



Maine Conservation Voters
2015 Environmental Scorecard
for Members of the 127th Maine Legislature





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Maine Conservation Voters plays a critical role in turning public support for conservation into new laws to protect our air, land, water and wildlife. As a result of successful campaign strategies, a focused policy agenda, and sharp accountability tools, we are building Maine's environmental movement into a powerful political force.

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Welcome

Dear Friend of Maine's Environment,

This year's legislative session marked the beginning of Governor LePage's second term. LePage continues to put Maine's natural legacy at risk, despite overwhelming opposition from people across the state.

There is no clearer example than LePage's actions to block the Land for Maine's Future Program (LMF), which, since 1987, has protected working farms, forests and waterfronts, trails and wildlife habitats throughout Maine. LePage is holding LMF bonds hostage—bonds approved by 60 percent of Maine voters in 2010 and 2012, despite a promise to issue them when the state's hospital debt was paid off in 2013.

LePage did not keep his word in 2013 and once again is using LMF as a bargaining chip for an unrelated matter. Hundreds of people around the state have asked, "How can the Governor stand in the way of something that was approved by the voters?"

On LMF and many other environmental issues this year, legislators had their own say. Were they successful in advancing conservation and building a cleaner energy future? Did they defend current laws to protect our air, land, water and wildlife? Who supported Land for Maine's Future? And who showed courage and leadership when our environmental protections were most at risk?

Maine Conservation Voters was there at the State House every day, and we're pleased to share with you what happened in this year's Environmental Scorecard. The fights over LMF, energy and clean water are not over. We hope you will use the information provided in this scorecard to learn more about the actions of your own legislators. Once armed with the facts, please contact your lawmakers and let them know what you think about their environmental records.

Thank you for your partnership in this work!

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen Drouin".

Maureen Drouin
Executive Director



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Berle".

Roger Berle
Board President

2015 Bill Descriptions

Swift Gulch, 2004. Dean Stiffarm Photo.



Metallic Mining Rules Rejected (LD 750)

Sponsored by Rep. Ralph Chapman

An Act to Allow Regulated Metal Mining in Maine

The Legislature defeated metallic mining rules submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection. The same rules were submitted to and rejected by the 126th Legislature. The Environment and Natural Resources Committee spent significant time reworking the rules this session and voted 8-5 to approve them. However, the rules still did not adequately protect clean water or taxpayers from paying the cost of cleanup and were rejected by large majorities in the House and Senate. By law, the 1991 metallic mining rules will remain in effect until new rules are approved by the Legislature.

NO IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE HOUSE • YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE SENATE

Final Outcome: Rules rejected

- House Roll Call # 156 (June 4, 2015) Yes 36, No 109
- Senate Roll Call # 287 (June 17, 2015) Yes 26, No 8

NREL



Energy Efficiency Funding Replaced: "AND" (LD 1215)

Sponsored by Rep. Sara Gideon

An Act To Provide Lower Energy Costs to Maine Businesses and Residences by Carrying Out the Legislature's Intent Regarding Funding of the Efficiency Maine Trust

The Legislature restored energy efficiency funding to the Efficiency Maine Trust.

In March, the Public Utilities Commission slashed \$38 million from energy efficiency programs. The funding cut was the result of a clerical error in the omnibus energy bill of 2013 – the word "AND" had been erroneously omitted. Rep. Gideon sponsored a bill to fix the error and restore the energy efficiency funding. The bill overwhelmingly passed both bodies and was vetoed by Governor LePage. In an act of solidarity and good governance, the Legislature unanimously overrode the Governor's veto. This was one of the bills the Governor held hostage; offering to sign the bill in exchange for more control over Efficiency Maine. The Legislature did not agree to the Governor's terms.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

Final Outcome: Bill vetoed by Governor; veto override successful

- House Roll Call # 387 (June 23, 2015) Yes 144, No 0
- Senate Roll Call # 371 (June 23, 2015) Yes 35, No 0

