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1. Water Pollution - SB1830 /HB1892 removes the authority ofTDEC to develop appropriate water run-off regulations. Enacted as Public Chapter 1007 effective May 2, 2016. *Negative points for sponsorship, positive and negative points for committee and floor votes.*

2. Motor Vehicles - SB777 / HB721 exempts motor vehicles from air quality testing in some circumstances. Enacted as Public Chapter 1028 effective April 28, 2016. *Negative points for sponsorship.*

3. Gas Tax Revenues - SB1716 /HB1650 would have prohibited gas tax revenues from establishing and maintaining bike lanes, a step away from sustainable transportation. Failed. *Negative points for sponsorship, positive and negative points for committee votes.*

4. TWRA Payments - SB1743 / HB1769 would have required TWRA to pay local governments in lieu of taxes for all lands it owns. Failed. *Negative points for sponsorship, positive and negative points for committee votes.*

5. Electric and Hybrid Vehicles - SB1451 / HB1815 Electric and hybrid vehicles – would have increased registration fees for electric and hybrid-electric vehicles. Failed. *Negative points for sponsorship.*

6. Oil and gas severance tax allocation - SB1944 / HB1881 allocates such fees to county where well is located to provide for stream degradation mitigation, road repair, etc. Failed. *Positive points for sponsorship.*

7. Mass Transit - SB1953 / HB2022 allows mass transit systems to use shoulders of highways in some circumstances, which is a step towards promoting use of sustainable transportation. Enacted as Public Chapter 967 effective April 27, 2016. *Positive points for sponsorship, positive and negative points for committee and floor votes.*

8. Brownfield redevelopment - SB2177 / HB2484 would have provided tax credits for redeveloping industrial and commercial property in need of remediation. Failed. *Positive points for sponsorship.*

9. Solid waste disposal - SB2225 / HB2197 requires a study to define processing of organic waste and incorporate study findings into state solid waste plan. Enacted as Public Chapter 648 effective March 23. *Positive points for sponsorship.*

10. Property Assessed Clean Energy – SB2352 / HB2084 would have helped property owners finance a conversion to clean energy or efficient energy usage. Failed. *Positive points for sponsorship.*

11. Administrative procedure rules - SB2389 / HB2068 gives legislative branch more power to invalidate agency rules, such as environmental rules that special interests don’t like. Enacted as Public Chapter 859 effective July 1, 2016. *Negative points for sponsorship, positive and negative points for floor votes.*

12. Blasting and dams - SB2355 / HB2294 would have allowed Metro government to regulate blasting. Failed. *Positive points for sponsorship.*

13. New Scenic River - SB2520 / HB2566 establishes that portions of Soak Creek are to be protected as a scenic river, which will allow it to remain free flowing and unpolluted. Enacted as Public Chapter 713 effective April 6, 2016. *Positive points for sponsorship.*

14. Farm operations as public nuisances - SB2591 / HB1941 makes it harder to prove public nuisance in some agricultural situations, such as new concentrated animal feeding operations locating next to family farms. Enacted as Public Chapter 728 effective April 7, 2016. *Negative points for sponsorship.*

15. Container deposit - SB2629 / HB2513 would have established a 5 cent deposit on beverage containers to encourage recycling. Failed. *Positive points for sponsorship.*

16. Ag-Gag Bill - SB1691 / HB1838, otherwise known as the Ag-Gag Bill, would have had a chilling effect on the reporting of animal abuse and environmental infractions in the state. Failed. *Negative points for sponsorship.*

17. Forum on the Great Outdoors – SB1832 / HB1871 would have created a forum for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of TN’s outdoor resources and recreation needs. Failed. *Positive points for sponsorship.*

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Reading the Scorecard:

Most scorecards are based on floor votes (entire House or Senate consideration) on selected bills. In the Tennessee General Assembly however, most of the important legislative work and votes occur within the committee system. In order to have a more complete picture, this scorecard evaluates legislators’ work on important and appropriate environmental bills by giving positive or negative credit for committee votes and bill sponsorships.

The opportunities for earning positive or negative points vary because not all legislators were on committees that considered environmental bills. While the scorecard gives a good general sense of the extent to which legislators supported the environment, legislators’ scores should not be directly compared unless they had an opportunity to vote on the same bills. An additional consideration this year was the lack of substantive votes that were taken on environmental legislation.

