

2017 Montana Legislature REPORT & VOTING RECORD



The following report and voting record summarizes legislation prioritized by Montana Audubon's legislative team during the 65th Montana Legislature. Our priorities centered on wildlife management, habitat, and program funding; public lands and state parks; subdivisions and land use; and general environmental protection. Please review your representative's votes, and if they were champions for our issues thank them with a call or email. If not, it is still important to tell them your concerns. Please share this voting record with others and keep the results in mind the next time you vote!

Report on the 2017 Montana Legislature



During the 2017 legislative session, Montana Audubon's legislative team testified on 53 bills, supporting 29 and opposing 23, with neutral positions on one. With these efforts, we helped defeat 15 bad bills and pass 10 bills aimed at improving environmental and/or wildlife laws. In addition, 7 bad bills had to be vetoed by the Governor. Unfortunately, 19 positive bills died in the process.

a state takeover of the federal program on the filling of wetlands and an extreme 'takings' bill that would have made environmental protection and regulatory enforcement extremely challenging. Although a few bad bills we worked on passed both chambers, including two bills negatively affecting water and land use planning, the Governor vetoed all bad bills we opposed.

Several non-binding resolutions passed the legislature, including one calling for a Congressional delisting of grizzly bears, one calling for the release of wilderness study areas to motorized recreation and resource development, and another giving Montana's support for a "regulation freedom" amendment to the US Constitution.

So how did Audubon's issues fare at the 2017 Legislature?

Wildlife, habitat protection, and wildlife funding issues kept us busy with topics ranging from protecting the rare spotted skunk to prohibiting the commercialization of wildlife by allowing fox to become pets; and from restricting pollinator-killing pesticides to addressing artificially feeding elk. We also worked hard to secure funding for conservation programs like the Sage-grouse Stewardship Act and Habitat Montana.

Many of the bills mentioned in this section were chosen for this year's legislative report - enjoy!

Perhaps this year's biggest wildlife challenge was defeating an ill-worded constitutional amendment "guaranteeing the right to hunt, fish, and trap wildlife" that threatened nongame wildlife, as well as posed serious threats to wildlife management in general.

Climate change and energy issues were an uphill battle, with legislation for expanding net metering, increasing solar energy jobs, and planning for greenhouse-gas reporting and emissions reductions, all failing to pass. Fortunately, several bad energy bills (such as SB 7 and SB 32) were vetoed by the Governor.

Among our biggest non-wildlife victories this session were preventing some really bad bills from passing, like

Thank You!

Since 1981, Montana Audubon has lobbied at the Capitol during our state's Legislature. This year's efforts were led by Conservation Program Manager, Amy Seaman, and Legislative Assistant, Dan Roper. They spent their days tracking bills, attending numerous hearings, testifying on bills, producing legislative alerts and updates, and working one-on-one with legislators to advocate for Audubon's positions. We owe a thank you to those making our work possible - generous donors, citizens heeding our calls to action by contacting their legislators, and those attending our rallies and lobby days. We couldn't do it alone, and we will be back in 2019!

To learn more about Audubon's work at the 2017 Legislature, including specifics about legislation, visit our website or contact Amy Seaman at 406.443.3949 or aseaman@mtaudubon.org.