Karen Herold, 8/25/15



Land for Maine's Future (LMF) Bonds Withheld (LD 1378)

Sponsored by Sen. Roger Katz

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds and To Effectuate the Issuance of Bonds To Support Maine's Natural Resource-based Economy

The Governor continues to withhold Land for Maine's Future funding, approved by voters in 2010 and 2012. LMF supports the conservation of farms, forests, waters and recreational access. The Governor held the bonds hostage in 2013 until a hospital debt was paid. The debt was paid and the Governor promised, in writing, to release the bonds. The Governor broke his promise and held the bonds hostage again this year, subverting the will of Maine voters. This time, LePage demanded an increase of timber harvesting on public

2015 Bill Descriptions (continued)

lands above current sustainable levels, to fund unrelated heating programs. Sen. Katz sponsored a bill to require Governor LePage to release the LMF bonds. The Legislature voted to support the bill but the Governor vetoed it. On the last day of the session, the Senate voted to override the veto, but the House failed to override it by five votes. Six representatives switched their votes after receiving intense pressure from the Governor's office. Despite this tremendous disappointment, immediately following the vote, another bill was amended (LD 1454) to direct the Governor to release the LMF bonds. This bill was passed by both bodies and will likely be vetoed by the Governor in January. The Legislature will have a chance to override this potential new veto in 2016.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

Final Outcome: Bill vetoed by Governor; veto override failed

- House Roll Call #460 (July 16, 2015) Yes 91, No 52
- Senate Roll Call #426 (July 16, 2015) Yes 25, No 9



Lincoln Smith, Shelterwood Harvest.

Diversion of Increased Timber Harvesting Revenue Thwarted (LD 1397)

Sponsored by Rep. Jeff Timberlake (Governor's bill)

An Act to Establish the Affordable Heating from Maine's Forests Fund

The Legislature voted against diverting timber harvesting revenue from public land stewardship. One of Governor LePage's priorities has been to increase timber harvesting on public lands and use the revenue to fund unrelated heating programs. The Legislature rejected this proposal, as did the 126th Legislature in 2014 (see LD 1838). The diversion of timber revenue was soundly defeated in the House and unanimously in the Senate. Relatedly, the Legislature established a commission to review the use of revenue generated by harvesting on public lands as well as sustainable harvest levels.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

Final Outcome: Bill died

- House Roll Call #272 (June 16, 2015) Yes 91, No 58
- No Senate Vote



August 12, 2005, Moosehead Lake, Winnie

Regulatory "Takings" Change Defeated (LD 309)

Sponsored by Sen. Ron Collins

An Act to Connect the Citizens of the State to the State's Natural Resources by Establishing Standards for Relief from Regulatory Burdens

The Legislature defeated regulatory "takings" legislation, which would have required the state to pay landowners if future laws passed by the Legislature arguably reduced their property values significantly. If the state could not afford to pay, the landowner would have been permitted to disregard the law. This legislation threatened to freeze the passage of any future environmental law or regulation because of the potential financial consequences to the state. The Senate passed the "takings" bill and the House rejected it. As a result, the bill died.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE HOUSE • NO IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE SENATE

Final Outcome: Bill died

- House Roll Call #201 (June 10, 2015) Yes 85, No 64
- Senate Roll Call #134 (June 3, 2015) Yes 19, No 16

2015 House Scorecard

- ✓ pro-environment vote
- ✗ anti-environment vote
- A unexcused absence
- E excused absence
- / deceased

