

Chamber Congressional Scorecard Now Grades Members on Leadership and Bipartisanship

The summer solstice usually signals the final report card for school children. This year, the solstice marks the release of the U.S. Chamber's [Scorecard for Members of Congress](#).

And, just as educators this year have had to reinvent how they teach their students, the Chamber has transformed how we grade lawmakers.

Since 1965, the U.S. Chamber has rated Senators and Members of Congress solely on how consistently they voted with the U.S. Chamber's position on legislation identified as important to the business community. However, votes only tell part of the story. What Members of Congress do off the floor to build consensus, fine tune policy, and work across party lines also matters.

So, in 2019, we added components to the scorecard to measure leadership and bipartisanship. These new components now account for 20% (10% each) of a Member's Annual Score, with the legislative component now accounting for 80% of their Annual Score.

Last week, we celebrated the first ever winners of the [Abraham Lincoln Leadership for America Award](#) and the [Jefferson-Hamilton Bipartisanship Award](#). Today, we are proud to recognize members that score 70% or better in our [How They Voted](#) scorecard with the Spirit of Enterprise award. Between January 2019 and January 2020, Congress delivered key victories on important legislation — the US-Mexico-Canada Free Trade Agreement, reauthorization of the Terrorism Risk Insurance and Flood Insurance programs, and the longest extension of the Export-Import Bank.

Summer may be a time to relax, but Congress has a long to-do list to help the American economy rebound from the economic hit of the pandemic.

We are proud to celebrate Members of Congress that show leadership, bipartisanship, and vote for pro-growth legislation.

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