

2007-2008 LEGISLATIVE BIENNIUM

VERMONT environmental scorecard







HOW THE VOTES WERE SCORED

T he scores were calculated by dividing the number of pro-environmental votes made by the number of votes the legislator had the opportunity to cast. Absences were counted as a negative vote. Votes during which the Speaker of the House or the President Pro Tem of the Senate presided over their bodies were not counted either way. VLCV did not score legislators who served in 2007 but not 2008.

HOW TO USE THIS SCORECARD

LCV has prepared this legislative scorecard to highlight legislators' voting records on environmental issues. If your senators and representatives have supported the environment through their votes in the State House, thank them. If they haven't, ask them why not and share your views on environmental issues with them. Vermont's citizen legislature works best when voters hold their legislators accountable.

KNOW THE SCORE

he Vermont League of Conservation Voters is a nonpartisan political organization working to turn your environmental values into state priorities. We seek to make environmental protection a top priority for elected officials, candidates, and voters.

HOW THE VOTES WERE SELECTED

T his scorecard is based on the legislative priorities of the environmental and conservation organizations that form the Vermont Environmental Collaborative as well as other environmental issues. Determining factors in the decision to list particular votes include whether the vote was substantive or procedural in nature, and which vote had the greatest effect on the outcome of the legislation.

Please note the limitations of this report. Only roll call votes have been included, as voice votes are not recorded by name. A simple numeric score beside a legislator's name cannot convey the depth of discussions about the issues, nor can it clearly indicate which legislators worked to protect the environment and which legislators worked to undermine environmental protections. This is particularly true when it comes to work done in the committee room.





ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Each year, Vermont League of Conservation Voters, working closely with our environmental community partners, leads the effort to bring together the Vermont Environmental Collaborative (VTEC) to select the Legislative Platform, which represents the VTEC's priorities for the upcoming legislative session. With our electoral expertise and deep knowledge of Montpelier politics, we are able to provide strategic input that helps ensure success for our Platform. By providing legislators with a clear roadmap for success, we made significant advancements in environmental protection during the 2007-2008 legislative sessions. In 2007 and 2008 we were able to pass several of our Platform priorities, while others were vetoed by the Governor or passed in 2007 only to be repealed in 2008, leaving us with much work to be done during the 2009-2010 legislative biennium

2007 PLATFORM PRIORITIES

- Building Vermont's Clean Energy Future & Combating Global Warming
- * Protecting Vermont's Working Landscapes and Natural Areas
- * Protecting Vermont's Water and Cleaning up Lake Champlain
- Increasing Transparency and Accountability in Environmental Enforcement

2008 PLATFORM PRIORITIES

- * The Vermont Energy Efficiency and Affordability Act
- * Comply with Statutory Funding Allocation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB)
- Protect Vermont's Groundwater
- Improve Enforcement of Vermont's Environmental Laws

To read either Platform in its entirety, please visit our website at, <u>www.vlcv.org</u>

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2007/2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION ~ VERMONT SENATE

SENATOR PETER SHUMLIN ~ WINDHAM DISTRICT CHAMPIONING REAL SOLUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE

Senator Shumlin returned to the legislature after a short hiatus and immediately resumed a leadership role when he was elected by his peers to serve as the President Pro-Tem . He wasted no time proving he was the right person for the job. He arranged for world renowned experts in the field of Climate Change to travel to Vermont in hopes of finding creative ways for Vermonters to advance local solutions to tackling this issue.

After bringing much needed attention to the Global Warming debate during 2007, he continued to lead the Senate through critical environmental decisions; Vermont Yankee decommissioning, promoting energy efficiency and an increased use of renewable power, groundwater protections and improving a critical land conservation program known as Current Use. Senator Shumlin has a lifetime score of 100% on VLCV's scorecard.



