

BRIEF



Connecticut – CPAC Scorecard

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Summary

The latest edition of the Connecticut CPAC Scorecard assesses 13 votes in the Connecticut State Senate and 15 votes in the State House from the 2025 session. Connecticut Republicans earned an average score of 71% up from 69% in 2024. Connecticut Democrats received an average score of 21% up from 1% in 2024. The high score of Democrats in 2025 is due to the passage of several common sense bills, including bills which limit minors' access to social media.

The 2025 Connecticut legislative session revealed a deep divide between those seeking to expand government authority and those defending personal freedom, family rights, and economic independence. Lawmakers advanced measures touching nearly every aspect of life including education, energy, healthcare, labor, and social media - often favoring centralized control over individual responsibility. Several bills promoted ideological agendas under the banner of “equity” or “safety,” while others imposed new costs and restrictions on businesses and taxpayers. Amid this overreach, a few measures stood out for reinforcing parental authority, protecting children online, and reaffirming accountability in public institutions.

Key Takeaways

Protecting Children and Empowering Parents Online

Both **HB 6857** and **SB 1295** take important steps toward shielding minors from the harms of social media while reaffirming the role of parents as the primary guardians of their children’s digital lives. These bills require age verification, restrict social media access for minors, and prohibit adults from sending unsolicited messages to children online. This approach rightly recognizes that families, not tech companies, should make decisions about children’s exposure to the digital world. It draws a clear boundary between responsible oversight and invasive regulation. The policies focus on protecting kids without empowering bureaucrats to dictate content. Together, these measures prioritize family responsibility and moral clarity in a culture increasingly dominated by technology.

Reinforcing Parental Authority in Health and Education

Bills like **HB 7158** and **SB 1360** signal a renewed push for accountability and parental involvement in areas often dominated by bureaucracy. By ensuring that medical and safety

information for children can be shared with schools only with parental consent, **HB 7158** protects families from being sidelined. Meanwhile, **SB 1360** strengthens public oversight by requiring legislative confirmation for the Medicaid Director—placing an unaccountable office under democratic review. Both measures emphasize transparency and accountability in systems where secrecy has too often become standard. They reflect a simple truth: parents and elected representatives should never be left out of decisions affecting families and taxpayers. These bills begin restoring proper oversight where it belongs—at the local and family level.

Destroying Economic Liberty

Economic mandates like **HB 5004** and **HB 5428** continue to burden small businesses and families through top-down government controls. **HB 5004**'s “zero carbon” goals amount to state-imposed energy rationing, driving up costs and limiting consumer choice. Likewise, **HB 5428**'s rent control measures distort housing markets and punish responsible property owners. These bills share the same flaw: they replace voluntary exchange with bureaucratic command. Instead of empowering innovation, they impose economic conformity that stifles progress and opportunity. True prosperity grows from free people making their own choices, not from officials trying to engineer outcomes. Connecticut's residents deserve energy and housing policies that trust markets and reward responsibility.

Even More Government Intrusion Into Employment

Measures like **HB 6907**, **SB 1222**, and **SB 1488** show a troubling pattern of government intrusion into workplace agreements. **HB 6907** bans work quotas in warehouses, **SB 1222** extends automatic workers' compensation beyond actual on-the-job injuries, and **SB 1488** empowers the state to withhold payment from contractors based on union standards. Together, they undermine the principle of voluntary negotiation between workers and employers. By replacing collaboration with coercion, these policies drive up costs and stifle productivity. Workplaces thrive when governed by merit and mutual consent, not political favoritism or union dictates. If this trend continues, Connecticut risks becoming a state where enterprise is punished and compliance rewarded.

Highlighted Votes Analyzed

SB 1490 Mandating A Certain Smoke Detector.

This bill prohibits the sale of smoke detecting equipment other than a certain kind that uses batteries. CPAC believes the government has better things to do than giving orders on smoke detectors and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 15, 2025 by a vote of 27-4 and the bill later became law.

SB 1260 Subsidizing Job Opportunities for Women.

This bill takes tax money from men and gives it to women in certain occupations. CPAC opposes programs that take from one demographic group and give to another, and believes that programs based on race and gender violate the 14th Amendment. CPAC also believes that women should be able to choose homemaking, out-of-home employment or any other life path

without financial interference from malicious social engineers in the government. The Senate passed the bill on April 9, 2025 by a vote of 35-0 but the bill was not brought up in the House.

SB 1187 Banning Foreclosure for Unpaid Bills.

This takes foreclosure off the table for unpaid sewer and water bills under \$3,000. CPAC realizes this puts pressure on utility providers and can raise rates on those who pay their bills and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 4, 2025 by a vote of 84-65 and the bill later became law.

Trends and Observations

Cultural Rewriting Through State Power

HB 6040 demonstrates how government can use indoctrination to reshape public identity. By commissioning new “diversity” statues and rewriting historical signage, the bill uses public funds to advance a political narrative rather than preserve shared heritage. This kind of symbolic legislation turns history into propaganda. **HB 6040** highlights the dangers of using art and history as instruments of ideology.

Creating Non-English Forms to Facilitate the Invasion of America

HB 6477’s requirement for translating state forms into multiple languages raises fundamental questions about assimilation and national identity. CPAC believes that governments should not facilitate the mass importation of millions of people who have no intention of learning English and that this bill was only introduced because the Democrats want to import new voters.

The Push for Ever-Expanding Subsidies

Several measures this year—most notably **SB 6** and **SB 514**—extend government subsidies into new corners of private life. **SB 6** would provide cradle-to-age-five government assistance, effectively nationalizing early childhood under state supervision. **SB 514** mandates “affordable broadband” at the expense of ratepayers who already pay for their own service. These policies treat citizens as dependents, not decision-makers. Subsidies are politically popular but economically unsustainable, creating cycles of reliance and resentment. Every new entitlement comes with unseen costs that limit personal freedom and future opportunity. Real progress means empowering people to provide for themselves, not expanding the reach of state-sponsored dependency.

Conservative Excellence - House

Joe Hoxha - 92%

Conservative Achievement - House

Mark Anderson - 80%

Vincent Candelora - 80%

Joe Canino - 80%

Anne Dauphinais - 80%

Mark DeCaprio - 80%

Doug Dubitsky - 80%

Kathy Kennedy - 80%

Tracy Marra - 80%

**Gale Mastrofrancesco -
80%**

Tammy Nuccio - 80%

**Cara Pavalock-D'Amato -
86%**

William Pizzuto - 80%

**Karen Reddington-Hughes
- 80%**

Donna Veach - 82%

Joseph Zullo - 80%

Conservative Achievement - Senate

Ryan Fazio - 85%

Stephen Harding - 83%