DISTRICT	2015 Score	Mining LD 750	Land for Maine's Future LD 1378	Energy Efficiency LD 1215	Takings LD 309	Timber Harvesting LD 1397
138 Alley (D-BEALS)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67 Austin (R-GRAY)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
8 Babbidge (D-KENNEBUNK)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
35 Bates (D-WESTBROOK)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33 Battle (R-SOUTH PORTLAND)	3/5	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
2 Beavers (D-SOUTH BERWICK)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
110 Beck (D-WATERVILLE)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93 Beebe-Center (D-ROCKLAND)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63 Bickford (R-AUBURN)	2/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
114 Black (R-WILTON)	3/5	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
3 Blume (D-YORK)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61 Brooks (D-LEWISTON)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24 Bryant (D-WINDHAM)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
113 Buckland (R-FARMINGTON)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
96 Burstein (D-LINCOLNVILLE)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21 Campbell (I-NEWFIELD)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
130 Campbell (R-ORRINGTON)	2/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
46 Chace (R-DURHAM)	2/5	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
133 Chapman (D-BROOKSVILLE)	4/5	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
15 Chenette (D-SACO)	4/5	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
40 Chipman (I-PORTLAND)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
47 Cooper (D-YARMOUTH)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25 Corey (R-WINDHAM)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56 Crafts (R-LISBON)	1/5	✗	A	✓	✗	✗
49 Daughtry (D-BRUNSWICK)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
101 Davitt (D-HAMPDEN)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
52 DeChant (D-BATH)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90 Devin (D-NEWCASTLE)	4/5	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
72 Dillingham (R-OXFORD)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
43 Dion (D-PORTLAND)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85 Doore (D-AUGUSTA)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
121 Duchesne (D-HUDSON)	3/5	✗	✓	A	✓	✓
118 Dunphy (R-EMBDEN)	4/5	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
122 Dunphy (D-OLD TOWN)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
148 Edgecomb (R-FORT FAIRFIELD)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
65 Espling (R-NEW GLOUCESTER)	3/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓

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		LD 750	LD 1378	LD 1215	LD 309	LD 1397
91 Evangelos (U-FRIENDSHIP)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6 Eves (D-NORTH BERWICK)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37 Farnsworth (D-PORTLAND)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
111 Farrin (R-NORRIDGEWOCK)	2/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
11 Fecteau (D-BIDDEFORD)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7 Foley (R-WELLS)	3/5	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
80 Fowle (D-VASSALBORO)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
100 Fredette (R-NEWPORT)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
124 Frey (D-BANGOR)	4/5	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
34 Gattine (D-WESTBROOK)	4/5	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
20 Gerrish (R-LEBANON)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
48 Gideon (D-FREEPORT)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74 Gilbert (D-JAY)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
98 Gillway (R-SEARSPORT)	0/5	✗	✗	A	✗	✗
69 Ginzler (R-BRIDGTON)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
60 Golden (D-LEWISTON)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
127 Goode (D-BANGOR)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
83 Grant (D-GARDINER)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
82 Greenwood (R-WALES)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
12 Grohman (D-BIDDEFORD)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
102 Guerin (R-GLENBURN)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
32 Hamann (D-SOUTH PORTLAND)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
142 Hanington (R-LINCOLN)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
87 Hanley (R-PITTSTON)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
36 Harlow (D-PORTLAND)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
89 Hawke (R-BOOTHBAY HARBOR)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
117 Head (R-BETHEL)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
97 Herbig (D-BELFAST)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73 Herrick (R-PARIS)	1/5	✓	A	A	✗	✗
81 Hickman (D-WINTHROP)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
120 Higgins (R-DOVER-FOXCROFT)	4/5	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
76 Hilliard (R-BELGRADE)	3/5	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
55 Hobart (R-BOWDOINHAM)	3/5	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
14 Hobbins (D-SACO)	4/5	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
13 Hogan (D-OLD ORCHARD BEACH)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
135 Hubbell (D-BAR HARBOR)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4 Hymanson (D-YORK)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
41 Jorgensen (D-PORTLAND)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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22 Kinney (R-LIMINGTON)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
99 Kinney (R-KNOX)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
125 Kornfield (D-BANGOR)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
92 Kruger (D-THOMASTON)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
134 Kumiega (D-DEER ISLE)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
58 Lajoie (D-LEWISTON)	4/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
137 Lockman (R-AMHERST)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
145 Long (R-SHERMAN)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
109 Longstaff (D-WATERVILLE)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
132 Luchini (D-ELLSWORTH)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
129 Lyford (R-EDDINGTON)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
140 Maker (R-CALAIS)	3/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
136 Malaby (R-HANCOCK)	0/5	✗	A	A	✗	✗
16 Marean (R-HOLLIS)	3/5	✓	✓	✓	A	A
150 Martin (D-SINCLAIR)	4/5	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
151 Martin (D-EAGLE LAKE)	4/5	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
18 Mastraccio (D-SANFORD)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107 McCabe (D-SKOWHEGAN)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66 McClellan (R-RAYMOND)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
51 McCreight (D-HARPSWELL)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
149 McElwee (R-CARIBOU)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
27 McLean (D-GORHAM)	4/5	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
62 Melaragno (D-AUBURN)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30 Monaghan (D-CAPE ELIZABETH)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38 Moonen (D-PORTLAND)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
31 Morrison (D-SOUTH PORTLAND)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
78 Nadeau (D-WINSLOW)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19 Noon (DECEASED) (D-SANFORD)	4/4	✓	/	✓	✓	✓
77 Nutting (R-OAKLAND)	2/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
5 O'Connor (R-BERWICK)	3/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
10 Parry (R-ARUNDEL)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
115 Peterson (D-RUMFORD)	3/5	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
108 Picchiotti (R-FAIRFIELD)	2/5	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
116 Pickett (R-DIXFIELD)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
53 Pierce (R-DRESDEN)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
44 Pierce (D-FALMOUTH)	4/5	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
86 Pouliot (R-AUGUSTA)	2/5	A	✓	✓	✗	✗
68 Powers (D-NAPLES)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17 Prescott (R-WATERBORO)	1/5	A	✗	✓	✗	✗