For these reasons, we are proud to recognize Senator Peter Shumlin as the Vermont League of Conservation Voters Environmental Champion of the Vermont State Senate for the 2007/08 legislative biennium.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION ~ VERMONT HOUSE



REPRESENTATIVE TONY KLEIN ~ WASHINGTON - 7 A PROVEN LEADER ON ISSUES IMPACTING VERMONT'S ENVIRONMENT

Representative Klein was first elected to the Vermont House in 2003. From his first day in office he took a leadership role in dealing with the environmental issues that Vermonters have a deep concern for. He has taken the lead on more than one occasion when working on issues like; land conservation, smart growth, renewable energy and energy efficiency and has a lifetime score of 91% on VLCV's scorecard.

With the magnitude of the decisions to be made over the next two years including Vermont's renewable energy future, whether or not to relicense the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant, the water quality of Lake Champlain and the direction Vermont heads in regards to land conservation, Vermonters are fortunate to have such a proven leader representing them in the State House.

Representative Klein is a dedicated champion for the environment and the League of Conservation Voters proudly recognizes him as the Environmental Champion of the Vermont House for the 2007/08 legislative biennium.



HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS



H.520 Renewable Power Production and Energy Efficiency 4/5/2007 ☆

H.540 Public Transit 4/18/2007

S.92 Groundwater

Mapping 5/10/2007

H.520

Renewable Power Production and Energy Efficiency 7/11/2007

S.209

Vermont Energy Efficiency and Affordability 7/11/2007

VT ENVIRONMENTAL COLLABORATIVE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY

Environmental Position: Support Bill ~ OPPOSE Amendment

The original version of the comprehensive energy bill that was ultimately vetoed by Governor Douglas, H.520 would have created an all-fuels utility structured similarly to Efficiency Vermont, but dealing with heating fuel; established a state goal that by 2025, 25% of the energy consumed within the state would be from renewable sources; created a stable taxing system for wind power producers; and would have revised our current net metering laws, amongst other valuable provisions.

Vote scored is an amendment offered by Representative Rodgers that would have removed the provision that created a stable taxing system for wind power producers.

Yeas: 24 Nays: 122 Absent: 3 ~ Amendment failed in the House ~ Bill vetoed by Governor Douglas

Environmental Position: Support Bill ~ SUPPORT Amendment

Ensures that Public Transportation is appropriately funded in the state of Vermont, as well as provides a reduction in sales tax on vehicles getting more than 30 MPG.

Vote scored is an amendment offered by Representatives Zuckerman and Pearson that would have placed a surcharge on vehicles getting less than 20 MPG.

Yeas: 60 Nays: 79 Absent: 10 ~ Amendment Failed ~ Bill was not passed

Environmental Position: Support Bill

Requires that Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) map Vermont's groundwater resources.

Yeas: 107 Nays: 33 Absent: 9 ~ Passed the House but was not signed into law

Environmental Position: Support Bill and VETO OVERRIDE

This vote represents the attempt by the Vermont House of Representatives to override Governor Douglas' veto of the comprehensive energy and climate change bill.

Yeas: 86 Nays: 61 Absent: 3 ~ Veto override failed to achieve the necessary 2/3 majority

Environmental Position: Support Bill

Sought to accomplish the same goals within H.520, but in an effort to compromise with Governor Douglas the controversial tax was removed from this version of the bill. With the tax removed, the House voted on whether or not take this version up for immediate consideration.

Yeas: 93 Nays: 49 Absent: 7 ~ Due to Vermont constitutional requirements, this vote required that 3/4 of the members present vote Yea to send the bill to the Governor

HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

H.352 Reducing Lead in Housing 2/28/2008 Environmental Position: Support Bill

Through new educational programs, would have raised the awareness of the dangers that lead in housing poses to humans, especially children. Also would have provided resources for the cleanup of lead in your home.

Yeas: 86 Nays: 50 Absent: 12 ~ Bill passed the House but did not pass the Senate

Environmental Position: Support Bill

Creates a program to stimulate housing development in Vermont's Downtowns, Village Centers, and Growth Centers, and forms new regulations preventing increased strip development in our rural areas ensuring the protection of Vermonters smart growth values.

Yeas: 79 Nays: 61 Absent: 9 ~ Passed both the House and Senate ~ Signed by the Governor

Environmental Position: Support Bill

Increases the accountability for polluters by ensuring that when they break Vermont's environmental laws they will no longer escape with a minor penalty. Additionally, in cases where violators refuse to pay outstanding fines, they can be denied future permits.

