



2011-2012 LEGISLATIVE BIENNIUM

VERMONT Environmental Scorecard



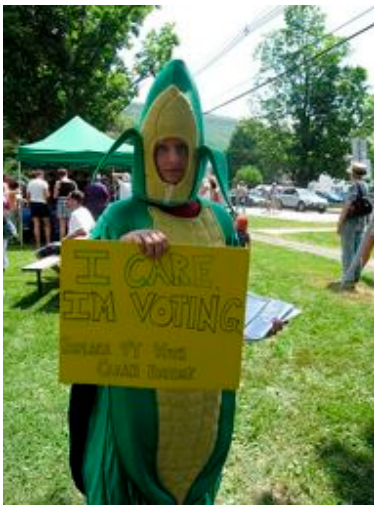
KNOW THE SCORE

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

HOW THE VOTES WERE SELECTED

This 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. Nevertheless, the scorecard is a great resource to determine a legislator's environmental commitment.



HOW THE VOTES WERE SCORED

The scores were calculated by dividing the number of pro-environmental votes cast by the number of votes the legislator had the opportunity to cast on environmental issues. Absences were counted as a negative vote. As Speaker, Shap Smith presides over the House and only votes when there is a tie his performance is not scored. Likewise, since Rep Willem Jewett presided over the vote on H.464 (the "fracking" ban), he was not scored on that vote.

HOW TO USE THIS SCORECARD

VT 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.



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 (VEC) to select the Legislative Common Agenda, which represents the VEC'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 Common Agenda. By providing legislators with a clear roadmap for success, we made significant advancements in environmental protection during the 2011-2012 legislative sessions. In 2011 and 2012 we worked to pass several of our Common Agenda priorities.

2011-12 COMMON AGENDA PRIORITIES

- * **Securing Vermont's Clean Energy Future.**
- * **Promoting Sustainable Economic Development, Conservation and Smart Growth.**
- * **Permitting that Serves all Vermonters.**
- * **Strengthening Vermont's Commitment to Recycling.**

The Vermont Environmental Collaborative's 2011-2012 Common Agenda was endorsed and supported by the following conservation and environmental organizations:

Conservation Law Foundation
Preservation Trust of Vermont
Smart Growth Vermont
Vermont League of Conservation Voters
Vermont League of Conservation Voters Education Fund
Vermont Natural Resources Council
Vermont Public Interest Research Group
Vermont Chapter of the Sierra Club
Vermonters for a Clean Environment

To read the 2011 and 2012 Common Agenda in its entirety, please visit our website at www.vtlcv.org

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HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS



VT ENVIRONMENTAL COLLABORATIVE COMMON AGENDA PRIORITY

H.91 (Act 52) Wildlife Bill

Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Act 52 affirms that wildlife is a public trust resource and cannot be owned by an individual. It also transferred authority for regulating captive hunt facilities from the Agency of Agriculture to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Among other things, the bill was aimed at reducing the chance that wild animal populations could be infected with chronic wasting disease or other diseases carried by captive animals that may escape from captive hunt enclosures.

Yeas: 102 Nays: 39 Absent: 08 ~ Bill Signed by Governor Shumlin

H.56 (Act 47) Vermont Energy Act of 2011



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Act 47 expands net metering. Homes and businesses may install solar or small wind generation to offset their electric bills. It incorporates the PACE program, allowing towns to create special tax districts encouraging private local investment in energy efficiency or renewables projects with assistance from Efficiency Vermont. It enables the Clean Energy Development Fund to help Vermont move economically toward clean energy without Vermont Yankee in the equation.

Yeas: 99 Nays: 33 Absent: 11 ~ Bill Signed by Governor Shumlin

H.258 (Act 73) Public Participation in Environmental Enforcement Proceedings



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Act 73 gives citizens the opportunity to weigh in when the state proposes fines for violations of the state's environmental laws.

Yeas: 109 Nays: 29 Absent: 15 ~ Bill Signed by Governor Shumlin

H.464 (Act 152) Hydraulic Natural Gas Fracking Ban

Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Act 152 makes Vermont the first state to prohibit hydraulic fracturing (aka "fracking") for natural gas, a process in which chemicals, water, and sand are forced into the bedrock to release natural gas. The practice has been blamed for contaminated groundwater in other states.