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103 Reed (R-CARMEL)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
59 Rotundo (D-LEWISTON)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39 Russell (D-PORTLAND)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1 Rykerson (D-KITTERY)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26 Sanborn (D-GORHAM)	4/5	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
88 Sanderson (R-CHELSEA)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
147 Saucier (D-PRESQUE ISLE)	4/5	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
64 Sawicki (R-AUBURN)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
126 Schneck (D-BANGOR)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9 Seavey (R-KENNEBUNKPORT)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
23 Shaw (D-STANDISH)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
144 Sherman (R-HODGDON)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
106 Short (D-PITTSFIELD)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28 Sirocki (R-SCARBOROUGH)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
112 Skolfield (R-WELD)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	A
143 Stanley (D-MEDWAY)	4/5	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
119 Stearns (R-GUILFORD)	3/5	✓	A	✓	✗	✓
105 Stetkis (R-CANAAN)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
42 Stuckey (D-PORTLAND)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
95 Sukeforth (U-APPLETON)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54 Tepler (D-TOPSHAM)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
79 Theriault (R-CHINA)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
75 Timberlake (R-TURNER)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
45 Timmons (R-CUMBERLAND)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
123 Tipping-Spitz (D-ORONO)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
50 Tucker (D-BRUNSWICK)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
139 Tuell (R-EAST MACHIAS)	3/5	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
141 Turner (R-BURLINGTON)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
29 Vachon (R-SCARBOROUGH)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
128 Verow (D-BREWER)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70 Wadsworth (R-HIRAM)	2/5	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
104 Wallace (R-DEXTER)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
131 Ward (R-DEDHAM)	3/5	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
84 Warren (D-HALLOWELL)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
94 Welsh (D-ROCKPORT)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
146 White (R-WASHBURN)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
71 Winsor (R-NORWAY)	1/5	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
57 Wood (R-SABATTUS)	1/5	A	✗	✓	✗	✗