Yeas: 127 Nays: 6 Absent: 16 ~ Passed both the House and Senate ~ Signed by the Governor

Environmental Position: Support Bill

Declares Vermont's groundwater a public trust resource and implements a withdrawal permit program on extractions that exceed 57,600 gallons per day.

Yeas: 125 Nays: 12 Absent: 12 ~ Passed the House and the Senate ~ Signed by the Governor

Environmental Position: Support Bill

Would have required that the owner of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant ensured adequate funding to decommission the plant upon it's closure. This fund would used to turn the area that the plant currently sits, back into a green space.

Yeas: 82 Nays: 60 Absent: 7 ~ Passed the House and Senate ~ Vetoed by Governor Douglas

H.863

Vermont Neighborhoods 3/19/2008 ₩

H.685

Environmental Enforcement 4/2/2008

S.304

Groundwater Withdrawal 4/24/2008

S.373

Full Funding of Decommissioning of a Nuclear Power Plant 4/24/2008

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Acinapura, Joe	Brandon	R	40%	37%	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Adams, Steven C.	Hartland	R	40%	41%	√	×	\checkmark	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Ainsworth, David M	Royalton	R	20%	20%	✓	X	A	X	X	X	X	A	\checkmark	×
Allard, George R.	St. Albans Town	D	20%	17%	\checkmark	X	X	X	A	X	X	×	\checkmark	\checkmark
Ancel, Janet	Calais	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Anderson, Jon	Montpelier	D	90%	90%	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Α	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Andrews, Margaret	Rutland City	D	90%	90%	✓	×	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Aswad, William N.	Burlington	D	70%	86%	\checkmark	A	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	Α	A	\checkmark
Atkins, Kenneth W.	Winooski	D	90%	68%	×	~	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Audette, Albert "Sonny" C.	So. Burlington	D	80%	67%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Baker, Joseph	West Rutland	R	0%	15%	×	X	×	×	×	×	X	×	×	×
Barnard, Denise B.	Richmond	D	60%	67%	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	A	A	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Bissonnette, Clement	Winooski	D	90%	90%	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Bostic, Donald E.	St. Johnsbury	R	40%	31%	\checkmark	×	~	X	×	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Botzow, Bill	Pownal	D	100%	89%	✓	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Branagan, Carolyn Whitney	Georgia	R	20%	25%	\checkmark	×	×	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	×	×
Bray, Christopher A.	New Haven	D	90%	90%	✓	X	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Brennan, Patrick M.	Colchester	R	10%	14%	\checkmark	X	×	×	×	×	X	A	A	A
Browning, Cynthia M.	Arlington	D	100%	100%	✓	~	~	✓	~	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Canfield, William	Fair Haven	R	20%	41%	\checkmark	X	×	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	×	×
Chen, Harry L.	Mendon	D	90%	88%	~	~	✓	~	✓	~	✓	Α	\checkmark	~
Cheney, Margaret	Norwich	D	100%	100%	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Clark, Gregory S.	Vergennes	R	10%	25%	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	A	×
Clarkson, Alison H.	Woodstock	D	100%	93%	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	~
Clerkin, John J.	Hartford	R	40%	40%	✓	×	\checkmark	×	×	×	A	\checkmark	\checkmark	×