Yeas: 103 Nays: 36 Absent: 10 Bill Signed by Governor Shumlin

H.468 Vermont Energy Act of 2012



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

(see also S.214) Expands Vermont's community-scale renewable energy "standard offer" program, ensuring renewable energy developers of predictable competitive pricing for their small clean energy projects. It enables several study projects on the path to alternative energy.

Yeas: 91 Nays: 46 Absent: 12 ~ Bill Replaced with S.214

H.496 (Act 142) Working Lands



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Act 142 supports businesses that rely on Vermont's rural working landscape by strategically investing in farm and forest-related value-added processing. In so doing, the bill helps to conserve the landscape by increasing the economic viability of these enterprises.

Yeas: 131 Nays: 5 Absent: 13 ~ Bill Signed by Governor Shumlin

HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

S.202 (Act 138)

Regulation of
flood hazard areas,
river corridors

Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Act 138 clarifies and strengthens river protection, especially during floods. It requires the ANR to create rules to regulate buildings in flood zones that were previously exempt, bringing Vermont into compliance with FEMA requirements. It also establishes new rules and training requirements to prepare for flood emergency management of things like stream alteration, fish and wildlife habitat, and wastewater discharges. The ANR replaces the Water Resources Panel in authority over all water rules, and a water rule advisory committee is created.

Yeas: 123 Nays: 14 Absent: 12 ~ Bill Signed by Governor Shumlin

S.237 (Act 113)

Genuine
Progress Indicator

Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Act 113 provides a path to development of a “Genuine Progress Indicator,” and establishes a reporting schedule so that the GPI can be used as an additional measure of state health in addition to GSP (Gross State Product). “GPI” is a measure of the net benefits of economic activity (both “goods” and “bads”), while traditional Gross Domestic Product, or GDP, measures only total economic activity. “GPI” can measure environmental impacts and relative values.

Yeas: 97 Nays: 41 Absent: 11 ~ Bill Signed by Governor Shumlin

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Vermont League of Conservation Voters

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Acinapura, Joe	Brandon	R	50%	41%	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
Ancel, Janet	Calais	D	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Andrews, Margaret	Rutland City	D	88%	88%	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aswad, William N.	Burlington	D	50%	75%	A	✓	A	✓	A	✓	A	✓
Atkins, Kenneth W.	Winooski	D	75%	74%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Bartholomew, John L.	Hartland	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Batchelor, Lynn	Derby	R	38%	38%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Bissonnette, Clement	Winooski	D	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Bohi, Charles S.	Hartford	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Botzow, Bill	Pownal	D	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Bouchard, Bob	Colchester	R	25%	25%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Branagan, Carolyn Whitne	Georgia	R	38%	31%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
Brennan, Patrick M.	Colchester	R	0%	14%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	A	A	✗
Browning, Cynthia M.	Arlington	D	75%	68%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Burditt, Tom	West Rutland	R	13%	13%	✗	✗	✗	✗	A	✗	✓	✗
Burke, Mollie	Brattleboro	P	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buxton, Sarah E.	Tunbridge	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Campion, Brian	Bennington	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Canfield, William	Fair Haven	R	50%	44%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cheney, Margaret	Norwich	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Christie, Kevin "Coach"	Hartford	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clark, Gregory S.	Vergennes	R	13%	23%	A	A	A	✓	✗	A	✗	✗
Clarkson, Alison H.	Woodstock	D	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Condon, Jim	Colchester	D	38%	53%	✗	✓	A	A	✗	A	✓	✓
Conquest, Chip	Newbury	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Consejo, Michel	Sheldon	D	50%	77%	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗

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Copeland-Hanzas, Sarah	Bradford	D	88%	87%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corcoran, Timothy R.	Bennington	D	88%	74%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Courcelle, Gale	Rutland City	D	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Crawford, Howard T.	St. Johnsbury	R	13%	21%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Dakin, Leigh	Chester	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Davis, Susan	W. Topsham	P	75%	79%	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Deen, David L.	Putney	D	100%	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Degree, Dustin A.	St. Albans City	R	50%	50%	✓	✗	✓	A	✗	✓	A	✓
Devereux, Dennis J.	Belmont	R	38%	26%	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	A
Dickinson, Eileen "Lynn"	St. Albans Town	R	13%	21%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Donaghy, Andrew P.	Poultney	R	25%	32%	✗	✗	✗	A	✗	✓	✓	✗
Donahue, Anne B.	Northfield	R	75%	58%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
Donovan, Johannah	Burlington	D	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eckhardt, Jim	Chittendon	R	25%	25%	✗	✓	A	✗	✗	✓	✗	A
Edwards, Sarah R.	Brattleboro	P	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ellis, Rebecca	Waterbury	D	88%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Emmons, Alice M.	Springfield	D	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evans, Debbie	Essex Jct.	D	88%	86%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fagan, Peter	Rutland City	R	38%	47%	✗	✗	✓	A	✗	✓	✓	✗
Fisher, Michael	Lincoln	D	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Frank, William R.	Underhill	D	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
French, Patsy	Randolph	D	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
French, Eldred	Shrewsbury	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gilbert, Gary	Fairfax	D	63%	84%	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Grad, Maxine Jo	Moretown	D	100%	73%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greshin, Adam	Warren	I	88%	87%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓

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Haas, Sandy	Rochester	P	88%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Head, Helen	So. Burlington	D	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Heath, Martha P.	Westford	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hebert, Michael	Vernon	R	50%	50%	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Helm, Robert	Fair Haven	R	50%	24%	✓	A	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Higley, Mark A.	Lowell	R	13%	35%	✗	✗	✗	✗	A	✓	✗	✗
Hooper, Mary S.	Montpelier	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Howard, Adam	Cambridge	R	88%	65%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Howrigan, Richard J.	Fairfield	D	50%	38%	✓	✗	A	✓	✗	✓	A	A
Hubert, Ronald E.	Milton	R	0%	14%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Jerman, Tim	Essex Jct.	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jewett, Willem	Ripton	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	✓	✓
Johnson, William F.	Canaan	R	38%	24%	✗	✗	A	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
Johnson, Mitzi	So. Hero	D	100%	89%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keenan, Kathleen C.	St. Albans	D	88%	71%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Kilmartin, Duncan F	Newport	R	25%	21%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Kitzmiller, Warren F.	Montpelier	D	88%	83%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Klein, Tony	E. Montpelier	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Koch, Thomas F.	Barre	R	50%	30%	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Komline, Patti	Dorset	R	63%	45%	✓	✓	✓	A	✗	✓	✓	✗
Krebs, Bob	So. Hero	D	100%	86%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Krowinski, Jill	Burlington	D	100%	100%	EX	EX	EX	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kupersmith, Michelle	So. Burlington	D	88%	90%	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lanpher, Diane	Vergennes	D	100%	86%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Larocque, Leigh	St. Johnsbury	R	50%	27%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Larson, Mark	Burlington	D	67%	89%	✓	✓	A	EX	EX	EX	EX	EX

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Myers, Linda K.	Essex Jct.	R	50%	37%	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Nuovo, Betty A.	Middlebury	D	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
O'Brien, Anne Theresa	Richmond	D	63%	74%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A	A
O'Sullivan, Jean	Burlington	D	80%	80%	EX	EX	EX	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Olsen, Oliver K.	Jamaica	R	88%	65%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Partridge, Carolyn W.	Windham	D	88%	84%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pearce, Albert "Chuck"	Richford	R	38%	47%	✗	✗	✓C	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
Pearson, Christopher	Burlington	P	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peaslee, Janice L.	Guildhall	R	25%	17%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	A
Peltz, Peter	Woodbury	D	100%	84%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Perley, Peter E.	Enosburg	R	25%	41%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Poirier, Paul	Barre City	I	88%	80%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Potter, Dave	Clarendon	D	100%	84%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pugh, Ann D.	So. Burlington	D	75%	85%	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ralston, Paul	Middlebury	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ram, Kesha	Burlington	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reis, Gerald, W.	St. Johnsbury	R	13%	21%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	A	✓	✗
Russell, Herb	Rutland City	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Savage, Brian	Swanton	R	13%	28%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Scheuermann, Heidi E.	Stowe	R	38%	35%	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Shand, Ernest	Windsor	D	88%	86%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sharpe, David	Bristol	D	88%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Shaw, Butch	Pittsford	R	50%	46%	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
Smith, Shap	Morrisville	D	P	79%	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Smith, Harvey	New Haven	R	13%	28%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗

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South, Robert	St.Johnsbury	D	38%	62%	✓	✗	A	✗	✗	✓	A	✓
Spengler, Kristy	Colchester	D	88%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Stevens, Tom	Waterbury	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stevens, Will	Shoreham	I	75%	85%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Strong, Vicki	Albany	R	25%	25%	✗	✗	✓	A	✗	✓	✗	✗
Stuart, Valerie A.	Brattleboro	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sweaney, Donna G.	Windsor	D	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Taylor, Tess	Barre City	D	88%	94%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Till, George	Jericho	D	88%	87%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Toll, Kitty Beattie	Danville	D	88%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Townsend, Lawrence	Randolph	D	75%	73%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Trieber, Matthew	Rockingham	D	88%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Turner, Donald H.	Milton	R	13%	17%	✗	✗	A	✗	✗	✗	A	✓
Waite-Simpson, Linda J.	Essex	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Webb, Kate	Shelburne	D	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Weston, Rachel	Burlington	D	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	EX	EX	EX	EX	EX
Wilson, Jeff	Manchester	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Winters, Philip C.	Williamstow	R	0%	23%	A	A	A	✗	✗	A	A	✗
Wizowaty, Suzi	Burlington	D	100%	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Woodward, Mark	Johnson	D	75%	75%	✓	✓	A	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Wright, Kurt	Burlington	R	63%	42%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Yantachka, Mike	Charlotte	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Young, Sam	Glover	D	75%	75%	✓	✓	A	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Zagar, Teo	Barnard	D	100%	100%	EX	EX	EX	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

H.258 (Act 73)

Public Participation in
Environmental
Enforcement
Proceedings



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Act 73 gives citizens the opportunity to weigh-in when the state proposes fines for violations of the state's environmental laws.

Yeas: 27 Nays: 2 Absent: 1 ~ **Bill Signed by Governor Shumlin**

H. 91 (Act 54)

Wildlife Bill

Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Act 54 affirmed that wildlife is a public trust resource and cannot be owned by an individual. It also transferred authority for regulating captive hunt facilities from the Agency of Agriculture to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Among other things, the bill was aimed at reducing the chance that wild animal populations could be infected with chronic wasting disease or other diseases carried by captive animals that may escape from captive hunt enclosures.

Yeas: 24 Nays: 4 Absent: 2 ~ **Bill Signed by Governor Shumlin**

H.464 (Act 152)

Hydraulic Natural Gas
Fracking Ban

Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Act 152 makes Vermont the first state to prohibit hydraulic fracturing (aka "fracking") for natural gas- a process in which chemicals, water, and sand are forced into the bedrock to release natural gas. The practice has been blamed for contaminated groundwater in other states.

Yeas: 27 Nays: 1 Absent: 2 ~ **Bill Signed by Governor Shumlin**

H.496 (Act 142)

Working Lands



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Act 142 supports businesses that rely on Vermont's rural working landscape by strategically investing in farm and forest-related value-added processing. In so doing, the bill helps to conserve the landscape by increasing the economic viability of these enterprises.

Yeas: 28 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 ~ **Bill Signed by Governor Shumlin**

S.214 (Act 170)

Vermont Energy Act
of 2012



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Act 170 is a measure to promote renewable energy in Vermont passed late in the session, but not before being stripped of one of its primary provisions. The Renewable Portfolio Standard, which would have set a goal of 75% renewably sourced electricity by 2032, was dropped from the bill and handed to the PSB for further study. But the remaining bill encourages smaller renewable energy projects, and requires ANR to develop a greenhouse gas accounting protocol.

Yeas: 21 Nays: 4 Absent: 5 ~ **Bill Signed by Governor Shumlin**

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SCORECARD KEY

✓ Pro-environment vote

✗ Anti-environment vote

A Absent (counts as a negative)

* VTLCV recognizes that some absences were due to illness and were therefore unavoidable.