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27	Alfond (D-CUMBERLAND)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
23	Baker (R-SAGADAHOC)	3/4	✓	✓	✗
20	Brakey (R-ANDROSCOGGIN)	1/4	✗	✓	✗
25	Breen (D-CUMBERLAND)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
6	Burns (R-WASHINGTON)	3/4	✓	✓	✗
34	Collins (R-YORK)	3/4	✓	✓	✗
10	Cushing (R-PENOBSCOT)	1/4	✗	✓	✗
16	Cyrway (R-KENNEBEC)	3/4	✓	✓	✗
4	Davis (R-PISCATAQUIS)	2/4	✓	✓	✗
26	Diamond (D-CUMBERLAND)	3/4	✓	✓	✗
5	Dill (D-PENOBSCOT)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
32	Dutremble (D-YORK)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
1	Edgecomb (R-AROOSTOOK)	1/4	✗	✓	✗
24	Gerzofsky (D-CUMBERLAND)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
9	Gratwick (D-PENOBSCOT)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
19	Hamper (R-OXFORD)	1/4	✗	✓	✗
28	Haskell (D-CUMBERLAND)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
35	Hill (D-YORK)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
13	Johnson (D-LINCOLN)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
15	Katz (R-KENNEBEC)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
7	Langley (R-HANCOCK)	3/4	✓	✓	✗
21	Libby (D-ANDROSCOGGIN)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
22	Mason (R-ANDROSCOGGIN)	2/4	✗	✓	✗
14	McCormick (R-KENNEBEC)	3/4	✓	✓	✗
29	Millett (D-CUMBERLAND)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
12	Miramant (D-KNOX)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
18	Patrick (D-OXFORD)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
8	Rosen (R-HANCOCK)	2/4	✓	✓	✗
17	Saviello (R-FRANKLIN)	3/4	✗	✓	✓
11	Thibodeau (R-WALDO)	1/4	✗	✓	✗
31	Valentino (D-YORK)	4/4	✓	✓	✓
30	Volk (R-CUMBERLAND)	1/2	E	✓	✗
3	Whittemore (R-SOMERSET)	2/4	✓	✓	✗
2	Willette (R-AROOSTOOK)	1/4	✗	✓	✗
33	Woodsome (R-YORK)	3/4	✓	✓	✗

Beyond the Roll Calls– Noteworthy Actions

Mining Rules



Leadership from many legislators and vocal support from concerned Mainers led to the rejection of the mining rules. **Sen. Breen** and **Rep. Tucker**, new members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, championed stronger rules throughout committee

deliberations. Freshmen **Reps. Battle, Corey, Foley** and **Jeff Pierce** became valuable leaders in their caucus and on the House floor. Past Legislative champions remained steadfast: **Speaker Eves, Majority Leader McCabe, Assistant Minority Leader Espling, Reps. Chapman, Chipman, Larry Dunphy, Grant, Harlow, Parry** and **Welsh. Rep. Saucier** voted against the rules this session, a change from last session. **Sen. Saviello** voted to support the mining rules but, during a floor speech, encouraged the Senate to reject the rules.

Energy Efficiency Funding



Assistant House Majority Leader Gideon, Rep. Larry Dunphy and **Sen. Katz** championed the bill to restore energy efficiency funding (“AND”). **Rep. O’Connor** made the motion to pass the bill out of committee. **Sen. Hill** played a leadership role and sponsored a bond to

increase efficiency funding. Energy, Utility and Technology Committee chairs **Sen. Woodsome** and **Rep. Dion** skillfully guided the efficiency funding debate.

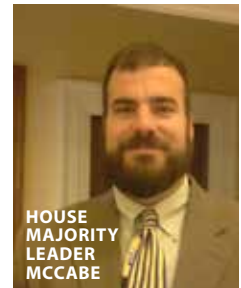
Release Land for Maine’s Future Bonds

Sen. Katz and **House Majority Leader McCabe** sponsored and championed the bill to require the release of Land for Maine’s Future bonds. They both spoke passionately about honoring the will of the voters in urging release of the bonds. Other leaders on this issue were **Reps. Black, Corey, Grohman, Marean,**

Dan Martin, and Senators Breen, Johnson and Langley.