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Condon, Jim	Colchester	D	50%	52%	✓	×	~	×	~	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Consejo, Michel	Sheldon	D	80%	80%	✓	×	~	~	~	×	~	~	✓	\checkmark
Copeland-Hanzas, Sarah	Bradford	D	90%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
Corcoran, Timothy R.	Bennington	D	60%	60%	✓	\checkmark	✓	×	✓	X	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Courcelle, Gale	Rutland City	D	90%	90%	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
Crawford, Howard T.	St. Johnsbury	R	40%	40%	ex	ex	ex	ex	ex	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Davis, Susan	W. Topsham	Р	90%	90%	√	Α	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Deen, David L.	Putney	D	100%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark
Devereux, Dennis J.	Belmont	R	40%	40%	√	×	✓	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	✓	×
Donaghy, Andrew P.	Poultney	R	30%	26%	\checkmark	×	×	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Donahue, Anne B.	Northfield	R	50%	62%	✓	×	✓	×	×	✓	×	✓	\checkmark	×
Donovan, Johannah Leddy	Burlington	D	100%	<mark>98</mark> %	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark
Dostis, Robert	Waterbury Ctr.	D	90%	98%	√	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Edwards, Sarah R.	Brattleboro	Р	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark
Emmons, Alice M.	Springfield	D	90%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Errecart, Joyce	Shelburne	R	40%	48%	 ✓ 	X	√	X	X	X	X	\checkmark	✓	×
Evans, Debbie	Essex Jct.	D	70%	78%	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×
Fallar, Gail	Tinmouth	D	80%	85%	✓	X	√	✓	✓	X	✓	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark
Fisher, Michael	Lincoln	D	100%	94%	 ✓ 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Fitzgerald, James B.	St. Albans	D	40%	40%	✓	×	✓	×	✓	A	×	Α	\checkmark	×
Flory, Margaret	Pittsford	R	30%	21%	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	\checkmark	×
Frank, William R.	Underhill	D	90%	95%	✓	✓	✓	~	✓	✓	A	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
French, Patsy	Randolph	D	100%	95%	✓	~	~	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Gervais, Avis L.	Enosburg Falls	D	70%	56%	✓	×	~	×	✓	~	~	~	✓	×
Gilbert, Gary	Fairfax	D	90%	90%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×

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Godin, Reginald R.	Milton	D	90%	90%	\checkmark	~	~	~	~	~	Α	~	\checkmark	~
Grad, Maxine Jo	Moretown	D	70%	60%	Α	A	~	~	~	~	\checkmark	A	\checkmark	\checkmark
Grenier, Sandra P	St. Johnsbury	R	50%	50%	ex	ex	ex	ex	ex	ex	×	✓	\checkmark	×
Haas, Sandy	Rochester	Р	100%	96%	\checkmark	~	~	~	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Head, Helen	So. Burlington	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	~	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
Heath, Martha P.	Westford	D	100%	96%	\checkmark	~	~	~	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Helm, Robert	Fair Haven	R	10%	10%	✓	×	Α	×	×	×	×	×	Α	×
Hosford, Carol	Waitsfield	D	90%	95%	\checkmark	~	~	~	~	~	\checkmark	A	\checkmark	\checkmark
Howard, Steven J.	Rutland City	D	80%	90%	✓	×	~	~	✓	✓	×	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
Howrigan, Richard J.	Fairfield	D	30%	26%	×	×	×	×	~	~	Α	×	\checkmark	×
Hube, Richard W.	S. Londonderry	R	20%	18%	×	A	×	×	×	×	×	✓	\checkmark	×
Hunt, Peter D.	Essex Jct.	D	90%	75%	√	A	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Jerman, Tim	Essex Jct.	D	80%	90%	✓	~	~	×	~	~	~	Α	\checkmark	\checkmark
Jewett, Willem	Ripton	D	89%	91%	\checkmark	×	Р	~	~	~	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark
Johnson, Mitzi	S. Hero	D	90%	86%	\checkmark	✓	✓	~	✓	✓	×	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
Johnson, William F.	Canaan	R	20%	16%	×	×	~	×	×	A	Α	A	\checkmark	×
Keenan, Kathleen C.	St. Albans	D	50%	61%	√	A	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	✓	×	Α	\checkmark	×
Keogh, Bill	Burlington	D	80%	74%	√	~	~	~	✓	✓	\checkmark	A	\checkmark	×
Kilmartin, Duncan F	Newport	R	10%	15%	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	~	Α	Α
Kitzmiller, Warren F.	Montpelier	D	70%	78%	✓	~	~	A	A	A	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark
Klein, Tony	E. Montpelier	D	90%	91%	✓	×	~	~	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Koch, Thomas F.	Barre	R	10%	21%	×	×	\checkmark	×	×	A	×	Α	Α	×
Komline, Patti	Dorset	R	20%	37%	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	×
Krawczyk, Joseph L.	Bennington	R	20%	33%	√	×	×	×	×	×	×	~	×	×
Kupersmith, Michele F.	S. Burlington	D	90%	91%	\checkmark	×	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark

