

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST  
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August 03, 2005

**FORM N-PX**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT  
COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number: 811-05452

Putnam Premier Income Trust

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

One Post Office Square

Boston, Massachusetts 02109

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 292-1000

Date of Fiscal year-end: 7/31/2005

Date of reporting period: 7/1/2004 - 6/30/2005

**Item 1. Proxy Voting Record**

Account Number: Putnam Master Income Trust

The following proxy voting record relates to Putnam Master Income Trust, which merged into Putnam Premier Income Trust on February 28, 2005:

ISSUER NAME	TICKER	CUSIP	MTG DATE	MTG TYPE		
			Proposal Type	Voted	Vote	For/Agnst Mgmt
<b>Arch Wireless Inc</b>						
	<b>AWIN</b>	<b>039392709</b>	<b>11/8/04</b>	<b>Special</b>		
1.00	Approve Merger/Acquisition		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
<b>Genesis Health Corp</b>						
	<b>GHEI</b>	<b>37184D101</b>	<b>2/23/05</b>	<b>Annual</b>		
1.01	Elect George V. Hager Jr.		MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.02	Elect Kevin M. Kelley		MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
2.00	Add shares to stock award plan		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
<b>Globix Corp</b>						
	<b>3GBXX</b>	<b>37957F200</b>	<b>3/7/05</b>	<b>Special</b>		
1.00	Approve common stock issuance		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
	Approve merger/acquisition					
2.00	Adjourn meeting		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
<b>Putnam Prime Money Market Fund</b>						
		<b>746763432</b>	<b>11/11/04</b>	<b>Special</b>		
1.01	Elect Trustee J.A. Baxter		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Trustee E.T. Kennan		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Trustee C.B. Curtis		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect Trustee J.H. Mullin, III		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect Trustee M.R. Drucker		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.06	Elect Trustee R.E. Patterson		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.07	Elect Trustee C.E. Haldeman, Jr.		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.08			MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

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	Elect Trustee G. Putnam, III				
1.09	Elect Trustee J.A. Hill	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.10	Elect Trustee A.J.C. Smith	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.11	Elect Trustee R. J. Jackson	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.12	Elect Trustee W.T. Stephens	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.13	Elect Trustee P.L. Joskow	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.14	Elect Trustee R.B. Worley	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Amend fund's fundamental investment restriction with respect to borrowing	MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.01	Amend fund's fundamental investment restriction with respect to making loans	MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.02	Amend fund's fundamental investment restriction with respect to diversification of investments	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.03	Amend fund's fundamental investment restriction with respect to issuance of senior securities	MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.04	Amend fund's fundamental investment restriction with respect to purchasing or selling options, puts, calls, straddles and spreads	MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.05	Amend fund's fundamental investment restriction with respect to investments in commodities	MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
3.00	Amend fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

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ISSUER NAME	TICKER	CUSIP	MTG DATE	MTG TYPE		
			Proposal Type	Voted	Vote	For/Agnst Mgmt
<i>Alderwoods</i>						
<i>Group AWGI</i>		<i>014383103</i>	<i>4/28/05</i>		<i>Annual</i>	
<i>Inc</i>						
1.01	Elect Lloyd E. Campbell		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Anthony G. Eames		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Charles M. Elson		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect David R. Hilty		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect Paul A. Houston		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.06	Elect Olivia F. Kirtley		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.07	Elect John S. Lacey		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.08	Elect William R. Riedl		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.09	Elect W. MacDonald Snow Jr		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Adopt employee stock purchase plan		MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
3.00	Adopt Stock Incentive Plan		MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
<i>Arch</i>						
<i>Wireless</i>	<i>AWIN</i>	<i>039392709</i>	<i>11/8/04</i>		<i>Special</i>	
<i>Inc</i>						
1.00	Approve Merger/Acquisition		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
<i>Covad</i>						
<i>Communications</i>	<i>COMM</i>	<i>222814204</i>	<i>6/9/05</i>		<i>Annual</i>	
<i>Group</i>						
1.01	Elect Charles E. Hoffman		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Charles McMinn		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
	<i>CCI</i>	<i>228227104</i>	<i>5/26/05</i>		<i>Annual</i>	

**Crown  
Castle  
International  
Corp**

1.01	Elect Dale N. Hatfield	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Lee W. Hogan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Robert F. McKenzie	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect Robert E. Garrison II	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

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Communications 291525202 6/13/05 Special  
Corp**

1.00	Amend authorized preferred stock	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
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**Genesis  
Healthcare 37184D101 2/23/05 Annual  
Corp**

1.01	Elect George V. Hager Jr.	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.02	Elect Kevin M. Kelley	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
2.00	Add shares to stock award plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

**Globix  
Corp 3GBXX 37957F200 3/7/05 Special**

1.00	Approve common stock issuance	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
	Approve merger/acquisition				
2.00	Adjourn meeting	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

**Globix  
Corp 3GBXX 37957F200 6/13/05 Annual**

1.01	Elect Peter K. Stevenson	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.02	Elect Wayne Barr Jr.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Jose A. Cecin Jr.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect Stephen E. Courter	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect John Forsgren	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