House of Representatives

Name	Party	District	Town	HJ 15	SB 236	HB 157	HB 228	HB 651	SB 7	SJ 10	HJ 9	HJ 11	HB 324	HB 339	SB 337	HB 593	Rating
Abbot, Kim	D	83	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Anderson, Fred	R	20	Great Falls	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	23%
Bachmeier, Jacob	D	28	Havre	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Ballance, Nancy	R	87	Hamilton	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Bartel, Dan	R	29	Lewistown	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	31%
Beard, Becky	R	80	Elliston	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	15%
Bennett, Bryce	D	91	Missoula	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Berglee, Seth	R	58	Joliet	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	8%
Bishop, Laurie	D	60	Livingston	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	92%
Brodehl, Randy	R	9	Kalispell	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Brown, Bob	R	13	Thompson Falls	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Brown, Zach	R	63	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Burnett, Tom	D	67	Bozeman	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Cook, Rob	R	18	Conrad	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	31%
Court, Virginia	D	50	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	100%
Cuffe, Mike	R	2	Eureka	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Curdy, Willis	D	98	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Curtis, Amanda	D	74	Butte	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Custer, Geraldine	R	39	Forsyth	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	33%
Doane, Alan	R	36	Bloomfield	-	-	-	+	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9%
Dudik, Kimberly	D	94	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	92%
Dunwell, Mary Ann	D	84	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Eck, Jennifer	D	79	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ehli, Ron	R	86	Hamilton	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Ellis, Janet	D	81	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Essman, Jeff	R	54	Billings	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	15%
Fern, Dave	D	5	Whitefish	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Fitzgerald, Ross	R	17	Fairfield	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Fleming, John	D	93	Saint Ignatius	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	92%
Flynn, Kelly	R	70	Townsend	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	38%
Funk, Moffie	D	82	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	92%
Galt, Wylie	R	30	Martinsdale	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Garner, Frank	R	7	Kalispell	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	23%
Glimm, Carl	R	6	Kila	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Greef, Edward	R	88	Florence	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Grubbs, Bruce	R	68	Bozeman	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23%
Gunderson, Steve	R	1	Libby	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Hamilton, Jim	D	61	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	92%
Hamlett, Bradley	D	23	Cascade	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	46%
Harris, Bill	R	37	Winnett	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Hayman, Denise	D	66	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hertz, Adam	R	96	Missoula	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	A	-	-	-	-	33%
Hertz, Greg	R	12	Polson	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Hill Smith, Ellie	D	90	Missoula	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Holmlund, Kenneth	R	38	Miles City	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	23%
Hopkins, Mike	R	92	Missoula	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	31%
Jacobson, Tom	D	21	Great Falls	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	69%
Jones, Donald	R	46	Billings	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Karjala, Jessica	D	48	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Keane, Jim	D	73	Butte	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	38%

House of Representatives

Name	Party	District	Town	HJ 15	SB 236	HB 157	HB 228	HB 651	SB 7	SJ 10	HJ 9	HJ 11	HB 324	HB 339	SB 337	HB 593	Rating
Kelker, Kathy	D	47	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Kipp III, George	D	15	Heart Butte	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	A	+	+	+	100%
Knokey, Jon	R	65	Bozeman	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	46%
Knudsen, Austin	R	34	Culbertson	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Knudsen, Casey	R	33	Malta	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Lavin, Steve	R	8	Kalispell	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Lenz, Dennis	R	53	Billings	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Loge, Denley	R	14	Saint Regis	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	31%
Lynch, Ryan	D	76	Butte	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	85%
Mandeville, Forrest	R	57	Columbus	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Manzella, Theresa	R	85	Hamilton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	8%
McCarthy, Kelly	D	49	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	92%
McConnell, Nate	D	89	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McKamey, Wendy	R	19	Great Falls	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Morigeau, Shane	D	95	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Mortensen, Dale	R	44	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Noland, Mark	R	10	Bigfork	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
O'Hara, James	R	27	Fort Benton	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Olsen, Andrea	D	100	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Patelis, Jimmy	R	52	Billings	-	-	-	+	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Peppers, Rae	D	41	Lame Deer	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	92%
Perry, Zac	D	3	Hungry Horse	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	85%
Pierson, Gordon	D	78	Deer Lodge	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	69%
Price, Jean	D	24	Great Falls	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Redfield, Alan	R	59	Livingston	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	23%
Regier, Matt	R	4	Kalispell	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Ricci, Vince	R	55	Laurel	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	23%
Rosendale, Adam	R	51	Billings	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Ryan, Marilyn	D	99	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Sales, Walt	R	69	Manhattan	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31%
Schreiner, Casey	D	26	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	92%
Shaw, Ray	R	71	Sheridan	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	31%
Sheldon-Galloway, Lola	R	22	Great Falls	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Skees, Derek	R	11	Kalispell	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Smith, Bridget	D	31	Wolf Point	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	85%
Staffanson, Scott	R	35	Sidney	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Stewart-Peregoy, Sharon	D	42	Crow Agency	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	85%
Swanson, Kathy	D	77	Anaconda	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Trebas, Jeremy	R	25	Great Falls	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Tschida, Brad	R	97	Missoula	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Usher, Barry	R	40	Billings	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Vinton, Sue	R	56	Billings	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	31%
Wagoner, Kirk	R	75	Montana City	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Webb, Peggy	R	43	Billings	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Webber, Susan	D	16	Browning	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	92%
Welch, Tom	R	72	Dillon	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23%
White, Kerry	R	64	Bozeman	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	8%
Windy-Boy, Jonathan	D	32	Box Elder	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	69%
Woods, Tom	D	62	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	92%
Zolnikov, Daniel	R	45	Billings	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%

