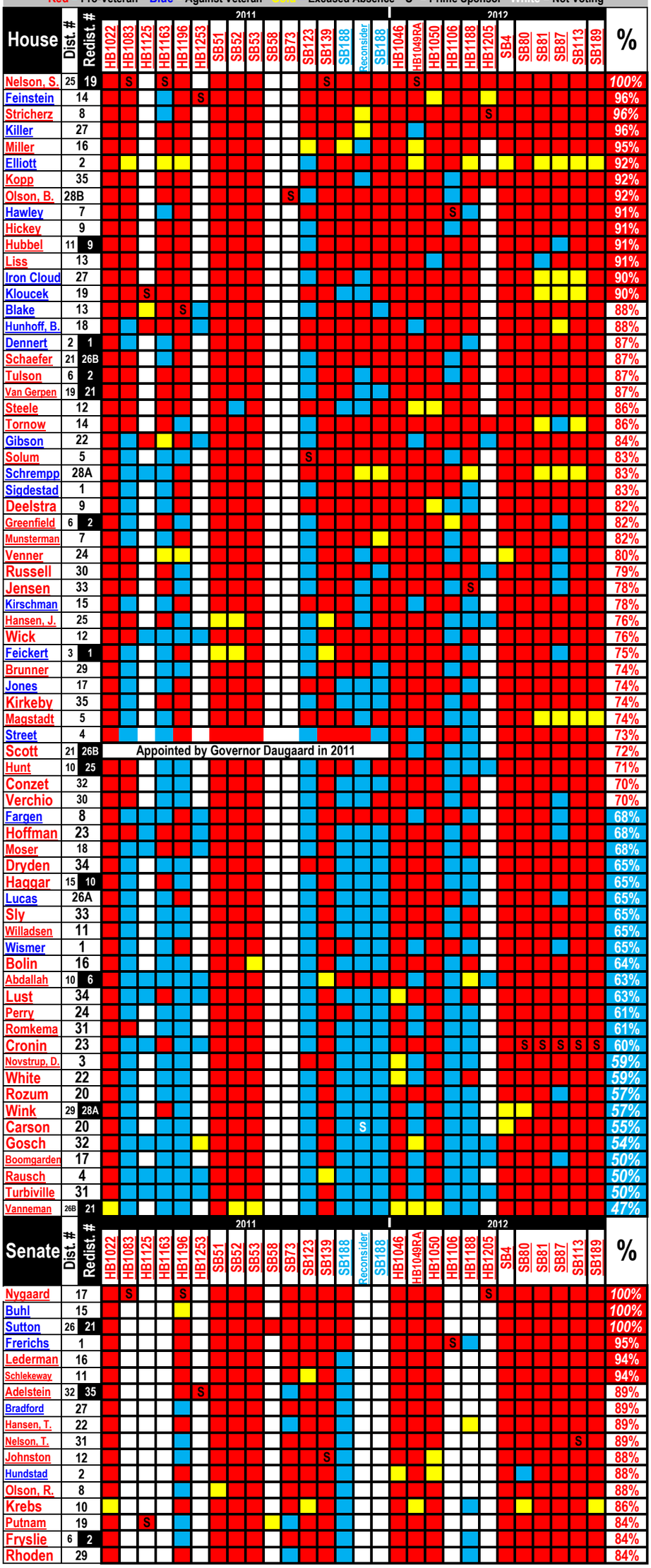
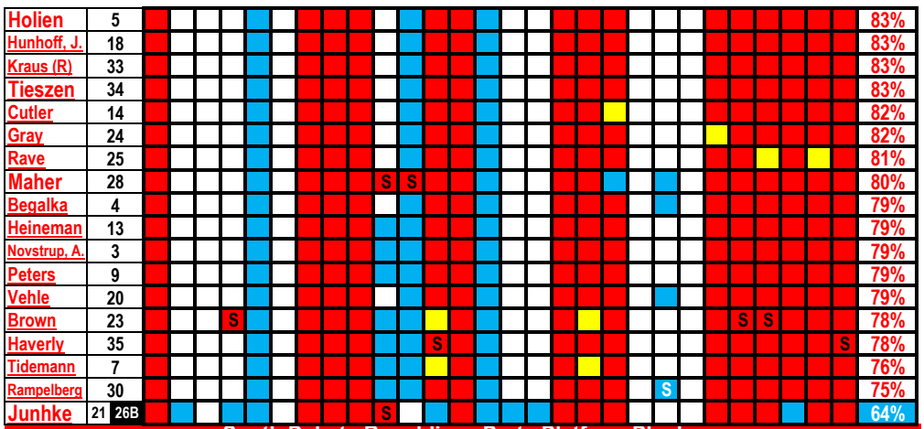
South Dakota Legislature 2011 - 2012