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Larocque, Leigh	St. Johnsbury	R	10%	14%	×	×	×	X	×	Α	X	\checkmark	×	×
Larrabee, Steve	W. Danville	R	10%	17%	×	×	×	×	×	×	Α	~	×	×
Larson, Mark	Burlington	D	100%	96%	✓	~	~	~	✓	✓	~	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
Lavoie, Kathy LaBelle	Swanton	R	10%	21%	\checkmark	×	×	×	×	×	Α	Α	×	×
Lawrence, Richard	Lydonville	R	20%	22%	Α	×	×	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Lenes, Joan G.	Shelburne	D	90%	90%	\checkmark	A	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Leriche, Lucy	Hardwick	D	90%	88%	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark
Lewis, Robert W	Derby	R	50%	50%	ex	ex	ex	ex	ex	ex	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	X
Lippert, William J.	Hinseburg	D	70%	81%	✓	~	A	~	~	~	✓	✓	A	Α
Livingston, Judith	Manchester	R	20%	19%	×	×	×	×	×	Α	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	X
Lorber, Jason P.	Burlington	D	100%	91%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Maier, Steven	Middlebury	D	100%	100%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Malcolm, John W.	Pawlet	D	100%	85%	~	~	~	~	~	~	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark
Manwaring, Ann	Wilmington	D	80%	80%	\checkmark	×	~	~	~	~	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Marcotte, Michael J.	Newport	R	20%	18%	×	×	×	×	×	A	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Marek, Richard J.	Newfane	D	100%	95%	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Martin, Cynthia T.	Springfield	D	100%	100%	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Martin, Linda J.	Wolcott	D	70%	81%	√	×	~	~	~	✓	×	A	\checkmark	\checkmark
Masland, Jim	Thetford Ctr.	D	100%	99%	✓	~	~	~	~	~	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
McAllister, Norman H.	Frankllin	R	10%	17%	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	×	×
McCormack, Virginia C.	Rutland City	D	70%	70%	✓	×	\checkmark	A	A	~	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
McCullough, Jim	Williston	D	100%	97%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
McDonald, Patricia A.	Berlin	R	20%	20%	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
McFaun, Francis M.	Barre	R	50%	48%	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
McNeil, James L.	Rutland Town	R	0%	0%	ex	ex	ex	ex	ex	×	×	A	×	X

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Representative	Тоwп	Party	2007/2008 Score %	Lifetime Score %	H.520 Wind Tax Amendment	H.540 Public Transportation	S.92 Groundwater Mapping	H.520 Veto Override	S.209 Efficiency and Renewable Energy	H.352 Lead in Housing	H.863 Vermont Neighborhoods	H.685 Environmental Enforcement	S.304 Groundwater Withdrawal	S.373 Decommissioning Fund
Milkey, Virginia A	Brattleboro	D	100%	95%	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Miller, Alice	Shaftsbury	D	80%	89%	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Α	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Minter, Sue	Waterbury Ctr.	D	80%	90%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Α	A	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Mitchell, Mark B.	Barnard	D	100%	100%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Monti, Harry S.	Barre	D	70%	54%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	A	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Mook, Anne H.	Bennington	D	90%	88%	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Moran, John	Wardsboro	D	90%	90%	~	×	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	\checkmark
Morley, John	Orleans	R	20%	22%	×	×	Α	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Morrissey, Mary A.	Bennington	R	20%	15%	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Mrowicki, Michael	Putney	D	100%	100%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	\checkmark
Myers, Linda K.	Essex Jct.	R	30%	28%	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	~	~	×
Nease, Floyd W.	Johnson	D	100%	92%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	\checkmark
Nuovo, Betty A.	Middlebury	D	100%	99%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	\checkmark
O'Donnell, Pat	Vernon	R	30%	31%	~	×	A	×	×	×	×	~	~	×
Obuchowski, Michael J.	Bellows Falls	D	90%	90%	~	×	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	\checkmark
Ojibway, Hilde	White River Jct.	D	100%	100%	✓	~	~	>	~	~	>	~	>	\checkmark
Orr, Scott A.	Charlotte	D	100%	96%	✓	~	~	~	~	~	~	>	~	\checkmark
Otterman, Harvey B.	W. Topsham	R	20%	17%	\checkmark	×	×	×	×	×	×	Α	~	×
Oxholm, Kitty	Vergennes	R	40%	40%	~	×	~	×	×	×	×	~	~	×
Partridge, Carolyn W.	Windham	D	90%	89%	\checkmark	×	~	~	~	~	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark
Pearson, Christopher A	Burlington	Р	100%	100%	~	~	✓	\checkmark	~	~	\checkmark	~	✓	\checkmark
Peaslee, Janice L.	Guildhall	R	10%	10%	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	~	×	×
Pellett, Kathy	Chester	D	90%	91%	✓	×	~	\checkmark	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Peltz, Peter	Woodbury	D	80%	80%	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	~	~	~	~	~	Α	\checkmark
Perry, Albert J.	Richford	D	50%	55%	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	×	✓	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	Α	Α

