



# 2015-16 Vote Record

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# Vote Record - State Issues

## Transportation

### Comprehensive Road Funding

The Michigan Legislature approved a \$1.2 billion road funding proposal in November 2015 that was signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder.



Farm Bureau supported the legislation that marked the largest investment in the state's transportation infrastructure in more than 50 years. Its completion also reflected more than 30 years of county Farm Bureau members advocating for a solution to Michigan's crumbling roads and bridges.

House Bills 4736 and 4738 were two of seven bills in the package that, respectively, increased the state's vehicle registration fee and gas and diesel tax.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 10 points each*

## Agriculture

### Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program Funding

Gov. Rick Snyder signed House Bill 4391, sponsored by Rep. Dan Lauwers (R-Brockway), into law as Public Act 118 of 2015. The legislation broadened the funding base for the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP).



Farm Bureau members strongly advocated for the changes implemented by the legislation, guided by organizational policy stressing the importance of programs like MAEAP in helping farms identify and minimize potential pollution risks. Hundreds of members contacted their state legislators, and MAEAP-verified farmers testified in legislative hearings to demonstrate their support for expanding the program and encouraging more participation.

The new law expands the funding base for MAEAP by taxing all fertilizers. It's estimated the change will bring in an additional \$700,000 annually to increase technical assistance and track the environmental benefits of responsible farm practices.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 25 points*

### Livestock Feed Program Funding

House Bill 4400, sponsored by Rep. Nancy Jenkins (R-Clayton), was signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder as Public Act 69 of 2015. The bill extended the sunset date for livestock dealer licensing fees until Oct. 1, 2019.



The fees generate revenue for approximately 25 percent of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's livestock dealer regulatory program.

In addition to regulating livestock dealers, the program prevents deceptive labeling practices and investigates reports of suspected feed-related animal deaths or illness.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 5 points*

### Equine Liability

House Bill 4175, sponsored by Rep. Joel Johnson (R-Clare), was signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder as Public Act 87 of 2015, amending the Equine Activity Liability Act.



The legislation added language to provide that an equine activity sponsor or professional would not be held liable for damages unless the sponsor or professional "commits an act or omission that constitutes a willful and wanton disregard for the safety of the participant, and that is a proximate cause of the injury, death, or damage."

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 5 points*



*House Bill 4391 was signed into law on July 9, 2015 to broaden the funding base for the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program. Pictured (from left): Rep. Dan Lauwers, MFB Agricultural Ecology Manager Laura Campbell, Gov. Rick Snyder, MFB Legislative Counsel Rebecca Park, MFB President Carl Bednarski and MFB Government Relations Department Manager Matt Smego.*

# Vote Record - State Issues

## Taxation

### County Commissions and Millages

Gov. Rick Snyder signed House Bill 4166 sponsored by Rep. Rick Outman (R-Six Lakes) into law, amending Public Act 88 of 1913.



The law previously allowed county commissions, without a vote of the people, to levy up to ½ a mill for the purpose of advertising the area's agricultural, industrial, economic development and tourism advantages.

Supported by Farm Bureau's member-developed policy, the updated statute repeals the law for all counties except those currently utilizing the tax (Washtenaw County). The county will be required to hold a vote no later than 2020, and every five years thereafter, to continue imposing the tax.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 10 points*

### Qualified Agricultural Property (House-only vote)

House Bill 4677, sponsored by Rep. Dave Maturen (R-Vicksburg), would amend the General Property Tax Act to allow property owners to separate qualified agricultural land and non-agricultural land when the property changes hands.



Subsequently, the agricultural land would retain its taxable value, while the remaining land is subject to the "pop up" tax, adjusting the property to the state equalized value.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 5 points*

### Michigan's Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program (House-only vote)

House Bills 5189-5191, sponsored by Reps. Dan Lauwers (R-Brockway) and Brett Roberts (R-Eaton Twp.), would implement measures to ensure timely processing of farmer's applications and tax credit payments through the state's Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program (also known as PA 116).



Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 15 points*

## Environmental

### Soil Erosion Control Permits

House Bill 4604, sponsored by Rep. Brett Roberts (R-Eaton Twp.), was signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder as Public Act 2 of 2016. The legislation exempted certain agricultural-related activities from the requirement of a soil erosion and sedimentation control permit, so long as they do not discharge into a water of the state or off the site.



