

South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Business Caucus - Thursday, February 19, 2015

A lighthearted first question. Have you figured out how to use the new voting system?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Yes, I am all set	115	88.50%
Just about, it's kinda' tricky and I don't want my friends to know I'm struggling	3	2.30%
No, can I get some help? Maybe I'll just go to the bathroom and not come back	12	9.20%
Total	130	

Including today, how many Business Caucuses have you attended?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Attending my first	81	61.40%
I have been to one previous	9	6.80%
I have attended several	38	28.80%
As an early adopter of medical marijuana - I'm not REALLY at this one	4	3.00%
Total	132	

How do you follow the legislative process while you are at home? Choose two

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Newspaper	58	24.60%
Television news	31	13.10%
Public radio and television	26	11.00%
Internet news sources	66	28.00%
Blogs and social media	29	12.30%
Friends - chatting	26	11.00%
Total	236	

Considering the map on the previous slide, what region are you from?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Region I - Western - Black Hills to Wall	35	26.50%
Region II - Mid-west - West of Wall to West of Pierre	9	6.80%
Region III - Mid-east - Pierre to West of Mitchell	60	45.50%
Region IV - Eastern - I-29 Corridor	28	21.20%
Total	132	

How many people does your business employ?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
1-10	42	33.10%
11-49	20	15.70%
50-99	5	3.90%
100 or more	60	47.20%
	Total	127

We now have a multi-generational workplace. To which generation do you belong?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
The Greatest Generation 1928-1947	1	0.70%
Boomers 1946-1964 - We have everyone else outnumbered	39	29.10%
Generation X 1964-1982 - Waiting for the end of the Boom	52	38.80%
Millennial - Everyone since 1982	42	31.30%
	Total	134

Next, let's look at the gender mix. Are you? (choose one please)

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Female	64	49.20%
Male	66	50.80%
	Total	130

One last demographic. Are you?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Right hand dominate	106	80.30%
Left hand dominate	15	11.40%
Ambidextrous - Just can't make up my mind	11	8.30%
	Total	132

Starting with the basic question - Do you support raising taxes to increase funding for highways, roads and bridges?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Yes - Significantly	47	37.00%
Yes - Moderately	73	57.50%
Not really but I'll agree to be social	6	4.70%
No - The problems are local; solutions should be as well	1	0.80%
	Total	127

Remaining at the overall concept, how much of an increase in state and local funding would you support?

	Votes for Answer	% of Total
25%	48	36.90%
50%	28	21.50%
75%	2	1.50%
Double current funding	1	0.80%
As much as needed to fix local roads and bridges	51	39.20%
Total	130	

Which taxes should be increased to pay for more funding for highways, roads and bridges? Choose three

	Votes for Answer	% of Total
Gas tax	94	26.00%
Sales tax on cars	65	18.00%
Wheel tax	58	16.10%
Property tax	8	2.20%
License plate fees	42	11.60%
Non-commercial agriculture trucks	35	9.70%
Dyed diesel used by off road farm/construction equipment	47	13.00%
Wholesale tax on gasoline based on price	12	3.30%
Total	361	

How much are you willing to increase your overall property tax bill to boost funding for highways, roads and bridges?

	Votes for Answer	% of Total
1 - 4 %	103	81.70%
5 - 6 %	13	10.30%
No more than 7 %	2	1.60%
I'd go to 10 % but not a penny more	3	2.40%
I live with my folks, they're good for anything ya' need	5	4.00%
* Answer options did include a choice of 0%, which a show of hands proved to be significant	Total	126

Which statement best describes how you think the technical institutes should be governed?

	Votes for Answer	% of Total
The current system seems to be working	7	5.60%
Control should be local and with their own board, not the K-12 board	16	12.80%
They should have a statewide board similar to the Board of Regents	49	39.20%
They should be part of the Board of Regents	16	12.80%
They should have a local board but with a statewide advisory industry group appoir	37	29.60%
Total	125	

Would you vote for this amendment?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Yes	65	58.00%
No	38	33.90%
Only if we can get control of North Dakota's hockey program	9	8.00%
	Total	112

Would your company make a campaign contribution to pass this amendment?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Yes, it is important to solve the governance issue	10	9.40%
Yes, we will pledge to help (paying the pledge will be another decision)	8	7.50%
You're kidding, if the voters have to be talked into this, we can live without it	14	13.20%
We don't contribute to any ballot issues, even the ones we like	67	63.20%
No, don't agree with the amendment - will be working on the other side	7	6.60%
	Total	106

Even though SB 166 has been tabled, which statement best expresses your thoughts on the initiative and referendum process?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Proud that South Dakota was the first to adopt it statewide and don't think it should be changed	2	66.70%
Opposed to changing, the numbers haven't changed since this started so leave them alone	0	0.00%
I support doubling the requirement, it makes the number needed equal for initiatives and constitutional amendments and that makes sense to me	0	0.00%
I support doubling, I think it is too easy to qualify ballot measures in South Dakota	1	33.30%
I am tired of being asked to contribute to stop proposals that are at times a serious threat to all businesses.	0	0.00%
	Total	3

Given the lack of specific definition for "slightly" in the comparative negligence statute, do you support HB 1103 to make South Dakota a majority negligence state?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Yes, it is time we changed this law	44	43.10%
No, the current definition, though vague, is working	58	56.90%
	Total	102