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Rep	Тоwп	Party	2007,	Life	H.5:	H.54	S.92	Н.52	S.209	H.3	Н.8(Н.68	S.30	S.373
Peterson, Mary N.	Williston	D	80%	85%	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	✓	✓	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓
Pillsbury, Daryl L.	Brattleboro	Ι	50%	55%	×	~	~	~	A	A	~	~	Α	Α
Potter, Dave	Clarendon	D	80%	83%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Pugh, Ann D.	S. Burlington	D	80%	86%	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Randall, Dexter	N. Troy	Р	90%	80%	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Rodgers, John S.	Glover	D	30%	42%	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Scheuermann, Heidi E.	Stowe	R	40%	40%	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Shand, Ernest	Windsor	D	80%	88%	\checkmark	Α	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Α	\checkmark
Sharpe, David	Bristol	D	90%	94%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	~	~	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Smith, Shap	Morrisville	D	70%	80%	\checkmark	A	A	\checkmark	~	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Spengler, Kristy	Colchester	D	100%	100%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Stevens, Will	Shoeham	I	80%	80%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Sweaney, Donna G.	Windsor	D	100%	97%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Symington, Gaye R.	Jericho	D	Р	92%	Р	Р	Α	\checkmark	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Trombley, Ira	Grand Isle	D	80%	75%	✓	×	✓	~	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark
Turner, Donald H.	Milton	R	0%	13%	×	×	×	×	×	A	Α	×	×	×
Valliere, Leo M.	Barre	R	20%	22%	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	Α
Westman, Richard A.	Cambridge	R	50%	37%	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	~	×
Weston, Rachel	Burlington	D	80%	80%	✓	✓	✓	~	✓	~	✓	✓	Α	Α
Wheeler, Scott A.	Newport	R	20%	30%	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	~	✓	×
Winters, Philip C.	Williamstown	R	30%	21%	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	~	✓	×
Wright, Kurt	Burlington	R	40%	35%	✓	×	Α	×	×	~	×	~	✓	×
Zenie, John	Colchester	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	~	✓	~	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
Zuckerman, David	Burlington	Р	90%	95%	\checkmark	Α	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

H.515 Collection and Disposal of Mercury Thermostats 3/27/2008

S.311

The Use Value Appraisal Program (Current Use) 4/27/2008 ☆

H.520

Renewable Power Production and Energy Efficiency 5/1/2007 & 5/2/2007

S.209

Vermont Energy Efficiency and Affordability 7/11/2007

S.373

Full Funding of Decommissioning of a Nuclear Power Plant 3/20/2008

S.304

Groundwater Withdrawal 3/21/2008

Environmental Position: Support Bill ~ OPPOSE Senator Mullin Amendment

Establishes a comprehensive program so that thermostat manufacturers will now be responsible for the collection and disposal of mercury thermostats.