Bill Descriptions - House of Representatives

Wildlife and Habitat Protection

HJ 15: Resolution Urging the Delisting of Grizzlies

Sponsor: Representative Steve Gunderson (R-Libby)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed the House and Senate

Description: This resolution urges the range-wide delisting of grizzly bears in Montana from the federal Endangered Species Act and for a return to state management. It also tries to prevent the delisting from being challenged in court. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 63-37. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.



SB 236: Constitutional Amendment on the Right to Hunt, Fish and Trap Wildlife

Sponsor: Senator Jennifer Fielder (R-Thompson Falls)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed the Senate; Failed in the House

Description: This was a poorly written constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to hunt, fish, and trap. The bill posed serious threats to how the state manages wildlife, private property rights, and resident hunting and fishing licenses. It was opposed by FWP and numerous sportsmen and conservation organizations. We used the House blast motion to reconsider; it failed 38-62. A vote *against* this motion is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

HB 157: Removing Restrictions on Owning Pet Fox

Sponsor: Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R-Columbus)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed the House; Failed in the Senate

Description: This bill tried removing restrictions on possessing domestically-bred fox as pets, including non-native species, posing a threat to native fox populations and incentivizing commercialization of wildlife. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 64-36. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Wildlife Program Funding

HB228: Sage-grouse Stewardship Act Funding

Sponsor: Representative Jim Keane (D-Butte)

Audubon Position: *Support*

Status: Passed the House and Senate; Signed into law

Description: This bill establishes funding for the Sage-grouse Stewardship Account that provides \$2 million annually for sage-grouse conservation efforts including operating costs for the Montana Sage-grouse Oversight Team. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 96-4. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

HB 651: Revise Laws Related to Public Access Projects

Sponsor: Representative Matt Regier (R-Kalispell)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Failed in the House

Description: This bill would have fundamentally changed the Habitat Montana program, a 30-year conservation success story, by prioritizing public access over wildlife habitat conservation. We used the House 2nd Reading vote; it failed 47-53. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Climate Change and Energy

SB 7: Generally Revising Net Metering

Sponsor: Senator Pat Connell (R-Hamilton)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: This bill discouraged net metering systems (e.g., rooftop solar systems) by shifting more costs onto net metered customers while failing to account for benefits those systems provide to other customers. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 56-42. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SJ 10: Joint Resolution Urging the Keystone Pipeline

Sponsor: Senator Pat Connell (R-Hamilton)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed the House and Senate

Description: This resolution urges prompt approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline by Congress and the President.

KEY

+ = Vote in favor of Audubon's position

- = Vote against Audubon's position

A = Legislator absent

Blast Motion = attempt to bring a vote to the floor after it failed in a committee

D/R = Democrat ; Republican

FWP = MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks

HB/HJ = House Bill/House Joint Resolution

SB/SJ = Senate Bill/Senate Joint Resolution

Completion of the pipeline would increase development of the Alberta tar sands, exacerbate climate change, and negatively impact wildlife, waterways and habitat, including the North Valley Grasslands. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 67-33. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Public Lands, Recreation and Parks

HJ 9: Releasing Certain Wilderness Study Areas

Sponsor: Representative Kerry White (R-Bozeman)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed the House and Senate

