



Mississippi – CPAC Scorecard

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Summary

The eleventh edition of the Mississippi CPAC Scorecard analyzes **8 critical votes in the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives**. In the Senate, Republicans earned an average score of **52%**, while Democrats earned **40%**, producing a total Senate average of **49%**. In the House, Republicans averaged **56%**, while Democrats earned **38%**, yielding an overall House average of **50%**. These results reveal that while Mississippi remains firmly red, legislators often faltered on key conservative principles, especially in fiscal and economic matters **resulting in well below average scores**.

This year's session saw Republican majorities **approve major corporate subsidies**, funding programs that put government in the business of picking winners and losers. At the same time, strong majorities in both chambers advanced legislation to **defend Mississippi's sovereignty, safeguard women's rights, and protect children from online exploitation**. The outcome reflects both the strength of conservative convictions on cultural and security issues, and the **lingering weakness of fiscal conservatism even in Republican strongholds**.

Overall, Mississippi's legislature demonstrated both promise and peril. Strong conservative victories were achieved on issues that resonate with the people of Mississippi, including protection of women's spaces, stopping foreign adversaries from buying farmland, and blocking Democrat-style appliance bans. However, concerning trends remain in the willingness of many Republicans to expand government's role in the economy and to compromise on the Second Amendment. These decisions represent a departure from the limited government principles CPAC has always championed, and they highlight the need for greater accountability to Mississippi's conservative voters.

Key Takeaways

Mississippi Republicans wavered on fiscal conservatism

The largest disappointment of this legislative session was the approval of massive incentive packages for private companies. Bills like SB 2001 and HB 1 provided hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars to green energy projects and data centers, under the guise of economic development. Instead of cutting red tape and lowering taxes for all, legislators created special deals for politically favored industries. Conservatives have long opposed this practice because it distorts the free market and invites cronyism, yet too many Republicans voted in favor. This reveals a troubling divide between the rhetoric of fiscal responsibility and the reality of government favoritism.

Legislators took a stand for biological reality and women's safety

SB 2753, the Mississippi Women's Bill of Rights, inserted a clear biological definition of sex into law and strengthened protections for women in housing accommodations and restrooms. At a time when progressives across the nation push radical gender ideology, Mississippi's lawmakers reinforced the truth that men and women are different, and that women deserve safety in their intimate spaces. This was a clear conservative victory and reflects the strong family values that remain central to Mississippi culture.

Mississippi protected farmland from foreign adversaries

With the passage of SB 2519, lawmakers acted decisively to stop hostile foreign actors from gaining control of Mississippi's agricultural land. This measure is both a national security win and a reaffirmation of state sovereignty. It ensures that farmland remains in the hands of Mississippians, protecting food supply chains and rural communities from foreign manipulation. Conservatives should view this as an example of how state legislatures can act on issues of national importance when Washington fails to act.

Protecting children from harmful online content

HB 1126 passed with near-unanimous support and requires online platforms to verify the age of users if their websites contain material harmful to minors. At a time when young people face unprecedented exposure to dangerous material online, this legislation shows that Mississippi is willing to take meaningful action. Conservatives support these protections as a way of strengthening parental rights and shielding children from exploitation, without resorting to heavy-handed regulation of free speech.

Highlighted Votes Analyzed

SB 2001 (SS 1) – Appropriating Hundreds of Millions of Dollars for Green Energy

During Mississippi's first special session, Governor Reeves called legislators together to vote on a package that would offer millions of dollars in financial incentives through the "Project Poppy" fund in return for the location of a 1.9 billion dollar green energy plant in the state. CPAC opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on January 18, 2024 by a vote of **47-2**, and the House passed it by a vote of **117-1**. The bill later became law.

SB 2519 – No Agricultural Land in Mississippi for the Affiliates of Foreign Adversaries

This bill prohibits most individuals domiciled in foreign adversaries from controlling agricultural land in Mississippi. CPAC supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 8, 2024 by a vote of **51-0**, and the House passed it on April 4, 2024 by a vote of **103-6**. The bill later became law.

SB 2753 – Mississippi's Women's Bill of Rights

This bill inserts a biological definition of sex into Mississippi's laws and improves the security of women's housing accommodations and restrooms. CPAC supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 2, 2024 by a vote of **33-8**, and the House passed it the same day by a vote of **85-29**.

HB 903 – Attacking Second Amendment Freedoms in a Red State

This bill prohibits the possession or use of so-called "machine-gun conversion" devices. CPAC opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 24, 2024 by a vote of **50-2**, and the House passed it on April 25, 2024 by a vote of **97-13**. The bill later became law.

HB 1126 – Protecting Kids from Harmful Online Content in Mississippi

This bill requires online service providers to verify the age of their users if their website contains material deemed harmful to minors. CPAC supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 24, 2024 by a vote of **51-0**, and the House passed it the same day by a vote of **118-0**. The bill later became law.

Trends and Observations

Cultural conservatism remains strong.

On issues tied to family, gender, and children, Republican legislators held the line and achieved major victories. The passage of the Women's Bill of Rights and the overwhelming support for protecting minors from harmful online content show that Mississippi continues to be a bulwark against progressive cultural policies. These wins demonstrate that voters' values are still well-represented when cultural issues come to the floor.

Fiscal conservatism is slipping.

The legislature's approval of multi-billion-dollar incentive packages for green energy and data centers reflects a disturbing willingness to expand government's role in the marketplace. Instead of lowering taxes and letting competition thrive, too many Republicans embraced subsidies and corporate favoritism. This trend is increasingly common across red states, and Mississippi must be careful not to drift away from free-market orthodoxy.

Second Amendment protections are weakening.

The passage of HB 903 illustrates a troubling erosion of support for gun rights, even in one of the most pro-Second Amendment states in the country. Republican votes in favor of this measure raise serious concerns about the future of gun freedoms and suggest that national pressure campaigns from the left are beginning to influence even conservative strongholds.

Bipartisanship occurs when conservative principles are not at risk.

On issues like protecting farmland from foreign adversaries and regulating harmful online content, bipartisan support emerged. These votes show that Republicans and Democrats can find common ground when the legislation does not directly confront ideological fault lines. However, on fiscal policy and the Second Amendment, the divide remains sharp, with Republicans too often faltering where conservatives expect strength.

Conservative Excellence - Senate

Kathy Chism - 100%

Conservative Excellence - House

Dan Eubanks - 100%

Conservative Achievement - Senate

Angela Hill - 88%

Conservative Achievement - House

None