Activities include: construction, fence maintenance or removal, the removal of tree or shrub stumps or roots, installation of drainage tile, irrigation, or electrical lines, and construction or maintenance of ponds less than five acres in size.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 15 points*

## Insurance

### No-fault Reform (Senate-only vote)

Senate Bill 248, sponsored by Sen. Joe Hune (R-Hamburg), would reform Michigan's no-fault law and contains a medical fee schedule, reforms to in-home, family-provided attendant care, a fraud bureau, and the creation of a new Michigan Catastrophic Claims Corporation.



Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 10 points*



*Senator Jim Stamas visited Farm Bureau member Kelby Ruckle as part of a day of farm tours organized by Iosco County Farm Bureau. Throughout the day, the group discussed a gamut of policy issues including the importance of career and technical education programs, the state's truck weight limits, road funding, equipment depreciation and infrastructure investments, and funding of county fairs and MSU extension programs.*

# Michigan House of Representatives

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| District                                                                                                                                                                             | Representative, Party-City           | 10                                                  | 10                                              | 25                         | 5                                   | 5                             | 10                                              | 15                                        | 5                                               | 15                    | 100   |
| 73                                                                                                                                                                                   | Afendoulis, Chris, R-Grand Rapids    | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                    | Banks, Brian, D-Detroit              | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 50%   |
| 71                                                                                                                                                                                   | Barrett, Tom, R-Potterville          | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 62                                                                                                                                                                                   | Bizon, John, R-Battle Creek          | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 76                                                                                                                                                                                   | Brinks, Winnie, D-Grand Rapids       | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | n                                   | n                             | Y                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 30%   |
| 96                                                                                                                                                                                   | Brunner, Charles, D-Bay City         | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 40%   |
| 100                                                                                                                                                                                  | Bumstead, Jon, R-Newaygo             | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                    | Byrd, Wendell, D-Detroit             | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 25%   |
| 87                                                                                                                                                                                   | Callton, Mike, R-Nashville           | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 84                                                                                                                                                                                   | Canfield, Ed, R-Sebewaing            | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                    | Chang, Stephanie, D-Detroit          | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 25%   |
| 107                                                                                                                                                                                  | Chatfield, Lee, R-Levering           | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 22                                                                                                                                                                                   | Chirkun, John, D-Roseville           | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | n                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 20%   |
| 14                                                                                                                                                                                   | Clemente, Paul, D-Lincoln Park       | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | n                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 75%   |
| 67                                                                                                                                                                                   | Cochran, Tom, D-Mason                | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 25%   |
| 105                                                                                                                                                                                  | Cole, Triston, R-Mancelona           | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 99                                                                                                                                                                                   | Cotter, Kevin, R-Mt. Pleasant        | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 19                                                                                                                                                                                   | Cox, Laura, R-Livonia                | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 38                                                                                                                                                                                   | Crawford, Kathy, R-Nov               | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 15                                                                                                                                                                                   | Darany, George, D-Dearborn           | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 25%   |
| 110                                                                                                                                                                                  | Dianda, Scott, D-Calumet             | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | Y                             | n                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 45%   |
| 52                                                                                                                                                                                   | Driskell, Gretchen, D-Saline         | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | n                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 60%   |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                    | Durhal, Fred, D-Detroit              | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 50%   |
| 48                                                                                                                                                                                   | Faris, Pam, D-Clio                   | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | n                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 20%   |
| 30                                                                                                                                                                                   | Farrington, Jeff, R-Utica            | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 24                                                                                                                                                                                   | Forlini, Anthony, R-Harrison Twp     | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 101                                                                                                                                                                                  | Franz, Ray, R-Onekama                | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 90                                                                                                                                                                                   | Garcia, Daniela, R-Holland           | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                                    | Garrett, LaTanya, D-Detroit          | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 25%   |
| 8                                                                                                                                                                                    | Gay-Dagnogo, Sherry, D-Detroit       | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | n                                   | NV                            | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 45%   |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                   | Geiss, Erika, D-Taylor               | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | Y                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 35%   |
| 85                                                                                                                                                                                   | Gardon, Ben, R-Owosso                | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 98                                                                                                                                                                                   | Glenn, Gary, R-Midland               | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 80%   |
| 33                                                                                                                                                                                   | Goike, Ken, R-Ray Twp                | n                                                   | Y                                               | n                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 65%   |
| 51                                                                                                                                                                                   | Graves, Joe, R-Argentine Twp         | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 37                                                                                                                                                                                   | Greig, Christine, D-Farmington Hills | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 50%   |
| 29                                                                                                                                                                                   | Greimel, Tim, D-Auburn Hills         | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | n                                   | n                             | Y                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 30%   |

