Lots of good, bad and ugly legislation affecting working families never gets a floor vote. Here are some of these bills and a list of legislators who co-sponsored them (prime sponsors are listed in parentheses; Democrats in bold):

**THE GOOD**


**THE BAD**

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- **SB 6402** (Tom)—Eliminating the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board. Co-sponsors: SENS. Hill, Becker.

**THE UGLY**

- **SB 5347** (Swecker)—Making Washington a so-called “Right-to-Work” state, which bans workers and employers from negotiating union-security clauses so workers covered under contracts to share in the costs of representation. This is union-busting, plain and simple. Co-sponsors: SENS. Honeyford and Hewitt.


- **SB 5968** (Stevens)—Ending voter-mandated inflationary adjustments in the minimum wage. Co-sponsors: SENS. Swecker, Schoesler.


**It’s not just about the votes**

Starting in 2010, the WSLC established a more comprehensive system of evaluating incumbent legislators because voting records alone don’t always reveal who is truly supporting or opposing working families’ interests. That’s why, legislators will also be graded on:

- **SPONSORSHIP**—Up to 5 points for sponsoring or co-sponsoring pro-worker bills. Negative points are awarded for sponsoring anti-worker bills. The House Speaker and Senate Majority Leader, who can’t sponsor bills, are rated on their success in moving legislation through their caucus.

- **ADVOCACY**—Up to 10 points for advocating for labor-supported legislation in caucus, floor and other public speeches, participating in labor events in their districts, and based on their responses in questionnaires and candidate interviews conducted by Central Labor Councils. Negative points are awarded for anti-worker advocacy.

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The endorsements were made months in advance of the WSCLC’s 2012 COPE (Committee on Political Education) Convention, which will be in May 5 in Seattle. At that meeting, delegates will gather to endorse candidates for other statewide offices, judicial races and the State Legislature.

For more information, visit the Political Education page at www.wslc.org.
1 **SB 6239** (Murray)—Marriage Equality Act making Washington the seventh state to recognize same-sex marriages. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 28-21, Feb. 1)

2 **ESSB 6486** (Kohl-Welles)—Collective bargaining for post-doctoral researchers at certain state universities. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 26-23, Feb. 13.)

3 **SB 6133** (Conway)—Improving electrical certifications by requiring training for eligibility. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 25-24, Feb. 13)

4 **SB 5539** (Kohl-Welles)—Renewing Washington Filmworks to promote motion picture competitiveness. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 54-44, Feb. 29)

5 **SB 5940** (Hobbs)—Eroding school employees’ health benefits and undermining collective bargaining by mandating fewer health plan choices. “Right” vote: NO (Passed 29-17, Apr. 7)

6 **SB 5127** (Kilmer)—Infrastructure Jobs Bonds creating tens of thousands of jobs across the state. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 44-2, Apr. 11)

7 **SB 6378** (Zarelli)—Cutting pension benefits for state employees by imposing new early retirement penalties. “Right” vote: NO (Passed 27-22, Apr 10)

8 **HB 2501** (Green)—Limiting mandatory overtime for health care workers. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 57-41, Feb. 14)

9 **SB 5127** (Kilmer)—Infrastructure Jobs Bonds creating tens of thousands of jobs across the state. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 80-18, Apr. 11)

10 **HB 2830** (Hunter)—Equity for language access providers/interpreters at the Dept. of Labor & Industries. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 56-42, Apr. 11)

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This vote counts as 25% of the 2012 House Voting Record, and the remaining votes comprise the other 75%.

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**HOUSE Vote Descriptions**

1 **SB 6239** (Murray)—Marriage Equality Act vote: YES (Passed 55-43, Feb. 8)

2 **HB 2368** (Sequest)—Requiring a labor representative on Community College boards. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 54-43, Feb. 9)

3 **HB 2395** (Sells)—End misclassification of port truck drivers. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 52-43, Feb. 11)

4 **HB 2391** (Cody)—Building State Health Benefit Exchange to implement the Affordable Care Act. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 52-43, Feb. 11)