

Jay Dardenne.

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HIGHER TAXES

Voted for--and served as Senate floor leader for--The Stelly Plan income tax increase (House Bill 31 of 2002)

Voted to raise natural gas severance tax (McPherson amendment to HB 1887 of 1993)

Voted for higher sales taxes (House Bill 1887 of 1993)

Voted for higher sales taxes (House Bill 196 of 1996)

Voted for higher tobacco taxes (House Bill 117 of 2000)

Voted for higher income taxes (House Bill 299 of 2000)

Voted for higher income taxes (House Bill 295 of 2000)

Voted for car rental tax (House Bill 193 of 2000)

Voted for higher sales taxes on food and utilities (House Bill 36 of 2000 Special Session)

Voted for the Unitary Tax --a huge new business tax (House Bill 198 of 2000)

Voted for higher sales taxes on food and utilities (House Bill 169 of 2002)

Voted for higher income taxes (House Bill 171 of 2002)

Voted for higher income taxes (House bill 238 of 2002)

Voted for car rental tax (House Bill 166 of 2002)

Voted for higher cigarette taxes (House Bill 167 of 2002)

Voted for higher cigarette taxes (House Bill 157 of 2002)

Voted for higher fee on "other than used tires" (House Bill 846 of 2004)

Voted to allow higher fees on LSU students (House Bill 1062 of 2004)

Voted to allow higher fees on Medicare surveys (House Bill 1391 of 2004)

Voted to allow LA Tax Commission to impose fees (House Bill 1419 of 2004)

Voted to allow higher fees on shrimpers (House Bill 1711 of 2004)

Voted to allow fees on turtle farmers (Senate Bill 161 of 2004)

ABORTION

Voted for taxpayer-funded abortions (House Bill 1 of 1994 Special Session)

Voted against a ban on most abortions, then claimed it was a "mistake" (Senate Bill 33 of 2006)

STATE SPENDING

Voted to **double the size of the state budget** during the past decade. (See House Bill 1 in each Regular Session)

Voted for a huge increase in the State Budget this year alone (House Bill 1 of 2006)

GAY RIGHTS

Voted to legalize sodomy [to repeal 196-year old statute] (CD Jones amendment to House Bill 2047 of 2001)

Voted to extend domestic violence protections for same-sex dating couples (House Bill 1517 of 2001)

EXPANSION OF GAMBLING

Voted to **legalize dockside gambling** (House Bill 2 of 2001 1st Special Session)

Voted to allow truck stop casino in Lafayette Parish without a vote of the people (Senate Bill 859 of 2004)

Voted to expand waterways for riverboat casinos (House Bill 1904 of 2001)

Voted to allow a new Indian casino in North Louisiana (SCR 94 of 2003)

Voted to authorize 4 Indian tribes to have casinos in South Louisiana (SCR 105 of 2004)

Voted to speed up video poker permit process (House Bill 762 of 2001)

Voted to expedite the issuance of permits for additional video poker machines (House Bill 464 of 2003)

Voted to lower requirements for video poker machines in restaurants (House Bill 1202 of 2004)

Voted to allow elected officials to own 10% of a casino (Senate Bill 341 of 2001)

HUMAN CLONING

Voted for an amendment to keep human cloning legal (Hines' amendment 262 To Senate Bill 873 of 2004)

Opposes a complete ban on human cloning (Jay's Response to 2003 Louisiana Family Forum Survey)

Voted for the "Clone and Kill Bill" (Senate Bill 74 of 2004)

SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR LEGISLATORS

Voted to give **taxpayer-funded lifetime healthcare benefits to term limited legislators** (HB 1028 of 2006)

Voted to prohibit free sporting tickets for legislators while receiving free tickets for Tiger Stadium Suite
Raised campaign funds during legislative session because of loophole in state law

HIGHER GASOLINE PRICES

Voted for the ethanol mandate bill that will increase gas prices by an estimated 67 cents per gallon (HB 685 of 2006)

OPPOSED L.A.B.I.

Voted against the position of LABI, the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, on a dozen major votes since 1999

TERM LIMITS

Senator Jay Dardenne authored the bill to impose 12-year term limits on senators.

Because of a loophole in the law, he has now served 15 years.

And he still wants more. He's running for Secretary of State, trying to get around the intent of the law.

Sources: Official records of the Louisiana Senate, www.legis.state.la.us, www.forgotston.com, 2003 Louisiana Family Forum Survey, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry voting records

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