- Positive credit for floor votes, committee votes and / or sponsorships results in a “1”
- Negative credit for floor votes, committee votes and / or sponsorship results in a “-1”
- For every two net positive actions, legislators received a tree 🌳; for every two net negative actions, they received a stump 🪵

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2016 Score				
Senate	2016 (+) Positive Actions*	2016 (-) Negative Actions*	2016 Score	2016 Rating
Lt. Gov. Ramsey, R-2	7	1, 11	-1	🪵
Bailey, R-15	(13), 7, 7	(14), 1, 1, 4, 11	-2	🪵
Beavers, R-17	7	(1), (2), 1, 7, 11	-4	🪵
Bell, R-9	(17), 4, 7	(1), (16), 1, 1, 11	-3	🪵
Bowling, R-16	(17), 7, 7	(1), (14), 1, 11	-1	🪵
Briggs, R-7	7	1, 11	-1	🪵
Crowe, R-3	7	(1), 1, 11	-2	🪵
Dickerson, R-20	(10), (12), 7, 7	11	3	🌳
Gardenhire, R-10	(17)	(1), (3), (14), 1, 7	-4	🪵
Green, R-22	(13), 4, 7	(1), (3), (5), 1, 1	-2	🪵
Gresham, R-26	(17), 7	(14), 1, 1, 4, 11	-3	🪵
Haile, R-18	7, 7	1, 11	0	🌳
Harper, D-19	(7), 7, 7	1, 11	1	🌳
Harris, D-29	1, 7, 11	1, 4	1	🌳
Hensley, R-28	(17), 7, 7	1, 11	1	🌳
Jackson, R-27	(7), 7	(1), 1, 11	-1	🪵
Johnson, R-23	7	1, 11	-1	🪵
Kelsey, R-31		(1), (2), (14), 1, 7, 11	-6	🪵
Ketron, R-13	(7), (17), 7, 7	1, 11	2	🌳
Kyle, D-30	7, 7	1, 11	0	🌳
Massey, R-6	7, 7	1, 11	0	🌳
McNally, R-5	7, 7	1, 11	0	🌳
Niceley, R-8	7, 7	(1), 1, 1, 4, 11	-3	🪵
Norris, R-32	7, 7	(1), (14), 1, 11	-2	🪵
Overbey, R-2	(17)	1, 7, 11	-2	🪵
Roberts, R-25	7	(1), (14), 1, 1, 4, 11	-5	🪵
Southerland, R-1	(9), (13), (17), 4, 7, 7	(1), 1, 1, 11	2	🌳
Stevens, R-24	(17), 7	(1), (11), (14), 1, 11	-3	🪵
Tate, D-33	(8), (15), 7, 7	(1), 1	2	🌳
Tracy, R-14	(17), 7, 7	(14), 1, 11	0	🌳
Watson, R-11	(13), 7, 7	1, 11	1	🌳
Yager, R-12	(6), (13), (17), 7	(4), (14), 1, 1, 4, 11	-2	🪵
Yarbro, D-21	(7), (9), (17), 7, 7		5	🌳
House of Representatives				
Speaker Harwell, R-56	1, 7		2	🌳
Akbari, D-91	(8), 7	1	1	🌳
Alexander, R-39	7, 7, 7	(1), (14), 1, 3, 3, 11	-3	🪵
Armstrong, D-15	3, 7, 7, 11	1	3	🌳
Beck, D-51	(7), (12), 1, 3, 7, 7, 11		7	🌳
H. Brooks, R-19	7	(1), 11	-1	🪵
K. Brooks, R-24	7, 7	(1), 1, 3, 11	-2	🪵
Burt, R-64	7	(1), (14), 1, 11	-3	🪵
Byrd, R-71	(7), (17), 4, 7	(1), (2), (14), 1, 1, 11	-2	🪵
Calfee, R-32	(17), 1, 7	11	2	🌳
Camper, D-87	1, 3, 3, 7, 7, 7, 11		7	🌳
Carr, R-12	(17), 7, 7	1, 11	1	🌳
Carter, R-29		(1), (3), (11), 1, 3, 7, 7, 11	-8	🪵
Casada, R-63	(17), 7	(1), 1, 1, 11	-2	🪵
Clemmons, D-55	(7), 1, 1, 7, 11		5	🌳
Coley, R-97	(15), 7	1, 11	0	🌳
Cooper, D-86	3, 7, 7, 7, 11	1, 3	3	🌳
Daniel, R-18	(17), 7	1, (11), 11	-1	🪵
Deberry, D-90	1, 11	(1)	1	🌳
Doss, R-70	7	(14), 1, 11	-2	🪵
Dunlap, D-43	11, 7	1	1	🌳
Dunn, R-16	(10), (17), 7, 7	2, 3, 11	1	🌳
Durham, R-65	(17)	(1), (11), (16), 1, 7, 11	-5	🪵
Eldridge, R-73	(17), 7	(1), 1, 11	-1	🪵
Faison, R-11	7	1, 1, 11	-2	🪵
Farmer, R-17	(17), 1	11	1	🌳
Favors, D-28	11, 7		2	🌳
Fitzhugh, D-82	(17), 1, 1, 7, 7, 11	3	5	🌳
