



New York – CPAC Scorecard

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Summary

The latest edition of the New York CPAC Scorecard assesses 20 votes in the New York State Senate and 12 votes in the State Assembly from the 2025 session. New York Republicans earned an average score of 80%, an improvement over the 70% average score which they earned in 2024. Democrats earned a paltry 4%, compared to 1% in 2024.

The 2025 New York session featured several anti-liberty bills. Most of these bills passed the State Senate but did not make it through the State Assembly and did not become law. Some of the anti-liberty bills that did make it through both houses included attacks on landlords, and an expansion of anti-discrimination law which will make it more difficult for people to build communities. For example, the new law forbids “discrimination” on the basis of marital status, meaning that it will now be illegal for a neighborhood to explicitly seek out married parents with children as members.

Key Takeaways

An Anti-Gun Bill Stalled In The Assembly

S 362 proposed a ten-day waiting period for firearms, continuing New York’s trend of tightening gun laws. CPAC opposed the measure as an infringement on constitutional rights. It passed in the Senate but stalled in the Assembly, demonstrating that even in a state that already has strong gun control there is some political caution around firearms policy.

Interfering With Private Property

The 2025 New York session saw multiple bills that imposed new regulations on landlords, including **A 56**, **A 174**, **A 1865**, and **S 228**. These measures restricted fees for bounced checks, prohibited certain minimum rents (set by mortgage lenders), and limited how landlords could handle appliance installations or rent increases. CPAC opposed each of these bills, stressing that lease terms and rental agreements should be private contracts between landlords and tenants.

Nanny State Bills Mandate Warning Labels On Everything

Bills like **S 428** (sodium warnings) and **S 1280** (gas stove warnings) illustrate New York’s appetite for public health labeling laws. CPAC criticized these measures as aesthetic vandalism

and unnecessary nanny-state interventions. While they passed one chamber, they ultimately failed to become law.

Mindless Expansion of “Anti-Discrimination” Laws

Restrictive covenant legislation was expanded far beyond its original purpose with **A 1820**, which expanded prohibitions beyond race to include sex, religion, sexual orientation, and marital status. While supporters framed it as an anti-discrimination update, CPAC opposed the bill, warning that it limited freedom of association, such as single individuals choosing to live near other singles. The Assembly and Senate both passed the measure by strong margins. However, the bill did not become law. This reflects a broader tension in New York politics between anti-discrimination policies and freedom.

Highlighted Votes Analyzed

A 56 Government Mandate on Bounced Checks.

This bill restricts the amount landlords can charge tenants if the tenants’ check is returned. CPAC believes this fee should be whatever is agreed on between the tenant and the landlord, that the government should have no say in this, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 12, 2025 by a vote of 37-22 but the bill never received final approval.

A 8465 Mandating “Prevailing Wage” for Long Island and New York City.

This bill calls for the prevailing wage—usually the union wage—for concrete and asphalt projects in some areas in and around New York City. CPAC opposes these wage mandates that raise the cost of construction projects and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 9, 2025 by a vote of 56-6 but the bill never received final approval.

S 428 Restaurant Mandates.

This bill requires restaurants to place an icon on the menu next to food items with a high sodium content. CPAC believes that the proliferation of even more government-mandated warning labels is a form of vandalism which uglifies the social environment and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 11, 2025 by a vote of 37-22 but the bill was not taken up by the Assembly.

Trends and Observations

Increased Government Backing Of Abortion

Abortion policy was advanced through **A 2581**, which created a state department to promote “family planning services.” CPAC opposed the bill, characterizing it as a government-backed abortion promotion agency. CPAC believes that abortion is always a human tragedy and opposes government support for the practice. Despite significant legislative support—the Assembly passed it 98–48 and the Senate 50–9—the bill failed to achieve final enactment.

Weakening Election Integrity

Two bills attempted to make New York's elections even more vulnerable to fraud than they already are. **S 1036** would allow a person to register to vote from any residence the person has a connection with, such as a second home or a vacation home. **S 88** automatically registers to vote everyone who seeks Medicaid. This is of course a ploy by the Democrats to automatically register people who the Democrats think are likely to vote for them. Both bills passed the Senate but were not taken up in the Assembly.

DEI For Police, Sheriffs, Firefighters and Correctional Officers

S 518 mandates DEI indoctrination courses for New York police, firefighters and correctional officers. CPAC opposes government indoctrination programs and believes that first responders especially should be trained for competence, not ideological conformity. Like most important bills in the 2025 session, the bill was not taken up by the Assembly and never became law.

Conservative Excellence - House

Joe Angelino - 92%	Scott Gray - 92%	Philip Palmesano - 92%
Ken Blankenbush - 92%	Stephen Hawley - 92%	Matthew Simpson - 92%
Paul Bologna - 92%	Brian Manktelow - 92%	Matthew Slater - 91%
David DiPietro - 92%	Brian Miller - 92%	Chris Tague - 92%
Christopher Friend - 92%	Andrew Molitor - 92%	Michael Tannousis - 91%

Conservative Excellence - Senate

Peter Oberacker - 90%	Mark Walczyk - 95%	Alexis Weik - 90%
Steven Rhoads - 90%		

Conservative Achievement - House

Andrea Bailey - 83%	Michael Durso - 83%	Angelo Morinello - 83%
William Barclay - 83%	Michael Fitzpatrick - 83%	Samuel Pirozzolo - 83%
Anil Beephan Jr. - 83%	Jeff Gallahan - 83%	Edward Ra - 83%
Jake Blumencranz - 83%	Jarett Gandolfo - 83%	Michael Reilly - 83%
Karl Brabenec - 83%	Josh Jensen - 83%	Joseph Sempolinski - 83%
Ari Brown - 83%	John Lemondes - 82%	Doug Smith - 83%
Lester Chang - 83%	Brian Maher - 83%	Robert Smullen - 83%
Joe DeStefano - 83%	John Mikulin - 82%	Mary Beth Walsh - 83%

Conservative Achievement - Senate

George Borrello - 80%

Joseph Griffo - 84%

Thomas O'Mara - 85%

Robert Ortt - 85%

Dan Stec - 85%