Description: The version of this resolution voted on in the House requested that Congress enact legislation to release all wilderness study areas (WSAs) in Montana and manage them for multiple-use purposes, with some exceptions. The impacted WSAs include seven popular areas managed by the US Forest Service encompassing 663,000 acres. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 56-44. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

HJ 11: Joint Resolution Honoring Public Lands

Sponsor: Representative Virginia Court (D-Billings)

Audubon Position: *Support*

Status: Failed in the House

Description: This resolution emphasized the value of Montana's public lands to the state's economy and quality of life and would have made it the position of the 65th Montana Legislature to oppose any efforts to take over or sell federal lands within Montana. We used the House blast motion; it failed 47-50. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

HB 324: Revise State Parks Administration Laws

Sponsor: Representative Bradley Hamlett (R-Cascade)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: This bill would have prevented the Director of FWP from overseeing our state parks, creating an ineffective way to manage our parks. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 66-34. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Subdivisions and Land Use Planning

HB 339: Revise Exempt Appropriations of Water

Sponsor: Representative Carl Glimm (R-Kila)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: This bill would have put into law an "exempt well loophole" rejected by the Montana Supreme Court, leading to greater sprawl, increased water conflict, depleted stream flows, and harm to Montana's fisheries. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it failed 62-38. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

General Environmental Protection

SB 337: Eliminate Board of Environmental Review

Sponsor: Senator Duane Ankney (R-Colstrip)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed Senate and House; VETOED by Governor

Description: This bill would have eliminated the Montana Board of Environmental Review, which oversees the Department of Environmental Quality. Eliminating the Board would have harmed public health and the environment, and undermined the public's right to appeal decisions. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 57-43. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

HB 593: Revise Metal Mining Laws

Sponsor: Representative Nate McConnell (D-Missoula)

Audubon Position: *Support*

Status: Failed in the House

Description: This bill would have increased the bonding amount and audit requirements for mines proposed in sulphide ore bodies, such as the mine proposed in the Smith River headwaters. Mining in sulphide ore bodies can cause acid mine drainage, severely harming water quality and aquatic life in Montana rivers and streams. We used the House blast motion to bring to floor vote; it failed 38-60. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.



Bill Descriptions - Senate

Wildlife and Habitat Protection

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Sponsor: Representative Steve Gunderson (R-Libby)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed the House and Senate

Description: This resolution is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 31-18. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 236: Constitutional Amendment on the Right to Hunt, Fish and Trap Wildlife

Sponsor: Senator Jennifer Fielder (R-Thompson Falls)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed the Senate; Failed in the House

Description: This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 30-20. A vote *against* this motion is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Wildlife Program Funding

HB 228: Sage-grouse Stewardship Act Funding

Sponsor: Representative Jim Keane (D-Butte)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed the House and Senate, Signed into law

Description: This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 45-5. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Climate Change and Energy

SB 7: Generally Revising Net Metering

Sponsor: Senator Pat Connell (R-Hamilton)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 31-18. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SJ 10: Joint Resolution Urging the Keystone Pipeline

Sponsor: Senator Pat Connell (R-Hamilton)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate

Description: This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 39-11. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 190: Monitoring and Reporting Requirements for Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Sponsor: Senator Mike Phillips (D-Bozeman)

Audubon Position: *Support*

Status: Failed in the Senate

Description: This bill would have required the Department of Environmental Quality to identify significant sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Montana and develop a comprehensive, least-cost, and enforceable plan for emissions capping and reduction. Future legislative action would have enacted the plan. We used the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it failed 18-32. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Public Lands, Recreation, and Parks

HJ 9: Releasing Certain Wilderness Study Areas

Sponsor: Representative Kerry White (R-Bozeman)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed the House and Senate

Description: This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 32-17. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SJ 17: Joint Resolution Honoring Public Lands

Sponsor: Senator Diane Sands (D-Missoula)

Audubon Position: *Support*

Status: Failed in the Senate

Description: This resolution is the Senate version of HJ 11; refer to the House Voting Record for a description. We used the Senate blast motion; it failed 18-32. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

HB 324: Revise State Parks Administration Laws

Sponsor: Representative Bradley Hamlett (R-Cascade)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 33-15. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.



