating a Public-Private Transportation Facilities Act including giving private developers the right to use eminent domain to create toll roads while still requiring the much higher and costly prevailing wage rates. Existing roads and bridges that were

upgraded could also be made into toll roads. (HB 4476) 2/27/08 RC#524 (69-27) (See also RC#226).

10. **End the practice of using tax paid trinkets** and other communication items from incumbents for election purposes. This amendment to the election bill would limit elected and appointed officials from using their name or likeness for self promotion when public funds are used. This would stop the abuse by some politicians of spending many thousands of tax dollars to promote themselves before primary and general elections. (HB219) RC#634 (30-55).