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1.06	Elect Peter L. Herzig	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.07	Elect Steven Lampe	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.08	Elect Steven G. Singer	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.09	Elect Raymond L. Steele	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	ABSTAIN	AGNST

**Knology Inc** **KNOL** **499183804** **5/24/05** **Annual**

1.01	Elect Eugene I. Davis	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Rodger L. Johnson	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Campbell B. Lanier III	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

**Leucadia National Corp** **LUK** **527288104** **5/17/05** **Annual**

1.01	Elect Ian M. Cumming	MGMT	NO		
1.02	Elect Paul M. Dougan	MGMT	NO		
1.03	Elect Lawrence D. Glaubinger	MGMT	NO		
1.04	Elect Alan J. Hirschfield	MGMT	NO		
1.05	Elect James E. Jordan	MGMT	NO		
1.06	Elect Jeffrey C. Keil	MGMT	NO		
1.07	Elect Jesse Clyde Nichols III	MGMT	NO		
1.08	Elect Joseph S. Steinberg	MGMT	NO		
2.00	Increase authorized common stock	MGMT	NO		
3.00	Amend annual bonus plan	MGMT	NO		
4.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	NO		

**Paxson Communications** **PAX** **704231604** **6/10/05** **Annual**

1.01	Elect Dean M. Goodman	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.02	Elect W. Lawrence Patrick	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST

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2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
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**Polymer**

**Group 3POLGA 731745204 5/18/05 Annual Inc**

1.01	Elect Pedro A. Arias	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.02	Elect Ramon Betolaza	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.03	Elect Lap Wai Chan	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.04	Elect William B. Hewitt	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.05	Elect Eugene Linden	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.06	Elect James A. Ovenden	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.07	Elect James L. Schaeffer	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.08	Elect Michael Watzky	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
2.00	Amend Stock Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
3.00	Adopt the Short Term Incentive compensation Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
4.00	Adopt the 2005 Stock Option Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST

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**Prime Money Market Fund 746763432 11/11/04 Special**

1.01	Elect Trustee J.A. Baxter	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Trustee E.T. Kennan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Trustee C.B. Curtis	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect Trustee J.H. Mullin, III	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect Trustee M.R. Drucker	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.06	Elect Trustee R.E. Patterson	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.07	Elect Trustee C.E. Haldeman, Jr.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.08	Elect Trustee G. Putnam, III	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

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1.10	Elect Trustee A.J.C. Smith	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.11	Elect Trustee R. J. Jackson	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.12	Elect Trustee W.T. Stephens	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.13	Elect Trustee P.L. Joskow	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
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3.00	Amend fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

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**Cellular Corp**

**781904305 5/24/05**

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1.01	Elect Ann K. Newhall	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect George M. Revering	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Don C. Swenson	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

**Sterling**

**Chemicals Inc** **38CHI** **859166100** **4/15/05** **Annual**

1.05	Elect Richard K. Crump	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.06	Elect Marc S. Kirschner	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.07	Elect Peter Ting Kai Wu	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
3.00	Increase authorized common stock	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

**Sun**

**Healthcare Group Inc** **SUNH** **866933401** **5/19/05** **Annual**

1.01	Elect Gregory S. Anderson	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Tony M. Astorga	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Christian K. Bement	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect Steven M. Looney	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect Richard K. Matros	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.06	Elect Milton J. Walters	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

**USA**

**Mobility Inc** **USMO** **90341G103** **5/18/05** **Annual**

1.01	Elect David Abrams	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect James V. Continenza	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Nicholas A. Gallopo	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect Vincent D. Kelly	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect Brian O'Reilly	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

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1.06	Elect Matthew Oristano	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.07	Elect William E. Redmond Jr.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.08	Elect Samme Thompson	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.09	Elect Royce Yudkoff	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

**Washington**

**Group** *WGII*      *938862208*    *5/19/05*      *Annual*  
**International**  
**Inc**

1.01	Elect David H. Batchelder	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Michael R. D'Appolonia	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect C. Scott Greer	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect Stephen G. Hanks	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect William H. Mallender	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.06	Elect Michael P. Monaco	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.07	Elect Cordell Reed	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.08	Elect Dennis R. Washington	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.09	Elect Dennis K. Williams	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Any ballot marked 'Abstain' is considered to have been voted. Ballots marked 'Abstain' are considered to be have been voted against management's recommendation, regardless of whether the recommendation is 'For' or 'Against,' except where management has made no recommendation or has recommended that shareholders 'Abstain.'

Where management has recommended that shareholders 'Abstain' from voting on a ballot item: 1) a ballot marked 'Abstain' is considered to have been voted for management's recommendation to 'Abstain' and 2) a ballot voted 'For' or 'Against' is considered to have been voted against management's recommendation to 'Abstain.'

Where management has made no recommendation on a ballot item, the abbreviation "N/A" is used to denote that there is no applicable recommendation compared to which a vote may be 'For' or 'Against' the recommendation of management.

SIGNATURES:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Putnam Premier Income Trust

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(Registrant)

By /s/ Charles E. Porter, Executive Vice President, Associate Treasurer  
and Principal Executive Officer

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(Signature & Title)

Date July 28, 2005