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| 34                                                                                                                                                                                   | Neeley, Sheldon, D-Flint            | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 25%   |
| 66                                                                                                                                                                                   | Nesbitt, Aric, R-Lawton             | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 70                                                                                                                                                                                   | Outman, Rick, R-Six Lakes           | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 21                                                                                                                                                                                   | Pagan, Kristy, D-Canton Twp         | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 25%   |
| 78                                                                                                                                                                                   | Pagel, Dave, R-Berrien Springs      | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 106                                                                                                                                                                                  | Pettalia, Peter, R-Presque Isle     | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 49                                                                                                                                                                                   | Phelps, Phil, D-Flushing            | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 50%   |
| 11                                                                                                                                                                                   | Plawecki, Julie, D-Dearborn Heights | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 50%   |
| 64                                                                                                                                                                                   | Poleski, Earl, R-Jackson            | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 102                                                                                                                                                                                  | Potvin, Phil, R-Cadillac            | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 89                                                                                                                                                                                   | Price, Amanda, R-Holland            | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 79                                                                                                                                                                                   | Pscholka, Al, R-Stevensville        | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 103                                                                                                                                                                                  | Rendon, Bruce, R-Lake City          | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 18                                                                                                                                                                                   | Roberts, Sarah, D-St. Clair Shores  | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 25%   |
| 65                                                                                                                                                                                   | Roberts, Brett, R-Eaton Twp         | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                    | Robinson, Rose Mary, D-Detroit      | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | n                                   | NV                            | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 20%   |
| 44                                                                                                                                                                                   | Runestad, Jim, R-White Lake Twp     | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 80%   |
| 54                                                                                                                                                                                   | Rutledge, David, D-Ypsilanti        | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | Y                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 35%   |
| 9                                                                                                                                                                                    | Santana, Harvey, D-Detroit          | Y                                                   | Y                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | Y                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 55%   |
| 68                                                                                                                                                                                   | Schor, Andy, D-Lansing              | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 25%   |
| 56                                                                                                                                                                                   | Sheppard, Jason, R-Temperance       | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 69                                                                                                                                                                                   | Singh, Sam, D-East Lansing          | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 50%   |
| 50                                                                                                                                                                                   | Smiley, Charles, D-Burton           | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 25%   |
| 23                                                                                                                                                                                   | Somerville, Pat, R-New Boston       | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 80%   |
| 43                                                                                                                                                                                   | Tedder, Jim, R-Clarkson             | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 42                                                                                                                                                                                   | Theis, Lana, R-Brighton             | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 55%   |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                    | Tinsley Talabi, Alberta, D-Detroit  | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | Y                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 35%   |
| 26                                                                                                                                                                                   | Townsend, Jim, D-Royal Oak          | n                                                   | n                                               | n                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 25%   |
| 47                                                                                                                                                                                   | Vaupel, Hank, R-Fowlerville         | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 80%   |
| 74                                                                                                                                                                                   | VerHeulen, Robert, R-Walker         | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 88                                                                                                                                                                                   | Victory, Roger, R-Hudsonville       | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 45                                                                                                                                                                                   | Webber, Michael, R-Rochester Hills  | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 27                                                                                                                                                                                   | Wittenberg, Robert, D-Oak Park      | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 50%   |
| 25                                                                                                                                                                                   | Yanez, Henry, D-Sterling Heights    | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | n                             | n                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 50%   |
| 72                                                                                                                                                                                   | Yonker, Ken, R-Caledonia            | Y                                                   | Y                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | Y                             | Y                                               | Y                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 100%  |
| 55                                                                                                                                                                                   | Zemke, Adam, D-Ann Arbor            | n                                                   | n                                               | Y                          | Y                                   | n                             | Y                                               | n                                         | Y                                               | Y                     | 60%   |

# Michigan Senate

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# Vote Record - Federal Issues

## Waters of the United States

Between the U.S. House and Senate chambers, three separate votes were taken on measures related to the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineer's rule under the Clean Water Act that redefines what can be regulated as a Water of the United States.



### H.R. 1732 and S. 1140

H.R. 1732 and S. 1140 would have required the agencies to withdraw the rule and develop a new rule that reflected consultation with state and local officials and stakeholders on how to define a water of the U.S.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 25 points each*

### S.J. Res. 22 (Senate-only vote)

S.J. Res. 22 would have provided joint Congressional disapproval for the rule, but the resolution was vetoed by President Obama.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 20 points*

## GMO Labeling (House-only vote)

H.R. 1599 would create a voluntary labeling standard to protect consumers from a confusing patchwork of 50-state GMO labeling policies, and the misinformation and high food costs that would come with them.



Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 25 points*

## Country of Origin Labeling (House-only vote)

H.R. 2393 would repeal the nation's country-of-origin labeling (COOL) requirement to make U.S. standards WTO compliant. While this legislation did not receive further consideration, Congress included the COOL repeal within the omnibus spending bill passed in December 2015.



Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 15 points*

## Trade Promotion Authority

H.R. 2146 provided approval for the Trade Promotion Authority. The measure allows congressional consideration of a trade agreement without amendment, establishes negotiating objectives for trade agreements and provides mechanisms for consultation between the administration and Congress during the process of a trade negotiation. This was a necessary to allow consideration of the Trans-Pacific Partnership.



Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 15 points*

## Fixing America's Surface Transportation

H.R. 22, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, included Farm Bureau priorities such as additional regulatory relief opportunities for covered farm vehicles and drivers. A provision was also included to reverse crop insurance cuts made in the two-year budget deal passed in October 2015. The bill was a 5-year reauthorization of the transportation infrastructure provisions.



Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 15 points*

## Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (House-only vote)

H.R. 2029, the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act, made small business expensing (Section 179) permanent, extended bonus depreciation, and extended or made permanent numerous other tax provisions.



The bill passed the House in December 2015. The Senate voted on a version of the bill that was combined with the FY 2016 Omnibus spending bill.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 20 points*

## Small Business Tax Relief (House-only vote)

H.R. 636 would have made small business expensing permanent with a maximum deduction of \$500,000 reduced dollar for dollar when expenditures exceed \$2 million.



While this legislation did not receive further consideration, permanent small business expensing was approved within the omnibus spending bill passed in December 2015.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 10 points*



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## FY 2016 Omnibus

The Fiscal Year 2016 omnibus spending bill included three provisions beneficial to agriculture including repeal of the nation's country-of-origin labeling requirements, permanent small business expensing, and a 5-year extension of bonus depreciation.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 20 points*



## Estate Tax Repeal (House-only vote)

H.R. 1105 would repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes and reduce the highest estate tax from 40 to 35 percent.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 10 points*



## Small Business Broadband Deployment (House-only vote)

H.R. 4596 would provide greater access to broadband in rural communities.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 5 points*



## State and Local Sales Tax (House-only vote)

H.R. 622 would make permanent the deduction of state and local sales tax in lieu of state and local income taxes.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 10 points*



## Commodity Futures Trading Commission (House-only vote)

H.R. 2289 would reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and include greater protection for consumer funds held in financial entities that broker commodity futures transactions. It also relaxes Dodd-Frank requirements on bona fide hedgers using swap transactions to manage legitimate business risk.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 10 points*



## EPA Greenhouse Gas Rule

S.J. Res. 23 was a resolution showing disapproval for the Environmental Protection Agency's climate regulations for power plants.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 5 points*



## Keystone Pipeline (Senate-only vote)

S. 1 would authorize construction of the \$8 billion pipeline designed to transport crude oil from Canada's oil sands to refineries in the Texas Gulf Coast area. The bill included language to promote energy and cost savings in households, businesses and the federal government.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 5 points*



## Death Tax Repeal Amendment (Senate-only vote)

S.C.R. 11 included an amendment to repeal the death tax.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 10 points*



## GMO Labeling (Senate-only vote)

S. 764, similar to the House legislation, would create a voluntary labeling standard to protect consumers from a confusing patchwork of 50-state GMO labeling policies, and the misinformation and high food costs that would come with them. This vote was a procedural cloture vote that would have allowed the bill to come before the full Senate for consideration.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 20 points*



## Waters of the U.S. Amendment (Senate-only vote)

S.C.R. 11 included an amendment to limit the Environmental Protection Agency's funding to adopt a broad regulatory definition of waters of the U.S.

Farm Bureau supported a yes vote.