Senator	District	Party	2011/2012 Score %	Lifetime Score %	H. 258 Public Participation	H.91 Wildlife Bill	H.464 Fracking Ban	H. 496 Working Lands	S.214 VT Energy Act of 2012
Ashe, Timothy	Chittenden	D/P	80%	90%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Ayer, Claire D.	Addison	D	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Baruth, Phillip	Chittenden	D	80%	80%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Benning, Joseph	Caledonia	R	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brock, Randy	Franklin	R	80%	65%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Campbell, John F.	Windsor	D	80%	93%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Carris, Bill	Rutland	D	100%	87%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cummings, Ann E.	Washington	D	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Doyle, William T.	Washington	R	100%	72%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Flory, Peg	Rutland	R	60%	24%	A	✓	✓	✓	✗
Fox, Sally *	Chittenden	D	40%	40%	✓	✓	A	A	A
Galbraith, Peter	Windham	D	80%	86%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Giard, Harold	Addison	D	80%	86%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Hartwell, Robert M.	Bennington	D	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Illuzzi, Vincent	Essex-Orleans	R	60%	60%	✓	✗	A	✓	✓
Kitchel, M. Jane	Caledonia	D	80%	73%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Kittell, Sara Bronon	Franklin	D	80%	76%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Lyons, Virginia "Ginny" V.	Chittenden	D	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MacDonald, Mark A.	Orange	D	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mazza, Richard T.	Grand Isle	D	100%	74%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McCormack, Richard J.	Windsor	D	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Miller, Hinda	Chittenden	D	100%	82%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mullin, Kevin J.	Rutland	R	60%	50%	✓	✓	✗	✓	A
Nitka, Alice W.	Windsor	D	100%	78%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pollina, Anthony	Washington	D/P	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sears, Richard W.	Bennington	D	60%	73%	✗	✓	✓	✓	A
Snelling, Diane	Chittenden	R	100%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Starr, Robert A.	Essex-Orleans	D	40%	40%	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Westman, Richard	Lamoille	R	100%	46%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White, Jeanette K.	Windham	D	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

The Vermont League of Conservation Voters would like to recognize these individual legislators who have shown leadership and ongoing commitment to Vermont's environment.

House Environmental Champions

Janet Ancel	John Bartholomew	Clem Bissonnette	Charles Bohi
Bill Botzow	Mollie Burke	Sarah Buxton	Brian Campion
Margaret Cheney	Kevin "Coach" Christie	Alison Clarkson	Chip Conquest
Gale Courcelle	Leigh Dakin	David Deen	Johannah Donavan
Sarah Edwards	Rebecca Ellis	Alice Emmons	Michael Fisher
William Frank	Patsy French	Eldred French	Maxine Grad
Sandy Haas	Helen Head	Martha Heath	Mary Hooper
Tim Jerman	Willem Jewett	Mitzi Johnson	Tony Klein
Bob Krebs	Jill Krowinski	Michelle Kupersmith	Diane Lanpher
Joan Lenes	Lucy Leriche	Terence Macaig	Richard Marek
Cynthia Martin	Linda Martin	Jim Masland	Jim McCullough
Anne Mook	Michael Mrowicki	Betty Nuovo	Christopher Pearson
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Kristy Spengler	Tom Stevens	Valerie Stuart	Tess Taylor
Linda Waite-Simpson	Kate Webb	Rachel Weston	Jeff Wilson
Suzi Wizowaty	Mike Yantachka	Teo Zagar	

Senate Environmental Champions

Claire Ayer	Joseph Benning	Anne Cummings	Robert Hartwell
Ginny Lyons	Mark Mac Donald	Richard McCormack	Anthony Pollina
	Diane Snelling	Jeanette White	

Political Party Averages 2011-2012

VERMONT HOUSE

Democratic Party	90%
Independent	82%
Progressive Party	93%
Republican Party	33%

VERMONT SENATE

Democratic Party	86%
Progressive Party	90%
Republican Party	83%

We honor those legislators in the Senate as Environmental Champions who have a 100% voting record in the 2011/2012 legislative biennium and a 90% or better lifetime voting record. We honor those legislators in the House as Environmental Champions who have a 90% or better lifetime voting record. In a few cases we have included legislators that have fallen slightly below this threshold because of illness or unavoidable absence.

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 legislators 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 www.leg.state.vt.us



2. SUPPORT CONSERVATION CANDIDATES

Use the scorecard to make informed decisions about which candidates to vote for on November 6th. Visit the Vermont League of Conservation Voters website at www.vtlcv.org for more information on the pro-environment candidates whom we've endorsed.

3. CONTRIBUTE TO VT LCV

VT LCV 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 contributor to VT LCV today. Visit our website for more information, www.vtlcv.org

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