

100%



Sen. Mark Dayton

100%



Rep. Betty McCollum

100%



Rep. James Oberstar

93%



Rep. Martin Olav Sabo

Zero



Rep. Mark Kennedy

Zero



Sen. Norm Coleman

Zero



Rep. John Kline

Who really goes to work for working families?

Every year, the AFL-CIO rates Congressional officials on how they vote on issues affecting workers and working families. The ratings above show how often metro-area officials voted the correct way in 2003, supporting workers' issues in Congress.

In both the House and Senate, legislation on which officials were rated included:

- Blocking the president's efforts to deny overtime eligibility to workers who now receive it
- Extending unemployment benefits for jobless workers who had exhausted state benefits
- A federal budget proposal that cut \$500 billion in domestic programs to pay for the president's \$364 billion tax cut for stockholders who receive dividends
- A Medicare prescription drug benefit that provides \$139 billion in windfall profits for the pharmaceutical industry, prevents the government from negotiating lower drug costs, yet forces 32.5 million retirees to pay higher premiums, co-payments and deductibles, and wait until 2006 for the primary prescription benefits to take effect.
- Two so-called "free trade" agreements.

- Funding to keep Amtrak functioning.

Senate ratings tracked 13 votes altogether in 2003, including votes on whether to privatize 425,000 federal jobs. House ratings tracked 15 votes in 2003, including legislation to reduce mine safety protections, and cut funding for education, health care and job training.

The ratings:

SEN. MARK DAYTON

2003 AFL-CIO rating: 100%
Lifetime AFL-CIO rating: 100%

REP. BETTY MCCOLLUM

4th District (City of St. Paul, all Ramsey County suburbs; northern Dakota County, including Lilydale, Mendota, Mendota Heights, Newport, St. Paul Park, South St. Paul and West St. Paul; and portions of Washington County, including Mahtomedi and Oakdale)

2003 AFL-CIO rating: 100%
Lifetime AFL-CIO rating: 97.1%

REP. JAMES OBERSTAR

8th District (Includes far northern suburbs in Chisago and Isanti Counties, such Cambridge, Center City, Chisago City, Isanti, Lindstrom, North Branch, Rush City, Stacy and Wyoming)

2003 AFL-CIO rating: 100%
Lifetime AFL-CIO rating: 94.1%

More information

For complete voting information, visit www.aflcio.org/issuespolitics/votes/vr_all.cfm

REP. MARTIN OLAV SABO

5th District (Minneapolis and eastern Hennepin County, including Columbia Heights, Fridley, Richfield and St. Anthony)

2003 AFL-CIO rating: 93%
Lifetime AFL-CIO rating: 92.7%

REP. MARK KENNEDY

6th District (Eastern and northern suburbs, including Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Forest Lake, Grant, Hugo, Lexington, Lino Lakes, Stillwater and Woodbury)

2003 AFL-CIO rating: Zero
Lifetime AFL-CIO rating: 8.3%

SEN. NORM COLEMAN

2003 AFL-CIO rating: Zero
Lifetime AFL-CIO rating: Zero

REP. JOHN KLINE

2nd District (Southern suburbs, including Apple Valley, Burnsville, Cottage Grove, Eagan, Farmington, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville and Rosemount)

2003 AFL-CIO rating: Zero
Lifetime AFL-CIO rating: Zero