The Maine League of Conservation Voters

Environmental Voting Record of the 114th Maine Legislature (1989 and 1990)

Including Ratings of all Members
of the
MAINE STATE SENATE
and
MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FALL 1990

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Solid Waste



Senate Roll Call #109 House Roll Call #123

LD 1431 An Act to Promote Reduction, Recycling, and Integrated Management of Solid Waste and Sound Environmental Regulation

House Motion: Indefinitely Postpone House Amendment "A" (H-655) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-640)

Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: June 20, 1989; Yes 98, No 49, Absent

4: Motion Prevailed

Senate Motion: Adoption of Senate Amendment "B" (S-356) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-640)

Correct Vote: NO

Senate Vote: June 22, 1989; Yes 16, No 19,

Absent 0: Motion Failed

Description: This bill created a comprehensive program for managing the state's solid waste with a strong emphasis on recycling and waste reduction. The law calls for recycling 25% of the state's waste by 1992 and 50% by 1994. Both the House Amendment (H-655) and the Senate Amendment (S-356) would have seriously weakened the portion of the bill which expands Maine's returnable container law to cover juice and other non-carbonated drink containers. These weakening amendments were killed and the bill was passed into law.

River Clean-Up 1989



House Roll Call #134 Senate Roll Call #40

LD 718 An Act to Implement the Governor's Study to Regain Full Use of Maine's Class C Rivers House Motion: Shall this Bill Become Law Notwithstanding the Objections of the Governor

Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: June 21, 1989; Yes 97, No 54, Absent 0; Veto Sustained

Senate Motion: Adoption of Senate Amendment "A" (S-69) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-102)

Correct Vote: NO

Senate Vote: May 1, 1989; Yes 16, No 19, Absent 0: Motion Failed

Description: This bill would have established strict new color standards for Maine rivers. The new standards would have forced many of the state's paper mills to reduce pollution discharges. Senate Amendment "A" (S-69) would have seriously weakened the bill by delaying the implementation of any new standards until more economic and technological studies were completed. Governor McKernan vetoed the legislation and the Legislature failed to override his veto thus killing the bill.

Dept. of Environmental Protection



House Roll Call #3

LD 242 An Act to Return Certain Positions within the Department of Environmental Protection to Classified Service under the Civil Service Law House Motion: Acceptance of Majority Ought to

Pass Report Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: April 6, 1989: Yes 107, No 32, Absent

12: Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill repealed the provision which made Division Director positions at DEP political appointments. In doing so, these positions are better protected from political influence. The bill was passed into law.

40-Acre Exemption



House Roll Call #98

LD 248 An Act to Strengthen Land Use Management in Maine's Unorganized Territories House Motion: Acceptance of Majority Ought to Pass Report as Amended by Committee

Amendment "A" ((H-571)

Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: June 16, 1989; Yes 77, No 62, Absent 12: Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill further limited, but did not eliminate, a loophole in the land use laws for the unorganized territories which allows lots of greater than 40 acres in size to escape subdivision review by the Land Use Regulation Commission. The loophole had been exploited by land speculators subdividing large tracts of forest land in the Maine Woods. The bill was passed into law.

Wetlands



House Roll Call #99

LD 173 An Act to Amend the Definition of Freshwater Wetlands in the Natural Resources Protection

House Motion: Acceptance of Majority Ought to Pass Report as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-603)

Correct Vote: NO

House Vote: June 16, 1989; Yes 106, No 32, Absent 13: Motion Prevailed

Description: The original bill, which became the Minority Report, would have extended protection of Maine's freshwater wetlands from wetlands of 10 or more acres in size to all wetlands of one or more acres. However, the bill was seriously weakened in committee. The amended bill supported by the majority of the committee

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provided no real new protection for wetlands; it only required developers to identify wetlands when submitting a subdivision application to local planning boards. Supporters of strong wetlands legislation tried to defeat the majority report, so that the stronger minority report could be brought to the floor for a vote. This effort failed and the weaker version of the bill was passed into law.

Smoking in Public Buildings



House Roll Call #32 Senate Roll Call #50

LD 604 An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning

Smoking in Public Buildings

House Motion: Acceptance of Majority Ought Not to Pass Report

Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: May 18, 1989; Yes 90, No 52, Absent

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Senate Motion: Acceptance of the Majority Ought

Not To Pass Report Correct Vote: **YES**

Senate Vote: May 19, 1989; Yes 23, No 8, Absent

4; Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill would have changed existing law which prohibits smoking in any public area in publicly-owned buildings guaranteeing a smoke-free environment. The bill would have permitted smoking in a designated smoking area in all publicly-owned buildings. The bill was killed by the Legislature.