*Score: 15 points*



# U.S. House of Representatives

| U.S. House Votes                                                                                                                                     |                                   | HR 1732 - Waters of the United States | HR 1599 - GMO Labeling | HR 2393 - Country of Origin Labeling | HR 2146 - Trade Promotion Authority | HR 22 - FAST Act (Highway) | HR 2029 - PATH Act (Taxes) | HR 636 - Small Business Tax Relief |
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| Y = The legislator voted yes on an issue FB supported.<br>n = The legislator voted no on an issue FB supported.<br>NV = The legislator did not vote. |                                   |                                       |                        |                                      |                                     |                            |                            |                                    |
| District                                                                                                                                             | Representative, Party-City        | 25                                    | 25                     | 15                                   | 15                                  | 15                         | 20                         | 10                                 |
| 3                                                                                                                                                    | Amash, Justin, R-Cascade Twp.     | Y                                     | n                      | Y                                    | n                                   | n                          | n                          | Y                                  |
| 1                                                                                                                                                    | Benishek, Daniel, R-Crystal Falls | Y                                     | Y                      | Y                                    | Y                                   | Y                          | Y                          | Y                                  |
| 8                                                                                                                                                    | Bishop, Mike, R-Rochester         | Y                                     | Y                      | Y                                    | Y                                   | Y                          | Y                          | Y                                  |
| 13                                                                                                                                                   | Conyers, John, D-Detroit          | n                                     | n                      | n                                    | n                                   | Y                          | n                          | n                                  |
| 12                                                                                                                                                   | Dingell, Debbie, D-Dearborn       | n                                     | n                      | n                                    | n                                   | Y                          | n                          | n                                  |
| 2                                                                                                                                                    | Huizenga, Bill, R-Zeeland         | Y                                     | Y                      | Y                                    | Y                                   | n                          | Y                          | Y                                  |
| 5                                                                                                                                                    | *Kildee, Dan, D-Flint             | n                                     | n                      | n                                    | n                                   | Y                          | NV                         | n                                  |
| 14                                                                                                                                                   | Lawrence, Brenda, D-Southfield    | n                                     | Y                      | n                                    | n                                   | Y                          | n                          | Y                                  |
| 9                                                                                                                                                    | Levin, Sander, D-Royal Oak        | n                                     | n                      | n                                    | n                                   | Y                          | n                          | n                                  |
| 10                                                                                                                                                   | Miller, Candice, R-Harrison Twp.  | Y                                     | Y                      | Y                                    | Y                                   | Y                          | Y                          | Y                                  |
| 4                                                                                                                                                    | Moolenaar, John, R-Midland        | Y                                     | Y                      | Y                                    | Y                                   | Y                          | Y                          | Y                                  |
| 11                                                                                                                                                   | Trott, Dave, R-Birmingham         | Y                                     | Y                      | Y                                    | Y                                   | Y                          | Y                          | Y                                  |
| 6                                                                                                                                                    | Upton, Fred, R-St. Joseph         | Y                                     | Y                      | Y                                    | Y                                   | Y                          | Y                          | Y                                  |
| 7                                                                                                                                                    | Walberg, Tim, R-Tipton            | Y                                     | Y                      | Y                                    | Y                                   | Y                          | Y                          | Y                                  |

| U.S. House Votes                                                                                                                                     |                                   | HR 2029 - FY 2016 Omnibus | HR 1105 - Estate Tax Repeal | HR 4596 - Small Business Broadband Deployment | HR 622 - State and Local Sales Tax | HR 2289 - Commodity Futures Trading Commission | SJ Res 23 - EPA Greenhouse Gas Rule | TOTAL |
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| District                                                                                                                                             | Representative, Party-City        | 20                        | 10                          | 5                                             | 10                                 | 10                                             | 5                                   | 185   |
| 3                                                                                                                                                    | Amash, Justin, R-Cascade Twp.     | n                         | Y                           | Y                                             | Y                                  | Y                                              | Y                                   | 49%   |
| 1                                                                                                                                                    | Benishek, Daniel, R-Crystal Falls | Y                         | Y                           | Y                                             | Y                                  | Y                                              | Y                                   | 100%  |
| 8                                                                                                                                                    | Bishop, Mike, R-Rochester         | Y                         | Y                           | Y                                             | Y                                  | Y                                              | Y                                   | 100%  |
| 13                                                                                                                                                   | Conyers, John, D-Detroit          | Y                         | n                           | Y                                             | n                                  | n                                              | n                                   | 22%   |
| 12                                                                                                                                                   | Dingell, Debbie, D-Dearborn       | Y                         | n                           | Y                                             | n                                  | n                                              | n                                   | 22%   |
| 2                                                                                                                                                    | Huizenga, Bill, R-Zeeland         | Y                         | Y                           | Y                                             | Y                                  | Y                                              | Y                                   | 92%   |
| 5                                                                                                                                                    | *Kildee, Dan, D-Flint             | NV                        | n                           | Y                                             | n                                  | n                                              | n                                   | 11%   |
| 14                                                                                                                                                   | Lawrence, Brenda, D-Southfield    | Y                         | n                           | Y                                             | n                                  | n                                              | n                                   | 41%   |
| 9                                                                                                                                                    | Levin, Sander, D-Royal Oak        | Y                         | n                           | Y                                             | n                                  | n                                              | n                                   | 22%   |
| 10                                                                                                                                                   | Miller, Candice, R-Harrison Twp.  | Y                         | Y                           | Y                                             | Y                                  | Y                                              | Y                                   | 100%  |
| 4                                                                                                                                                    | Moolenaar, John, R-Midland        | Y                         | Y                           | Y                                             | Y                                  | Y                                              | Y                                   | 100%  |
| 11                                                                                                                                                   | Trott, Dave, R-Birmingham         | Y                         | Y                           | Y                                             | Y                                  | Y                                              | Y                                   | 100%  |
| 6                                                                                                                                                    | Upton, Fred, R-St. Joseph         | Y                         | Y                           | Y                                             | Y                                  | Y                                              | Y                                   | 100%  |
| 7                                                                                                                                                    | Walberg, Tim, R-Tipton            | Y                         | Y                           | Y                                             | Y                                  | Y                                              | Y                                   | 100%  |