Six representatives initially voted in support of the bill but, disappointingly, switched their votes on the veto override: **Reps. Bickford, Guerin, Jeff Pierce, Skolfield, Timmons** and **Wood.**

Similarly, **Senators Brakey** and **Rosen** voted for the bill and against the override. **Rep. Picchiotti** had the distinction of being the sole representative to vote against the bill and in favor of the override. **Senators Cyrway** and **McCormick** also voted against the bill but in favor of the override. **Rep. Tuell** was the only Republican member of the State and Local Committee to vote for the bill in committee and on the House floor.



Diversion of Timber Harvesting Revenue

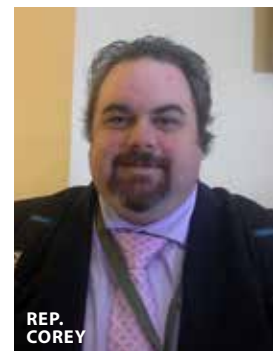
The Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee voted 12-1 against the bill to divert timber harvesting revenue to an unrelated program. **Rep.**

Wadsworth was the one vote in support. **Reps. Hickman** and **Marean** of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee also worked to defeat this bill.

Regulatory Takings

Sen. Johnson and **Reps. Moonen, Evangelos** and **Warren** of the Judiciary Committee all played important roles in defeating the regulatory takings bill.

Senators Katz and **Saviello** were the only Republican senators to vote against the bill. **Sen. Diamond** was the only Democratic senator to vote for it. Republican **Reps. Battle, Corey,** and **Larry Dunphy** were the only Republican representatives who voted against the Takings bill in the House.



Other Noteworthy Acts

SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE:

Energy Efficiency. The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code survived **Senate President Thibodeau's** bill to weaken it (LD 1191). This bill would have allowed municipalities with populations under 10,000 people to opt out of the uniform code. It passed the Senate and was defeated in the House. The Senate then amended the bill to allow municipalities with populations under 6,000 to opt out of the uniform code and sent the amended version to the House. The amended bill was narrowly defeated by a vote of 72-72. The bill died when the House and Senate could not agree on a version of the bill. The chairs of the Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development Committee, **Sen. Patrick** and **Rep. Herbig**, ably led the committee on this recurring issue. **Rep. Mastraccio** defended the uniform code in committee.



Clean Energy. LD 1400, the Governor's bill to repeal Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard (requiring renewable energy sources as part of Maine's energy mix) and to reduce energy efficiency, was defeated. It passed in the Senate and was killed in the House. **Senators Katz** and **Langley** were the only Republicans who voted against the bill in the Senate.

Alewives. **Rep. Turner** introduced a bill (LD 800) to close the St. Croix River to alewives, an important fish also known as river herring. Freshman **Rep. Jeff Pierce**



led the fight to defeat the bill. The Marine Resources Committee defeated the bill in committee. It did not receive the one vote necessary to get to the House floor.

Bottle Bill. The Environment and Natural Resources Committee defeated a bill sponsored by **Sen. Cushing** to remove containers over 32 ounces from the bottle

bill (LD 1204). The bill failed to receive the one vote necessary to make it to the Senate floor.

Merger. The Governor attempted to undercut the Bureau of Parks and Lands by merging it with the Bureau of Forestry. He also proposed, in his budget, a reduction in the number of forest rangers. Neither proposal was approved by the Legislature. The Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, by and large, opposed these measures, particularly **Reps. Hickman** and **Marean**.



NOTABLE GAINS:

Wildlife. The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee unanimously approved additions to the Endangered and Threatened Species List, including three species of bats (LD 807). This bill, introduced by **Sen. Saviello**, passed the full Legislature with no debate and became law with the signature of Governor LePage.