River Clean-Up 1990



House Roll Call #222 Senate Roll Call #78

LD 1970 An Act to Regain Full Use of Maine Waters through the Establishment of Color Standards

House Motion: Acceptance of Majority Ought to Pass Report "A" as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1067)

Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: April 5, 1990; Yes 87, No 56, Absent

8: Motion Prevailed

Senate Motion: Acceptance of Report "A" Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1067)

Correct Vote: YES

Senate Vote: April 5, 1990; Yes 13, No 21, Absent

1: Motion Failed

Description: Like the unsuccessful bill of 1989, this bill set new color standards for Maine rivers in order to reduce pollution discharges from paper mills. After vetoing the 1989 bill, Governor McKernan introduced his own bill in 1990. The Senate failed to pass the committee's version of the bill. However, the bill was subsequently amended in a manner that weakened its provisions and was passed into law in its compromised form.

Toxics Use Reduction



House Roll Call #221 Senate Roll Call #97

LD 2192 An Act to Reduce Toxics Use, Toxics Release and Hazardous Waste Generation

House Motion: Acceptance of Majority Ought to Pass Report as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1082)

Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: April 5, 1990; Yes 84, No 55, Absent 12: Motion Prevailed

Senate Motion: To Recede from Passage to be Engressed as Amended by Committee Amer

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Correct Vote: YES

Senate Vote: April 10, 1990; Yes 19, No 16, Absent

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Description: The bill initiated an effort to reduce the use of toxics by Maine industries. Toxics use reduction will improve worker safety, decrease toxic discharges into the environment and reduce the amount of toxic wastes. Companies are required to develop toxics use reduction plans. The House vote was to accept the committee report. The Senate vote was to reverse an earlier vote to adopt an amendment that would have removed all of the regulatory portions of the law. A slightly modified version of the committee report eventually became law.

Underground Tanks



Senate Roll Call #62

LD 1725 An Act to Amend Maine's Underground Oil Storage Law

Senate Motion: Adoption of Senate Amendment "A" (S-634) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-633)

Correct Vote: NO

Senate Vote: March 29, 1990; Yes 18, No 15, Absent 1, Excused 1; Motion Prevailed

Description: The bill established a state fund to provide financial coverage of the costs resulting from leaks in underground oil and gas tanks that are in compliance with state law. The bill was intended to help small owners of underground tanks by providing coverage of clean-up costs funded through an increase in the gas tax. The law should help to prevent underground tank leaks by improving compliance with regulations governing the installation and monitoring of tanks. Coverage is only available for tanks that are in compliance. The proposed Senate Amendment (S-634) would have provided a large financial break to major oil companies by allowing them to participate in the program and would have reduced spill liability for large chains of gas stations. The amendment was eventually killed and the bill was enacted into law.

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KEY

= pro-environment vote

= anti-environment vote

= absent

= excused from voting

= vacant

(S) = Representative running for the State Senate

Elegislators not running for re-election
 Was not a legislator during session or did not receive a MLCV score.

Rating (% pro votes): The rating is the percentage of pro-environment votes cast by each legislator.

Absences: Unexcused absences are counted as an anti-environmental vote. Excused absences (E or V on chart) were not figured into a legislator's

Paired Votes: Legislators may "pair" their vote with the opposite vote of another legislator. In the official legislative tally, paired votes are not counted. In these charts, however, paired votes are used.

THE MAINE LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

The Maine League of Conservation Voters (MLCV) is an independent, non-partisan political action group organized to protect environmental quality through the electoral process. Since 1986, the League has analyzed and published the environmental voting records of public officials.

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EXPLANATION OF THE VOTING CHART

The charts you will find by folding out these pages represent the voting record of each state legislator on important bills relating to environmental and natural resource issues for which roll call votes were available. The votes tabulated are considered by the Maine League of Conservation Voters to be the most relevant roll call votes for each bill (on some bills there are several votes from which to choose).

Any vote by itself may not be a fair benchmark of a legislator's environmental record. However, the percentage of pro-environment votes cast, based on a series of votes, as presented here, should give a good indication of an individual's overall environmental record.

A couple of other cautions: In comparing ratings among legislators, differences of 10 or 15% may be insignificant, but differences of 25 or 50% are very revealing. Also, the votes only measure decisions on roll call votes on the floor of the House and Senate.

Leadership on environmental issues is not measured on these charts. Sponsoring bills, forging important compromises, derailing environmentally damaging proposals and convincing other legislators to vote correctly are critical activities in which some legislators are far more active than others on environmental issues

Voting on important issues is a key responsibility of legislators. Therefore, this year the League is scoring all unexcused absences as anti-environment votes. You should note the number of times your legislator did not vote, in addition to the overall percentage rating.

Finally, the combined ratings of the individual legislators should not be taken as descriptive of the environmental performance of the Legislature as a whole, which is not being rated here.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The most effective way to express your approval or disapproval of the environmental performance of legislators is to communicate with them directly. When the legislature is not in session, call or write them at home. When in session, you can contact them in Augusta by calling (Senate, 1-800-423-6900; House, 1-800-423-2900) or writing c/o State House, Augusta, Maine 04333.

Two useful publications: <u>Senate and House Registers</u>, available from the Clerk of the House, State House, Augusta, ME 04333. <u>Citizens Guide to the Maine Legislature</u>, available from the Maine People's Resource Center, PO Box 17534, Portland, ME 04101.

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