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CT Legislative Scorecard 2025

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★ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	? Did not Vote	Vote
1. HJ67 Environmental Conservation Plan (passed 106 to 40 on 3/5/25). Adopts the "Connecticut Conservation & Development Policies Plan 2025-2030," prepared by the Office of Policy and Management.			YES ✗
2. HB7042 Firearm-manufacturer Lawfare (passed 100 to 46 on 4/30/25). Enacts the "Firearm Industry Responsibility Act" which requires firearm-industry members to adopt broadly defined "reasonable controls," and allows civil action in the superior court against firearm-industry members.			YES ✗
3. HB6913 Care-facility Mandate (passed 26 to 10 on 5/22/25). Prohibits long-term care facilities from discriminating against residents based on "gender identity or expression, sexual orientation," and "human immunodeficiency virus status."			YES ✗
4. HB7213 Contraceptives for Children (passed 117 to 27 on 5/1/25). Allows minors to consent to reproductive health services related to pregnancy and pregnancy prevention without parental consent or notification.			YES ✗
5. HJ49 Con-Con Rescission (passed 145 to 0 on 4/28/25). Rescinds prior applications for an Article V constitutional convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution.			YES ★
6. SB8 Paid Union Strikes (passed 89 to 59 on 5/30/25). Amends Connecticut law to expand welfare entitlements, allowing workers participating in a labor strike to receive unemployment payments.			YES ✗

Scorecard Votes: 17%

Why do these votes matter?

1. Environmental Conservation Plan

HJ67 adopts the “Connecticut Conservation & Development Policies Plan 2025-2030,” prepared by the Office of Policy and Management. This plan adopts climate-change and critical-race-theory propaganda as state policy. Its guiding principles include “recognizing the ongoing impacts of past state, local, and private actions and addressing resulting disparities ... and ensuring historically excluded populations benefit from state actions.”

We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill expands the hoax of “climate change” and adopts a state plan that promotes centralized government control. Additionally, the diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) movement promotes divisive myths and false historical narratives propagated by critical race theorists, feminists, and LGBTQIA+ activists. States should reject United Nations Agenda 2030-style environmental governance.

2. Firearm-manufacturer Lawfare

HB7042 enacts the “Firearm Industry Responsibility Act” which requires firearm industry members to adopt broadly defined “reasonable controls.” This legislation allows civil action in the superior court by those who claim a firearm industry member are in violation of these requirements.

We have assigned minuses to the ayes because this legislation imposes vague “reasonable controls” requirements on the firearm industry, infringing on Second Amendment-protected rights by enabling lawfare through frivolous civil lawsuits from groups that seek to abolish private firearm ownership, threatening Americans’ ability to exercise their God-given rights.

3. Care-facility Mandate

HB6913 prohibits long-term care facilities from discriminating against residents based on “gender identity or expression, sexual orientation,” and “human immunodeficiency virus status.” Additionally, it mandates posting anti-discrimination notices, and requires biannual staff training focusing on LGBT residents who are HIV infected.

We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation infringes on freedom of association and property rights, expanding government overreach by imposing mandatory training programs and anti-discrimination requirements, compelling speech and behavior. The U.S. Constitution already guarantees “equal protection” for the “unalienable Rights” of every person, consistent with the “Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God.”

4. Contraceptives for Children

HB7213 allows minors to consent to reproductive health services related to pregnancy and pregnancy prevention without parental consent or notification.

We have assigned pluses to the nays because birth control drugs, devices, and “morning-after” pills unction not only as “contraceptives,” but also as abortifacients. The care of human life is the greatest responsibility of government, Connecticut ought to forbid abortion. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and “unalienable” right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Additionally, this legislation violates parental rights by permitting minors under 18 to access these services without informing or obtaining consent from their parents.

5. Con-Con Rescission

HJ49 rescinds prior applications for an Article V constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this legislation rescinds Connecticut’s previous applications to Congress to “call a convention” under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, including one from 1949 that would propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution authorizing the federal government to participate in a “world federal government.” An Article V convention would have the ability to make major changes to the Constitution, or even completely rewrite it. A convention could not only be used to promote goals contrary and subversive to our nation’s republican form of government and independence. Instead, the Connecticut General Assembly should consider Article VI and nullify unconstitutional laws. Article V was designed to correct potential errors or defects in the Constitution, not to “misconstrue or abuse its powers.”

6. Paid Union Strikes

SB8 amends Connecticut law to expand welfare entitlements, allowing workers participating in a labor strike to receive unemployment payments.

We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation expands government entitlements by using taxpayer funds to subsidize striking workers, favoring employees in labor disputes and interfering with free-market negotiations. This legislation violates Article I, Section 10 of the U.S. Constitution by impairing the obligation of contracts through state interference in private labor agreements. Government should protect taxpayer resources through deregulation and not intervene in labor disputes.