The vote scored is a Senator Mullin amendment that would have stripped the financial incentives from the bill resulting in a reduction of thermostats being disposed of correctly and an increase of mercury reaching our environment.

Yeas: 12 Nays: 18 Absent: 0 ~ Amendment Failed ~ Bill passed Senate and House ~ Signed by the Governor

Environmental Position: Support Bill

Increases the enrollment in this critical land conservation tool by greatly reducing the bureaucratic burden on land owners while allowing them to enroll ecologically sensitive areas, including wetlands; critical wildlife habitat; riparian buffers; and other natural communities.

Yeas: 23 Nays: 5 Absent: 2 ~ Passed the Senate and House ~ Signed by the Governor

Environmental Position: Support Bill ~ OPPOSE Amendment

The original version of the comprehensive energy bill that was ultimately vetoed by Governor Douglas, H.520 would have created an all-fuels utility structured similarly to Efficiency Vermont, but dealing with heating fuel; established a state goal that by 2025, 25% of the energy consumed within the state be from renewable sources, and created a stable taxing system for wind power producers amongst other valuable provisions.

Two votes are scored: (1) A Senator Coppenrath amendment that would have removed the provision that created a stable taxing system for wind power producers, and (2) the passage of the bill.

(1) Yeas: 5 Nays: 25 Absent: 0 ~ Amendment failed in the Senate
(2) Yeas: 18 Nays: 11 Absent: 1 ~ Passed the Senate and House ~ Vetoed by Governor Douglas

Environmental Position: Support Bill

Sought to accomplish the same goals within H.520, but in an effort to compromise with Governor Douglas the controversial tax was removed from this version of the bill. With the tax removed, the Senate moved to take this version up for immediate consideration.

Yeas: 23 Nays: 5 Absent: 2 ~ Bill passed the Senate ~ House failed to pass a similar measure in order to send S.209 to the Governor Douglas' desk for his immediate consideration.

Environmental Position: Support Bill

Would have ensured that the owner of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant would have adequate funding to decommission the plant upon it's closure, so that the cost of decommissioning the plant would not become the responsibility of Vermonters.

Yeas: 22 Nays: 7 Absent:1 ~ Passed the Senate and the House ~ Vetoed by Governor Douglas

Environmental Position: Support Bill

Declares Vermont's groundwater a public trust resource and implements a withdrawal permit program on extractions that exceed 57,600 gallons per day.

Yeas: 24 Nays: 3 Absent: 2 ~ Passed the Senate and House ~ Signed by the Governor

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Ayer, Claire D.	Addison	D	100%	97%	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bartlett, Susan J.	Lamoille	D	72%	76%	✓	×	√	✓	√	✓	×
Campbell, John F.	Windsor	D	100%	98%	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carris, Bill	Rutland	D	72%	72%	✓	✓	√	✓	×	✓	×
Collins, Donald "Don" E.	Franklin	D	58%	65%	✓	X	Α	√	\checkmark	Α	\checkmark
Condos, James C.	Chittenden	D	100%	93%	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Coppenrath, George R	Caledonia	R	14%	22%	X	X	X	X	×	\checkmark	×
Cummings, Ann E.	Washington	D	100%	89%	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark
Doyle, William T.	Washington	R	43%	70%	X	Α	X	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Flanagan, Ed	Chittenden	D	86%	81%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Α	\checkmark
Giard, Harold	Addison	D	86%	88%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	\checkmark
Hartwell, Robert M.	Bennington	D	100%	100%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Illuzzi, Vincent	Essex-Orleans	R	72%	60%	\checkmark	\checkmark	Α	\checkmark	Α	\checkmark	\checkmark
Kitchel, M. Jane	Caledonia	D	58%	70%	X	X	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Kittell, Sara Branon	Franklin	D	100%	81%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Lyons, Virginia "Ginny" V.	Chittenden	D	100%	98%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
MacDonald, Mark A.	Orange	D	100%	94%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Maynard, Hull P.	Rutland	R	43%	43%	~	×	×	×	\checkmark	~	×
Mazza, Richard T.	Grand Isle	D	58%	72%	\checkmark	×	~	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
McCormack, Richard J.	Windsor	D	86%	95%	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark
Miller, Hinda	Chittenden	D	58%	74%	~	>	~	A	Α	~	×
Mullin, Kevin J.	Rutland	R	14%	47%	~	×	×	×	×	×	×
Nitka, Alice W.	Windsor	D	58%	72%*	~	×	~	~	~	×	×
Racine, Douglas A.	Chittenden	D	100%	100%	~	~	~	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark
Scott, Philip B.	Washington	R	29%	65%	×	×	×	×	~	~	×
Sears, Richard W.	Bennington	D	86%	79%	~	~	~	~	~	~	×
Shumlin, Peter	Windham	D	100%	100%	~	~	~	~	Р	~	\checkmark
Snelling, Diane	Chittenden	R	86%	90%	~	×	~	✓	~	✓	\checkmark
Starr, Robert A.	Essex-Orleans	D	29%	34%*	×	×	~	×	~	×	×
White, Jeanette K.	Windham	D	100%	94%	~	~	~	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark

Highest Senate Scores

0%

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Claire Ayer	10
John Campbell	10
James Condos	10
Ann Cummings	10
Robert Hartwell	10
Sara Branon Kittell	10
Virginia "Ginny" Lyons,	10
Mark MacDonald	10
Douglas Racine	10
Peter Shumlin	10
Jeanette White	10

Lowest Senate Scores

William Doyle	43%
Hull Maynard	43%
Philip Scott	43%
Robert Starr	29%
George Coppenrath	14%
Kevin Mullin	14%

Average score % for each political party during the 2007/2008 biennium

VERMONT SENATE

Democratic Party	87%
Republican Party	45%

VERMONT HOUSE

Democratic Party	84%
Progressive Party	95%
Republican Party	25%

Highest House Scores

Joseph B

James M

Donald 7

Patrick **E**

Gregory

Robert H

Janet Ancel	100%	John Malcolm	100%
Bill Botzow	100%	Richard Marek	100%
Cynthia Browning	100%	Cynthia Martin	100%
Margaret Cheney	100%	Jim Masland	100%
Alison Clarkson	100%	Jim McCullough	100%
David Deen	100%	Virginia Milkey,	100%
Johannah Leddy Donovan	100%	Mark Mitchell	100%
Sarah Edwards	100%	Michael Mrowicki	100%
Michael Fisher	100%	Floyd Nease	100%
Patsy French	100%	Betty Nuovo	100%
Sandy Haas	100%	Hilde Ojibway	100%
Helen Head	100%	Scott Orr	100%
Martha Heath	100%	Christopher Pearson	100%
Mark Larson	100%	Kristy Spengler	100%
Jason Lorber	100%	Donna Sweaney	100%
Steven Maier	100%	John Zenie	100%

Lowest House Scores

aker	0%	Duncan Kilmartin	10%
cNeil	0%	Thomas Koch	10%
Furner	0%	Leigh Larocque	10%
Brennan	10%	Kathy LaBelle Lavoie	10%
Clark	10%	Norman McAllister	10%
Ielm	10%	Janice Peaslee	10%



Vermont League of Conservation Voters

Now that you know the score... GET INVOLVED!

1. Tell legislators you know the score

One of the best ways to influence our elected officials is by regular communication. If your legislator scored well, thank them. If they scored poorly, let them know you are disappointed and want them to value Vermont's environment. A great way to do this is by writing a Letter to the Editor of your local paper. You can find your legislators' contact information by going to <u>www.leg.state.vt.us</u>

2. SUPPORT CONSERVATION CANDIDATES

Use the scorecard to make informed decisions about which candidates to vote for on November 4th. Visit the Vermont League of Conservation Voters website at <u>www.vlcv.org</u> for more information on the pro-environment candidates that we've endorsed.

3. BECOME A MEMBER OF VLCV

VLCV is working to turn *your* environmental values into state priorities by taking on the tough fights in the legislature and by ensuring that the best candidates are elected to Vermont's legislature. Please join other Vermonters by becoming a VLCV member today. Visit our website for more information, <u>www.vlcv.org</u>