Forgety, R-23	7	(1), 1, 11	-2	🪵
Gilmore, D-54	(7), (9), (17), 2, 7	1, 3	3	🌳
Goins, R-10		(1), 1, 7, 11	-4	🪵
Gravitt, R-30	7	(1), (2), 1, 11	-3	🪵
Halford, R-79	(17), 4, 7	(1), 1, 1, 1, 4, 11	-3	🪵
Hardaway, D-93	(9), (10), 1, 1, 7, 11	(2), 4	4	🌳
Hawk, R-5	(17), 4, 7, 7	(17), 1, 3, 11	0	🌳
Hazlewood, R-27	(17), 7, 7	1, 3, 11, (13)	-1	🪵
Hicks, R-9	7, 7	(14), 3, 11	-1	🪵
M. Hill, R-7	(13), 7, 7	1, 3, 11	0	🌳
T. Hill, R-3	7, 7	1, 3, 11	-1	🪵
Holsclaw, R-4	(7), 7	(11), 1, 11	-1	🪵
Holt, R-76		(1), (3), (14), 1, 1, 4, 11	-7	🪵
Howell, R-22	(17), 7	(1), 1, 1, 11	-2	🪵
Hulsey, R-2	(17), 4, 7	(14), 1, 1, 11	-1	🪵
Jenkins, R-94	4, 7	(1), 1, 1, 11	-2	🪵
Jernigan, D-60	(12), 11, 7	1, 11	1	🌳
Johnson, R-68	(17), 7, 7	(1), 1, 3, 11	-1	🪵
Jones, D-59	1, 7, 11		3	🌳
Kane, R-89		11, 7	-2	🪵
Keisling, R-38	7, 7	(3), (14), 1, 3, 11	-3	🪵
Kumar, R-66		(5), 1, 7, 11	-4	🪵
Lamberth, R-44	(13), (17), 7	(2), (14), 1, 11	-1	🪵
Littleton, R-78		(1), (2), (14), 1, 7, 11	-6	🪵
Lollar, R-99	(17), 4, 7	(1), (11), 1, 1, 11	-2	🪵
Love, D-58	7		1	🌳
Lundberg, R-1	(17)	(14), 11	-1	🪵
Lynn, R-57	7	(2), 1, 3, 7, 11	-4	🪵
Marsh, R-62	(13), (17), 4, 7	(1), (14), 1, 1, 11	-1	🪵
Matheny, R-47	(17), 7	1, 11	0	🌳
Matlock, R-21	(17), 7, 7	(1), 3, 11	0	🌳
McCormick, R-26	(17), 7	(3), (11), 1, 1, 3, 7, 11	-5	🪵
McDaniel, R-72	(17), 4, 7, 7	(14), 1, 1, 3, 11	-1	🪵
McManus, R-96	(17), 3, 7, 7	(1), 1, 11	1	🌳
Miller, D-88	3, 7, 7, 11	(1), 1	2	🌳
Mitchell, D-50	(17), 1, 7, 7, 11	3	4	🌳
Moody, R-81	7	(1), (14), 1, 1, 4, 11	-5	🪵
Parkinson, D-98	7	(2), 1, 11	-2	🪵
Pitts, D-67	11, 7	(1), 1	0	🌳
Pody, R-46	7	(2), 1, 11	-2	🪵
Powell, D-53	(7), 11, 7	1	2	🌳
Powers, R-36	(6), 7	1, 1, 4, 11	-2	🪵
Ragan, R-33	7, 7	(11), 1, 1, 3, 11	-3	🪵
Ramsey, R-20	1, 7	11	1	🌳
Reedy, R-74	(13), (17), 4	(1), (14), 1, 1, 7, 11	-3	🪵
Rogers, R-74	7, 7	(1), (2), (3), (11), (14), 1, 11	-5	🪵
Sanderson, R-78	(17), 3, 7, 7	(1), (2), (14), 1	0	🌳
Sargent, R-61	(7), (13), (17), 7, 7	1, 3, 11	2	🌳
C. Sexton, R-25		(1), (11), (14), 1, 11	-5	🪵
J. Sexton, R-35	7, 7	1, 3, 11	-1	🪵
Shaw, D-80	(17), 4, 11, 7	1, 1	2	🌳
Shepard, D-69	(12), 11, 7	1	2	🌳
Smith, R-13	3, 7	1, 7	0	🌳
Sparks, R-49	7	(1), 11	-1	🪵
Spivey, R-92	7	(4), 1	-1	🪵
Stewart D-52	(7), 1, 1, 11, 7		5	🌳
Swann, R-8	(13), (17), 1, 7	(14), 1, 11	1	🌳
Terry, R-48		(14), 11	-2	🪵
Todd, R-95	(17), 3, 7	(1), 1, 7, 11	-1	🪵
Towns, D-84	(17), 1, 11, 7		4	🌳
Travis, R-31	(13), (17), 1, 7	11	3	🌳
Turner, D-85	(9), 1, 11, 7		4	🌳
Van Huss, R-6	(13)	1, 7, 11	-2	🪵
Weaver, R-40	7, 7	1	1	🌳
D. White, R-38	7	1, 3, 11	-2	🪵
M. White, R-83	7	(14), 1, 11	-2	🪵
Williams, R-42		(11), 1, 7, 11	-4	🪵
Windle, D-40	(9), (13), (17), 1, 3, 7, 11	1, (4), 4	4	🌳
Wirgau, R-75	7	(14), 11	-1	🪵
Womick, R-34		(3), 1, 11	-3	🪵
Zachary, R-14	7, 7	(1), (11), 1, 3, 11	-3	🪵

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