\*Rep. Dan Kildee missed two votes due to a family emergency.

# U.S. Senate

| U.S. Senate Votes |                     | S 1140 - Waters of the United States (Cloture) | SJ Res 22 - Waters of the United States | HR 2146 - Trade Promotion Authority | HR 22 FAST Act (Highway) | HR 2029 - FY 2016 Omnibus | S 1 - Keystone Pipeline | SCR 11 - Death Tax Repeal Amendment | SJ Res 23 - EPA Greenhouse Gas Rule | S. 764 - GMO Labeling (Cloture) | SCR 11 - Waters of the U.S. Amendment | TOTAL |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
|                   | Senator, Party      | 25                                             | 20                                      | 20                                  | 10                       | 20                        | 5                       | 10                                  | 5                                   | 20                              | 15                                    | 150   |
|                   | Peters, Gary, D     | n                                              | n                                       | n                                   | Y                        | Y                         | n                       | n                                   | n                                   | n                               | n                                     | 20%   |
|                   | Stabenow, Debbie, D | n                                              | n                                       | n                                   | Y                        | Y                         | n                       | n                                   | n                                   | n                               | n                                     | 20%   |

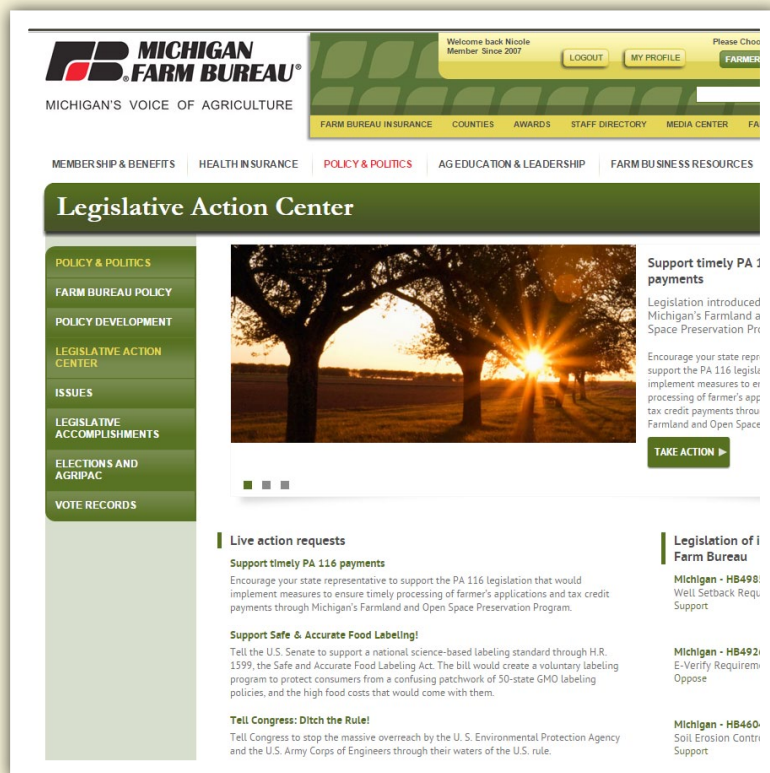


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