Lake Protection. A bill requiring a twenty-five foot setback for the application of fertilizer from lake shores (LD 568) became law. Sponsored by **Rep. Chipman**, this bill passed 35-0 in the Senate and 145-1 in the House and became law. **Rep. Long** cast the lone opposing vote. Rep. Hilliard sponsored a bill that resulted in the Maine Municipal Association and the Maine Lakes Society convening a working group to review compliance and enforcement of Maine's Shoreland Zoning Act (LD 713).

Toxic Microbeads. Sen.

Saviello and **Rep. Welsh** both introduced bills to phase out the use of microbeads (LD 85). Microbeads are tiny, plastic balls used in personal care products. Microbeads end up in marine environments where they pose harm to fish and shellfish and to humans consuming the fish.

Sen. Breen asked good, probing questions during committee deliberation on this bill. The bill passed 35-0 in the Senate and 145-1 in the House and became law.



PROGRESS STALLED:



Climate Change: Freshmen **Rep. Blume** sponsored a bill to help coastal communities assess and plan for sea level rise (LD 408). This bill passed in both legislative bodies but Governor LePage vetoed the bill and the House failed to override the veto. **Rep. Devin** also championed the

bill. Republican **Reps. Battle, Corey, Gillway, Foley, Hanington** and **Vachon** supported the override.

Solar energy policy. In 2015, no state solar policy advanced, but the Legislature did ask the Public Utilities



Commission to study alternatives to net energy billing. **Assistant House Majority Leader Gideon** introduced a bill to establish state goals for solar energy production and otherwise advance solar power (LD 1263). **Sen. Saviello** introduced a bill to increase access to solar energy for

farmers (LD 1073), which will be taken up again in 2016.

Rep. Pouliot introduced a bill to provide rebates to people who paired solar with heat pumps (LD 1355), which did not gain traction in committee. On the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, **Chairs Woodsome** and **Dion** and **Reps. Babbidge, Higgins** and **Rykerson** advocated for incentives to use solar power.

Toxic Chemicals: **Assistant Majority Leader Gideon** introduced a bill to strengthen the Kids Safe Products Act (LD 948), cosponsored by Republicans **Sen. Baker** and **Rep. White**. The bill resulted in an agreement to work more collaboratively with the Department of Environmental Protection on toxic product reduction. **Sen. Saviello** fostered the agreement with **Rep. Gideon**.

Rep. Goode sponsored a bill to address worker exposure to chemicals in the workplace (LD 1165). The bill passed in the House but was rejected by the Senate and died between the legislative bodies.

Rep. Gattine introduced a bill (LD 1162) to increase access to safe drinking water by testing wells for arsenic and other toxic chemicals. **Reps. Hilliard** and **Vachon** were champions of the bill, which was passed by the Legislature. The bill was then vetoed by the



Governor and the House failed to override the veto. **Sen. Saviello** also sponsored a bill to support low income families in purchasing treatment for arsenic in drinking water (LD 937), which failed to pass.

Rep. Burstein sponsored bills to ban the use of polystyrene used in thermal plastic cups and containers (LD 468) and to provide more education on BPA (LD 667). **Rep. Daughtry** introduced bills to restrict the use of pesticides on school grounds (LD 708) and to ban the use of coal tar sealant (LD 1208). **Reps. Cooper, Devin** and **Rykerson** introduced bills to limit or ban the use of plastic bags. These worthy ideas did not survive the legislative gambit.



MCV Honors Legacy of Rep. Bill Noon



Rep. Bill Noon of Springvale passed away on July 15, 2015 after fighting a courageous battle with lymphoma. Bill was an organic sheep farmer and carpenter who brought his farming expertise to the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, where he served during the 126th and the first session of the 127th Legislatures. We are grateful for his legacy as a champion of conservation and extend our sincere sympathies to his family.

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