Which of the following best describes your thought about HB 1103?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Makes sense, a good reason to support but I still don't like lawyers	26	27.10%
Doesn't make any difference. Two routes to the same end - my business pays more	4	4.20%
No way, guaranteed payout vs a high stakes gamble in court? See you in court	2	2.10%
Just kill the bill	64	66.70%
Total	96	

Does your business have a policy about employees personal websites?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Yes	26	25.00%
No	78	75.00%
Why ? This internet thing won't last	0	0.00%
Total	104	

Do you use social media such as Facebook when screening application's for employment?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
No way, don't know them yet	21	26.60%
Kind of, we have someone who is separate from the hiring process check - trying to avoid legal or behavioral conflicts	22	27.80%
Yep, of the luncheads we'd like to know	26	32.90%
Oh no, I'm not going to admit to that	10	12.70%
Total	79	

Do you think employers should have the right to collect passwords from employee's private social media accounts when they aren't under suspicion for a crime?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Yes	4	3.90%
No	98	96.10%
Total	102	

Do you support a youth wage?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Yes, young people in first jobs don't have the value of fully adult workers	52	49.10%
Yes, it should be tied to inflation like the new minimum wage	20	18.90%
Yes, for a limited time and not based on wage	0	0.00%
No, we don't treat young workers differently	34	32.10%
Total	106	

On what basis does your company offer paid sick leave? Choose two

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
We do not offer any paid sick leave to any employee	16	9.80%
We offer paid sick leave to full-time employees only	43	26.40%
Paid sick leave is earned on the basis of hours worked	34	20.90%
Paid sick leave is earned by the number of months or years worked	25	15.30%
We offer personal leave that can be used for any reason including being sick	45	27.60%
	Total	163

Should leased residential property have a separate class of property?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Yes, it is a different type of commercial property	22	22.90%
Yes, for data, their mil levy should stay the same as commercial	12	12.50%
No, rentals are a business, leave this alone	62	64.60%
	Total	96

Would your answer change if research showed that property tax on commercial residential is a significantly higher percentage of income than other commercial properties?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Yes, that would be different	19	21.30%
No, it is still a commercial enterprise like my business	69	77.50%
Depends, can we apply a lower tax rate to the landlords who are my friends?	1	1.10%
	Total	89

Do you support this idea?

	Votes	% of Total
Yes, the state should have a collection office	25	29.10%
No, if the state needs help, there are professional agencies they should use	31	36.00%
Partially, a small state office to track the numbers but use the private sector for heavy lifting	18	20.90%
No, the state does NOT need a new office	12	14.00%
	Total	86

How do you feel about the state withholding licenses from people who owe the state money?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
I agree, people who don't pay debts shouldn't get to hunt, drive, and license their car or get lottery winnings	45	46.90%
I agree, withholding some licenses makes sense but not for essentials like license plates and driving	32	33.30%
I do not agree, why should the state have more power to collect debt than the rest of us	19	19.80%
	Total	96

Are there any listed below that the state should NOT withhold from debtors?

Choose up to two

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Driver's license	71	50.40%
Vehicle registration - cars, motorcycles and boats	40	28.40%
Hunting, fishing licenses and state park permits	5	3.50%
Any payout such as lottery (as long as not prevented by other law)	10	7.10%
All of the above	15	10.60%
Total	141	

Would you vote for SB 135?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Yes, our city needs money for projects	53	64.60%
No, the next penny should be saved for state government	3	3.70%
No, a full penny is too high, make it half a cent	5	6.10%
No, if there is a new sales tax, it should go to the counties	4	4.90%
No, it is a tax increase - period	17	20.70%
Total	82	

It is often said that "the next penny is the last penny" that will be available. Do you think there is such a thing as the "last penny" for the limit of sales tax?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Yes, meaning it will be a very, very long time before the next one	7	8.80%
No, if we accept the next penny and no one drops over, we will see more	73	91.30%
Total	80	

If you think an additional penny sales tax should pass the legislature, do you hope it is used in your own city?

	Votes for	
	Answer	% of Total
Yes, heck, we need all kinds of projects and repairs	48	57.10%
Not really, don't want my taxes going up - if others want to pay more they should h	9	10.70%
Sort of, wouldn't support if without that local vote though	8	9.50%
Needs limits, this should be for repairs and infrastructure, nothing fun	19	22.60%
Total	84	

If the election were today, who would you vote for in the presidential primary?

	Votes for Answer	% of Total
Jeb Bush	14	17.30%
Ben Carson	5	6.20%
Chris Christie	8	9.90%
Hillary Clinton	25	30.90%
Mike Huckabee	4	4.90%
John Kasich	2	2.50%
Martin O'Malley	0	0.00%
George Pataki	1	1.20%
Rand Paul	6	7.40%
Mike Pence	0	0.00%
Rick Perry	2	2.50%
Marco Rubio	4	4.90%
Bernie Sanders	0	0.00%
Rick Snyder	0	0.00%
Scott Walker	6	7.40%
Elizabeth Warren	3	3.70%
James Webb	1	1.20%
	Total	81

If the election were today, who would you vote for in the gubernatorial primary?

	Votes for Answer	% of Total
Tom Berry	0	0.00%
Corey Brown	3	3.60%
David Chicoine	1	1.20%
Stephanie Herseth Sandlin	17	20.20%
Mike Huether	0	0.00%
Marty Jackley	12	14.30%
Brendan Johnson	3	3.60%
Shantel Krebs	1	1.20%
Matt Michels	22	26.20%
Mark Mickelson	7	8.30%
Kristie Noem	13	15.50%
The woman who found oil in North Dakota	5	6.00%
	Total	84