January 2017's public lands rally was crowded at the Capitol!

Montana Senate

Name	Party	District	Town	HJ 15	SB 236	HB 228	SB 7	SJ 10	SB 190	HJ 9	SJ 17	HB 324	HB 339	SB 337	SB 48	SB 98	Rating
Ankney, Duane	R	20	Colstrip	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	15%
Barrett, Dick	D	45	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
Blasdel, Mark	R	4	Kalispell	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Boland, Cyndie (Carlie)	D	12	Great Falls	+	+	+	A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	83%
Brown, Dee	R	2	Hungry Horse	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Buttrey, Edward	R	11	Great Falls	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	15%
Caferro, Mary	D	41	Helena	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	85%
Cohenour, Jill	D	42	East Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Connell, Pat	R	43	Hamilton	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	15%
Facey, Tom	D	50	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	85%
Fielder, Jennifer	R	7	Thompson Falls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Fitzpatrick, Steve	R	10	Great Falls	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	15%
Gauthier, Terry	R	40	Helena	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Gross, Jen	D	25	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hinebauch, Steve	R	18	Wibaux	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Hinkle, Jedediah	R	32	Belgrade	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Hoven, Brian	R	13	Great Falls	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	15%
Howard, David	R	29	Park City	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Jones, Llew	R	9	Conrad	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	+	17%
Kary, Doug	R	22	Billings	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Keenan, Bob	R	5	Bigfork	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Lang, Mike	R	17	Malta	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
MacDonald, Margie	D	26	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Malek, Sue	D	46	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McClafferty, Edie	D	38	Butte	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
McNally, Mary	D	24	Billings	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	85%
Moore, Frederick (Eric)	R	19	Miles City	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Olszewski, Albert	R	6	Kalispell	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Osmundson, Ryan	R	15	Buffalo	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Phillips, Mike	D	31	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	92%
Pomnichowski, JP	D	33	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Regier, Keith	R	3	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Richmond, Tom	R	28	Billings	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	15%
Sales, Scott	R	35	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Salomon, Daniel	R	47	Ronan	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	15%
Sands, Diane	D	49	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Sesso, Jon	D	37	Butte	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Small, Jason	R	21	Busby	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	23%
Smith, Cary	R	27	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Smith, Frank	D	16	Poplar	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Swandal, Nels	R	30	Wilsall	-	-	+	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Tempel, Russel	R	14	Chester	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	15%
Thomas, Fred	R	44	Stevensville	A	-	+	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	9%
Vance, Gordon	R	34	Belgrade	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Vincent, Chas	R	1	Libby	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	+	17%
Vuckovich, Gene	D	39	Anaconda	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	62%
Webb, Roger	R	23	Billings	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Welborn, Jeffrey	R	36	Dillon	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	23%
Whitford, Lea	D	8	Cut Bank	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	85%
Wolken, Cynthia	D	48	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%

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Subdivisions and Land Use Planning

HB 339: Revise Exempt Appropriations of Water

Sponsor: Representative Carl Glimm (R-Kila)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 32-18. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

General Environmental Protection

SB 337: Eliminate Board of Environmental Review

Sponsor: Senator Duane Ankney (R-Colstrip)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed Senate and House; VETOED by Governor

Description: This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 33-17. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 48: Direct DEQ to Assume Federal Dredge-and-fill Permitting Program

Sponsor: Senator Chas Vincent (R-Libby)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed the Senate; Failed in the House

Description: This bill would have directed the Department of Environmental Quality to assume certain permitting responsibilities under Section 404 of the Clean Water

Act, including removal and fill of wetlands and waterways. It would have cost the state approx. \$1.7 million annually without a clear benefit to water quality. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 39-11. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 98: Establish Property Ownership Fairness Act

Sponsor: Senator Cary Smith (R-Billings)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Failed in the Senate

Description: This was an extreme "takings" bill, which would have required state and local governments to financially compensate property owners any time a law, rule, regulation, or ballot initiative resulted in a reduction in property values, making land-use planning and environmental protection extremely expensive and difficult. We used the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it failed 20-30. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.



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