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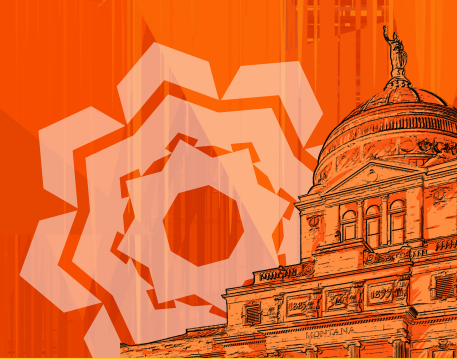
	Score	SB109	HB971	HB170	SB228
Abbott, Kim	100%	N	N	N	N
Anderson, Fred	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Barker, Brad	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Baum, Denise	100%	N	N	N	N
Bedey, David	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bergstrom, James	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bertoglio, Marta	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Binkley, Michele	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bishop, Laurie	100%	N	N	N	N
Brewster, Larry	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brockman, Tony	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Buckley, Alice	100%	N	N	N	N
Butcher, Edward	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Buttrey, Edward	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Caferro, Mary	100%	N	N	N	N
Carlson, Jennifer	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carter, Bob	100%	N	N	N	N
Cohenour, Jill	100%	N	N	N	N
Deming, Lee	25%	Y	Y	Y	N
Dooling, Julie	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Duram, Neil	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Essmann, Sherry	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Etchart, Jodee	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Falk, Terry	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fern, Dave	100%	N	N	N	N
Fielder, Paul	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fitzgerald, Ross	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fitzpatrick, John	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
France, Tom	100%	N	N	N	N
Frazer, Gregory	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Galloway, Steven	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gillette, Jane	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gist, Steve	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Green, Paul	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gunderson, Steve	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hamilton, Jim	100%	N	N	N	N
Harvey, Derek	100%	N	Y	N	N
Hastings, Naarah	0%	Y	Y	-	Y
Hawk, Donavon	75%	N	Y	N	N
Hellegaard, Lyn	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hinkle, Caleb	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hinkle, Jedediah	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hopkins, Mike	33%	E	N	Y	Y
Howell, SJ	100%	N	N	N	N
Jones, Llew	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Karlen, Jonathan	100%	N	N	N	N
Kassmier, Joshua	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Keenan, Bob	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Keogh, Connie	100%	N	N	N	N
Kerns, Scot	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kerr-Carpenter, Emma	75%	N	Y	N	N
Kmetz, Greg	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Knudsen, Casey	25%	N	Y	Y	Y
Knudsen, Rhonda	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kortum, Kelly	100%	N	N	N	N

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Ler, Brandon	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Loge, Denley	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lynch, Jennifer	75%	N	Y	N	N
Malone, Marty	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marler, Marilyn	100%	N	N	N	N
Marshall, Ron	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Matthews, Eric	100%	N	N	N	N
Mercer, Bill	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Miner, Russel	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mitchell, Braxton	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Moore, Terry	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nave, Fiona	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nicol, Nelly	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nikolakakos, George	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Oblander, Greg	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Parry, Gary	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Phalen, Bob	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Read, Joe	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Regier, Matt	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Regier, Amy	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Reksten, Linda	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Romano, Melissa	100%	N	N	N	N
Running Wolf, Tyson	100%	N	N	N	N
Rusk, Wayne	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Schillinger, Jerry	0%	Y	A	Y	Y
Seekins-Crowe, Kerri	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sheldon-Galloway, Lola	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smith, Laura	100%	N	N	N	N
Smith, Tanner	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smith, Frank	75%	N	N	N	Y
Sprunger, Courtenay	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stafman, Ed	100%	N	N	N	N
Stewart Peregoy, Sharon	100%	N	N	N	N
Sullivan, Katie	100%	N	N	N	N
Thane, Mark	100%	N	N	N	N
Tuss, Paul	100%	N	N	N	N
Vinton, Sue	0%	A	Y	Y	Y
Walsh, Kenneth	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Weatherwax, Marvin	100%	E	E	N	N
Welch, Tom	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Windy Boy, Jonathan	100%	N	N	N	N
Wirth, Zack	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Yakawich, Michael	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Zephyr, Zoey	100%	N	N	N	N
Zolnikov, Katie	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y

KEY:
Y: YES
N: NO
E: EXCUSED
A: ABSENT

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Bogner, Kenneth	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Boldman, Ellie	100%	N	N	N	N
Brown, Bob	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cuffe, Mike	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Curdy, Willis	100%	N	N	N	N
Dunwell, Mary Ann	100%	N	N	N	N
Ellis, Janet	100%	N	N	N	N
Ellsworth, Jason	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Emrich, Daniel	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Esp, John	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fitzpatrick, Steve	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Flowers, Pat	100%	N	N	N	N
Fox, Mike	100%	N	N	N	N
Friedel, Chris	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fuller, John	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gillespie, Bruce	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Glimm, Carl	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gross, Jen	100%	N	E	N	N
Hayman, Denise	100%	N	N	N	N
Hertz, Greg	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hinebauch, Steve	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kelker, Kathy	100%	N	N	N	N
Lang, Mike	25%	N	Y	Y	Y
Lenz, Dennis	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lynch, Ryan	100%	N	N	N	N
Mandeville, Forrest	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Manzella, Theresa	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
McClafferty, Edith (Edie)	100%	N	N	N	N
McGillvray, Tom	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
McKamey, Wendy	25%	N	Y	Y	Y
Molnar, Brad	25%	Y	Y	Y	N
Morigeau, Shane	100%	N	N	N	N
Noland, Mark	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
O'Brien, Shannon	100%	N	N	N	N
Olsen, Andrea	100%	N	N	N	N
Pope, Christopher	100%	N	N	N	N
Regier, Keith	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sales, Walt	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Salomon, Daniel	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Small, Jason	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tempel, Russel (Russ)	25%	N	Y	Y	Y
Trebas, Jeremy	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Usher, Barry	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vance, Shelley	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vermeire, Terry	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Webber, Susan	100%	N	N	N	N
Welborn, Jeffrey	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Zolnikov, Daniel	25%	N	Y	Y	Y