All Veteran / SDNG / Military Benefit / Rights Bills

Red = Pro-Veteran Blue = Against Veteran Gold = Excused Absence "S" = Prime Sponsor White = Not Voting





South Dakota Republican Party Platform Planks

2.7 The South Dakota Republican Party supports and salutes the men and women of Ellsworth Air Force Base for their efforts in maintaining a strong national defense and encourages the strengthening of the current mission and adding more missions to Ellsworth Air Force Base.

2.8 The South Dakota Republican Party supports and salutes the men and women of the South Dakota Army and Air National Guard and Reserves for their efforts in maintaining a strong national defense and for supporting local projects and missions.

5.8 The South Dakota Republican Party supports with all our hearts those men and women and their families in all branches of the armed forces past and present who have sacrificed their time and lives for our country.

2011 Veteran / National Guard Bills

HB-1022 Revise statute so Veterans receive credited service for leave of absence due to qualified military service, for benefits under the South Dakota Retirement System and under the South Dakota

HB-1083 Revise veteran education statute so that veterans are able to use state benefits at vocational technical schools and for any courses approved by state board of education.

HB-1125 Provide for an increase to state veterans service appreciation bonus

HB-1163 Allow certain disabled veterans to receive a disabled hunting permit, without having to pay for and undergo further medical examination, based on their VA disability rating.

HB-1196 Provide for the establishment of veterans resource centers at certain state colleges and universities.

HB-1253 Establish provisions to facilitate military and overseas voters.

SB51 Renovate the nursing care building on the South Dakota Veterans' Home campus in Hot Springs.

SB52 Provide for the construction of new facilities at the South Dakota Veteran's Home.

SB53 Revise certain provisions relating to the Veterans Commission and to veterans' rights, benefits, and services.

SB58 Provide tuition benefits to certain National Guard members attending tribal colleges

SB73 Establish a preference for veterans and disabled persons when leasing residential property owned by counties.

SB123 Allow military spouses to receive unemployment compensation if they leave their jobs due to a spouse's military transfer. (see 2012's SB-87)

SB139 Exempt from state regulation certain medical foster home care for veterans.

SB188 TERMINATE new applications to National Guard advanced degree program effective September 1st, 2011.

2012 Veteran / National Guard Bills

HB-1046 Provide protections of deployed service members child custody rights.

HB-1049RA Include coverage of Navy & Marine Corps personnel for purposes of benefits and protections of SD law.

HB-1050 Enact protections and provisions of Uniform Code of Military Justice regarding National Guard discipline and courts-martial

HB-1106 RESTORE funding for certain salary and expense reimbursement programs relating to veterans' service officers

HB-1188 Provide widows and widowers of certain veterans free or reduced fees for certain hunting and fishing licenses and admission to state parks and other facilities

HB-1205 Exempt federal veterans' disability benefits from certain support obligations and other claims.

SB-4 Continue the veterans' bonus program.

SB-80 Exempt veterans from the twelve-month residency requirement for the purposes of tuition & fees.

SB-81 Provide for a special license plate for certain persons on active duty in the military.

SB-87 Allow military spouses to receive unemployment compensation if they leave their jobs due to a spouse's military transfer. (see 2011's SB-123)

SB-113 Provide for special motor vehicle license plates for recipients of the silver star medal, distinguished service cross, navy cross, air force cross, distinguished flying cross, bronze star medal

SB-189 Provide a designation on certain nondriver identification cards, driver licenses, and permits that the card holders or licensees are honorably discharged veterans.

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